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Visit the ASI website Leadership page to learn more about the new and continuing ASI officers and leaders.

2011 General Sessions & Seminars Online
Visit the Convention Media webpage for the latest 2011 convention media links. Video and audio links are already posted for most of the general sessions. Audio links are available for the seminars, with video links to follow by the end of August. Share the links with family and friends who missed the convention!

**DVD & Audio Recordings**

DVD and audio recordings of convention programs are available for purchase from AudioVerse. Visit the AudioVerse website.

**2011 Convention & Seminar Survey**

Please take the 2011 Convention & Seminar Survey and help ASI leaders plan future conventions. Your feedback makes a difference!

**Ministry Stories**

ASI member ministries, organizations and individuals are encouraged to submit ministry news stories, announcements and advertisements for publication in the bimonthly ASI Update e-newsletter and biannual Inside ASI magazine. Submit items by e-mail to Conna Bond, ASI communication director, at conna.bond@nad.adventist.org.
2011 ASI International Convention—More Than Numbers

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“The times we live in.” That phrase is increasingly tossed around in religious and secular gatherings alike as the world collectively wonders how to respond to wave after wave of crisis. The messages presented by 8 general session speakers and 24 seminar presenters were varied but marked by a sense of urgency reflected in the convention theme, “Finishing Strong.”

Doug Batchelor, speaker/director for Amazing Facts in Roseville, Calif., talked of courage in his keynote address. Frank Fournier, president of Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colo., urged deeper understanding of what we as Adventists believe in preparation for the end times we’re already in. Ivor Myers, pastor and president of Power of the Lamb and ARME ministries, packed the entire Great Controversy theme, including all major doctrines and prophecies, into 38 breathtaking minutes.

Officers were elected or re-elected for two-year terms, with Frank Fournier taking the helm as president. Despite natural reticence, Fournier embraced the challenge of leadership and accepted the symbolic Bible and gavel from outgoing president Norm Reitz, who will return to his law practice and to lending his legal support to the church in California.

"Occasionally, life can drastically change course without warning," said Fournier in response to his election. "I never could have been more surprised to be asked to be ASI president. My heart's burden is to bring the focus around to spiritual preparation of God's people to ensure success in our ministries."

The statistics are interesting, but the 2011 convention experience cannot be quantified. If you missed the convention, the general sessions and seminars will be made available for viewing or download on the ASI website. Many are already posted. Meanwhile, start making plans for next year!

Visit the Convention Media page.

Read ASI EVENT Draws Record Crowds, Missionary Offering (Adventist Review online report).

Photo: Incoming ASI president Frank Fournier receives Bible, gavel and personal charge from outgoing president Norman Reitz during the final session of the 2011 ASI International Convention (photo by Adam Jackson)
ASI officers were elected or re-elected during the 2011 ASI International Convention. Each will serve a two-year term, as well as serving on the ASI Board. From left: Terry Anderson, Stan Smith, Frank Fournier, Donna McNeilus, Harold Lance, Steve Dickman and Ramon Chow.

Frank Fournier, President  
Donna McNeilus, General Vice President  
Ramon Chow, Secretary-Treasurer  
Terry Anderson, Vice President for Evangelism  
Stan Smith, Vice President for Finance  
Steve Dickman, Vice President for Membership  
Harold Lance, President of ASI Missions Inc.

Frank Fournier was born and raised in a French Canadian home. He gave his heart to Jesus at age 25 and never looked back. He served as president of Woodland Park Foundation in Northern Ontario, taught Bible at Fountainview Academy in British Columbia, and served with his wife, Janet, for ten years in Zambia, Africa, where he directed Riverside Farm Institute. He also served as executive vice president for Outpost Centers International, and is currently the president of Eden Valley Institute in Loveland, Colorado.
Donna McNeilus, a past ASI president, is from Dodge Center, Minnesota. She and her husband, Denzil, have been involved with ASI for many years. She is a wife, mother and servant of Jesus. She has three children and one daughter-in-law. She and her husband own Sterling State Bank and are passionate about sharing Christ in their marketplace and around the world.

Ramon Chow began serving as ASI's secretary-treasurer in September 2008. He began his career as assistant treasurer at the Adventist university in Medellin, Colombia. He then served in Costa Rica and Nicaragua before moving to the United States, where he has held leadership positions at La Sierra University, Atlantic Union College, and the Southern New England, Texas, and Chesapeake Conferences. Ramon and his wife, Elizabeth, have no children, but love spending time with their nephews and nieces. An avid Ham Radio hobbyist, Ramon enjoys talking with friends around the world and holds advanced licenses in the United States and Colombia.
Stan Smith and his wife, Kathy, live in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. They have two adult daughters, Alonna Smith and Sondra Houghton. Stan is the president of Silver Hills Bakery, and is also works closely with Fountainview Academy, a supporting ministry located in Lillooet, British Columbia.

Terry Anderson lives with his family in Franktown, Colorado, where they are actively involved with their local ASI chapter. *(Bio forthcoming)*

Steve Dickman is currently the president of Harbert Hills Academy in Savannah, Tennessee. *(Bio forthcoming)*
Harold Lance lives with his wife, Joan, in Spokane, Washington. They have three children and eight grandchildren. He practiced law in California for 32 years, and also served in the army as a special agent for the Counter Intelligence Corps. After retirement, he served for nine years as president of Outpost Centers International. He is also a past president of ASI. As president of ASI Missions Inc., he is involved in evaluating projects for ASI funding.

Additional ASI Boardmembers

NAD President — Dan Jackson
Assistant to the President — Kenneth Denslow
Treasurer — G. Thomas Evans
NAD Appointees — Randy Robinson and Duane McKey
Union Chapter Presidents — Lorayne Barton (Pacific Union), Floyd Courtney (Southwestern Union), Andetta Hunsaker (Atlantic Union), Debbie Young (Lake Union), Carolyn McHan (North Pacific Union), Denise Hayden (Columbia Union), Jesse Johnson (Mid-America Union), and Calvin Thrash (Southern Union).
Immediate Past President — Norman Reitz

ASI Missions, Inc.

President — Harold Lance
Board Members — Terry Anderson, Ramon Chow, Dan Houghton, Ellsworth McKee, Rusty McKee, Denzil McNeilus, Garwin McNeilus, Radim Passer, Volker Schmidt, Blondel Senior, Carroll Shoffner, Jane Sines, Stan Smith and Debbie Young

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2011 Convention Survey

Your feedback is important to us as we begin planning next year's ASI Convention. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey regarding your experience at the 2011 ASI Convention in Sacramento, California. Your input will make a difference!

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Sharon Blumenberg at 423-902-0523.

THANK YOU!

Please rate the following convention elements by indicating the number that best reflects your response on a scale of 1 to 5:

1 = poor
5 = excellent

Promotional materials received prior to convention:
  ○ 1 = Poor
  ○ 2
  ○ 3
  ○ 4
  ○ 5 = Excellent

Efficiency of the registration process:
  ○ 1 = Poor
  ○ 2
  ○ 3
  ○ 4
  ○ 5 = Excellent

Exhibits:
  ○ 1 = Poor
  ○ 2
  ○ 3
  ○ 4
  ○ 5 = Excellent

Food service:
  ○ 1 = Poor
  ○ 2
  ○ 3
  ○ 4
  ○ 5 = Excellent

Youth & children's programs:
  ○ 1 = Poor
  ○ 2
  ○ 3
  ○ 4
  ○ 5 = Excellent

Spiritual tone of meetings:
  ○ 1 = Poor
  ○ 2
  ○ 3
  ○ 4
  ○ 5 = Excellent
Music:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Sabbath school program:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Sabbath worship hour program:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Please rate the seminars you attended:

Seminar #1 (enter title or presenter of first seminar attended):

Seminar #1 Did this seminar meet your expectations?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #1 Would you repeat this topic in the future?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #1
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Seminar #1 Comments
Seminar #2 (enter title or presenter of second seminar attended):

Seminar #2 Did this seminar meet your expectations?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #2 Would you repeat this topic in the future?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #2:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Seminar #2 Comments

Seminar #3 (enter title or presenter of third seminar attended):

Seminar #3 Did this seminar meet your expectations?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #3 Would you repeat this topic in the future?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #3:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Seminar #3 Comments

Seminar #4 (enter title or presenter of fourth seminar attended):
Seminar #4 Did this seminar meet your expectations?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #4 Would you repeat this topic in the future?
- Yes
- No

Seminar #4:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

Seminar #4 Comments

Please indicate your overall rating and evaluation of the 2011 ASI Convention:
- 1 = Poor
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 = Excellent

General comments and suggestions for future conventions:

Comments and suggestions regarding convention youth programming:

Suggested speakers, seminar presenters or musicians for future conventions:
Comments and suggestions regarding convention information on the ASI website:

Other suggestions that would motivate you to attend future conventions:

Other comments: