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The website containing all of the writings of Seventh-day Adventist Church co-founder Ellen G. White was hacked and some of its copyrighted documents were offered for sale online, church officials said.

Ellen G. White Estate officials said they had confirmation earlier this year that hackers stole material from a password-protected database of White’s letters and manuscripts. Hackers also stole a mailing list, which they used to solicit sale of the stolen documents, estate officials said.

In response, the estate has filed a complaint against a group who identified themselves as the distributors of the stolen material.

White, who died in 1915, published more than 35 books and about 5,000 articles. In addition, she left with her estate some 8,300 letters and manuscripts, many of which have appeared in compilations since her death. Nearly 25 percent of that collection was published between 1981 and 1993 in a series of 21 volumes titled “Manuscript Releases.”

All of White’s letters and manuscripts have long been available for viewing, researching and photocopying within guidelines at White Estate research centers and branch offices worldwide. The collection is also being annotated for publication. The first volume is currently at the press.

Seventh-day Adventists believe White manifested the gift of prophecy during her 70-year ministry. Her estate was incorporated in 1933.

White is one of the most widely-translated female authors. Her well-known titles include “The Great Controversy,” “The Desire of Ages” and “Steps to Christ.” For more than a decade, all of her published materials have been available for free on the estate’s website. Her books are available online in more than 50 languages.

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Set for launch in November, a new Adventist-run satellite channel in Ukraine is expected to potentially
The approval last week of cable and satellite broadcast of Seventh-day Adventist Church television programming in Ukraine marks the first time a Protestant broadcaster has received a broadcast license in the Eastern European country.

The license, granted by Ukraine’s National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting, authorizes Hope Channel Ukraine to broadcast nationwide on 600 cable networks. Network officials say a 24/7 satellite channel is expected to launch in November.

“This is a major development for our church in Ukraine,” said Brad Thorp, Hope Channel president.

Network officials requested a broadcast license twice before the council granted approval. Previously, Hope Channel Ukraine programs aired on cable channels operated by other broadcasters in the country.

With the license, Hope Channel Ukraine can potentially “reach three out of every four persons in Ukraine,” Hope Channel Ukraine Director Vacheslav Demyan said in a press release from the network.

“Imagine what this will mean for God’s work here.”

Prior to the approval, national regulations prevented any religious broadcaster from obtaining a broadcast license, said Oleg Kostyuk, a Hope Channel program host at the network’s headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States.

“There are no Protestant television channels in Ukraine. But there will be one now,” said Kostyuk, a native Ukrainian. “This is not just good news; this is a major and miraculous breakthrough,” he added.

According to the press release, Ukraine’s National Council on Television and Radio Broadcasting considers Hope Channel Ukraine an “educational-religious” broadcaster.

Hope Channel Ukraine is expected to broadcast Bible lessons and programs on healthy living, music and lifestyle, as well as programs for children, young people and families. Network officials say Hope Channel Ukraine will broadcast 18 hours of programming in Ukrainian per day, with an additional six hours of content in other languages spoken in the region.

More than 60,000 Adventists worship in some 900 Adventist churches in Ukraine. The church also operates a college, English language school, publishing house and the Voice of Hope Media Center in Kiev.
Pathfinder Camporee in South Korea is first for Northern Asia-Pacific Division

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The Northern Asia-Pacific Division’s first Pathfinder Camporee, held earlier this month, was a chance for young Seventh-day Adventists to fellowship with other Adventist youth from throughout the region.

The six-day event drew about 4,500 attendees from South Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States. It was held at church-run Sahmyook University in Seoul.

“I want to share my appreciation for the great support of our pastors, staff and volunteers for their wonderful dedication,” said Kim Nak Hyung, Youth Ministries director for the division.

In a sermon, Ron Whitehead, executive director of Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University in the U.S., said, “This Camporee was so full of creative programs, with music, drama, costume, culture, and new techniques. But most of all it has helped us to draw near to Jesus to share Him with other people.”

Nearly 100 Adventist youth were baptized during the event.

“Pathfinders” is a youth activity club sponsored by the Adventist world church. There are more than 2 million members worldwide.

The denomination’s Northern Asia-Pacific Division includes North Korea, South Korea, Japan, Mongolia, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The division has a claimed membership of 640,000.

The next division-wide camporee is scheduled for Taiwan in five years.

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