By the grace of God, it is a privilege to invite everyone to attend the 2011 American Union Conference. The theme of the conference, “Here am I; send me,” was the prophet Isaiah’s response to the voice of the Lord, who asked, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Isaiah 6:8.

This is the classic call for workers, canvassers, Bible instructors, ministers, and laymen who understand the gospel message and its importance at the specific time in which they are living. This is generally applied in every age, and so it is applicable today. However, the time in which Isaiah lived, when he heard the Lord’s voice, was one of great spiritual difficulty. The prophet described it like this after he had a vision of the holy Lord of hosts: “Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.” Isaiah 6:5.

The contrast between God’s holiness and man’s unclean nature (not just of those in the world but also of those who claimed to be His chosen people—both leaders and people, including himself) caused Isaiah great anguish of heart. However, the fact that he recognized these conditions made it possible for a heavenly remedy to be applied. How does this apply to the world and the church today?

“As God's ministers look by faith into the holy of holies, and see the work of our great High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary, they realize that they are men of unclean lips, men whose tongues have often spoken vanity. Well may they despair as they contrast their own unworthiness with the perfection of Christ. With contrition of heart, feeling wholly unworthy and unfit for their great work, they cry, 'I am undone.' But if, like Isaiah, they humble their hearts before God, the work done for the prophet will be performed for them. Their lips will be touched with a live coal from off the altar, and they will lose sight of self in a sense of the greatness and power of God and His readiness to help them. They will realize the sacredness of the work entrusted to them, and will be led to abhor everything that would cause them to dishonor Him who has sent them forth with His message.” –Gospel Workers, pp. 22, 23.

This conference presents the opportunity for all who attend to make a very special experience. It will be a time to examine one’s own personal situation and commitment to the holy God of heaven—in a time when the whole world is being powerfully seduced into pledging allegiance to evil. How will each of us relate to the God of heaven in this desperately dangerous time? This question can and must be answered by everyone.
Delegates’ meetings
The delegates’ meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 23, and will be completed by dinnertime on Wednesday, August 24. Delegates and current American Union officers are requested to arrive at Cohutta Springs Conference Center on Monday afternoon, August 22. Dinner will be served.

Delegates should contact the American Union treasurer if they need assistance with travel expenses. The cost of their food and accommodations during the delegates’ meetings (from Monday through Wednesday) will be paid by the American Union.

Public conference
The first meeting of the public conference will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24. Conference attendees are urged to arrive at Cohutta Springs Conference Center on Wednesday afternoon, August 24. Dinner will be served.

Accommodations
Go to www.cohuttasprings.com to obtain a complete description of all accommodations and amenities. Please see the Reservation Form for prices for the following accommodations:

Motel rooms: Cohutta Springs has eighty-two motel rooms with a variety of room types, including standard queen room with two beds, balcony queen room with two beds, balcony king room, four handicap-accessible rooms, and two suites. Each room has a microwave, refrigerator, and iron/ironing board. Wireless Internet service is available in all of the rooms free of charge. Each suite is a balcony room with a small kitchenette, one king bed, a sleeper sofa, and two bathrooms, one with a jacuzzi. All rooms have a beautiful view of the lake and mountains.

Chalets: There are three completely furnished chalets with outfitted kitchens, gas or log fireplace, multiple bedrooms, baths, balconies, and/or patios. The rooms vary in size, sleeping from ten to sixteen people. Each chalet has beautiful mountain views. There is free Internet service. Chalets require a minimum two-night stay.

Cabins: There are nine camp-style cabins located across the lake from the main Conference Center. They are duplex units furnished with bunk beds on each side. Each side accommodates up to twelve people. Each side includes two private restrooms, two private showers, and central heat and air conditioning. Cabins do not have microwaves or refrigerators, and you need to bring your own linens, blankets, pillows, and towels.

Camp lodge rooms: Eight lodge rooms are located under the cafeteria and lodge, across from the Conference Center. The rooms include bunk beds, private bathrooms, heating, air conditioning, and all linens. Four of the rooms sleep eight people, and four of them sleep five people. The lodge rooms do not have microwaves or refrigerators.

Tent sites and RV sites are available.

Fees and Reservations
As described above, please note that there are only three chalets, eight camp lodge rooms, and nine cabins. These are the less expensive accommodations, and they will probably go fast. Therefore, if you are interested in reserving any of them, be sure to send in your reservation soon. Accommodations will be granted in the order in which the reservations and payments are received.

Fees for all accommodations at Cohutta Springs Conference Center are listed on the Center’s website at cohuttasprings.com, as well as on the accompanying Reservation Form. Make as many copies of the Reservation Form as you need, and fill out one form per family, chalet, room, cabin, or campsite. The deadline for all reservations is Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

Mail the Reservation Form with full payment for accommodations and meals (payable to SDA Church Reform Movement, IMS, with “AU Conference” written in the memo) to Evelyn Arevalo, 10700 Harkwood Blvd., Orlando, FL 32817-3834. If you have questions, email Sister Arevalo at au1914treasure@yahoo.com or phone her at 407-678-3165.
Travel Directions

By air: Schedule your flight to the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport in Tennessee. Delegates should plan to arrive on Monday, August 22. For the public conference, participants should plan to arrive on Wednesday, August 24. Please be sure to include your flight information on your Reservation Form if you will need shuttle service to the Conference Center. There are tentative plans to have a daily shuttle running from the Airport.

By car from Atlanta, Georgia: Take I-75 north to US Highway 411, Cartersville Exit 293. Turn right. Follow US Highway 411 for approximately 45 miles, going north through Chatsworth, Eton, and Crandall. Look for Cohutta Springs Road approximately 4 miles north of Eton. Turn right. Follow Cohutta Springs Road for approximately 1 mile, crossing the railroad tracks, until you come to the Cohutta Springs entrance on the left.

By car from Chattanooga, Tennessee: Take I-75 south to Dalton, Walnut Avenue Exit 333. Turn left. Follow Walnut Avenue (US 52/76) for approximately 15 miles to Chatsworth, where it dead-ends into US Highway 411. Turn left. Follow US Highway 411 for approximately 7 miles through Eton and Crandall to Cohutta Springs Road. Turn right. Follow Cohutta Springs Road for approximately 1 mile, crossing the railroad tracks, until you come to the Cohutta Springs entrance on the left.

By car from East Tennessee: Take US Highway 411 south for approximately 7 miles south of the Georgia/Tennessee state line to Cohutta Springs Road. Turn left onto Cohutta Springs Road, cross the railroad tracks, and travel approximately 1 mile to the Cohutta Springs entrance on the left.

American Union Youth Outing Update

Before the American Union Conference begins, a youth outing will be held. The theme is, “Christ in You the Hope of Glory.” Plans for a campout, spiritual instruction, and lots of outdoor activities are shaping up. The proposed cost is between $150 and $200.

Plans are still being made and are largely dependent upon the number of attendees. Your input is important! Please contact Christian Nelson at (916) 212-6468 or imaprilgrim_cn@msn.com. More information will be coming soon.

“Our camp meetings are arranged and held at great expense. God’s ministers who advocate unpopular truth, labor excessively at these large gatherings to bear the message of mercy from a crucified Redeemer to poor fallen sinners. To neglect or treat these messages with indifference, is to slight the mercy of God and His voice of warning and entreaty. Your absence from these meetings has been very detrimental to your spiritual welfare. You have missed the strength that you might have gained there by listening to the preached word of God, and mingling with the believers of the truth.”

–Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, p. 115.
Preparing for Fall Enrollment

News from the World of Education
Margie Seely, Education Department Leader, Ione, CA

Traditionally, spring is the time of year when parents examine or re-examine their children’s enrollment options. Should they remain where they are? Should they move to a new school? Should they be homeschooled?

The decision to homeschool can be initially overwhelming. However, today, more than ever before, there are a large number of homeschooling organizations available to assist families wanting to teach their own children. I’d like to introduce four of these quality organizations to you.

A Beka is a well-known and respected Christian education establishment. Its textbooks are used in all fifty states and in many other countries around the world. Both Small Cloud Christian School in California and Cedar Christian School in Georgia use A Beka textbooks.

Along with offering quality textbooks, A Beka offers the following three homeschooling programs to choose from. Costs vary per program.

A Beka’s Independent Program (available for students in grades K-12) uses DVDs to instruct students at home. A Beka will provide:

- all necessary textbooks, tests, keys, and videos to complete grades/courses selected, based on program choice
- manual with daily lesson plans
- progress reports for parents to keep their own records
- prepaid return labels for DVDs (for contiguous U.S. and Canada) (if applicable)
- academic assistance

A Beka’s Traditional Program (available for students in grades K-6) allows you to be your child’s primary teacher. A Beka simply assists you by providing all that the previous program includes, plus the following:

- grade-level placement based upon review of previous work completed
- full accreditation for K-6th grades
- a report card after each grading period
The A Beka Academy is the establishment’s most inclusive program yet. For students in grades K-12, it offers everything the other two programs do, plus:

- credit toward graduation once all lessons have been viewed, assignments and tests have been completed, and passing grades have been earned
- high school course offerings to meet graduation requirements for a college preparatory program of study
- a diploma acknowledging completion of graduation requirements
- an annual graduation ceremony
- one copy of the transcript free of charge

2) Bob Jones University—
Another quality book publisher used by Small Cloud Christian and Cedar Christian Schools, and one of the oldest Christian textbook publishers out there, Bob Jones University also offers some homeschooling options.

For parents who are comfortable managing their own homeschooling program but would like to have a qualified instructor teach the subject(s), Bob Jones offers a program called Distance Learning. With Distance Learning you have a choice of watching the instructor online, by DVD, or by hard drive.

Bob Jones University’s Academy of Home Education offers one program for K-8 and another for high school. The K-8 program provides:

- Report cards reflecting parent evaluations
- Customer service and curriculum consultation provided by BJU Press
- Annual standardized testing
- An official transcript (details the student’s academic record, including the results of standardized tests)
- Monthly eNews
- Homeschool Helper newsletter and other helpful publications
- Inscriptions writing club (grades 5-12)
- Family Camp & Graduation Event

Their high school program provides the same as above, plus the following:

- High school diploma validating the completion of a program of secondary-level studies
- An official transcript (details the student’s academic record, including the results of standardized tests and the ACT and/or SAT if applicable)
- An annual high school graduation ceremony held at Bob Jones University
- Academy of Home Education Class Directory
- Fine arts competitions
- College credit courses
- Research paper evaluations for juniors and seniors
Classical Conversations provides an opportunity to not just homeschool but also connect with other homeschooling families in your area during their weekly group learning sessions. “Each community is facilitated by a trained parent-director, and classes are led by trained parent-tutors who model the classical tools of learning. Tutors have the privilege of encouraging students toward becoming lifelong learners while also encouraging parents in the classical teaching of their children.”

Classical Conversations offers three curriculum programs to “support your home-centered education by providing teaching tools for you, the parent, and quality educational materials for your student. Our guides, books, timeline cards, and multimedia resources have been thoughtfully crafted and selected. The math, science, literature, Latin, history, geography, and fine arts studied in our Foundations Program represent a broad and interesting body of information. Our Essentials Program students work toward mastering English language skills and improving their writing techniques. As students move into our Challenge Program and work toward becoming independent learners, they read, discuss, debate, analyze, and write about award-winning literature—always within the framework of history and a biblical worldview.”

4) Visions in Education (for California residents only)—www.viedu.org.
This is a free homeschool/charter school program offered by California’s public school system for students in grades K-12. Homeschooling parents work with a certified public school teacher to meet the student’s academic requirements. Space is limited, and early enrollment is encouraged.

“Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

2011 Calendar

- April 21-24: Children’s Spring Conference (ages 0-15) near Cedartown, GA. Workshops for adults, too! For more information, contact Linda Suárez: 813-310-9351
- August 9-18: International Youth Conference in Athens, Greece
- August 23-24: American Union Delegates’ Meetings
- August 23-24: American Union Youth Outing
- August 24-27: American Union Conference at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, GA
Reservation Form
Seventh-day Adventist Church Reform Movement
American Union Conference
International Missionary Society

Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, Georgia
August 24-27, 2011

Deadline for Registration: June 1, 2011

When completed, return this form with payment to: Evelyn Arevalo
10700 Harkwood Blvd., Orlando, FL 32817-3834
Phone: 407-678-3165    Email: au1914treasure@yahoo.com

Personal Information: Submit one Reservation Form per family, chalet, room, cabin, or campsite

Last ____________________________________ First_____________________ Phone # (___) ___________________

Family Attendance: How many people are in your family group?
_____ # Adults (ages 13+)
_____ # Children (ages 6-12)
_____ # Infants (ages 0-5)

LODGING Order: Please check your choice of lodging.

Check the nights you will be staying: Monday, August 22
Tuesday, August 23
Wednesday, August 24
Thursday, August 25
Friday, August 26
Sabbath, August 27

MOTEL ROOMS (All 82 rooms include linens, microwave, refrigerator, iron/ironing board, and free wireless internet, plus a fantastic view of the lake and surrounding mountains.)

- Standard (two queen beds) $105.00/night
- Balcony king room $115.00/night
- Balcony queen room with two beds $115.00/night
- Suite (2 available) $150.00/night

We prefer: 1st Floor Handicap Accessible (4 available)

CHALETS (All come equipped with outfitted kitchens, gas or log fireplaces, multiple bedrooms, baths, balconies, and/or patios. Free wireless internet and a fantastic view are also included. A minimum of a two-night stay is required.)

- Chalet 1 (4 bedrooms, sleeps 12) $259.00/night
- Chalet 2 (5 bedrooms, sleeps 14) $289.00/night
- Chalet 3 (6 bedrooms, sleeps 16) $349.00/night

CABINS (All 4 cabins include bunk beds, two private restrooms, two private showers, central heat and air conditioning. NO linens are provided.)

- Cabin (sleeps up to 24) $150.00/cabin

CAMP LODGE ROOMS (All 8 rooms feature bunk beds, private restrooms, in-room heat and air conditioning. Linens ARE provided. Please note: These rooms are directly below the meeting hall and as such, may be noisier than other rooms.)

- Camp Lodge Room (Sleeps 4, possibly 5 if two share a double bed) the rate for either of these rooms is $75.00/night

TENT SITES $5.00 per person per night
RV SITES (All 8 sites provide 30 amp breakers and water access. A bathhouse, with restroom and shower accommodations, is nearby.)

- RV Site with sewer hook up (6 sites available) $25.00/night
- RV Site without sewer hook up (2 sites available) $25.00/night

Pet Room Option $75.00 per stay

| Lodging Total | $___________ |

MEAL Order: Please check your meal preferences.

Adult Meals (ages 13+):
Mon., Aug. 22 # of Adult Dinner ($6)_____
Tues., Aug. 23 # of Adult Breakfast ($6)_____
# of Adult Lunch ($8)_____
# of Adult Dinner ($6)_____
Wed., Aug. 24 # of Adult Breakfast ($6)_____
# of Adult Lunch ($8)_____
# of Adult Dinner ($6)_____
Thurs., Aug. 25 # of Adult Breakfast ($6)_____
# of Adult Lunch ($8)_____
# of Adult Dinner ($6)_____
Fri., Aug. 26 # of Adult Breakfast ($6)_____
# of Adult Lunch ($8)_____
# of Adult Dinner ($6)_____
Sab., Aug. 27 # of Adult Breakfast ($6)_____
# of Adult Lunch ($8)_____
# of Adult Dinner ($6)_____
Sun., Aug. 28 # of Adult Breakfast ($6)_____

| Adult Meals Total | $___________ |

Child Meals (ages 6-12; ages 0-5 are free):
Mon., Aug. 22 # of Child Dinner ($4)_____
Tues., Aug. 23 # of Child Breakfast ($4)_____
# of Child Lunch ($6)_____
# of Child Dinner ($4)_____
Wed., Aug. 24 # of Child Breakfast ($4)_____
# of Child Lunch ($6)_____
# of Child Dinner ($4)_____
Thurs., Aug. 25 # of Child Breakfast ($4)_____
# of Child Lunch ($6)_____
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Fri., Aug. 26 # of Child Breakfast ($4)_____
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Sab., Aug. 27 # of Child Breakfast ($4)_____
# of Child Lunch ($6)_____
# of Child Dinner ($4)_____
Sun., Aug. 28 # of Child Breakfast ($4)_____

| Child Meals Total | $___________ |

TOTAL FEES (Lodging + all meals) $___________
(Please include payment with reservation form. Make checks/money orders payable to SDA Church Reform Movement, IMS, earmarked AU Conference.)

SHUTTLE: There are tentative plans to have a daily shuttle from the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport to the conference grounds. If you are in need of this service, kindly provide us your travel information in the space below. More information regarding the shuttle service will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Airline: ___________________________________________ Flight #: ____________________________ Arrival Date: ____________
Arrival Time: ____________________________ Departure Date: ____________________________ Departure Time: ____________________________