Looking forward to Sacramento

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ASI Board and Business Session meetings will be held immediately prior to the convention. This issue of the ASI Update contains many important announcements and notices pertaining to the convention, so please take time to review them.

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In addition to the powerful Members in Action testimonies, a special feature will be presented on the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible by the American Bible Society. The music committee has also planned something special for opening night of the convention.
Registration links and information are being updated daily on the ASI website Convention Registration page. Recent updates include:

**Business Session & New ASI Board Members:** Several new ASI chapter presidents have been elected this year and will join the ASI Board as voting members. Both ASI Missions Inc. and the ASI Board will meet immediately prior to the convention. The biannual ASI Business Session will also be held. For meeting dates and times, please see meeting notice in News & Notes below.

**Exhibitor Information:** The Exhibitor Materials link is now live on the ASI website Convention Registration page. All exhibitor forms and links have been posted by Exhibit Services, Inc.

**Convention Orchestra:** ASI musicians who play orchestra instruments are invited to join the Fountainview Academy-ASI Convention Orchestra this year. Visit www.fountainofmusic.com for more information and to fill out an application.

**Members in Action:** The program committee is looking for more Members in Action stories from the North American Division. Stories should be inspiring and attention-grabbing, with an emphasis on personal outreach or ministry experience. Please direct your story referrals to Esther Doss at esther@3angelsdeafministries.org or Ramon Chow at ramon.chow@nad.adventist.org.

**Facebook changes**

ASI currently maintains both a "group" and a "page" on Facebook, but will retire the Facebook group on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. To continue receiving ASI news, announcements, and ASI Update links in your Facebook news feed, visit the ASI Facebook Page and click "LIKE."

Don't forget to visit the 2011 ASI International Convention Event to keep up-to-date on convention developments.

**ASI membership & information**

Visit the ASI website for:

- For Membership Information or to download a Membership Application
- To watch Convention Media and other Media programming
- To visit the Bulletin Board for member needs, events and announcements
- To read recent issues of the ASI Update e-newsletter and Inside ASI magazine
- For ASI News & Events or to read about Projects
- To register for the 2011 ASI International Convention in Sacramento, California

Contact the ASI office at 301-680-6450 to order copies of ASI's brochure and promotional DVD to share with friends and potential members. Each promotional DVD includes The ASI Convention Experience video and several episodes of ASI Video Magazine.
Session meetings at the upcoming convention.

Shores of the Charles River, drawing more than 200 attendees.

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"We're excited this year in the music arena to be teaming up two different music ministries in an opening night mini-concert from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.," says music committee chair Patti Guthrie. "Under the direction of Craig Cleveland, the Fountainview Academy orchestra and choir, along with the ASI convention orchestra, will provide accompaniment for an all-live concert featuring Morning Song vocal artist Jennifer LaMountain, among others."

The concert will be widely advertised in the Greater Sacramento area in anticipation of a great turnout on opening night of the convention. Other music participants will include choirs from Daystar Academy and Weimar Academy, Weimar College String Ensemble, Valley View Quartet, Heralds of Hope Men's Chorus, and an Adventist choir from Phoenix, Arizona.

A full listing of each general session's participants, including Members in Action and musicians, will be posted on the ASI website. Please check the website Convention Registration page regularly for new links and information.

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Business Session and ASI Board meeting notice

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Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the Sacramento Convention Center, Floor 2, Room 202, Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) will conduct its biannual business session for the purpose of electing officers and directors, receiving a report of activities during the prior two years, reviewing financial statements, and conducting such other business as may properly come before the voting delegates as defined by the ASI Constitution and By-laws.

On behalf of our ASI President and Board Chair, Norm Reitz, I would like to welcome four new ASI chapter presidents to the ASI Board:

Atlantic Union Chapter President—Andetta ("Andi") Hunsaker, MD
Lake Union Chapter President—Debbie Young (past NAD-ASI president)
Mid-America Union President—Jesse Johnson
North Pacific Union President—Carolyn McHan

The new chapter presidents automatically join as voting members of the ASI Board, and will give chapter reports during the ASI Board meeting (schedule below).

The complete ASI Board meeting schedule is as follows:

**ASI Missions Inc.**
Monday, August 1, at 5:00 p.m.
(supper; spouses invited)

**ASI Board**
Tuesday, August 2, at 9:00 a.m. (resumes after lunch until no later than 4:00 p.m.)
(luncheon; spouses and onsite ASI staff invited)

**ASI Business Session (biannual)**
Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting locations will be posted on the Convention Registration page of the ASI website and by notice in the summer 2011 issue of Inside ASI magazine.

God bless each of you,

Ramon Chow
Secretary-Treasurer
ASI-North American Division
ASI Atlantic Union revived at convention in Cambridge

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Chapter president Andi Hunsaker and her husband, Bob, worked tirelessly in recent months, visiting churches and conferences in the Atlantic Union and making full use of modern technology to promote the event. On Sabbath, more than 200 people attended the meetings presented by Ty Gibson of Light Bearers Ministry and the Nebblott Family. The South Lancaster Academy choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Lira Cady, blessed the group with musical presentations.

"Each message truly filled all of us who listened with renewed love for God and inspired us all to deepen our walks with the Lord and work ever more faithfully for Him," said Hunsaker. "Many obstacles were miraculously overcome to make this meeting come about. The Lord truly answered all of my prayers."

The most dramatic answer to Hunsaker's prayer came on Sabbath morning when the group exceeded the chapter's project offering goal of $40,000, receiving $40,134.94 that will enable the chapter to fund all four of its chosen projects.

"[There is] so much energy and enthusiasm in this room that should carry us forward for many years," said Robert Carruther, an attendee who applied for ASI membership during the event.

Representatives from ASI National were there, including secretary-treasurer Ramon Chow and his wife, Elizabeth, administrative assistant Gail Reitz, and ASI president Norm Reitz and his wife, Gail. Also attending were Denzil and Donna McNeilus, Barbara Taylor, and Leasa Hodges—all current or former ASI officers or staff.

Chapter officers were elected or reelected at the business meeting Sunday morning, including Hunsaker as president.

Visit the ASI Atlantic Union website.

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White Horse Media opens new headquarters

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Despite many challenges throughout the building process, White Horse Media has finally begun operating from its new headquarters in Priest River, Idaho.

WHM is in the business of "Proclaiming His Salvation, Truth, and Triumphant Return" through various media outlets, including radio, television, books, tapes, CDs & DVDs, public seminars and the World Wide Web.

"Yes, we're finally operating inside our new building," shared speaker/director Steve Wohlberg in a recent WHM e-newsletter. "But what a struggle it has been. In the last few days three of our key staff have been hit hard with sickness.... But thank God we are all working today inside our new office—and the phone lines just keep ringing."

Wohlberg has built a niche ministry appearing as a guest on various television and radio programs that deal with end time events and media topics such as the popular Twilight series. The ministry formerly operated from Newport, Washington.

Visit the White Horse Media website.

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Amazing Facts challenges end-of-world prediction

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Amazing Facts speaker/director Doug Batchelor has publicly challenged Family Radio speaker Harold Camping's prediction that the world will end on Saturday, May 21, 2011, precisely at 6:00 p.m. Camping has promoted the prediction worldwide on billboards and websites, creating a media frenzy that some are ridiculeing and some are taking seriously.

Batchelor has offered Camping $100,000 to hand over the deed and rights to the Family Radio network if the prediction fails, explaining, "The Bible clearly teaches in Matthew 24:36 that 'No man knows the day and hour' of Jesus' return. Christ also warned that in the last days, there would be many false teachers. It is worth asking then, does Camping's prediction match what the Bible really tells us about Christ's return? I don't believe it does."

Batchelor's primary concern is that "reckless predictions" concerning end-time events "create an artificial excitement among believers followed by a corresponding depression. In addition, it hardens skeptics in their unbelief and provides new fodder for cynics to mock the Christian faith."

Amazing Facts, a Sacramento-based ministry, receives more than 300,000 inquiries about Bible prophecy and related topics each year. Batchelor's challenge has drawn national media attention from news networks, including CNBC.

Batchelor is scheduled to be the keynote speaker on opening night of the upcoming ASI International Convention August 3-6, 2011, in Sacramento.

Visit the Amazing Facts website.

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