Did you receive the letter? It was mailed out a couple of weeks ago, but it is so important and exciting, we should reprint it here.

The North American Division, Griggs University and the Review & Herald Publishing Association have teamed up to fund the creation of an Adventist Early Childhood Curriculum. Currently, we are looking for individuals interested in writing curriculum units - for pay!

Here are the basics:

The proposed writer must:

• Be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in good and regular standing according to GC policy
• Have and earned B.S. degree or higher, preferably in Early Childhood, Child Development or an Elementary Degree with a Kindergarten endorsement
• Have experience teaching in the early childhood field
• Be creative
• Have a willingness to commit to deadlines
• Have the ability to self-start and self-monitor
• Have computer skills as this project will be completed electronically
• Be able to follow a curriculum template

We are especially in need of infant and toddler specialists.

Please provide the names of individuals who might be interested in sharing their creative knowledge and getting paid for it. Remember, also, to submit the names of those individuals who are not currently working full time; they might want to earn some extra income as well!

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for involvement. Your input is very valuable and much needed.

Be sure to visit us at the NAEYC Convention in Chicago to learn more; but, of course, we will keep you informed via the ACCN newsletter.

Employment Opportunity:

Teacher needed at Precious Jewels Early Learning Center
Contact: Shelli Palmer
3650 Sunbury Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219
Phone: (614)249-7111
New Board Members Elected

President-Elect
Christine Gillan-Byrne holds a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in special education from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA, an Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S) from La Sierra University, Riverside, CA and is completing a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree in Educational Administration and Leadership also from La Sierra University. Her undergraduate degree in early childhood was earned at Pacific Union College. From 1993-2001 she was the administrator for Kiddie Kollege, the child development center on the campus of Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska and lead consultant for Child Care Problems and Solutions. During this time she was also president of the Nebraska Association for the Advancement of Child Care Services (NAACCS), a non-profit training and certification organization. She is a member in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the editor for the Adventist Child Care Network (ACCN) Newsletter, category editor for Curriculum and Instruction Resource Center Linking Educators (CIRCLE) which is the on-line Seventh-day Adventist clearinghouse for curriculum and other instructional resources, and Coordinator for Early Childhood Education and Care Programs for the Pacific Union Conference Office of Education.

Immediate Past-President
Kayla Sanderson has been the President of the Adventist Child Care Network for the past four years. Under her leadership, ACCN has completed a directory of all Adventist early childhood programs within the North American Division (NAD) and beyond, enjoyed recognition at the 2006 NAD Teacher’s Convention, and provided valuable discussion to the NAD Early Childhood Task Force formed by the NAD in 2006. Kayla has a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Oakwood College and a Master of Sciences Degree in Early Childhood Education from the Ohio State University. Her work experience includes teaching in an early childhood center, being a center director and currently, she provides developmental screening for families eligible for charitable services.

Secretary
Eunice Alexander has a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Administration and over 20 years experience in the early childhood field. Over ten years ago, she developed the concept for what is now known as the Adventist Child Care Network. She has been an ACCN board member in the past and recently asked to become involved again. Currently, she is director for the Sligo Child Development Center in Takoma Park, Maryland. As an adjunct professor at Columbia Union College, she teaches classes in early childhood education. In addition, Eunice validates accreditation for the state of Maryland.

Reporting Treasurer
Martha Shepherd has had an incredible career: Nursing, education and for several years now, she has been the director for Wee Care Child Center. In 1993, she was on the founding board of Wee Care and soon afterward became the center’s director. Her skills and experience as the church treasurer have served her well. The center’s finances have been stable and strong under her leadership. As a result, the local Union office has asked her to provide valuable assistance and budgeting advice to several other center directors on several occasions. Martha has been the reporting treasurer for ACCN for over two (2) years and has graciously agreed to continue in this position upon membership approval.

Board Member-at-Large
Tina Miller is the director for Our Little Ones Preschool and Childcare in Shreveport, Louisiana and a member of the NAD Early Childhood Task Force. As a member of the NAD Early Childhood Task Force, she works closely with
the local conference office and union offices of education on behalf of the early childhood programs within the Southwestern Union. She has an earned Child Development Credential and experience as a pre-kindergarten teacher and assistant center director. In addition to her daily duties, Tina also volunteers to teach church-sponsored outreach classes in Parenting, Divorce Care, and Boundaries.

**Board Member-at-Large**

Anita Ahrens began her career in early childhood during her freshman year at Union College. From the beginning of her employment, Anita demonstrated incredible versatility, adaptability, and capability by working with every age group. Just before her second year of employment, she became the Student Worker Supervisor responsible for scheduling and supervising all the college students working for the college's center. Anita graduated Union College with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and an A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. Shortly thereafter, she became the center’s Assistant Director, a post she held for four years before becoming the director. She has been an ACCN board member-at-large for the past four (4) years and readily agreed to continue in this position upon membership approval. Anita is married with two young sons.

**Board Member-at-Large**

Julie Yamada is an early childhood graduate from Pacific Union College. She has experience as a center director, teacher and is currently teaching two-year-olds at the St. Helena Discoveryland preschool. The preschool provides experience for college students majoring in early childhood education and are required to have experience teaching young children. Julie has supervisory responsibilities for the college students as well as her classroom of children. In addition, she serves as a member of the Pacific Union Conference Early Childhood Education and Care Curriculum Committee. She has been an ACCN board member-at-large for the past two (2) years with many visionary ideas and readily agreed to continue in this position upon membership approval. Julie is married and the mother of a young toddler son.

**Board Member-at-Large**

Jana Wolverton graduated from Union College with an Associates degree in Early Childhood Development. She has worked as a nanny in New York and Lincoln, NE. After graduating from Union, she moved to Saipan, a little island in the South Pacific where she worked with the principal of the Adventist elementary school to start up and direct a preschool and child care center. After two (2) successful years, she returned to the states and spent a year managing an office in Boise, Idaho. The early childhood field called to her, though and after a year she moved to

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**The purposes of ACCN include:**

1. To affirm, encourage and empower all engaged in the weekday ministry to children. *(On-going)*
2. To provide opportunities for professional and spiritual growth. *(On-going)*
3. To provide networking opportunities for Seventh-day Adventist Child Development Centers. *(On-going)*
4. To set certification standards for child care providers. *(In process)*
5. To foster unity between all areas of child development within the Adventist Church. *(On-going)*
6. To encourage the incorporation of Early Childhood Education in the nurture and outreach programs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. *(On-going)*
7. To foster working relationships with the world church, unions, conferences, local churches, and schools. *(On-going)*
8. To encourage surveys and research in the area of Child Development and Early Childhood Education in cooperation with the North American Division. *(In process)*
9. To counsel with the North American Division and General Conference in the development and review of programs and strategies for Child Development. *(In process)*
10. To provide guidance and resources to training organizations, colleges, and universities. *(In process)*
11. To advocate the hiring of Early Childhood specialists at all organizational levels of the Adventist Church. *(In process)*
12. To develop working relationships with other Early Childhood Education organizations. *(On-going)*
13. To encourage child care centers to obtain national accreditation. *(In process)*
New Board Members, continued

Seattle, WA and began working as the director for Children's World before moving to the Kirkland Adventist Preschool and Daycare. Currently, Jana is working as the director of Loving to Learn Early Childhood Development Center and the School Age Center. Loving to Learn is a feeder for the Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School and an outreach to the community, a mission Jana and her staff believe every family is brought to their center by Christ and their desire is to help each of them. Jana is married and the mother of a 5 year old daughter and 3 year old son.

Board Member-at-Large

The formative stage of Juanita Marshall’s career as an Early Childhood educator began with both typical and special needs children in Trinidad at the age of sixteen. Choosing Early Childhood Education as a career, she continued her education in this area after migrating to Canada in the early ‘70s and obtained a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from George Brown College. With over thirty years of professional experience, she has served in different capacities in both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. At present, she is the Director of Lawrence Heights Daycare Centre, a government subsidized organization with an enrollment of 95 children and 21 staff members. She also serves on the Board of Directors, reviewing and creating policies and procedures for ECE programs. As an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, she has held various positions of responsibility including music director, Sabbath School superintendent and church elder. Currently, she serves in a consulting capacity for Toronto West Adventist Church as they consider establishing a child care enter in their church. Juanita is married to Dennis Marshall, Director of Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Together, they have two adult children.