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Sylvia Garcia Urrutia

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A Federal appeals court recently ruled against an Adventist who was fired for not working on the Sabbath. What did the court say? And how does this impact you?

Visit columbiaunion.org/talkingabout-freedom to listen to the *Talking About Freedom* podcast with host attorney Wally Carson and guest attorney Todd McFarland, the church's pre-eminent expert on religious discrimination cases.—James Standish



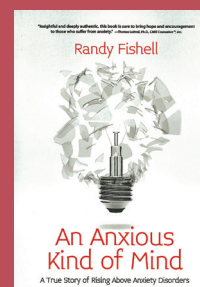
REFUGEES IN THE COLUMBIA UNION

Where are refugees resettling in the Columbia Union Conference? And how many have moved here? Visit columbiaunionvisitor.com/refugeeshere for a state-by-state look at the last three years.

WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT THE 2018 REFUGEE SABBATH?

Psalm 31:8 encourages readers to “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute” (NIV). The early Seventh-day Adventists followed this counsel, speaking on issues ranging from religious liberty to advocating against slavery.

In this special web “Perspectives,” James Standish, ADRA consultant, shares one way we can help during this year’s Refugee Sabbath, June 16, and why we, as Adventists, should care. Read more at columbiaunionvisitor.com/refugeesabbath.



AN ANXIOUS KIND OF MIND

In an *Anxious Kind of Mind*, Randy Fishell, a member of the Chesapeake Conference’s Willowbrook church in Boonsboro, Md., shares his story of how his life turned

around after years of struggling with anxiety disorders. Read our interview with Fishell at columbiaunionvisitor.com/anxiouskindofmind to find out what worked for him, and maybe discover hope for your journey.

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Captive to the Word of God

Recently my niece, a determined genealogist, discovered through her research that we Weigleys came from a little German village not far from the city of Worms. A quick look online reveals this was the place Martin Luther, the father of the Protestant Reformation, took his stand for conscience, declaring before the Diet of Worms in 1521, “Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God” (Martin Brecht, *Martin Luther: His Road to Reformation 1483-1521*, Vol. 1, p. 460).



I resonate with Luther’s position of upholding God’s Word above all else. *Sola Scriptura*, as he called it, is one of the foundational, doctrinal principles of the Reformation, recognizing the Bible alone as the infallible rule of faith and practice.

For Seventh-day Adventists, adherence to God’s Word is also a core fundamental belief: “The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and the infallible revelation of God’s will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God’s acts in history” (see “Beliefs” at adventist.org).

When Christ commissioned the disciples, His instructions were explicit. Their message to advance mission was based on one thing only—His Word. Ellen White expresses it this way: “The disciples were to teach what Christ had taught. That which He had spoken, not only in person, but through all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament, is here included. Human teaching is shut out. *There is no place for tradition, for man’s theories and conclusions, or for church legislation.* No laws ordained by ecclesiastical authority are included in the commission. None of these are Christ’s servants to teach. ‘The law and the prophets,’ with the record of His own words and deeds, are the treasure committed to the disciples to be given to the world. *Christ’s name is their watchword, their badge of distinction, their bond of union, the authority for their course of action, and the source of their success.* Nothing that does not bear His superscription is to be recognized in His kingdom” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 826.1, italics added).

GROUNDING AND GUIDED

This year marks 41 years that I have been preaching and teaching the Adventist message from the Word of God. I never tire of studying and sharing its precepts and promises. Illuminated by the Holy Spirit, it is one of the key unifying factors in our worldwide family of faith. Our rich biblical heritage, along with our Protestant roots, should remind us not to be deterred or disillusioned by man’s teachings or ecclesiastical legislation that would attempt to create a new standard or test for believers or leaders.

One of the identifying traits of God’s last-day people is found in Revelation 14:12: “Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (KJV).

As we eagerly await Christ’s return, may we continue to be grounded and guided by God’s Word alone.

Dave Weigley serves as president of the Columbia Union Conference.

Newsline

UNION LEADERS HELP ESTABLISH ASI IN ECD

Several leaders from the Columbia Union Conference recently traveled to Kenya to help the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) officially establish an Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) organization during ECD's second annual ASI convention.

The highlight of the event was the adoption of the Columbia Union ASI Chapter Constitution by church leaders and ASI members from ECD's 11-country region. ECD ASI members and leaders can now operate the ministry as an official part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church structure, much like in other world divisions.

Keynote presenters for the event (pictured left to right and flanking David Maraga, a Seventh-day Adventist serving



as chief justice and president of the Supreme Court of Kenya and Blasious Ruguri, president of ECD) included Celeste Ryan Blyden, vice president of Strategic Communication for the Columbia Union Conference; LaTasha Hewitt, communication director of the Allegheny East Conference; Dwain Esmond, associate director of the White Estate based at the General

Conference headquarters; Bryant Smith, communication director of the Allegheny West Conference; G. Alexander Bryant, executive secretary of the North American Division; and Emanuel Pelote, president of the Columbia Union ASI Chapter.

Ryan Blyden, who also serves as the Columbia Union's ASI representative, says, "In the Columbia Union, we want to see every member get involved and experience the Adventist mission. We've seen this happen effectively through ASI when church leaders and lay members team up and share their God-given gifts and resources. It's exciting to see the ECD embrace this movement division-wide."

—Philip Baptiste

CELEBRATE WORLD REFUGEE SABBATH

On June 16, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the humanitarian arm for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will commemorate World Refugee Sabbath.

ADRA works with refugees in 39 countries providing food, clean water, hygiene kits and shelter and offers livelihood and education trainings to help refugees sustain their nutrition and generate income. It recently undertook a new project to send letters on behalf of refugees in dire distress to local lawmakers. ADRA will host a weeklong prayer campaign for refugees June 11-15. To participate and find other ways to help, visit adra.org/refugees.

—Kimi-Roux James



STUDENTS CONNECT IN PHILADELPHIA

"There are many spiritual challenges that an Adventist student faces on a secular campus. It can be difficult to find the right community where a student feels comfortable enough to share about his or her religion," says David Hong, a member of Pennsylvania Conference's Philadelphia Central Korean church (PKSDA) in Huntington Valley, and one of the event planners for the recent Philadelphia Mission Trip who worked to reach out to students in the Philadelphia area.

University student outreach efforts spanned a range of activities, including a love language survey and spiritual talks encouraging students to seek what they can do for their campuses back at home. Read more at columbiaunionvisitor.com/philadelphiamission.
—Adventist Christian Fellowship and PKSDA staff

PBE Extends into Participants' Lives

The Columbia Union Conference recently sent 37 teams to the North American Division's (NAD) Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE)—a Bible quiz event—at Camp Hawthorne (Fla.). The Columbia Union sent the largest delegation to the event, where 193 teams in total participated.

To get to this level, teams engaged in local, conference and union events, putting in countless hours of memorizing and studying the books of Esther and Daniel. The benefits of their work outweighed reaching the top level of competition.

Fred Herman and his four grandchildren (pictured below with Nathan, Michaela, Emma and Freddy at the Columbia Union event at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa.) have been studying for PBE since December. Herman creates questions and then quizzes the team that is part



Members from the Piscataway Eagles Pathfinder Club perform during a worship at the Columbia Union Pathfinder Bible Experience at Blue Mountain Academy.

of the Pennsylvania Conference's Wyoming Valley Falcon Pathfinder Club in Hudson.

Dia Herman, mother to the PBE team and the club's assistant leader, says she is happy her children want to be involved. "Once they've put this [Bible knowledge] into their hearts, their mind can always retrieve it. It is something they'll take with them for a lifetime; it is not just a one-day thing."

Practice takes a substantial commitment from the Pathfinders, their parents and staff. Aldith Olofernes, head PBE coach for the New Jersey Conference's Piscataway Eagles Pathfinder Club of the Lake Nelson church in Piscataway, says their 32-team members and coaches started studying and memorizing the Bible in September. They gathered on Friday nights to practice and drill each other, taking a break on Saturday and Sunday evenings, and practiced individually during the week. At the time of the union-level competition, many of the Pathfinders in the Piscataway club and around the union had memorized chapters of the Bible.

Sometimes the Bible truths the Pathfinders study are new to them. Lucas Strunk, a member of the Pennsylvania Conference's Blue Mountaineers Pathfinder Club from the Hamburg church, didn't grow up as a Seventh-day Adventist. Several years ago, a neighbor introduced him to the church's Vacation Bible School. Since then he started attending the church and Pathfinder club. Josue' Lazo, one of the club's assistant PBE coaches, shares that as the team talked about a possible trip to the division-level event, Strunk said he was afraid to fly.

"You don't need to worry about that; we know where we're going when we die," said Lazo to Strunk, who responded that he needed to learn more about how to get to heaven. Gabe Fitser, a friend in the club, started talking more about the



Esther Peden, a member of the Ohio Conference's Akron Crusaders Pathfinder club, accepts a certificate from Pamela Scheib, Columbia Union PBE event coordinator.



Members from the Potomac Conference's Leesburg Soaring Eagles discuss a question at the union's PBE.

Bible with Strunk. As a result of that conversation, 25 members from the Pathfinder club will host a Daniel and Revelation prophecy seminar at the church to help answer questions like these for Strunk and community members.

To see the placements from the NAD-level event, visit columbiaunionvisitor.com/nadpbe.—V. Michelle Bernard

Noticias



ESTUDIANTES UNIVERSITARIOS SE CONECTAN EN FILADELFIA

“Hay muchos desafíos espirituales que enfrenta un estudiante adventista en un campus secular. Puede ser difícil encontrar la comunidad adecuada donde un alumno se sienta lo suficientemente cómodo como para compartir su religión”, dice David Hong, miembro de la iglesia Central Coreana de Filadelfia en Huntington Valley en la Conferencia de Pensilvania y uno de los organizadores de eventos del reciente viaje misionero de Filadelfia, que trabajó para llegar a los estudiantes de Bryn Mawr College, Temple University y Drexel University, escuelas del área de Filadelfia.

Los asistentes participaron en varios eventos de alcance a estudiantes universitarios, incluida la distribución de literatura. Para cerrar el evento, el conferencista Jermaine Gayle, director del programa CAMPUS (Centro para el Ministerio Adventista a los Estudiantes de Universidades Públicas) en Michigan, dio un encargo final a los participantes para continuar en sus viajes de fe y orar y buscar lo que pueden hacer por sus campus universitarios.

Lea más en columbiaunionvisitor.com/philadelphiamission.
—Adventist Christian Fellowship y personal de PKSDA

ADVENTISTA DESPIDIDO POR NO TRABAJAR EN SÁBADO

Son malas noticias para la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día y podrían ser malas noticias



para usted. Un tribunal federal de apelaciones dictaminó recientemente en contra de un adventista que fue despedido por no trabajar en el día de reposo. ¿Qué dijo el tribunal? ¿Y cómo

puede impactarle a usted?

Visite columbiaunion.org/talking-aboutfreedom para escuchar el podcast de *Talking About Freedom* con el presentador, el abogado Wally Carson y el abogado Todd McFarland, experto preeminente de la iglesia en casos de discriminación religiosa.—James Standish

LÍDERES DE LA UNIÓN AYUDAN A ESTABLECER ASI EN LA DIVISION AFRICANA CENTRO-ORIENTAL

Varios líderes de la Unión de Columbia viajaron recientemente a

Kenia para ayudar a la División de África Centro-Oriental (ECD) a establecer oficialmente una organización de Servicios e Industrias de laicos adventistas (ASI) durante la segunda convención anual de ASI en ECD.

Lo más destacado del evento fue la adopción de la constitución de la Unión de Columbia de la sección ASI por los líderes de la iglesia y los miembros de ASI de los 11 países que constituyen ECD. Los miembros y líderes de ASI de ECD ahora pueden llevar a cabo el ministerio como parte oficial de la estructura de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día, al igual que en otras divisiones mundiales. Emanuel Pelote, presidente de la División de África Centro-Oriental (ECD) y el coordinador del evento Philip Baptiste, asistente especial de Ruguri, presidente de la sección ASI de la Unión de Columbia compartió que estaba “emocionado” por el papel que la Unión de Columbia pudo desempeñar en lo que Dios está haciendo para unir la membresía con la administración de la iglesia y los pastores en misión.”—Personal de la División de África Centro Oriental



Emanuel Pelote (derecha) habla con Blasious Ruguri (izquierda), presidente de la División de África Centro-Oriental (ECD) y el coordinador del evento Philip Baptiste, asistente especial de Ruguri.

FOTO POR AGNES MEIRELES

PBE se extiende a las vidas de los participantes

La Unión de Columbia recientemente envió 37 equipos a la Experiencia de la Biblia de los Conquistadores (PBE) de la División Norteamericana (NAD), una competencia bíblica, en Camp Hawthorne (Florida). La Unión envió la delegación más grande al evento donde participaron 193 equipos en total.

Para llegar a este nivel, los equipos participaron en eventos locales, a nivel conferencia y unión, dedicando innumerables horas a memorizar y estudiar los libros de Esther y Daniel. Los beneficios de estos concursos abarcaron más allá de alcanzar con éxito el nivel superior de la competencia.



Fred Herman y sus cuatro nietos han estado estudiando para PBE desde diciembre. Herman formula preguntas y luego interroga al equipo que forma parte del club de conquistadores Wyoming Valley Falcon de la Conferencia de Pensilvania en Hudson.

En el evento de la Unión de Columbia en Blue Mountain Academy en marzo, Dia Herman, madre del equipo PBE y asistente del líder del club, dijo que está feliz de que sus hijos quieran participar. “Una vez que han puesto este [conocimiento bíblico] en sus corazones, su mente siempre puede recordárselos. Es algo que llevarán consigo toda la vida; no es solo una cosa de un día”.

La práctica requiere un compromiso importante de los Conquistadores, sus padres y el personal. Aldith Olofernes, entrenador principal de PBE para el

club Piscataway Eagles Pathfinder de la Conferencia de Nueva Jersey de la iglesia Lake Nelson en Piscataway, dice que sus 32 miembros y entrenadores comenzaron a estudiar y memorizar la Biblia en septiembre. Se reunían los viernes por la noche y practicaban entre ellos, tomaban un descanso los sábados y domingos por la tarde y practicaban individualmente durante la semana. En el momento de la competencia a nivel unión, muchos de los Conquistadores en el club Piscataway y en todo el territorio de la Unión habían memorizado capítulos de la Biblia.

A veces, las verdades bíblicas que estudian los Conquistadores son nuevas para ellos. Lucas Strunk (fotografiado a la izquierda con sus compañeros de equipo en el PBE de la Unión), miembro del club Blue Mountaineers de la Conferencia de Pensilvania, no creció como adventista del séptimo día. Hace varios años, un vecino lo invitó a la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones de la iglesia. Desde entonces comenzó a asistir a la iglesia y al club de Conquistadores. Josué Lazo, uno de los entrenadores asistentes del PBE del club, comparte que mientras el equipo hablaba sobre un posible viaje al evento a nivel de división, Strunk dijo que tenía miedo de volar.

“No necesitas preocuparte por eso; sabemos a dónde vamos cuando morimos”, dijo Lazo a



Edith y Judith Martin, miembros del club de Conquistadores River City de la Conferencia de Mountain View de Charleston, W.Va., discuten una respuesta en el PBE de la Unión de Columbia.

Strunk, quien respondió que necesitaba aprender más sobre cómo llegar al cielo. Gabe Fitser, un amigo del club comenzó a hablar más sobre la Biblia con Strunk. Como resultado de esa conversación, 25 miembros del club presentarán un seminario de profecía de Daniel y Apocalipsis en la iglesia para ayudar a responder preguntas como esta para Strunk y miembros de la comunidad.

Para ver los resultados de la competencia de nivel NAD, visite columbiaunionvisitor.com/nadpbe.—V. Michelle Bernard



Finding Home

Members help refugees adjust to life in a new land

by Sylvia Garcia Urrutia

PAYING IT FORWARD

Hannah Koilpillai fondly remembers when, as a child, she came to the U.S. as an immigrant and treasures the woman who helped her family adjust to living here. “She acclimated us to our new environment [and] treated us as one of her family members,” she says. “Because of the positive experience I had and the love my family was shown, it made it so much easier to live in a new country.”

Koilpillai, a member of the Potomac Conference’s Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., says she understands what refugees go through when coming to a new country, and wants to pay forward the help her family received when they arrived. When a friend told her about a group that was helping to resettle refugees, she immediately wanted to get involved.



Several Mondays a month, Koilpillai joins a volunteer group from the National Community church in Washington, D.C., as they help set up apartments for incoming refugees. Prior to a refugee family’s arrival, she goes to their empty apartment and transforms it into a welcoming home. “We make sure that the apartments are fully furnished and ready for the refugees to move in,” she says. “In order to do this, we, the volunteers, collect or donate items that are necessary to furnish the apartment.”



Above: Hannah Koilpillai and Nicholas Grossman, who both attend Sligo church, help prepare a home for a family from Afghanistan. • Hannah Koilpillai, an immigrant to the U.S., helps decorate and prepare new homes for refugees in the Washington, D.C., area.

Koilpillai realizes that this refugee ministry goes beyond the convenience of having furniture to sit on and plates to eat from. “They feel welcomed. They see the love and care that has been put into making it a warm and comfortable place they can call home. We even hang pictures on the walls and try to make it personal. When you are leaving your roots and coming to a new country, especially when you are not sure if you are welcomed because of the country you are coming from, [you might have] reservations on how people will perceive your presence in their country. [But] then seeing how inviting and warm the home has been set up just for them removes all those thoughts.”

Koilpillai shares that their purpose is to serve. “We aren’t here helping in order to convert them. We are here to serve,” she says.

Koilpillai is always accepting and looking for donations for furnishing the apartments. Anyone interested in making a donation can reach her at hkoilpillai56@gmail.com.



Pastor Joseph Khabbaz and Anees Abdelnour (and other Sligo church members) have developed a relationship with Basheer and Ghosoun and other members of a Maryland Syrian Refugee community.

SPARKING A MOVEMENT

Anees Abdelnour, another member of Sligo, knows what it is like to move to a new country and be in need. In 1974 with only \$50, he and his mother moved to the U.S. from Jordan. They lived in a small apartment in Takoma Park with his sister, her husband and their three children. Now he is helping other newcomers.

In September 2016, Abdelnour visited several mosques near the General Conference, where he works, to see how he could help Muslim refugees

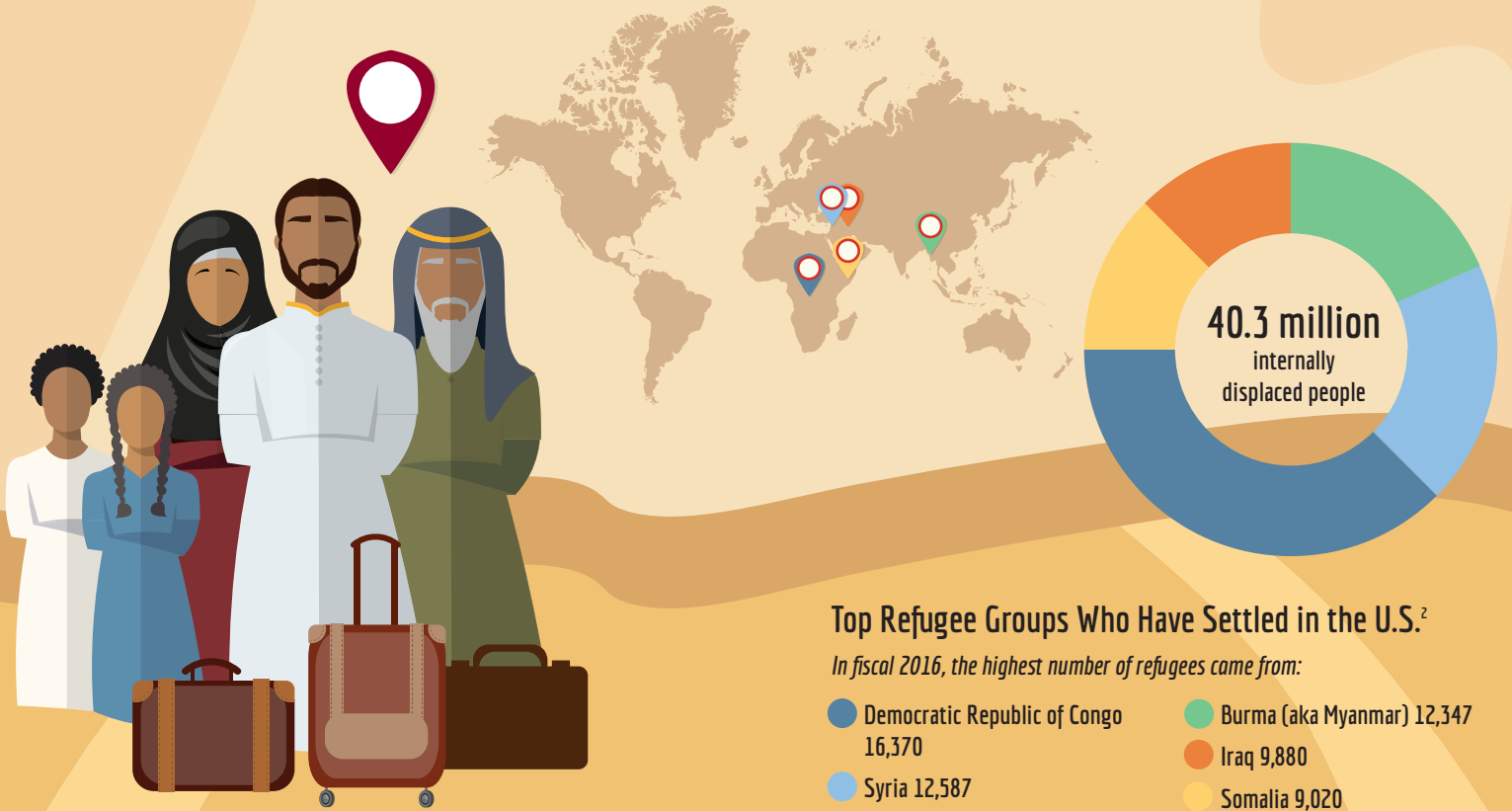
arriving in the area. After visiting several mosques, one directed him to a center that helps incoming refugees. A short time later, he and a few other General Conference employees visited the center and provided boxes of food and supplies. He had a desire to meet with an actual family and help them directly, but the center cited privacy rules and could not give any names or addresses. Abdelnour continued to visit often, taking food and supplies.



Young adults from Sligo church befriend and provide supplies to local Syrian refugee families.

What Is a Refugee?

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.¹



Top Refugee Groups Who Have Settled in the U.S.²

In fiscal 2016, the highest number of refugees came from:

- Democratic Republic of Congo 16,370
- Burma (aka Myanmar) 12,347
- Syria 12,587
- Iraq 9,880
- Somalia 9,020

Refugee Statistics

By the end of 2016, 65.6 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations. That was an increase of 300,000 people over the previous year, and the world's forcibly displaced population was at a record high. This includes:



2.8 million asylum-seekers. One in every 113 people globally is either an asylum-seeker, internally displaced or a refugee.



22.5 million refugees in the world—the highest ever seen.



51 percent of refugees are school-aged children under the age of 18. Three-and-a-half million refugee school-age children are not in school.



New displacement remains very high. One person becomes displaced every three seconds—less than the time it takes to read this sentence. That's 20 people who are newly displaced every minute.

Resources: ¹ The U.N. Refugee Agency; ² Pew Research

About a year after Abdelnour's first visit to the mosques, Sligo church member Hannah Koilpillai approached him at church after learning he spoke Arabic. Abdelnour knows it was a providential meeting. "Hannah reached out to me and asked me to translate for a Syrian refugee family. She had no idea that I was helping refugees or that I wanted to meet a family. She just needed someone to translate. That was my chance to meet with a family!" He immediately agreed to help, and this opened the doors for him to finally start personally helping refugee families. The family he translated for provided names and addresses of other refugee families in need within the same apartment complex. He shares that "there [were] about 100 refugee families there. That's about 600 people!"

It wasn't long until he gathered food and supplies, and, with a group from Sligo and Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., jumped into action. The group helped this family and seven other families with donated household items, cleaning supplies and basic food staples. A dentist from the church also offered free dental services. Abdelnour says more church members are getting involved.

The people they're helping include a Syrian refugee family of five. The father, who was an engineer in Syria, now does handyman work. The mother and two sons run a catering business. They say the most difficult adjustment has been the limited space in their small apartment, stress of seeking employment and opportunities for sending their children to school. They also report a lack of government follow-through on promises for food stamps and other assistance.

"I was happy when I first found out we were coming to the United States, but after we arrived, I became sad all the time because I didn't know anyone and we didn't have any food," says Ghosoun, who preferred not to share her last name. "But now that I am visited by Anees and Hannah and everyone else, I am now happy again. It's like having family in a foreign country!"

Abdelnour is thankful for the opportunity to help refugee families in his community and wants to see more church members get involved. "I'm hoping more people get inspired to help," he says. For a list of specific needs, contact Abdelnour at abdelnoura@gc.adventist.org.

CARING FOR BODY AND SOUL

Soon after arriving in Lancaster, Pa., Amour Pacifique tried his first share of roasted Brussels sprouts, butternut squash, asparagus, red beets, zucchini, sweet potato and artichokes, when Wendy Evans, a member of the Pennsylvania Conference's Lancaster church, brought the dish to his home. His family, refugees from Congo, had never eaten these vegetables, let alone used an oven to cook them. Evans took them



Work We CANNOT Do

Terri Saelee (pictured with a Mizo member), North American Division Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministries coordinator, believes it's vitally important to reach out to refugees. "Reaching refugees is at the core of finishing the work because when we reach other cultures they can do a work we cannot do to reach their own people and other related language groups, both here in North America and in their home countries, where we cannot send missionaries."

She says the Spirit of Prophecy contains a powerful quote, referring to "refugees": "Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland ... if we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel's message into all the nations of earth. God in His providence has brought men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues" (Ellen White, *Evangelism*, p. 571).

Saelee says that within the North American Division, there are currently 152 and counting refugee congregations among 19 language groups. She offers that if there is a refugee group someone would like to reach out to, church planting consultants are ready and willing to help. Visit refugeeministries.org for more information.



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grocery shopping, came to their home, showed them how to use the oven and how to make the dish.

“Talking and working with them reminded me of going camping and cooking over the fire—only they did it out of necessity,” says Evans, who shared that she experienced a form of culture shock when living [in another country] for three weeks. “It is very challenging to live somewhere you do not know the language very well and try to communicate with the people around you.”

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About three years ago, the first Congolese refugee family walked into the Lancaster church. They didn’t speak a word of English, and no one at the church spoke Kinyarwanda, their native language. Church member Vickie Binkley remembers when they first arrived: “We couldn’t communicate with them, and it was frustrating ... but every Sabbath they came and sat in the pew, and they were always happy.” Sometime later, another family who spoke some English began attending, so the church members were finally able to communicate with the initial Congolese family.

After spending nearly 20 years in refugee camps in Zambia, Rwanda and Uganda, they needed help adjusting to life in America.

Shortly after the families began attending the Lancaster church, members started caring for them in a variety of ways. Some members pick up refugee families each Sabbath to bring them to church, while others go to area farms, buy large quantities of vegetables and fruits and deliver boxes of food to them. One group prepared a refugee family’s windows for the winter to help reduce their heating costs.

Binkley, in particular, quickly became a friend to the refugees and considers them her family. She says, “[They] need help with life skills like shopping and cooking. They don’t use their ovens because it’s just not how they’ve cooked. At the refugee camps,



Acts of Service

Members across the Columbia Union have reached out to refugees including the Potomac Conference’s Charlottesville (Va.) church members who set up Wi-Fi connections and helped with school applications for Rwandan and Burundi families. Ohio Conference’s Centerville church parents a Dayton African Refugee church group that has grown to more than 100 attendees. Ohio Conference’s Miamisburg church hosts baby showers for expectant refugee mothers. (Pastor Lori Farr is pictured distributing gifts at one of the parties.)





The Lancaster church, located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, is now very multicultural with members from the Congo, Vietnam, Haiti and Ethiopia, among other places.

they cooked over open fire. They need help with other things, like learning how to use the heating systems in their houses. ... and how to pay their bills.” She has even started learning the basics of Kinyarwanda, like days of the week, the word “doctor” and other words that have helped her relate to them better.

Helping the refugees is a labor of love for Binkley. “I feel like they’ve helped me more than I’ve helped them. They are always happy. Even with everything they have been through, they are still happy,” Binkley notes.

Currently nine refugee families are attending the Lancaster church, and now comprise one third of the congregation. “About half of these refugees might not understand English, but they still come to church faithfully each week. Our pastor has offered them their own service, but they don’t want their own service; they say they need to stay in the main service to learn English. They do have their own Sabbath School now, and it’s the largest Sabbath School class in church. The Sabbath School teacher is a gentleman who was a lay pastor at the refugee camp. This year he was also appointed as an elder at the church,” states Binkley.

Pastor Thomas Hennlein is excited about the changes the refugees and other families from Vietnam, Haiti and Ethiopia have brought to his congregation. “The church has become very multicultural now. I like that.”

The young people are also eager to get involved. Seven of the teens recently chose to be baptized, and this year, two youth have started a Pathfinder group for the church.

Hennlein adds that embracing the refugee families has helped inspire his congregation to seek out more

creative ways to minister also to the community.

Our church, before the refugees got here, was complacent—coming to worship, staying for potluck and maybe reading their Sabbath School lesson during the week, says Hennlein. “I know God will really bless us as we reach out to help others. As we start helping those who are close to us that are of the same faith, then we start seeing other needs and thinking about helping other people. ... It’s having a good effect.”



Vickie Binkley (right) is one of the Lancaster church members who has become like family to Congolese refugee members such as Mukunzi Uwamahoro and Emmaculee Uwizeye (pictured).

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ALLEGHENY EAST

Exposé

“Hallelujah, Home at Last!”

AEC Campgrounds, *Pine Forge, Pa.*, June 21-July 1 ■ visitaec.com

The Allegheny East Conference (AEC) Camp Meeting, themed “Hallelujah, Home at Last!” will focus its attention on heaven. This event, featuring inspiring sermons, seminars and service opportunities, will take place June 21-July 1 on the AEC campgrounds in Pine Forge, Pa. For more information, go to visitaec.org/campmeeting.

FEATURED SABBATH SPEAKERS

Pavilions

Gina Brown, June 22
Michael Kelly, June 23
Debleaire Snell, June 29-30

Youth

Marquis Johns, June 23
Noah Washington, June 30



Gina Brown is a worldwide presenter and keynote speaker. She has represented Jesus on five continents for various speaking and work engagements. She currently holds an academic position at Howard University (Washington, D.C.).

Michael Kelly is the senior pastor of the Mt. Rubidoux church in Riverside, Calif. Kelly believes in a focused yet multidimensional ministry using various avenues. One method he uses is leadership training and team building for churches and businesses.



Debleaire Snell serves as the senior pastor of the First church in Huntsville, Ala. His favorite Bible text is 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (KJV).



Marquis Johns dropped out of school, sold drugs and spent time in jail. He also became a chart-topping rap artist. But in 2002, through the power of prayer, he accepted a call to ministry. Johns is now the lead pastor of the North Philadelphia church. He also serves on the North America Division’s Young Adult Advisory Committee. His major focus is evangelism that uses a liberal methodology to present a conservative theology.

Noah Washington is a certified marriage and premarital counselor through Prepare-Enrich and is currently working on his doctoral dissertation titled, “An Alternative to American Dating Practices for Young Adults.” Washington serves as the lead pastor of the Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio. He has been awarded for his community involvement and partnership with city officials.



BJA Students Participate in Chess Tournament

A group of Baltimore Junior Academy (BJA) students recently hosted and participated in their first annual Baraka Shabazz Junior Chess Tournament. The tournament is named after Shabazz, a 12-year-old black female chess player, who in the late '70s became known as one of the youngest chess champions.

For the past several months, community partners and chess club coaches Tina Stevenson and Andre J. Coxson, Jr., have been teaching BJA students how to play chess. At the tournament, organizers grouped players into different categories based on proficiency and age. Students fully engaged in their chess games, but also took time to build relationships with participating players from public schools. Family members, vendors and sponsors came out to observe the matches.

BJA participants included second-place winner Kamryn Watkins (sixth grade); first-place winner Josiah Huggins (third grade); second-place winner Jasmine Campbell (first grade); Abigail Moore (third grade); Rayna Ellison (fourth grade); and Nia Burton (kindergarten).

"We have already seen the positive effects our



Nia Burton, BJA kindergartener, concentrates before she makes her next move at the chess tournament.

chess club has had on the participants in and out of the classroom," says David Turner, principal. "We look forward to seeing their growth, and vow to continue supporting them in their endeavors."

AEC Members Share Christ at ASI Convention in Kenya

The East-Central Africa Division (ECD) in Nairobi, Kenya, recently hosted their second annual Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) Convention, themed "Sharing Christ in the



LaTasha Hewitt, AEC's communication director, speaks on the importance of utilizing social media for businesses and ministries to reach their audience.

Marketplace." More than 200 participants, including administrators from the 11 unions in ECD, division departmental directors and office staff, attended the event.

LaTasha Hewitt, AEC communication director, presented two workshops: "Social Media Strategies for Business and Ministries" and "How to Use Video to Tell Your Story." Hewitt says, "It was an amazing experience to share with individuals who were not simply concerned with the success of their business, but how they could use it to meet the needs of their community and share Christ."

Another presenter, Dwain Esmond, a member of the Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., and an associate director for the White Estate, explains, "My objective was to share White's counsel in support of ASI and offer a strategic framework for building strong ministries according to God's blueprint."

Convention organizer Philip Baptiste, special assistant to ECD's president, shares that "participants left the convention feeling more committed ... in sharing the Adventist message of hope and wholeness."

Communication Director Presents at ASI in Kenya

More than 200 business owners, church leaders, educators and Adventists from all walks of life descended on the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) headquarters, located in Nairobi, Kenya, for the region's second annual Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) Convention.

Blasious Ruguri, division president, and other ECD officers welcomed the American contingency, consisting of G. Alexander Bryant, executive secretary for the North American Division; Dwain Esmond, associate director for the White Estate; Celeste Ryan Blyden, vice president of strategic communication for the Columbia Union Conference; Emanuel Pelote, president of Columbia Union's ASI Chapter; LaTasha Hewitt, communication director for the Allegheny East Conference; and Bryant Smith, communication director for the Allegheny West Conference (AWC).

Smith presented two seminars during this three-day event: "Creating a Winning Team" and "Strategies for Evangelism in Your City." He also shared a Sabbath evening devotional, weaving the principles of AWC's mission "Membership to Discipleship" into his message "How to Be a Disciple." Smith says, "It was



Bryant Smith, AWC's communication director, points to Nairobi, Kenya, where the East-Central Africa Division officers held the region's second annual Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries Convention.

encouraging to see men and women who were so committed to [learning about and] sharing the gospel of Christ, no matter the cost."

Ephesus Welcomes New Associate Pastor

Ephesus church members in Columbus, Ohio, recently welcomed new Associate Pastor Samuel Ulett and his family. Ulett previously pastored in the Southern



New Associate Pastor Samuel Ulett and his family join the Ephesus church.

New England Conference (Mass.), then left to obtain his Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Mich.) While studying there, Chaplain Michael Polite hired him to serve as the associate pastor of the Campus Ministries New Life Fellowship.

Ulett's conversion and call to ministry occurred simultaneously. As a teen, he participated in a Daniel and Revelation seminar and was convicted to follow Jesus. He clearly heard the Lord impressing him, *I want you to be a vessel to save others.*

Ulett has a four-pronged approach to ministry at Ephesus: provide pastoral leadership to support the lead pastor and his vision for the church; provide support to youth and young adults; encourage everyone to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; and model family worship. His personal mission statement is "stay faithful." Thus, through equipping people, he desires to live a life to advance the kingdom of heaven.

Ulett and his wife, Sharla Laverin, have two sons, Aaron and Andrew.—Kirk Thompson



450 Participate in 18-hour Prayer-A-Thon

The Allegheny West Conference (AWC) president, administrative officials, pastors and laity recently created havoc in Satan's camp as 450 individuals of all ages participated in a nonstop Prayer-A-Thon. Ellen White, cofounder of the Adventist church, writes, "Satan trembles and flees before the weakest soul who finds refuge in that mighty name" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 130).

An average of 25 participants per hour joined the event via a teleconference call. Prayers ascended for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the sick, the abused, for strongholds to be broken and for souls to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. Individuals from as far away as California and Florida joined with the many in Ohio and Virginia to experience this Prayer-A-Thon. Multicultural sisters and brothers petitioned the throne of grace in their own language. One member observed, "Even though I could not speak the language, I understood the prayer! I knew the language of prayer!"

One 10-year-old Hispanic boy poured out his heart to God during the 9-9:30 p.m. half-hour prayer session, petitioning for the sick and for family members. William T. Cox Sr., conference president, stayed connected with the Prayer-A-Thon from 7:30 a.m. to midnight.



Violet Cox, AWC's prayer coordinator, participates in the conference's 18-hour Prayer-A-Thon.

Violet Cox, AWC's prayer coordinator, says, "This is just the beginning of the many Prayer-A-Thon experiences in AWC until Jesus returns!"

CrossRoads Productions Tackles Tough Subjects

CrossRoads Productions is an Adventist-operated company that specializes in creative ministry. The mission of CrossRoads Productions, directed by Carla Valles, a member of the Parkwood Avenue Temple in Toledo, Ohio, is to educate and build future leaders who are rooted and grounded in God.

CrossRoads Productions ministers in their own unique way for youth days, youth federations and more. They embrace Allegheny West Conference's Youth Ministries statement: "We are becoming a generation of youth who are socially conscious, civically engaged and spiritually prepared for the second coming of Christ."

The group will present a new stage play different

than anything they have done in the past. The play, *Another Intelligent Black Man*, will explore controversial topics such as police relations, self-mutilation, drugs, domestic violence and black-on-black crime, while asking the question, "Where does God fit in this mess?" During rehearsals the cast discusses what is happening in their world and how they can be actively involved in making a difference.

In June *Another Intelligent Black Man* opens in Columbus, Ohio, and includes young Adventist members from the Elyria, Parkwood Avenue Temple, Grace Community, Temple of Praise and Central churches in Ohio.

THE CHALLENGE

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THE
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Highland View Academy
Hagerstown, Md.
June 12-16 ■ ccosda.org

Go. Tell. Serve. Three words, simple and straightforward. Yet when they are lived out in the name of the Lord, the impact is both profound and eternal.

Jesus modeled these three words for us throughout His life, and, as His followers, He directs us to go in His name and do likewise—to go and tell of His love and grace, to serve others as though we are doing so for Him. *This* is the purpose in His call to follow Him.

Essential to our effectiveness is that we ourselves know Jesus and accept His love and grace. When we have a personal experience with Him, we have a message to share and a pure motive to serve others.

At the Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting this year, we will discuss how to know Jesus, share Jesus and minister to others in His name. Our prayer is that all will draw closer to Him so we can return to our homes and churches better prepared to “Go. Tell. Serve.”



Rick Remmers
President

Camp Meeting Special Guests

WEEKNIGHT SPEAKER

Mike Tucker is the speaker/director for Faith For Today Television and host of the award-winning show, *Lifestyle Magazine*. Drawing on current research and his training in counseling, Tucker also conducts “Mad About Marriage” seminars, designed to bring hope and healing in marriages. He has devoted his life to ministry, and his career is marked by service to God and his community.

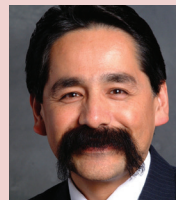


Tucker has served as a pastor, counselor, Bible teacher, youth pastor, ministerial secretary, senior chaplain and author.

WEEKEND SPEAKER

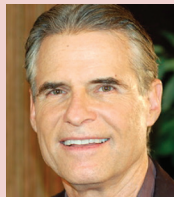
Jose Rojas currently serves as president of MOVEMENTUM, a ministry that mobilizes people through

teaching principles of servant-leadership. As an ordained Adventist pastor of 34 years, approximately 20 of those years Rojas served as director for Youth/Young Adult Ministries and Volunteer Missions at the North American Division.



MORNING WORSHIP PRESENTER, June 12-15

Steven Mosley is a prolific author, presenter and producer. As a Telly and Angel award-winning producer and scriptwriter, Mosley expands on the Word of God in creative ways. For decades he has led evangelistic efforts and outreach worldwide. Mosley’s *Chosen Garment*:



The Whole Bible in One Act, a 42-minute, one-man presentation full of story, dialogue, character and music, has made a big impact in churches across America.

FEATURED MUSICIAN

Denique Isaac is currently pursuing her Master of Music in voice at the Jacobs School of Music (Ind.) under the tutelage of Patricia Stiles. She completed her bachelor’s degree in voice performance at Washington Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md. She has traveled extensively throughout Western Europe, South Africa, Australia and across the U.S., singing with WAU’s Columbia Collegiate Chorale and ProMusica, American Music Abroad and other notable choirs.



Camp Meeting Seminars

Mission-shaped Practices for Growth

This six-part series is designed to equip you to live more intentionally for Christ and stay on mission. Using biblically-based tools, this training will help existing churches and new church plants see meaningful kingdom growth.



Anthony Wagener Smith is the associate director for the North American Division's Evangelism Institute and professor of Christian Ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Mich.)

He has a doctorate in missional church planting and equips people and organizations to develop mission-shaped support systems.

Women of the Bible

This seminar series journeys through the lives of three women in Scripture: Eve, Esther and the woman at the well. Each daily topic will expound on how Jesus revealed Himself to these women to set them free from the bondage of sin. Come and see how He desires to do the same for you today.

Marquita Klinedinst, director of Moments with Jesus Ministries, has spoken in a variety of venues, ranging from small groups and women's convocations to prayer conferences and evangelistic series.



Managing Your Assets for God's Kingdom

We live in a crazy and chaotic world filled with numerous distractions. Daily chores and commitments can quickly consume your intentions to organize and better direct your life. Unchecked, life's busyness can quickly lead to failure. Is it possible to design a deliberate life strategy to overcome failure? This seminar will equip you with practical tools about how to manage your assets God's way.



Sean Robinson is the director of Development and Planned Giving and Trust Services for the Chesapeake

Conference. For more than 20 years, Robinson has served in gospel and administrative ministry, social services, humanitarian relief and development, management, strategic planning, policy/procedure development, account management and marketing analysis within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Living an Evangelistic Life

Jesus wants to ignite the spiritual fire within us and give us passion and compassion for people. Many people want to be an influence for Jesus but don't know how. How do you touch people's hearts in everyday life? This seminar equips people in a practical way to utilize the principles of personal and friendship evangelism to live an evangelistic life.



David Klinedinst serves as the director of Church Growth and Evangelism for the Chesapeake Conference. He has been involved in various forms of full-time evangelistic ministry for 20 years, serving as a district pastor and Personal Ministries director.

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MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

“Rise UP! The Mission Is Now!”

Valley Vista Adventist Center, *Huttonsville, W.Va.*, June 15-23 ■ mtviewconf.org

FIRST WEEKEND SPEAKER

Mike Tucker is the speaker/director for Faith For Today Television and host of the award-winning program, *Lifestyle Magazine*. He also conducts “Mad About You” marriage seminars and transformational seminars around the world. Tucker has devoted his life to ministry, serving as a pastor, counselor and many other positions, and has authored several books. In his most recent book, *Tears to Joy*, he shares his journey of grief after losing Gayle, his wife and ministry partner of 40 years.



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SECOND WEEKEND SPEAKER

John Bradshaw’s journey to Christian ministry began with a career in broadcasting, working as a radio DJ in his home country of New Zealand before his life took a decided turn. After reading *The Great Controversy*,



Bradshaw accepted Jesus as His personal Savior and was baptized in London, England. He has been a local church pastor and evangelist, and since January 2011 has served as the speaker/director of It Is Written.

PRESENTERS

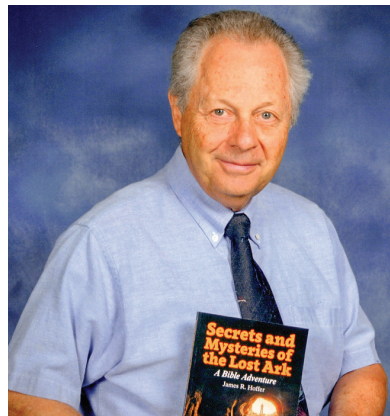
“The Mission,” 6:30 a.m.

Jonathan Martin is a full-time follower of Jesus, committed to helping people discover a deep, passionate and kinetic relationship with Him. Pastoring in the Florida Conference for the last seven years, he is currently the young adult and family life pastor of the Markham Woods church in Longwood, Fla.



“Secrets and Mysteries of the Lost Ark,” 9:30 a.m.

Jim Hoffer retired in 2010 from 46 years of pastoral and departmental service in Ohio, Uruguay, Brazil, Michigan and Maryland. His articles and poetry have been published in various periodicals. He is the author of the North American Division offertory readings for 2018 and 2019.



“Life at Its Best,” 11 a.m. and “Reversing Killer Diseases,” 4 p.m.

Hans Diehl is the founder of the Lifestyle Medicine Institute in Loma Linda, Calif., and the clinical professor of preventive medicine at Loma Linda University’s School of Medicine. The clinical results of his pioneering efforts as a Complete Health Improvement Project (CHIP) lifestyle interventionist have been published in more than 45 medical journals.



“Reviving Your Church through Personal Evangelism,” 2:30 p.m.

Jeff Blumenberg has been with It Is Written for seven years and serves as the associate trust director. He started his career with Loma Linda Foods in Atlanta and has served in the Indiana Conference as a literature evangelist and assistant publishing director. He also worked at the Review and Herald Publishing Association (Md.). He has given numerous seminars on finance and estate planning.



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6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. -- "The Mission"								
Jonathan Martin								
Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15								
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Conference Employees' Meetings (Youth Center)								
9:00 - Sabbath School Supt: Randy Murphy SS Lesson - Dr. Mark Wantz <i>Mission Emphasis</i>	Fun Run - 8:00 a.m. 7-9:00 a.m. - Cafeteria Fasting Blood Draw	8:30 - Auditorium Lay Advisory	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. -- "Secrets and Mysteries of the Lost Ark"					
11:00 - Worship Hour	10:30 ABC Big Book Sale	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. -- "Life at Its Best"						
Mike Tucker	Senior Member Lunch (Ages 62 plus - Cafeteria closed to general public)	Hans Diehl						
3:30 -- Hans Diehl "God Still Opens Doors-My Story"	2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. -- "Reviving Your Church Through Personal Evangelism"	Lunch 12:30 - 1:30						
4:00 Concert Heaven's Mountain Band	Jeff Blumenberg							
Health Professionals Supper	4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. -- "Reversing Killer Diseases"	Free Time / Prepare for Sabbath						
6:30 Flagpole Convocation	Hans Diehl							
Mike Tucker	Supper 5:30 - 6:15							
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.								
Watermelon Feed								
Mike Tucker	Mike Tucker	Dave Weigley	Claudio and Pam Consuegra	YOUTH NIGHT	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw	Mike Hewitt

Camp Store Hours:
 12 - 7 PM
 9 - 11 PM
 10:30 - 7:00 PM, 9-10 PM

Pool Schedule:
 Juniors: 10:30 - 11:45 AM
 Youth: 1:00 - 2:15 PM
 Family: 4:30 - 5:30 PM
 Primary: 2:30 - 3:45 PM

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NEW JERSEY

“Sharing Hope: Jesus Is Coming!”

Tranquil Valley Retreat Center, *Tranquility, N.J.*

English: June 23; Spanish: June 30 ■ newjerseyconference.org

Time for Sharing

In the Bible, the Old Testament speaks about the people of Israel. In it we find the experiences of an insignificant nation (Deut. 7:7), but chosen by God to be a special people (Deut. 7:6).

God prescribed special encounters for His people; this is why the Israelites gathered at least three times a year to worship and share God’s blessings. There were solemn feasts or holy convocations (see Leviticus 23).

Today, the New Jersey Conference also has a special time of year when brothers, sisters and friends come to worship together as one big family. It is a time when the conference’s more than 120 Adventist congregations gather to share their faith and blessings God has poured out on them.

This year, our camp meeting, themed “Sharing Hope: Jesus Is Coming!” will be a holy convocation, including leaders from the General Conference. Homer Trecartin, director of Global Mission Centers and Total Employment, will be our English camp meeting main speaker. For our Spanish camp meeting, our main speaker will be Robert Costa, worldwide evangelism coordinator and director and speaker of “Escrito Está.” With our gym’s new expansion that now accommodates more than 3,500 people, we invite you, near and far, to this holy convocation. For more information, please visit newjerseyconference.org.



Jorge Aguero
President

Tiempo de compartir

En la Biblia, el Antiguo Testamento habla acerca del pueblo de Israel. Allí encontramos las experiencias de una nación insignificante (Deut. 7:7), pero escogida por Dios para ser un pueblo especial (Deut. 7:6).

Dios ordenó encuentros especiales para su pueblo; por esto los israelitas se reunían por lo menos tres veces al año para adorar y compartir las bendiciones de Dios. Estas eran fiestas solemnes y santas convocations (Ver Levíticos 23).

Hoy, la Conferencia de New Jersey también tiene un tiempo especial cuando los hermanos, hermanas y amigos vienen a adorar juntos como una gran familia. Este es el momento en que las más de 120 congregaciones adventistas de nuestra Asociación de New Jersey comparten su fe y las bendiciones que Dios ha derramado sobre ellos.

Este año, nuestro campestre, con el tema “Compartiendo Esperanza: Jesús Viene”, será una santa convocación, que incluirá líderes de la Asociación General. Homer Trecartin, director del Centro de Misión Global, será el orador del Campestre inglés. Para el Campestre hispano, el orador principal será Robert Costa, coordinador de evangelismo mundial y director y orador de “Escrito Está”.

Con la nueva expansión del gimnasio, que ahora tiene capacidad para más de 3,500 personas, invitamos, a los de cerca y de lejos, a esta santa convocación el día 30 de junio. Para más información, por favor visite newjerseyconference.org.

Espero que pronto podamos reunirnos también en la Santa Convocación con los redimidos de todas las edades para adorar a Dios según Isaías 66:23.—*Jorge Aguero*

Nueva Vida Officially Organized as Church Plant

In Spring 2018 the New Jersey Conference administration officially organized the Nueva Vida (New Life) church plant, making it the 91st church in the conference. Jorge Aguero, president of the conference, conducted a ceremony and gave Moises Poroj, the volunteer lay pastor, well-deserved recognition as “a champion in church planting.” Leaders baptized 27 in 2017 and 12 this year.



The New Jersey Conference’s new church plant, Nueva Vida, meets at the First Presbyterian church in Arlington, N.J. Sabbath School begins at 9:15 a.m., followed by divine service at 11 a.m. and a Bible study at 4 p.m.; on Wednesdays they meet for Testimony/Prayer Meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Fridays, youth and young adults gather for Youth Meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Moises Poroj (holding microphone), the volunteer lay pastor for the Nueva Vida new church plant, his family and other church members thank New Jersey Conference President Jorge Aguero and his administration for officially organizing the church.



In 2017, under the leadership of Moises Poroj, the volunteer lay pastor of the Nueva Vida church plant, 27 people became members through baptism and this year 12 have already been baptized.

Conference Holds Inaugural Geography Challenge

Knowing geography is really important. Sometimes people think it's really boring, [but] when you learn geography, suddenly stories come alive," says Victor Brown, dean of Enrollment Services at Kettering College, and emcee for the 2018 Geography Challenge.

Thirty-eight students from across Seventh-day Adventist schools in Ohio convened on Mount Vernon Adventist Elementary School earlier this year to compete in the inaugural event. Students were divided into three groups: grades 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Three guest judges asked them questions based on U.S. geography—from states and capitals to state nicknames and flags.

Richard Bianco, education superintendent for the Ohio Conference, shares, "This event started in a sister conference (Pennsylvania) several years ago. We wanted to do something educational in nature but [that] allowed young people to shine." Bianco began extensive planning for this event during the 2016-17 school year. This allowed teachers to help prepare students throughout the school year, focusing on the many aspects of U.S. geography.

The event, broadcast via Facebook Live, began with a devotional message by Fred Shoemaker, pastor of the Mount Vernon Hill church. "When I was eight years old, my Aunt Opal gave me *Children's Picture Atlas of the World*," he said. "I've kept it all these years, and I went all throughout the world with this book." He then went on to share his own experiences competing in similar challenges as a young student.

The judges ensured that the students accurately responded to the questions, and each round kept tally of who reached the limit of incorrect answers. These prestigious judges included Nate Brandstater, president of Kettering College; George Babcock, retired



Richard Bianco, education superintendent, awards the first-place trophy for grades 5-8 to Caleb Rieger, a student from Toledo Junior Academy.

educator and associate director for education at the General Conference (Md.); and Harold Straub, Planned Giving director for the Ohio Conference.

After several hours of answering a wide array of questions, many which posed a challenge to the adults in attendance, nine students received trophies, medals and prizes for first, second and third places in each of the three-grade brackets. Winners came from Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, Eastwood Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy, Mansfield Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, Spring Valley Academy, Toledo Junior Academy and Zanesville Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School.

To watch the 2018 Geography Challenge, visit facebook.com/pg/OhioConferenceEducation/videos/.



Winners of the 2018 Geography Challenge display their trophies and medals, flanked by the judges and Education Superintendent Richard Bianco (right).

Camp Mohaven Celebrates Reopening of Pool

Ohio Conference family and friends are invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony, picnic lunch and pool party to celebrate the grand reopening of Camp Mohaven's swimming pool, located in Danville, after major repairs. The ceremony is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, with lunch and free swimming to follow from noon to 6 p.m.

Camp Mohaven's pool underwent a \$100,000 renovation this spring, which included the installation of a 61 mil PVC pool liner, pool cover and completion of the adjacent bath house. "I would spend three weeks getting the pool ready each season," says David Robinson, manager of Camp Mohaven. "[I used to spend] several hundred man-hours [in] pressure washing, caulking, repairs and painting. Now I can have the pool ready with two days of preparation."

These upgrades will save time, money and thousands of gallons of water. A certified tornado shelter has also been incorporated directly under the bath house, vastly improving the safety of campers and pool hygiene.

"A major aspect of my ministry has always been with young people," comments Ron Halvorsen Jr., Ohio Conference president. "Our youth director [Edward Marton] and his team teach children about Christ [at Mohaven]. Many young people are even baptized in our pool during camps. The pool is an essential part of



Camp Mohaven staff and Ohio Conference family and friends are celebrating the grand reopening of their renovated pool with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, picnic lunch and free pool party on Sunday, May 27.

Mohaven's ministry to our conference."

Halvorsen continues, "We care about our children and families. We want them to have amazing experiences and create vibrant memories which last an eternity."

Visit ohioadventist.org for more details on the grand reopening.

Campers to Learn About "Unfailing Love"

Ohio Conference summer camps are a great way to introduce kids to Jesus through nature,



relationships and memories that last a lifetime," says Edward Marton, youth director. The 2018 summer camp's theme is "Unfailing Love," focusing on Exodus 34:6. Families and children, ages 6-17, are welcome to pick the camp(s) that best suit them. In addition to Mohaven's newly upgraded pool, they can enjoy other activities such as horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, crafts, archery, sports and more.

Summer Camp Schedule

- Family Camp (all ages): June 6-10
- Teen Camp I (ages 15-17): June 10-17
- Horse Camp I (ages 13-17): June 10-17
- Teen Camp II (ages 12-15): June 17-24
- Junior Camp (ages 9-12): June 24-July 1
- Cub Camp (ages 6-9): July 1-8
- Horse Camp II (ages 8-12): July 1-8

Call (740) 397-4665, ext. 122, or visit ohiosdayouth.org/camp-mohaven for more information and prices.

Pennsylvania Pen

“Lift Him Up”

Blue Mountain Academy, *Hamburg, Pa.*, June 8-16 ■ Register online at paconference.org.

Camp Meeting Designed to “Lift Him Up”

Join the Pennsylvania Camp Meeting, themed “Lift Him Up,” June 8-16 at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa. Planned events will focus on lifting up Jesus through inspiring worship, practical seminars and relevant messages that will challenge us to intentionally connect with and connect others to Christ. The week will also feature activities, worships and service projects for children and teens, along with young adult worships and compassion ministries. Lodging and meals are available at this free event. For more information, go to paconference.org.

Camp Meeting Worship Speakers

SABBATH WORSHIP



Derek Morris will share “Life-Changing Words from the Master Teacher” during the first weekend, June 8-9. Morris, president of the

Hope Channel, Inc., and host of *Hope Sabbath School*, finds his greatest joy in helping people experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

EVENING WORSHIP



Gary Gibbs, president of the Pennsylvania Conference, will present the evening worship message June 10-11.

EVENING SABBATH WORSHIP

Christian author and speaker **Doug Batchelor** will present “Seeing God through the Bible,” June 12-16. Batchelor

currently serves as the senior pastor of the Granite Bay (Calif.) church, and president of Amazing Facts, an international media ministry.



EARLY MORNING WORSHIP

For the early risers, **Yves Monnier**, director of evangelism for It is Written, will open God’s Word June 11-15 with “Amazing Stories.”



Start the day by taking a fresh look at some of Jesus’ most powerful parables. Passionate about training people in becoming effective laborers in the Lord’s vineyard, Monnier oversees and coordinates It Is Written’s evangelistic projects around the globe.

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

June 8-9, **Mark Tamaleaa**, youth and young adult director for the Northern New England Conference, will share “Never Too Broken” for ages 18-35 years, as he explores how to get through trials in life and what it looks like on the other side.



YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP



A pastor, speaker and advocate for young people for more than 25 years, **Irwin Larrier** is currently the executive director at the Center for Community Justice (Ind.). Larrier will speak on the theme “Never Too Broken” during the second weekend, June 15-16, revealing the transforming power of God in real life.

Events and Seminars Throughout the Week

By popular demand, the Family Fun Day is back! On Sunday, June 12, enjoy activities, including an obstacle course, petting zoo, waterslide, crafts, booths, food and much more. Don't miss the annual book sale in the afternoon, and catch all the latest titles from the Pacific Press Publishing Association®.

Each morning during family worship, June 10-15, train to "Be a Super Hero" and learn from several Bible heroes themselves.

James Hoffer, Yves Monnier, Karen Glassford, Lance Moncrieffe, Bonnie and Al Navarro and an Adventist WholeHealth team will present seminars. Children will have their own meetings and activities, including crafts, games, pool time, mission projects and Bible stories.

Teens will spend time at a lake, enjoy an excursion to Ozzy's, a local family fun center, and engage in mission, while learning more about Christ during the evening meetings.

June 8-16, through Bible study and testimony time, young adults will discover that despite the battles they



A group of youth sing during family worship, displaying that camp meeting isn't just for adults.

face in life, they are "Never Too Broken" to be used by Christ.

Creciendo con la Misión

Campestre Hispano, 2-3 de Junio

En el Ministerio Hispano de la Asociación de Pennsylvania estamos empeñados en acompañar a los ancianos, predicadores, líderes de grupos pequeños a crecer en la Misión, ofreciéndoles herramientas, materiales y espacios en los que puedan adquirir nuevas capacidades y destrezas para actualizar sus procesos y ser más efectivos en el cumplimiento de la misión. El espacio más importante es sin duda el Campestre Hispano, en esta versión orientada al crecimiento en la Misión de Cristo, la cual se realizará el 2 y 3 de junio en LA Academia la Montaña Azul (BMA) y que tendrá para los líderes de todas nuestras iglesias una agenda de altísimo nivel. Ésta incluye a personalidades como el Dr. Ramón Canals director de Escuela Sabática y Ministerio



Personal de la Conferencia General de los Adventistas Del Séptimo día, exitoso líder y autor de numerosos libros, seminarios, talleres, en todo el mundo que habla sobre cómo



En Cactusville, los niños aprenderán que todos nosotros hemos sido llamados a seguir a Jesús ... Llamados a ser diferentes, a ser fieles, a perdonar, a servir y a dar.

puedo involucrarme en el cumplimiento de la misión, que el amado Maestro nos dejó de ... ¡ld y haced discípulos!

Potomac People



“Impact: Camp Meeting Re-imagined”

Virginia Valley Region: Shenandoah Valley Academy Campus, New Market, Va., June 8-9

Hispanic Event: Washington, D.C., June 15-16

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Potomac Conference will hold two “Impact: Camp Meeting Re-imagined” events next month. This new camp meeting format, where regional meetings are held each year and a conference-wide meeting is held once every five years, kicked off in 2017.

VIRGINIA VALLEY REGION



Nicholas Miller, professor of church history and director of the International Religious Liberty Institute at Andrews University (Mich.), and Lincoln Steed, editor for *Liberty* magazine, will be the main speakers.

With “Religious Liberty” as the theme, a Q&A panel of religious liberty educators and thought leaders will be held, as well as discussions and presentations of what religious liberty looks like in local churches and schools. Several seminars will be offered Sabbath afternoon, from topics on how to carry out an ongoing health ministry in your local church (presented by Adventist HealthCare) to tips on successful personal witnessing (presented by It Is Written).

An all-day tour of historic Monticello or Montpelier will be offered on Sunday, June 10. Miller and/or Reed Richardi, associate pastor of the New Market (Va.) church, will serve as guides and share facts relevant to religious history.

HISPANIC EVENT

Arnaldo Cruz, pastor of the Pilgrims Spanish church in the Southeastern Florida Conference, is the keynote

speaker for this event, themed “Impacto 2018: Pentecostés Ahora Plus” (Impact 2018: Pentecost Now Plus).

Arautos do Rei, a men’s quartet, and Christian songwriter Felipe Garibo, will perform over the weekend. Arautos do Rei first started in 1962 and was linked to the radio program *The Voice of Prophecy*, the first evangelical radio program in Brazil. Garibo, a Mexican singer, has traveled throughout Central and South America, Mexico and the U.S. to present and exalt Christ through his music.

Children’s programming will be available at both events. Please check pcsda.org/impact2018 for more details.

“We want to engage as many members as possible in the mission of the church,” says Bill Miller, president. “In 2017 our overall attendance—among the three Impact venues—was double what we have had in previous years while holding camp meeting at a single location. This format is allowing us to reach the needs of specific regions and bring a powerful event to people’s front door.”

Next year meetings will be held in the Tidewater and Maryland/D.C. area. A conference-wide Impact will be held May 1-2, 2020.



Potomac People

Richmond Academy Prepares Students for new 'Horizons'

Forty-six students from Richmond Academy (RA) in Virginia recently visited three unique universities on a trip dubbed "Horizons." Nancy Melashenko, principal and the conference's associate for education, says, "In their adulthood, the careers that our students today will encounter will be technically driven. ... We chose three unique universities for students to tour, to give them an idea of what is out there and what might best suit their needs as they look out to the new horizon of post-graduation from RA. This was a trip for high school students to engage secondary students in the relevance of their grades and their career goals."

While students routinely visit Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) and Andrews University (Mich.), the administration included three additional universities in Florida: The Adventist University of Health Sciences, which highlighted paramedical opportunities for those interested in a medical career journey; Florida Polytechnic University, which only offers STEM-related fields to encompass degrees in robotics, data analytics and computer sciences; and Full Sail University, to give students a sense of how to communicate in and through different forms of media.

"A secondary benefit for the trip was the impact



During the Horizons trip, Richmond Academy student Ashly Torres works on an intravenous injection and blood draw simulator at the Adventist University of Health Sciences.

[it had] on our teachers," shares Melashenko. "They saw how they can ... better prepare students to excel in college. ... We plan to [take a] Horizons trip again next year."

Camp Blue Ridge Experiences Gains

Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Va., closed out a tremendous year in 2017. The camp booked more than 550 reservations, a huge increase over the 366 reservations from 2016. The camp also experienced

a financial gain of more than \$150,000. "Our goal is to increase camp attendance by 20 percent," shares Eliasib Fajardo, director. "The demand of camp is increasing. We hope to implement the camp's master plan soon, as well as develop a new cafeteria and gym for our guests."

Fajardo has focused on better utilizing the camp year-round, finding ways to host multiple groups at one time and hiring additional conference youth so parents feel more comfortable sending their kids to camp for a week. Volunteers recently finished a weeklong mission trip at the camp, helping renovate cabins and deep clean facilities.

"I believe summer camp is one of our best ministries for transforming lives, not only for the ones who attend, but for the ones who lead," says Fajardo. "You have the chance to connect with God through nature in a dynamic setting, build relationships through activities and learn valuable life lessons. Our main objective is to challenge each person to get closer to Jesus."

Go to campblueridge.org for more information.



Summer camp begins at Camp Blue Ridge next month!

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Academy Hosts Two Conference-Wide Events

Highland View Academy (HVA) recently welcomed students from around the Chesapeake Conference for two campus events—Generation Rain and the Chesapeake Conference Music Festival.

Approximately 160 students from a dozen churches in the conference attended Generation Rain, the conference’s annual youth retreat. Students worshiped together, participated in small-group seminars and shared their God-given musical talents with their peers. Small-group seminars focused on developing a devotional life, building Christian character and forming God-centered relationships. The students served the community by visiting nursing homes and a recovery center, as well as providing fire-safety information to a nearby community that recently suffered a large residential fire.

Reily Miller, a member of the Williamsport (Md.) church, felt humbled by the experience of visiting the recovery center. “I enjoyed sharing the love of God with others,” he says. Hagerstown (Md.) church member Bree Hurst said that she appreciated the experience because “it took us out of our comfort zone and created a new respect for those who are different from us.”

A few weeks later, students flooded HVA’s campus for the Chesapeake Conference Music Festival. Students in grades 7-10 from eight schools in the Chesapeake and Allegheny East conferences joined



During Generation Rain, a conference-wide youth retreat, students visit with residents at a recovery center in downtown Hagerstown, Md.

together to form a 70-member choir and a 58-person band. They spent two days rehearsing with festival clinicians and performed an hourlong concert on Sabbath afternoon.

Clinician Andres Mendoza, music program director for grades K-12 at the El Dorado Adventist School (Calif.), led the band. He says teaching is his passion, and he aims “to enable students to develop their talents to the fullest, while leading them to foster love and appreciation for music as a form of human expression and worship.”

Choral clinician Gale Murphy Jones, director of music and education for the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation of Orlando (Fla.), guided the choir to perform four diverse pieces, ranging from a Negro spiritual, “Keep Your Lamps,” to a song in Latin, “Cantate Domino.”

Andrew Lay, HVA’s music director and coordinator of the festival, notes the event has grown 700 percent since last year due to creating a much larger choir and including the band, which was not part of last year’s program. He shares, “I am pleased that so many young people had the opportunity to participate and praise God with their music.”



Three clarinetists Dain Ochoa from HVA and Eleanor Kim and Sophia Rivera from Atholton Adventist Academy in Columbia, Md., perform at the Chesapeake Conference Music Festival concert.



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60 Years in the Making

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, I sat with my Senior Class of 2018 students and listened as they struggled to define what kind of impact, if any, they had made on the younger students. These seniors, dubbed “Genesis,” will forever be remembered as the first graduating class of the Lake Nelson Adventist Academy (LNAA). They recognized, as does every pioneer, it isn’t easy to be the forerunner; it requires great personal and collaborative sacrifices to accomplish something no one else has ever done.

While the former Lake Nelson Seventh-day Adventist School experienced growing pains transforming into a K-12 academy, these 13 young men and women attended classes in the most creative ways imaginable. At times they sat in tiny rooms crammed in like sardines. On other occasions, classes were held outside, weather permitting. Other times they used the gymnasium or the pastor’s study. And who could forget the church balcony or the hallways when all other options had been exhausted? Being constantly on the move, these high schoolers had to pack their belongings each Friday in preparation for the Sabbath, only to unpack them again on Monday.

After these many delays, move-in time arrived, and

on that Wednesday afternoon, the high school students moved into the new building. They recalled the large number of growing pains during this transition period, but, most importantly, they remembered the greatest impact they, the “Genesis” class, had made—the acceptance of one another.

It is my extreme privilege, blessing and pleasure to have mentored many of the seniors since their freshman year. I can agree they not only accepted each other but also the challenges of building a senior academy as a true stakeholder in the process.

Of course the faculty and staff guided them through this journey. However, “my children”—as I affectionately call them—are an example to many, as they persevered in the face of surmounting odds. Whether it was a smile, a joke, a card, a snack or just a well-timed word of encouragement, this senior class has indeed made an impact in our lives.

As “my children” prepare to graduate the first week-end of June, many of them have received acceptance to various universities. My heart swells with pride as I witness the growth and transformation God has already accomplished in these young lives, and I cannot wait to see what their future holds.—*John Hakizimana*



The first LNAA high school graduating class: (left to right) Karissa Osorio, class secretary*; Tania Tumundo, class treasurer*; Daniel Colón; Brendan Sierra, Student Association sports coordinator*; Juan Fernandez; Lyden Stanislaus-Niles, Student Association treasurer; Elinihaki Ngoye; Jenny Pontarelli, class vice president*; Taylore Williams; (sitting) Bethany Washburn; Naomie Charles, Student Association president*; Graciela Gonzales, class president* (Antonio Bermudez, not pictured)

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Students Receive Spotlight Recognition

Lincoln Edward Liburd II, a Pine Forge Academy (PFA) honor student and the senior class valedictorian, is the son of Lincoln and Sherri Liburd of Bowie, Md. His notable accomplishments include being a National Honor Society (NHS) member, PFA senior class president, choir member, praise team leader, senior voice student and head residential student assistant. Liburd participated in Loma Linda University's MITHS (Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences) Summer 2017 program. "While at PFA, I have developed an understanding of skills such as leadership, time management,



organization, etc. I also fully comprehend the discipline and hard work it takes to successfully use these skills to [my] advantage," states Liburd. "Next year I plan to attend Oakwood University (Ala.), where I will major in Chemistry and minor in music. My career goal is to become a chemical engineer and perform vocally all over the world."

Sydney Hammond, an honor student and United Student Movement (USM) secretary, is the daughter of Anita Harewood of Leicester, England, and James Hammond of Silver Spring, Md. During her high school career, Hammond has been an active member of the NHS, class officer, choir member, spiritual life committee



member and track and field team member, for which she received an MVP award. Her favorite Bible text is Romans 8:18: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (NIV). "Coming to PFA is one of the best things that I have done. I have gained a true relationship with Christ and am now walking in His purpose," says Hammond. "Next year I plan on attending Georgia State University where I will study advertising and marketing and hopefully study abroad my sophomore or junior year."

Seniors Achieve University Acceptance

PFA students annually receive more than \$500,000 in financial aid and scholarships. At the time of this printing, students have been accepted to:

- La Sierra University
- Oakwood University
- Southern Adventist University
- Walla Walla University
- Washington Adventist University
- St. Johns University
- Georgia State University
- The University of Akron
- The University of Connecticut
- Saint Joseph's University
- North Carolina A&T State University



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Spotlight

on Spencerville

Highlights from Spencerville Adventist Academy

Students Celebrate Cultural Diversity

In Fall 2017, a group of Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) students created a Cultural Appreciation Society (CAS), encouraging the student body to educate peers on their individual cultures and traditions. This past February, the club chose to hone in on Black History Month.

The students chose one day each week to present various events around the school that focused on black historical figures and events. They organized a chapel concert, decorated the facility, coordinated an international dress-down day and worked with teachers to focus on black historical figures in their subjects. Finally, the month's activities culminated with a program for the school and community.

The first annual Black History Month Festival included student-performed musical numbers, spoken word readings, poems, a flag pageant and a presentation by keynote speaker Wade Henderson, former head of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Following the program, attendees sampled a variety of ethnic foods and viewed a large collection of African-American art and memorabilia.

"I was really proud to be part of the team that put the program together. Everyone came together and celebrated their differences and similarities as a human race," says Nina Palivela, sophomore student leader. "Wade Henderson ... told us that youth have a voice



Senior Joyce Adebonojo presents a moving original work about her experience as a young black woman.

and need to use that voice. It doesn't matter what color our skin is; we're all one."

The CAS team received help from supportive parent volunteers and dedicated staff members like Robert Martinez, choir director, and Dawn Thompson, registrar, who listened to the team and their ideas and brought them to life. Martinez says, "I know we did our job when community members ask me what we're going to do next year, and [they] offer song suggestions."

The goal of CAS is to shed light on all cultures in a way that is both expressive and educational, and February was just the beginning of what this group of bright young leaders had to offer, says staff members. Getting teens to support one another and embrace their unique qualities is exactly the outcome in which CAS hoped. Junior student leader Amar Sudhaker reflects, "By the end of [the program], all the students who were a part of it became family."
—Lindsey Gispert ('20)



Student performers surround Wade Henderson at the end of the Black History Month Festival.

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CONNECTIONS

INSPIRING STUDENTS TO KNOW FOLLOW SHARE JESUS

Student's Alertness Prevents Possible Fire Damage

"I smell gas!" said Makenna Lunde, a 10th-grader at Spring Valley Academy, during a visit at her ASSIST mentors Ron and Paula Curtis' home. Ron mentioned that a professional company had cleaned and inspected their gas fireplace six weeks earlier.

Not wanting to take chances, he turned off the gas and called the company. Two weeks later, the experts returned and inspected the fireplace again, finding two leaks at two different joints. With the Curtis' diminished sense of smell, they had no idea how long the gas had been leaking. "Makenna saved our lives," says Paula.

The Curtis' are grateful for Lunde and the ASSIST work program for high school students, sponsored by Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). Students employed through their academy's ASSIST-funded program are assigned to work either in the homes of older adults or in a care facility. Service activities include housecleaning, yard work, reading, playing games and many others.

For three years, the Curtis' have been senior mentors of the ASSIST program. They share that the program has blessed them as much as they have blessed their students. This is Lunde's first year in the program, and she has already made a huge impact in their lives.



ASSIST student Makenna Lunde stands with mentors Ron and Paula Curtis in their potentially damaged home, if it weren't for Lunde's great instincts.

"Without Makenna, it's hard to tell what the outcome could have been," Paula continues. "We could have passed away in our sleep or had an explosion when we lit the fireplace. We love Makenna!"—Vicki Briley

70 Students Celebrate Americana Festival

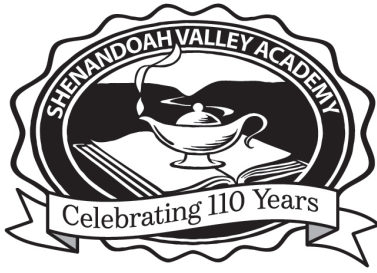
Seventy students in grades 3-4, taught by Judy Cambigue, Michelle Coy and Kimberly Orr,



recently joined together to patriotically salute America. Dressed in red, white and blue, students presented their patriotism through a recital of verse and song, directed by Cristy Doria, Spring Valley Academy's choral music director.

"It is so refreshing to see and hear our young people demonstrate their sincere enthusiasm for our country and the freedoms we all enjoy," says Alison Jobson, vice principal.

Afterward, parents, staff and students ate a banquet feast of multicultural and traditional American foods. Jobson adds, "In the end, parents and friends agreed that [the event] was not only an inspiration but a privilege to see these students embrace their country!"



Impact Shenandoah

Serve God – Value Knowledge – Accept a Life of Service

When We Pray: Students Lead Week of Prayer

Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) chaplain Tim Harley recently took a bus full of students to Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Va., to pray, study the Bible and make plans for an upcoming Week of Prayer. The prayer and Bible study went great, but as soon as we started planning, conflicts arose. We couldn't find common ground on a theme, people were getting discouraged, the room was tense. But then someone suggested we pray again. God led us to the theme "C.H.O.S.E.N."—Come to God; How to ... ; Open Your Eyes; Surrender; Embrace Everyone; Now.

It was a special week of prayer from the start, led by 50 student leaders. I will never forget that first day. Senior Edrian Sanchez, normally mild-mannered, passionately preached about setting aside old ways of thinking and distractions that keep us from choosing God. He talked about embracing the idea that SVA is where God chose to prepare us to live for Him. Many students left that night convicted and in tears because we felt we experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Each day student speakers delivered their messages with conviction, praise teams led our theme song, "Came to My Rescue," by Hillsong and everyone prayed. The students' seriousness was impressive during each morning's interactive prayer. Many of them stayed for afterglow and shared testimony after testimony, making it clear that, like every teenager,



Speaker Edrian Sanchez ('18) prays with his fellow students during the student-led Week of Prayer.



During the New Market church service, Student Association Pastor Miranda Benton, along with classmate Trisney Bocala ('18), preach about their experience at SVA's "C.H.O.S.E.N." Week of Prayer.

students at our school experience challenges. Their willingness to be vulnerable and openly share strengthened our school family and our faith. The students' powerful, honest stories testified that God is with us in every difficulty.

Students led every part of Week of Prayer. This was most evident on Sabbath, as we nervously prepared to lead the entire New Market (Va.) church service, from announcements to music, and even the sermon. We were afraid we wouldn't be good enough, that something would fall apart. We looked for an adult to tell us what to do, but they wisely allowed us to take the lead.

It may have been scary and stressful for students to lead in ministry, but I believe this is the best student-led Week of Prayer we've had in the four years I have been at SVA. Why? Since that week, students have initiated ministering to each other. They've established prayer partners, joined Bible studies in the dorms and invited more students to come at 5:30 a.m.—and students are attending!

Students decided to plan a second student-led Week of Prayer to give another group of 30 students who want to preach the opportunity to contribute and bless each other. As I write this story, the second Week of Prayer is taking place! God is working at SVA!—*Miranda Benton ('18)*

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News you can use from Takoma Academy

TA Alum's Book Provides Hope to Mothers of Preemies

Ken Wilson, former Takoma Academy (TA) Biology teacher, probably had no idea that his classes would help inspire Launice Melbourne, M.D.—then a student in one of his classes—to become a doctor. Melbourne ('99) credits her love for science to having outstanding teachers such as “Mr. Wilson.”

Melbourne is a pediatrician and neonatologist. She states that she “knew from an early age that she wanted to be a doctor.” After graduating from TA, she attended Oakwood University (Ala.) and Ohio State Medical School in Columbus. She chose her specialty because, she says, “I like impacting more on the earlier side of life, which is what I get to do with babies.”

In 2017 she authored *E.A.C.H. Little Step: 365-Day Affirmation Journal for Premie Moms*. The book's purpose is to help mothers of premature babies remain positive despite the stressful situation they face when their child is in the NICU for an extended period.

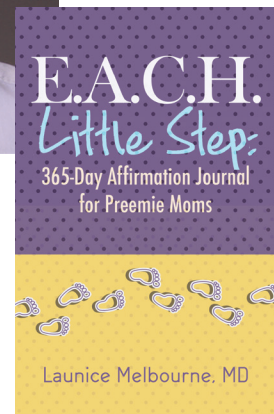
A full-term pregnancy is 37 weeks. Melbourne works with babies as young as 23 weeks, a considerable amount of time prior to discharge. In her book, the acronym E.A.C.H. stands for “Every Amazing Child Hopes.” She writes that regardless of a child's medical condition, parents should remain hopeful for an amazing, positive outcome.

She states that she was drawn toward the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) during her rotations in residency at the Jacobi Medical Center (N.Y.). Though she enjoyed working with moms in the Obstetrics unit, she was far more interested in what was happening with babies in the NICU. In this way, God confirmed that this is where she needed to focus her career.

In her book, available on Amazon.com, she advises parents of preemies who can't medically comprehend what is going on with their child to ask the doctor to



TA alum Launice Melbourne recently wrote *E.A.C.H. Little Step: 365-Day Affirmation Journal for Premie Moms*.



explain everything until they have a proper understanding. Parents of preemies should also avoid comparing their child to other non-preemie children.

She also addresses how people can often be unintentionally insensitive to the parents of preemies. Two phrases to avoid saying to a parent are “No matter what, it's going to be OK” and “Your baby is so small.”

The extensive training Melbourne received in residency and her fellowship at the Children's Medical Center (Washington, D.C.), combined with her passion and love of her job are “really helping to make Dr. Melbourne one of the nation's most promising neonatologists,” says Ronnie Mills, TA's former director of institutional advancement.

KETTERING COLLEGE



Kettering College faculty, staff, and students participate in Explore Kettering, a recruitment event to show Kettering College to prospective students.



Marc Shirimpumu, a Kettering College nursing student, is one of the many students who receives scholarships and discounts from the college as part of academic and enrollment strategies to increase enrollment.



Kettering College Sees Growth with New and Improved Academic and Enrollment Strategies

By Lauren Brooks

Kettering College has seen an increase in enrollment every semester since Fall 2016. The college continues to see growth as they add and improve enrollment strategies, while also adding and improving academic programs.

One initiative credited with aiding in enrollment increase is Explore Kettering, an event first started in the fall of 2016. The admissions department now hosts an Explore Kettering event each semester to connect with prospective students. This event includes a guided tour of campus, time to sit down and talk with faculty in the department the prospective student is interested in, and the opportunity to speak with admissions and financial aid counselors. "Explore Kettering is a unique way for prospective students to experience Kettering College," said Adam Brown, Associate Dean of Enrollment

Management. "We had 70 percent of attendees from our 2017 spring event enroll as a student for the following fall semester." If prospective students can't attend the Explore Kettering event, the college also offers campus tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kettering College continues to find ways to improve their service to students, one of which has been reexamining scholarships. The college offers scholarships and discounts to current Kettering College students, as well as Kettering Health Network (KHN) employees who wish to continue their education or dependents of network employees. Marc Shirimpumu, a nursing student at Kettering College, receives a discount through the tuition assistance program as a Kettering College student and KHN employee. "This program helps me with my finances by allowing me to take fewer

loans out of the bank," Shirimpumu said. "It gives me the sense the college really cares about my academic success."

Recently, the college announced its plans to add a Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. They have hired the program director and are working to develop the program, with tentative plans to accept new student applications in Fall 2019. Other enrollment initiatives include improving the communication process with prospective students, revamping the campus visit experience, building a customer relationship management system to guide the prospective student through the enrollment process, and redesigning the website.





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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

This past fall, the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) commended WAU for baptizing no fewer than 19 students in each of the five years since their last accreditation visit.



**Weymouth
Spence**

And, during each of those same five years, an average of 30 students participated in short overseas and domestic mission trips to places like Kenya, Indonesia, Haiti, and Flint, MI. Truly, the Holy

Spirit is moving our campus! Two days in the academic calendar are identified as Service Days. This is an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to participate in service day projects that supports our local surrounding communities.

Proximity to Washington, D.C. provides our students opportunities no other Adventist college or university can match. We're a short ride from tremendous academic resources like the Library of Congress, cultural assets like the new Museum of the Bible, and networking opportunities with leaders of the General Conference, North American Division, and Columbia Union headquartered nearby. June 30 and September 29 are designated WAU Sabbaths. Please continue to pray and support your University as we continue the mission to engage minds and transform lives.

This is Washington Adventist University.

—Weymouth Spence, President

REVIVE US AGAIN!

Recent snow and ice storms made the ground too soft to support the traditional Big White Tent, but Washington Adventist University's annual Revival ended the month of March like a lion.

Taking up the WAU Ministry Department's school-year theme, 'Grounded', Vincent Dehm, Pastor of Baltimore's Recreation Church, opened the week-long series with the topic 'Unmasked'. Dehm urged the University's students, faculty, and staff to be honest, real, and transparent with each other; and he encouraged them to fight the SHAME (Stubbornness, Humiliation, lack of Assurance, Masquerade, and low Estimation) that acts as a barrier to honest relationships.

The husband and father of WAU graduates, Dehm also promised his listeners "115 percent transparency" as he presented the Word in spirit and in truth.

"You really can't find anyone to present God's love in a more real and relevant way than Pastor Dehm, said WAU Chaplain Mark Sigue.

"This time of revival provides the University family an opportunity to pause, and reflect on the love of Jesus Christ, and to recommit our lives to him," said Vice President for Ministry, Dr. Baraka Muganda.

"As we reach the home stretch of a long school year," Chaplain Sigue added, "Pastor Dehm brought a spiritual jolt to help us all recharge our batteries."

Pastor Vincent Dehm opens WAU Revival Week.

Photo by WAU student Bryan Jones



WAU CELEBRATES SOCIAL WORK STUDENT INTERNS

Senior WAU social work majors engaged in exciting and meaningful internships highlighted the celebration of Social Work Month during March. The curriculum at WAU provides all that students need to earn a BSW degree in four years or less, including classroom instruction, structured internships working directly with clients, and co-curricular opportunities that enrich student learning. Graduates are career-ready, with the knowledge, values, and skills to compete for jobs in a professional setting, or to gain admission to graduate school.

This year, students are working with homeless families, at-risk teenagers, seniors in rehab and long-term care, high school students, and low-income housing residents. "I am very proud of our WAU social work students in their internships. They are meeting real needs, and engaging in important issues while preparing for a challenging and rewarding career," said Professor Melissa Henley who coordinates the internships and develops on-going co-curricular activities in the metropolitan Washington area.

The WAU social work program offers evening courses for the convenience of working adults with jobs and families, and traditional students who need daytime work. Professor John Gavin, chair of the social work department,



Seniors in WAU Social Work program: (left to right) Denise Gatcham, Kimani Joseph, Decie Bowens, Kimberly Reid, Daniela Mantilla, and Marcus John

Photo by WAU professor Melissa Henly

emphasizes "Our graduates are fully prepared for jobs as generalist practitioners in social work. Students who go on to graduate schools report being ahead of their classmates in practice experience and working with diverse populations." He added, "Our students value a metropolitan experience, and the opportunity to train for a career and life of service from a faith-based perspective."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commencement Weekend

Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6

- **Consecration Service:** Friday, May 4, 7 p.m., Sligo SDA Church, Speaker: Pastor Marquis Johns
- **Baccalaureate Service:** Saturday, May 5, 11:15 a.m., Sligo SDA Church, Speaker: Hyveth Williams, D.Min.
- **Commencement Ceremony:** Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m., The Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Marlboro, Md., Speaker: Richard Paul, M.D.

WAU Offering

Sabbath, June 30

On behalf of your children, friends, and community members, we celebrate the Lord's mighty work at Washington Adventist University. Won't you be His helping hand on WAU Sabbath as together we engage minds and transform lives in new and awesome ways which exceed all that we can ask or think? (Eph. 3:18) Thank you for your support and the continued power of your prayers.

Fall Semester

- **New Student Orientation and Registration:** Monday-Sunday, August 20-26
- **Last Day to Register for Fall 2018:** Friday August 24
- **Classes Begin:** Monday August 27

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Moments Matter

One of the things that we are constantly aware of in healthcare is “time.” It is clearly one of our most important considerations in patient care. We also think about time in terms of efficiency and the use of resources. A phrase that I have often heard is that we work in an industry “where moments matter.”

Moments do matter. Life is made up of moments – and every moment has value. Life really happens in the moment, when plans become action and dreams become reality.

Our ability to truly live out our mission is best done in the moment – when we are focused and completely present for the task or interaction immediately before us.

Sometimes the moment calls us to truly listen to what is being said and the things going on around us.

Sometimes the moment asks us to be still and to listen for an inner voice, even the generative silence we encounter in prayer.

Sometimes being in the moment is sharing a laugh or smile with a friend or a colleague.

Sometimes the moment calls us to be reflective as a memory shared with another prompts careful and thoughtful response.

Sometimes being in the moment is just enjoying a hot cup of tea with another.

Thornton Wilder once wrote, “We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.”

How will you be conscious of your treasures today?



Terry Forde
President & CEO
Adventist HealthCare

Heart Program’s Cath Lab Receives National Recognition

Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center was honored this year as one of only two hospitals in the United States to hold the distinction of Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI from the American College of Cardiology (ACC). The ACC awarded the accreditation after a rigorous on-site study of the hospital’s ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients.

The cardiac catheterization lab uses multiple techniques to offer heart patients high-quality results with little to no recovery time. One type of minimally invasive approach involves cardiac catheterization, which uses a long, thin tube known as a catheter to diagnose or treat heart conditions. Another option involves percutaneous coronary intervention, also referred to as PCI or coronary angioplasty. This non-surgical procedure opens coronary arteries with a balloon to relieve symptoms of heart disease or reduce heart-attack damage.

“We are honored to be recognized by the American College of Cardiology for the work being done in Shady Grove’s cath lab,” said Vice President Mary Greenberg, who oversees the hospital’s cardiac program. “This certification represents our cardiac team’s commitment to providing the best care for our patients so they have the best outcomes.”

Hospitals that receive Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI from the ACC must achieve exceptional competency in treating patients who require cardiac catheterization, including a standard assessment process before cath lab procedures to ensure quality and patient safety.

Facilities like Shady Grove Medical Center that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that diligently support the efforts leading to improved patient outcomes.

“ACC Accreditation Services is proud to bestow Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation with PCI on Shady Grove Medical Center,” said Abraham Joseph, vice president of ACC Accreditation Services. “We commend Shady Grove for its demonstrated commitment to providing Montgomery County with excellent cardiac care.”





Dr. Marissa Leslie (pictured fifth from left) and other panelists promote equality at the 2018 International Women's Day Forum.

Supporting Equality and Empowerment at International Women's Day



Dr. Marissa Leslie speaking on women's empowerment.

Caring for the whole person – body, mind and spirit – has always been at the foundation of Adventist HealthCare, which was started by the Seventh-day Adventist Church over 100 years ago. One of the most recent examples of our commitment to ensuring total wellbeing was our key role in the 2018 International Women's Day Forum.

The event was held at the headquarters of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia on March 8. Approximately 50 members of the community were in attendance for the forum, which was a collaboration of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and the Universal Peace Federation, an international and interreligious network of individuals and organizations dedicated to achieving world peace.

Dr. Marissa Leslie, Adventist HealthCare board member and medical director at Adventist HealthCare Behavioral Health & Wellness Services in Rockville, was one of eight remarkable female panelists invited to participate in this year's forum.

The theme of the event was "Uplift and Empower Women in 2018," with each panelist presenting on a topic that was geared to help women harness their full potential to achieve personal and career goals. The panel featured several powerful female role models, including award-winning motivational speaker Cheryl Wood and Catherine Uju lfejika, the first woman to serve as chair and chief executive officer of Britannia-U Nigeria Limited, a petroleum company in Africa.

In Dr. Leslie's presentation, titled "Finding Your Direction," she spoke about what inspired her to pursue the field of medicine and what fuels her passion to care for disadvantaged populations. She recounted the terrifying stories her grandmother shared about living in Haiti during President Francois Duvalier's regime and the militia that sought out her grandfather during that time. She also shared how the board game "Operation" piqued her interest in the human body as a child. Later, during her time at Oakwood University in Alabama and while in medical school at Loma Linda University, she became completely enthralled with trying to understand how the human brain affects behavior. Over time, she realized her interest in mental health and the welfare of disadvantaged groups, such as Haitian and Syrian refugees, stemmed from the stories she heard about her family's experience in Haiti.

One theme common throughout Dr. Leslie's and other panelist presentations was perseverance despite life's obstacles. Many of the panelists described how they overcame gender, racial and ethnic stereotypes. "My family never allowed me to limit my options because I am a woman, or because I am African-American, or a child of an immigrant family," said Dr. Leslie. "I knew at a very early age that nothing was unattainable and my family empowered me to pursue my own happiness and find my own direction."

With the momentum building around women's empowerment in the media, politics and the entertainment industry, the International Women's Day forum was especially meaningful because it was an opportunity to recognize the contributions of women locally and globally.



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OBITUARIES

MALONE, Hazel Stokes, born May 19, 1916, in Greenville, S.C.; died February 28, 2017, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was the third of seven children born to Grover Cleveland and Adeline Rosemond Stokes. Hazel lived and worked in Cleveland and was a member of the Bethel Adventist church in Cleveland, Ohio. She was employed as a beautician and co-owner of the Lady Fair Beauty Salon. In 1944 she met and married Alvin Malone, who predeceased her in 1975. Hazel loved to bowl and received many

trophies. She also loved to go see the Amish country, and attend camp meeting and the General Conference Session. Survivors: her sister, Anna Mary Lee; cousins, Marion Bassett, Marion Grier, Christine Hayes and Irene Walker; nieces, Janice (Harry) Brinks, Lavonna Evans, Oliva Henry, Melvina Stokes, Alice Stokes, Dorian Stokes, Leah Stokes and Rosalyn Willis; nephews, Nelson (Lornette) Stokes, Roy (Ilmo Jean) Willis, William (Rose) Stokes; and a host of great nieces, nephews and friends; and one friend who was like a sister, Lorraine Pearson.

WALLACE, James H., born June 10, 1930, in Tazewell, Va.; died April 8, 2017, in Worthington, Ohio. He was a member of the Worthington church; a lifetime member of the Adventist church and served over the years as a Sabbath school superintendent, chorister, choir member and in a men's quartet. James was an employee of Worthington Foods and also a locksmith at Harding Hospital in Worthington. He wrote a book about his Army life during the Korean conflict, titled *The Day God Joined the Army*. August 23, 1953, Ellen G. White's great grandson performed his marriage to Frances Elizabeth Bradley. Survivors: his wife, Frances, of Worthington; his daughter, Wanetha (John) Rickard of Columbus, Ohio; his brothers, John Wallace of Bluefield, Va., and Bob Wallace of Augusta, S.C.; his brother-in-law, Glenn Bradley of High Point, N.C.; and his sister-in-law, Mary Alice Lane Miller of Perry, Fla.

WARREN, James W., Jr., died April 18, 2017, in Silver Spring, Md., at the age of 96. Born in Spring Hope, N.C., James was the eldest of four sons born to James Wiley, Sr., and Effie Warren. He was a member of the Maranatha church in Tallahassee, Fla., and served as an elder, lay pastor, missionary and spiritual leader. James was a vocational education coordinator for the state of North Carolina and also a vocational education officer for the U.S. Department of Education, receiving numerous awards and recognition for his service. He served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1945. He is survived by his six remaining children: Juan Warren, James Warren, III, Juanita Buddy, retired Leon County Judge Judith Warren Awkins, Joyce Warren, and Justina Murrell; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. His wife, Margerye; son, Joseph Warren, Sr.; and daughter, Jennifer Warren, predeceased him.

Sunset Calendar

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Baltimore	8:02	8:09	8:15	8:21
Cincinnati	8:33	8:40	8:46	8:52
Cleveland	8:27	8:34	8:41	8:48
Columbus	8:29	8:36	8:42	8:48
Jersey City	7:55	8:02	8:09	8:15
Norfolk	7:56	8:02	8:08	8:13
Parkersburg	8:21	8:28	8:35	8:41
Philadelphia	7:57	8:04	8:11	8:17
Pittsburgh	8:18	8:25	8:31	8:38
Reading	8:01	8:08	8:15	8:21
Richmond	8:02	8:08	8:14	8:20
Roanoke	8:11	8:17	8:23	8:29
Toledo	8:35	8:42	8:49	8:56
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