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**Adventist Women Continue Campaign to End Domestic Violence:** The GC has announced plans that call for each Adventist church to have resources to intervene as first responders in matters of domestic violence against women and girls....

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The Record Keeper' Internet Drama Series Will Not Be Distributed

By AT News Team, April 12, 2014

Late Friday afternoon (April 11) the General Conference (GC) of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination announced a decision to suspend the release of the 11-episode Internet video drama series The Record Keeper. The news release from the GC stated that the decision was based on a theological analysis by the Biblical Research Institute (BRI) which identified "problematic and theologically inaccurate matters" in the series and that "church leaders were looking for a much stronger portrayal of the love of God, the creation of a perfect world, the plan of salvation and the final renewal of heaven and earth as recorded in the Bible."

The news release also stated that denominational leaders from different parts of the world, as well as the headquarters staff in Silver Spring, Maryland, "evaluated the series, participated in the discussions and the decision-making process." It gave no further details on how this process was conducted nor who specifically was involved. Since the officers of the 13 GC divisions are in Silver Spring for meetings this week, they may have played a role in this decision.

The Record Keeper is a drama about the cosmic conflict between good and evil which is a primary theme in Adventist theology. It uses two fictional characters who symbolize categories mentioned in the Bible; Cadan and Larus, two angels who struggle to maintain their friendship after universal civil war breaks out. Another character portrays the title role, Raina, an angel who pursues a record of events while trying to make sense of the chaos.

The movie series is innovative in at least two ways that Adventist Today has previously reported. First, it uses a genre called "Steam punk" in its design and production, and it is designed to be distributed via the Internet, by Web sites such as YouTube, instead of through the more traditional means of public showings in theaters or auditoriums or by the sale of DVDs or the purchase of television broadcast time.

The GC news release also said that denominational leaders "expressed their continued desire to produce creative material that would ... capture the attention of people seeking divine truth." Pastor Ted Wilson, the GC president was specifically quoted; "Adventist world church leadership is committed to using and developing creative methods of outreach ... to reach segments of the population that will never be impacted by traditional evangelism."

"It is difficult to sort out how much of this is about a disagreement over 'artistic license' and how much of it is about theological disagreements," a source familiar with the pilot segment of The Record Keeper and denominational procedures told Adventist Today. "It is impossible until we see the detailed report from the BRI and which theologian or Bible scholars actually did the evaluation."

Additional documentation was not made available at the same time as the news release, and the release came after Adventist Today had already published its weekly AT Update by Email. The GC offices are now closed for the Sabbath. On Monday an Adventist Today reporter will contact the GC news office and request the full BRI report and other documentation.
Missing Adventist Doctor’s Body Found in Indiana: Teleka Patrick Funeral

By Adventist Today News Team, April 15, 2014

Cable News Network (CNN) reported late last week that a body found in a lake in Indiana near a major highway was identified as Dr. Teleka Patrick, the young Adventist physician in Michigan who has been missing since early December. The body was discovered by a fisherman in Lake Charles, west of Gary, Indiana, on April 6, according to an official announcement by the Porter County Coroner’s Office. Patrick’s car was found in December on the side of Interstate 94 with a flat tire just south of the lake.

At the request of Patrick’s family, a second autopsy has confirmed her death was caused by drowning, Jim Carlin, a private investigator from Battle Creek hired by the family, told local news media in Michigan. Carlin said he was present for the second autopsy, but Patrick's family has still not ruled out foul play despite the fact that no signs of it were found. Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller has officially announced that his office has completed its investigation and that Patrick died from accidental drowning. It will take several weeks for his investigators to get a toxicology report which would confirm the exact cause of death. Carlin said that Patrick's family still wants to know "what truly happened to her," although Fuller has stated that the case is "as solved as it is going to be."

The young doctor was 30 and went missing after working a shift at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo where she was a first year resident in psychiatry with the medical school at Western Michigan University. She had graduated from Loma Linda University in the spring of 2013 with a medical degree and a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Her car was reported the same night and Indiana State Police arrived at the scene about 10 minutes after a caller reported seeing the vehicle in the ditch, but Patrick and the car keys were gone. Several searches were conducted in the area, but this was in the middle of one of the most brutal winters on record in this part of the Midwest.

Patrick's funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday (April 25) at Mount Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church in Orlando. There are also a number of memorial services scheduled across the United States, as reported by Rex Hall on Michigan Live (mlive.com). On Thursday (April 24) a memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. in Kalamazoo (Michigan) at Trinity Temple Adventist Church on East G Avenue and at 7 p.m. in New York City at the Linden Adventist Church. In Loma Linda (California) a memorial service is planned for April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the University Church. More memorial services are being planned at Oakwood University, in Hyattsville (Maryland) and in Jamaica.
Adventist Women Continue Campaign to End Domestic Violence

From ANN, April 17, 2014

The End It Now campaign to stop violence against women and girls seeks to train enough first responders to deal with domestic violence in each Adventist congregation around the world. An event to start training both volunteers and church employees is scheduled for May 1-4 at the offices of the denomination's General Conference (GC) in Silver Spring, Maryland. The first-responder training curriculum that will be introduced was developed by Southern Adventist University near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The "Summit on Abuse" is being organized by the GC Women's Ministries Department. Ironically, some of the same church members who opposed the formation of this department in the 1980s are now involved in opposition to extending clergy ordination to women who work for the denomination as pastors.

“It’s disturbing how much abuse goes on that we don’t know about within Christian homes,” said Heather-Dawn Small, GC director of women’s ministries. “We want attendees of this summit to go back to their churches and train others to be first responders so we can help people who are being abused.” Her department is co-sponsoring the summit along with the denomination’s North American Division and departments of health, family life, youth, chaplaincy and the Ministerial Association.

Since 2001, the denomination has asked all of its local congregations to engage in an “abuse prevention emphasis Sabbath” on the fourth Saturday of August. Small said the initiative will continues newly renamed the End It Now Sabbath. Many conferences and union conferences in the denomination heavily promote education about the issue.

Small said the Adventist Church is ahead of other religious organizations in admitting that there is a widespread problem, promoting awareness of domestic violence and efforts to bring healing and hope for those being abused. Previous annual campaigns have focused on abuse of children, violence toward women and emotional abuse.

“People need to be aware that abuse happens and what to do about it,” Small said. “A lot of times people just say, take it to the pastor. But pastors need first-responder training, too.” She said people need to be aware about what to say and not to say to a person who reveals that they are being abused. Listening is key, she said. Also, a first-responder needs to see if the person wants to file a police report or see a doctor. Often, a social worker should be brought in to assess the situation, she said.

Small said people also need to be aware of signs that a person could be an abuser. One red flag, she said, is control. “He’s telling you what to wear, how to have your hair, where to go—he’s not respecting you and letting you make your own decisions.” A sign of a potential emotional abuser, Small said, is that he gets angry when his partner disagrees with him.

Small said many people would be surprised how often physical abuse begins while the couple is only dating, yet they still get married, with one person hoping the other person will change. “What we are finding out is that many of our young girls are already in abusive relationships—physically or emotionally—and they feel powerless to get out of the dating relationship.

Dr. Willie Oliver, co-director of the denomination’s Family Ministries department confirmed that abuse is happening in
Adventist homes. “It is our responsibility as the people of God to help people in need,” Oliver said. “We want everyone to be well—those being abused and those doing the abusing. But that’s not going to happen until we acknowledge the fact that abuse is taking place in many of our homes. We must be intentional about helping those being abused to find safety and emotional assistance. We must also be concerned about getting help for abusers who are willing to change.”

To register for the summit or to see resources on abuse prevention, use a search engine on the Web to find www.enditnow.org. Adventist Today will cover the event with daily bulletins from an editor on site as well as a major feature story and other materials.

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Adventist Governing Body Adopts Guidelines for Sexuality Issues

By AT News Team, April 16, 2014

The executive committee of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination voted last week to adopt a seven-page document intended to provide guidelines for congregations, institutions and other organizations in dealing with current issues related to sexuality. The document emphasizes both the traditional position of the Adventist faith on sexual activity and compassion toward "alternative sexuality," the term used to refer to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex (LGBTI) people while differentiating between behavior and identity.

The primary focus of the guidelines is protecting the rights of Adventist organizations and positioning Adventist public statements and actions related to changing public attitudes and civil law in many nations. The document is entitled "Guidelines for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Responding to Changing Cultural Attitudes Regarding Homosexual and Other Alternative Sexual Practices." Guidelines are not the same thing as "policy" in the denomination's governance process, as Pastor Ted Wilson, GC president, reminded the committee as they considered the document. Guidelines are generally considered to have less authority than "policy," although many times in the past a modified version of guidelines have been voted into the Working Policy book after several years.

The document begins with a theological statement describing the principles undergirding the guidelines. It refers to "the divine ideal for humanity ... a core ingredient of stable societies," also intended by God "to provide joy, pleasure, and physical completeness." It states that "while the monogamous union in marriage of a man and a woman is affirmed as the divinely ordained foundation of the family and social life and the only morally appropriate locus of intimate sexual expression, singleness and the friendship of singles are within the divine design as well. Scripture, however, places a distinction between acceptable conduct in friendship relations and sexual conduct in marriage."

The document defines "wrong expressions of sexuality and ... destructive sexual behaviors ... as fornication, adultery, homosexual intimacies, incest, and polygamy." Bible texts are cited to support this view but without any acknowledgement or explanation of the widespread practice of polygamy among Old Testament patriarchs. The denomination "adheres without reservation to the divine ideal of pure, honorable, and loving sexual relations within heterosexual marriage, believing that any lowering of this high view is detrimental to humanity," the document summarizes its theological foundation.

The document describes five principles that are "counsel to congregations, church organizations and entities," and church administrators regarding the "complex issues surrounding civil governments' responses to the reality of homosexuality and alternative sexual practices in contemporary society." These are intended to help the denomination be consistent in various contexts around the world in both its Bible teachings and compassion toward people and authorities.

"1. All human governments exist through the provision and allowance of God." The denomination recognizes the authority of civil government in matters such as marriage, sexual behavior and social justice as separate from the church.

"2. Although the authority of human government is derived from the authority of God, the claims and jurisdictions of human governments are never ultimately definitive for either individual believers or the Church. Both individual believers and the Church owe supreme allegiance to God Himself."
"3. Because individual believers and the organized Church enjoy the rights and liberties given them by God and ratified by civil government, they may fully participate in the processes by which societies organize social life, provide for public and electoral order, and structure civil relationships." The denomination will seek protect the religious rights of its members and affiliated organizations.

"4. Because the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes and practices a wholistic understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ, its evangelistic, educational, publishing, medical, and other ministry organizations are integral and indivisible expressions of its fulfillment of the commission given by Jesus." The denomination will not agree that its institutions may be treated differently than congregations and conferences by civil law and courts.

"5. In their interface with civil governments and societies, both the Church and individual Seventh-day Adventists must conduct themselves as representatives of the kingdom of Christ, exhibiting His characteristics of love, humility, honesty, reconciliation, and commitment to the truths of the Word of God." Adventists are not to support laws that seek to criminalize certain sexual behaviors even if those laws seek to enforce Bible teachings; they must treat others with fairness and caring even when disagreeing on issues related to sexuality.

A following paragraph addresses specifically the conflict that may appear between the civil rights of LGBTI people and the religious liberty of those who believe differently: "In a growing number of nations, governments enact special legislative or judicial protection to prevent what they consider discriminatory behavior. Those protections sometimes appear to impair the religious-freedom rights of Seventh-day Adventist pastors, leaders, and Church organizations to employ persons, perform weddings, offer employment benefits, publish missional material, make public statements, and provide education or educational housing on the basis of the Seventh-day Adventist teaching about the sinfulness of sexual behaviors prohibited by Scripture."

Another paragraph addresses specifically the efforts to punish LGBTI people under criminal law in some countries: "Conversely, in a number of nations, homosexual or alternative sexual practices result in harsh penalties imposed by law. While Seventh-day Adventist institutions and members may appropriately advocate for preserving the unique and God-given institution of heterosexual marriage in their societies and legal codes, it is the position of the Church to treat those practicing homosexual or alternative sexual behaviors with the redemptive love taught and lived by Jesus."

The guidelines also address the topic of LGBTI people who are members of the denomination's local churches. It states that "the Bible’s instructions about human sexuality, are equally applicable to heterosexual and homosexual relationships," and then says, "It is inconsistent with the Church’s understanding of scriptural teaching to admit into or maintain in membership persons practicing sexual behaviors incompatible with biblical teachings. Neither is it acceptable for Adventist pastors or churches to provide wedding services or facilities for same-sex couples."

A number of sources have told Adventist Today they fear that the "maintain in membership" clause may result in widespread tensions in congregations. They are concerned that this is an invitation to some "legalistic" members to launch a "witch hunt" and "pry into personal matters." At least one church administrator has advised caution to pastors.

The guidelines also address employment by the denomination. "Congregational leaders, Church employees, ministry leaders, and institutions are advised to review carefully the Church’s existing policies with regard to membership, employment, and education to ensure that local practices are in harmony with the Church’s expressed teachings about sexual behavior. ... The Seventh-day Adventist Church asserts and reserves the right for its entities to employ individuals according to Church teaching about sexual behaviors compatible with the teaching of Scripture as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Link to copy of the official document - click here.
Adventist Today invites opinion articles about this document. They should be sent as MS Word document files attached to email addressed to atoday@atoday.org with "Opinion Article on Sex Guidelines" in the subject line of the email.

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Time for a Family Meeting

By Dean Waterman, April 15, 2014

I love my church, but just like any family member, I at times get very exasperated with our actions. The latest source of frustration is the expected/unexpected cancellation of the web-series The Record Keeper. By now many of you are probably aware of this series, the recent reluctance of the General Conference to move forward with production and release of the series, and the final press release through ANN this past week to account vaguely the series has been canceled due to “theologically inaccurate matters.”[1]

Hence the source of my frustrations.

It’s 2014. An organization can’t just say they made such a controversial decision for a vague reason, they need to explain carefully, thoroughly, and respectfully why they have a made a decision that not only affects the director and writers of this series, but supporters of this project. Additionally, the series has been viewed by many in pre-release form and has found great acceptance, and even led to 50 baptisms in one church in Maryland, as documented by NAD Ministerial Associate, Dave Gemmell. All of these individuals have been blind-sided by this decision from the General Conference, and countless others will never feel the impact this series has had on so many thus far. To say the series, which has been guided by the hands of the GC, White Estate, and other individuals with influence in the church, is canceled for theological reasons is disingenuous and disrespectful to those who have put so much time into this project. To add further insult, while suspending this project, the General Conference has agreed to “explore the possibility of supporting similar creative outreach projects.” After this decision, and the lack of transparency in making it, I don’t think anyone would believe them.

I am old enough to be raised by parents who demanded obedience and who didn’t quite care for me questioning their authority. When I would ask them why they were demanding I do something, or why a particular decision had been made that I disagreed with, they would respond, “Because I am your parent and I said so.” That was to conclude the argument in our house (which I never quite took as a cue to be quiet) and to leave the distinct impression of who was in charge. I can’t use that same practice on my kids, ages 8 and 12, as they just aren’t buying it anymore. When my wife and I make a decision in our home, we need to explain what brought us to the decision, and what we feel the consequences would be if we had made the decision differently. Our kids don’t agree with it every time (okay, most of the time) and they still dialogue (complain) with us, but in the end they know what we struggled with in making the decision, and why we felt it was in the their best interest to decide as we did. Likewise today our culture and generations want the truth, and they can handle the truth. They might not like our decisions that affect them adversely, but they will respect us more for sharing how we came to that decisions.

I’ve been a part of the Adventist Church for 42 years. I have been a pastor for the church going on 10 years. While the culture in the world has changed, often times it feels the church has not. I am fully convinced the leadership of our church is sincere and desires to serve God to the best of their ability. Where the breakdown comes is when the church functions like 1950 in 2014. It appears tone-deaf at times, which frustrates my generation (Gen-X) and those younger than me. The process of decision making is done in committees, and at glacial speed. Things that seem obvious to the majority of us under 50, like women’s ordination, have required hundreds of hours of meeting time to arrive at conclusions we still generally disagree with and the general population considers outdated reasoning. The
top-down model of leadership commissioned over 100 years ago seems very disinterested in what the local congregation and current generations have to say. Yes, there are invites given to young adults to share with church leadership, but the frustration mounts as those who take time to speak feel they were heard, but not listened to. The decision to suspend The Record Keeper series is the latest example of many voices speaking in unison, but church leadership not truly listening to what is being said.

If we are going to make strides as a church in keeping our generations under 50 connected, we need to do a much better job of hearing what they have to say. Conversely, those with passionate thoughts and opinions need to be kind in their conversation and understand the difficulty our leadership faces in trying to keep all people happy, all the time (Thank A. Lincoln).

My final conclusion, and request to our church leadership, is this: please take time to explain this decision about The Record Keeper. It’s time for a “family meeting.” Be deliberate, thorough, and transparent. Let us talk back with you in the process so we can dialogue and understand. This complicated, and seemingly unfair decision doesn’t make sense, but you as the leadership can help us make sense of it. If you don’t take time, quickly (within a few days would be nice), to share the thought process behind the suspension, you risk credibility with others who want to “think outside of the box,” as they won’t trust you ever again. Worse, and perhaps even more importantly, a generation of our church family will be left out of many other crucial conversations we must have. Either because they were frozen out or they walked out. I love my church family too much to see this be the final result. Like family, you may exasperate me, but I will stand by you through all of it.

The Boy

By Debbonnaire Kovacs
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Preparation Day

Another Passover. Every year I get excited about the whole thing—the trip to Jerusalem, the sacrifice, the special meal and family rituals. Then, every year, I get overwhelmed by all the work and the long trip from my home in Galilee. About halfway there, I get frustrated and think, “Whose idea was this??”

Then, we come over the pass and get our first view of the temple with the city around her skirts. By common consent and long tradition (and possibly because everyone, even the most experienced traveler, suddenly stops breathing for a second) we all stop. Even the donkeys expect it, I think. They stand still and quiet. We gaze down on the white marble and see the smoke rising from evening sacrifices…and once again I think, “It’s Passover!”

The excitement comes back. We clutch our baskets and bags and children closer and hurry to get into the city and get settled before dark. Tomorrow will be the big day. And I’m the firstborn. I know it’s silly, but every year I feel just a little tingle of nervousness. This is only a memorial of the real Passover, when all the firstborn died. But I still want Abba to be sure that blood goes on our doorposts. Even if it is only our traveling tents.

This is my first year since my bar mitzvah. I am a son of the covenant now. I will be leading my family’s yearling lamb to the temple courts. That part, I don’t like so much. But I know it is somehow supposed to represent the coming Mashiach, the Anointed One God will send to free us. Abba says from the Romans. Uncle Jehuda, who is a scribe and the most respected man in our village, says he doubts it. He thinks Mashiach will save us from our sins. Secretly, I hope Abba is right.

Passover Afternoon

Waiting in the long line for the priests, I hang on to the lamb’s rope and look around. There’s another boy just about my age. We smile and nod to each other. Maybe we’ll get a chance to know each other. We’ll be here two more days. He gets to the priest before I do. I find myself watching the boy instead of the ritual prayers and slaying. There’s something about his face…

Beginning of Firstfruits

I start suddenly, discover how low the sun is, and realize that I’ve been sitting in the temple courtyard for hours. That boy I met yesterday is amazing! We did get to talk some. He’s different from anyone I ever met. He’s been sitting with the priests and asking…well, the truth is, he started out asking them questions but now they’re asking him questions! I heard some of the priests murmuring about where he went to shul and why they haven’t heard of him.

As for me, I just had the most astonishing thought! What if—could he be—no, surely not…. But what about those stories? The ones Grandmother tells, about the angels in Bethlehem, and the rich visitors that came on camels? I know those things happened right around when I was born. I wonder…could it possibly be? Have
I just *met* the Mashiach?! 

Here’s what’s odd. I don’t seem to care as much about the Romans as I did. When I get back home, I’m going to talk to Uncle Jehuda. And Grandmother. I want to hear those stories again…
Adventist Health Care Hopes to Increase Student Interest in Health Care Careers


by Debbonnaire Kovacs
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For some years now, it’s been common understanding that our need for healthcare workers is far outstripping the supply. According to an article posted in 2010 by Soliant, the shortage of healthcare workers is “America’s next healthcare epidemic,” and “we are not alone; most of the world will face similar problems in the next 10 years, and many nations are already in crisis.” The article goes on to say that President Obama’s Affordable Healthcare Act, while potentially “improv[ing] the overall health and welfare of the entire United States by catching potential health issues early, educating patients and exercising preventative care,” and thus favorably affecting the entire economy, will, in the short run, make the crisis even worse, as more patients seek care they couldn’t afford before. [http://www.adecousa.com/adecogroup/insights-and-ideas/Documents/Worker%20Shortage1.pdf]

According to http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20120621/NEWS/306219977# , “A new study predicts that the U.S. economy will need 5.6 million more healthcare workers in the next eight years, and most of the workers will need to have a postsecondary education or training. The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce predicts 82% of those positions will require extra schooling or training by 2020. For technical and professional occupations, the requirements rise, as 94% will need the extra schooling or training. Researchers conclude that healthcare occupations over the 10 years from 2010 to 2020 will grow by about 27%, to 19.8 million from 15.6 million. That represents the fastest growing sector in the U.S., as production will rise by more than 70%, from $1.8 trillion to $3.1 trillion over the same decade. ‘Because of growing demand for services and low productivity, the demand for healthcare workers over the next decade will grow nearly twice as fast as the national economy,’ the study’s authors wrote.”

Seventh-day Adventist hospitals would like to be part of the solution. “We feel it is important to engage our youth in a positive way and help them discover what a great career health care can be,” said Tanya Hutchison, Volunteer Resources director for Adventist Health Central Valley Network, in California. “Our employees will be great mentors for our youth.”

Enter “Discover Health Care: Volunteer Summer Program.” Clay Ipsen, Assistant Director of Volunteer Resources, describes the program as an opportunity for area high school and college students to learn more about the field of health care by volunteering for part of their summer break at one of several Adventist Health hospitals in central California. Ipsen says volunteers will give 100 hours over the course of the summer and can learn about four different core career sessions: physician, nurse, other health care careers such as technicians, physical therapists, and clinical engineers, and presenting yourself—how to do well in interviews.
Mrk Babiarz, Selma High School principal, says he is actively seeking “any students in grades 9 to 12 who are committed to serving their community and learning about health care to join the program. [It will] provide high school students in the Valley the opportunity to learn about the many professions in the health care field as well as proved students the opportunity to provide community service to their community.”

“We are excited to be partnering with local high schools, technical schools and universities to promote this program. Our slogan for the program is, ‘Volunteer Your Passion. Discover Your Career’,” says Ipsen.

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Can You See What I See?

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by Charis McRoy
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Charis is ten years old, but she wrote this poem when she was eight, during a 45-minute car ride to school.

I see the misty blue sky
With clouds floating by
And the stars on their flight
In the reflecting night

And as I paint my sight

I see a tree
That seemed to wave at me!

An owl was next in my sight
Turning from side to side
To catch one glimpse at its meal
Before his prey squealed

By Charis McRoy
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