The Pacific Union Conference is hosting the next ACS convention. On several occasions we took a poll to see if individuals would like to have the convention on a cruise. The response was overwhelmingly positive. So, we will have the 2014 convention on a Mexican Riviera cruise aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines Star from March 16-23. North American Division ACS ministry Directors will be holding workshops.

For more information, please go to the ACS website: www.communityservices.org. Click on the advertisement for the convention to see the URL for more information or to download the brochure.

Please book through Inspiration Cruises so we will have the appropriate materials ready for you. This may be done at www.InspirationCruises.com/SDA or by calling toll free 855-832-0846. You may also call this number for more information about the cruise.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the convention.

A full slate of workshops will be held as well as daily worship services. However, there will be three afternoons scheduled for taking excursions if desired. This will be a great time to network, support each other, and have a little time to relax.
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This intensive two session program is taught by a group of professionals who teach participants how to operate and minister effectively.

This training is provided by North American Division (NAD) Adventist Community Services, in partnership with Washington Adventist University Center for Metropolitan Ministry, Andrews University, Philanthropic Services for Institutions, General Conference Sabbath School/Personal Ministries, Adventist World Radio and Adventist Risk Management.

Participants will learn:

Leadership:

- To improve participants' abilities to affect individual, organization, and community changes.
Management:

- To improve participants' abilities to effectively handle the administrative responsibilities of nonprofit management.

Social Dimensions of Evangelism:

- To improve participants' abilities through biblical concepts of holistic ministry to minister in dynamic environments.

"It was a pleasure to be involved in such a meaningful, useful and well planned training. I found that the Non-Profit Leadership Training is essential to church leaders and organizers and could be beneficial to many more in our congregations. I believe there are many who sit in the pews who are not motivated to use their leadership gifts from God. This is the type of preparation that will bump us up a few notches preparing us for more effective ministry. My plan is to use this in conjunction with my formal training to be a more effective servant leader. Again, thank you for your ministry." - Michele Gamble

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North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists® : 11-13-13
Adventists Donating for Typhoon Haiyan Relief

Participate in donating to a special offering for the Philippines to assist our Adventist churches and members in need following the devastating super-storm, Typhoon Haiyan. 100% of these funds will be sent to assist Adventist members directly affected by the disaster. Churches can use the downloadable flyer/bulletin inserts in English, Spanish and French posted below. Make checks payable to Philippine Typhoon Relief and be sure to mark your envelope as such for this special offering.

ADRA Canada has received a one-to-one match fund from the government of Canada for donations received from individual Canadians by December 9 in response to Super Typhoon Haiyan. Donations must be specifically designated to this disaster (see requirements). Use their dedicated Typhoon Haiyan donation page or call 888-274-2372 to donate. All the funds donated on this webpage will be used only for Typhoon Haiyan response. Connect with and share ADRA Canada news and updates:

If you wish to donate to the broader relief effort for Typhoon Haiyan where food, shelter and other assistance is provided to the general public affected by the disaster, mark your offering envelope “ADRA Typhoon Haiyan” or donate online at www.ADRA.org.

Members are asked not to collect and try to transport supplies to the island themselves.

Transportation and communication are difficult at best, and when many individuals or church groups flood the island with good intentions, it requires the use of more security, food, water, and space. Financial donations are more efficiently used in providing goods in bulk that are available to relief organizations at greatly reduced cost, and can be shipped from nearby ports to save money and time. Please pass this information on to your church members.

Haiyan, the strongest storm to ever make landfall, had claimed 2,344 lives as of Wednesday night, November 13, according to the Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council,

and that number is expected to rise. At this time, 79 are still missing. The storm affected 9.8 million people across the Philippines and Vietnam. Death is everywhere and hospitals are overwhelmed. With wind gusts exceeding 235 mph / 300km/h, storm surges two-stories high, and torrential rain, the super storm destroyed homes, schools, villages, and town centers and emergency shelters. In the northern part of Cebu Island, up to 97% of structures in the storm's path were destroyed. ADRA teams immediately went to work helping those affected to survive. An ADRA team has finally reached northern Cebu and succeeded in conducting a rapid assessment of Daambantayan and Medellin towns.

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