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Why Worry About Tomorrow?

Years ago, after 15 years as a manager in an insurance company, I found myself as one of the unemployed in America. It was not something I thought would ever happen to me. The company I worked for made the decision to close the doors to all its offices, and more than 600 individuals were affected. Shortly after the layoff, the economy began to spiral downward and things seemed out of control. The unemployment line got longer and longer. Frustration mounted day after day as I searched, interviewed, and got rejected, searched, interviewed, and got rejected again. The fact that I had so much experience was a challenge because companies were looking for people they could hire at entry-level pay. “I could be that person,” I thought. I just wanted a job. No, I needed a job. Unfortunately, in the midst of the search for employment, my family suffered another blow that left our home in turmoil. As a result of the layoff, we went from a two-income, three-person family to a one-income, three-person family. Very soon after that, I found myself in a no-income, two-person family with a mortgage and bills to pay, a young child to feed, and more. Murphy’s law found full expression in my life and everything was going wrong.

I eventually found employment, or I should say employment found me, 988 days later! The good news is that during those 988 days, even with little or no money coming in, no bill ever went unpaid. In 1993, two years and about nine months after I was laid off, I finally began working again. This time the Lord led me to work in His cause at the Atlantic Union Conference office.

One of the secrets I found to making it through that difficult time was that I had to believe what I could not see. That is not an easy thing to do. In Hebrews 11:1 (MSG) it says, “The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It’s our handle on what we can’t see.” I believed I would get a job even though I could not see where it was coming from or when it would happen. I also did my part because I knew that just sitting and believing was not going to get me the job.

As I look around at what is going on in the world today, I see that there may be a few challenges ahead that will affect us all. The United States and the world seem to be in an economic free fall. The nation’s debt is spoken of in terms of trillions of dollars. The unemployment rate is hovering around 8.6 percent. The medical world is suggesting that we do less hugging, kissing, and shaking hands until they can get the H1N1 influenza virus under control. Millions of Americans are losing money in their retirement portfolio, due to the unstable stock market. Chances are, your household has already been impacted one way or another and you may be trying to figure out what to do.

In the midst of our challenges we should keep in mind that our choices, thoughts, and actions help to determine the outcome of many of the situations in which we find ourselves. If we want to “keep our head above water,” we must believe. A very good friend reminded me that Job, who found himself in a painfully tragic situation, losing everything he had, chose to believe and rise above His circumstances. In the end, God blessed him with more than he had before. He believed and remained faithful.

Hard times are here for some, and may yet get harder for others, but the important thing is to make sure that our feet are planted firmly on the “Rock,” Christ Jesus. He said in Matthew 6:30-34 (NKJV), “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’... For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.” Remember that it has been well stated, “Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”

So, don’t worry about tomorrow, because even though we don’t know what the future holds, we know God holds the future. Be a blessing to as many people as you can today. Your blessing will come, sometime, somewhere.

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An excited Pamela Greyson shared her experience of becoming involved with ShareHim during testimony time on Sabbath afternoon, April 11, at the culmination of the Lay Evangelism Festival at the College Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. According to Greyson, a member of the Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bermuda, “I became aware of ShareHim in early 2008 when Stefan Burton-Schnull, St. George’s Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor, preached a sermon at our church. I responded to the appeal and made a commitment to pray for the evangelistic efforts. Shortly thereafter, Robert Folkenberg, Jr., ShareHim assistant director, was in Bermuda to hold training sessions. We formed teams, and I was chosen leader of Team 2. We spent time familiarizing ourselves with the sermons and preaching using the split computer screens.

“Team 1 had planned their evangelistic series for September 26, 2008, and Team 2 for March 2009. As September drew nearer, with the news that our pastor would be moved to the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church and our new pastor would not arrive until mid October 2008, Team 1 became anxious and wanted more hands on board. So teams 1 and 2 joined forces and I was asked to lead the teams and coordinate the evangelistic campaign. We truly learned teamwork and every member played a part, from going door to door giving out invitations, praying, being platform participants, Bible workers, greeters, and, of course, preaching by Gary Robinson, Virloy Lewin, and Ernie Lewin. Vilroy Lewin and I presented Health Nuggets nightly, using material from Health Education Resources. The cradle roll leader led out in the children’s program with songs, Bible stories, and crafts, using a nightly Bible theme. It was awesome!

“God blessed our feeble, human efforts with five [individuals baptized], one was a child and one was Robinson’s brother. I was so excited to see God working through our speakers nightly, as God brought the Word alive.

“This has renewed my commitment to winning souls for God’s kingdom. I also intend to preach in one of our future campaigns. God is so good, all the time!”

Greyson was one of approximately 400 individuals from conferences in the Atlantic Union and beyond who attended the four-day event sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference and ShareHim. An assortment of vital topics on how to be effective witnesses for Christ was presented in several seminars.

ShareHim (www.sharehim.org) is a lay evangelistic ministry with a goal of mobilizing and training lay people to be active in a lifestyle of evangelism. Anyone can participate. Age is not a criterion, nor is educa-
tion or prior preaching experience. The initiative helps to organize evangelistically-minded individuals into outreach leadership teams that embark on an ongoing cycle of evangelism that includes “deliberate sowing, reaping, and discipleship activities in their own communities.”

With evangelism a top priority in the Atlantic Union, using the ShareHim program is just one of many ways that church members are becoming equipped to ensure that the gospel is preached to “all the world.” Robert Folkenberg, Sr., ShareHim director, who co-hosted the Lay Evangelism Festival testimony service with Bill Tucker, told the members of the audience, “We don’t want ShareHim to be an event. We want it to be a way of life. We want everyone to get involved in sharing the gospel—all members, even those as young as seven.”

Kevin Busl from the Northern New England Conference, who also attended the event, says, “Although my experience with ShareHim is quite limited, I have used it with an on-going Bible study group. Just recently becoming familiar with it, I find the graphics to be of superior quality. The study group members appreciate the information conveyed in this format. Certainly, ShareHim has the capacity to aid one in presenting a series of Bible studies with ease and an air of competence that is desirable! However, beyond the medium of ShareHim, the real joy and thrill, and I mean thrill, is to witness what the Word of God does to the receptive heart. Time and again, I’ve seen how my clumsy presentation of Bible truth has been blessed by a gracious God. It’s been an absolute joy to see my insufficiency blessed and be made more than sufficient by God’s goodness. When the Holy Spirit is present, wonderful things happen. People still need God’s truth and He is more than willing to use whoever will make himself or herself available! The least of us, with God’s blessing, is more than adequate.”

Jean-Carl Chatelain, a head elder in the Peniel-Dedham Temple district in Massachusetts which is part of the Southern New England Conference, says “It is exciting to see people of all ages participating in the ShareHim meetings. We have created 21 teams in the district to better spread the gospel. The goal is to have every member take an active part, thus doubling our membership this year. We long to see ShareHim become a way of life and not just an event.

“One of the newly created teams is led by a recently baptized Seventh-day Adventist. And, we’ve just completed a [series of meetings] with 11 baptisms. By the grace of God, we have only scratched the surface. The April Lay Evangelism Festival was time well spent training individuals to become more effective witnesses for Christ. Hopefully, the participants will take the information they received back to their churches and implement programs that will effectively communicate Christ’s love to the community. In Luke 10:2 (NLT) it says, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into his fields.” What are the members of your church doing to evangelize your community and prepare them for Jesus’ return?

Ednor A. P. Davison is the Atlantic Union Gleaner editor.

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Church School Bailout

Do God’s Adventist church schools need a bailout?

Deuteronomy 6:6-12 clearly directs us to educate our children in the Lord. Does God need a bailout to pay the school bill for His children? I am guessing that you are saying, No! My God has all the money and all the wealth to educate every child in the church if He so chooses.

I was considering this when in January, I was able to interview Dan Serns, assistant to the president for evangelism in the North Pacific Union Conference. I knew that he had experience pastoring churches and encouraging other pastors to find ways to enroll all their children in church school.

JG: “Dan, would you please tell me how you and some other pastors were able to enroll the children in church school?”

Dan: “Jerrell, I would be glad to tell you how I remember the Lord working for us. First, the church wanted them in school and their parents wanted them in school. Second, we looked at the capacity of the school without adding teachers. Third, we agreed as a church to pay a flat fee to fill all those empty desks. This would be a single check sent to the school each month. No collection and no billing to these parents.”

JG: “So how did the church raise this money for these children? Could you keep paying the church school subsidy?”

Dan: “This is where faith and sacrifice came in. We told each family that if they were willing to sacrifice, the church would also sacrifice to be sure their children could be in church school. To qualify, they needed to return a faithful tithe, plus pay an additional 10 percent to the church.

“God has plenty of money. He has chosen to keep His money in the pockets of His saints. Whenever He needs money, the way He accesses His funds is to touch the hearts of His believers!”

While I thanked Dan for his insights, I was reminded of what another preacher once told me. “God has plenty of money. He has chosen to keep His money in the pockets of His saints. Whenever He needs money, the way He accesses His funds is to touch the hearts of His believers!”

Does God need a bailout? No! He just needs access to His money. I am so touched by His grace and His mercy—His fantastic over-the-top blessings—that I want Him to have access to His funds in my wallet. I would challenge you to begin returning a second tithe. God says, “I will . . . pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10, AMP). He also promises He will save our children (Isaiah 49:25).

I am looking forward to hearing the reports of how God answers His promise. Let’s see what happens!

Jerrell Gilkeson is the Atlantic Union Conference education and children’s ministries associate director.
What’s Your Cause?

One of the many great features of the social networking site, Facebook, is that it allows you to join groups or causes. If you are a member of Facebook, have you noted how many times you have been invited to join a cause or group? Recently, I did a quick survey of the many causes one could join. Here are just a few examples: environment, e-waste, energy conservation, factory farms, recycling, stop animal cruelty, sustainable agriculture, world water day and week, wildfires, alcohol abuse, asthma, body image, dating abuse, drug abuse, eating disorders, diabetes, organic living, steroid use, teen pregnancies, smoking, fitness, I’ve lost someone special to cancer, Sabbath=Saturday=Lord’s Day, Christian Record Services for the Blind, and the list goes on and on. I suppose if individuals got involved in all the causes that interest them, they would not have time to attend school, work, or even church! So then, what do we do? I say we join the greatest cause of all, Save Our Youth!

My cause, and I hope your cause, is to help provide ministries and activities that will help our young people make positive decisions for Christ! So, what do you think about joining this cause? It is estimated that more than 50 percent of the youth in the Seventh-day Adventist Church are leaving! Certainly that is a good enough reason to join the cause.

Because of the crisis we are facing in the church, we are looking for “lifeguards” from each church who are willing to be part of the cause. That is what lifeguards do. They are constantly scanning the waters to ensure that every swimmer is safe. Lifeguards are also scanning their church to make sure that the youth are safe. When they see a youth or young adult in trouble, they do everything in their power to throw them a lifeline. That is what youth leaders do. That is what youth ministry is all about! Their focus and passion is not only to keep the youth in the church, but to rescue the youth when they see them perishing.

Ellen White, a friend of youth, had a lot to say about the church’s responsibility to save our youth. “Very much has been lost to the cause of truth by a lack of attention to the spiritual need of the young… Why should not labor for the youth in our borders [churches] be regarded as missionary work of the highest kind?”—Gospel Workers, p. 207. Did you notice the word “cause.” Yes, Ellen White used that word a long time before the social networks and joining a “cause” became popular. She was inviting members of the church to join the “cause” before there was a social networking site!

The author of the book Getting It Right (p. 69) shares some ideas on what the characteristics of those who join the cause might be. A lifeguard is available. Yes, we are all busy, but if not now, when? If not me, who? A lifeguard is authentic. It has been said that the spirituality of youth is largely dependent on adults modeling their faith. Now that is a great lifeguard. A lifeguard seeks to understand the youth. A good lifeguard understands a swimmer and also understands when that swimmer is in trouble. Lifeguards are people of destiny. They know they are in youth work because God has called them.

Has God called you to join the Save Our Youth cause? I pray that He has.

Bill Wood is the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries, Pathfinder, and Adventurer director.
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BERMUDA Sheila Holder, communication director

Pembroke Church Baptizes Ten

The Pembroke Seventh-day Adventist Church, under the leadership of Ulric Hetsberger, conducted the “Homes of Hope” evangelistic series with Jeffrey Brown, Bermuda Conference president and family ministries director, as the speaker.

Church members invited friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to attend the meetings. Brown’s presentations, aimed at singles and single parents, married and formerly married, parents and children, were informational and inspirational.

One person said, “This is free counseling. You’d be insane to miss it.” Another testified, “I came to Dr. Brown’s presentation, “Why Did I Get Married?” with the intention of returning to my husband to tell him ‘It’s over.’ Instead, I heard Dr. Brown say that while the world says stay and stagnate or leave and grow, the Christian message is stay and grow. It wasn’t what I wanted to hear, but it was God’s word for me, coming at just the right time.”

Handouts were distributed each evening, enabling the audience to follow the presentations and be ready for the subsequent quiz. The “quiz man,” Gregory Outerbridge, and “Mr. Gift,” Michael James, were a popular part of the program as people found out if they had won a prize or not.

“It was exciting to visit the homes of the people attending nightly to hear them say they couldn’t wait to attend the next presenta-

Individuals baptized were, below from left to right, Jahmeco Blakeney, Brittané Talbot, Adwina Westome, Jorae Talbot, Sharon Maybury, Azendeé Maybury, and Michael Keese. At right are Carmalita Keese and Loretta Gibbons, Bible instructor.

Adventist Pastors Pray for Premier

Bermuda Conference president Jeffrey Brown recently visited the Bermuda Government Cabinet office to request an audience with the Premier of Bermuda, the Honorable Ewart F. Brown, JP, MP. “The response of the secretary was very pleasing,” said Brown. “She sensed that there was no hidden agenda, but a genuine, sincere desire to pray for and with the Premier.”

The date he was given was March 31. “The date worked out just fine for us,” said Brown. “Both Donald King and Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference president and executive secretary respectively, were scheduled to be on the island at that time.”

Once in the upper chamber of the Cabinet office, each person in the group was given the opportunity to introduce himself and indicate the church or entity he represented. Brown shared with the Premier the reason for the visit which was to offer prayer for him and members of his Cabinet. In addition to sharing such Scriptures as 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Colossians 1:9, and 1 Thessalonians 5:23, the group circled the Premier and, where possible, placed their hands on him, and they prayed with him. King prayed for the government and for the country. Then, Brown prayed specifically for the Premier and his family, calling each family member by name.

The Premier thanked the pastors and, while highlighting the special bond between the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the community on the island, he said, “We feel the impact of the work of your church in our society.”

—D. Randolph Wilson, assistant communication director, Bermuda Conference
Soundview Rejuvenates Wednesday Night Meetings

The Spanish Soundview Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated the end of a series of Bible studies with 68 graduates, of which approximately 29 were visitors. The Daniel Seminar was held each Wednesday for 32 weeks. Wednesday nights became the night of Bible study and the night to bring visitors. “La Fe de Jesus,” a 20-lesson course that leads students to know Jesus, was presented to those who wanted to participate. Following an appeal after the celebration, 12 people decided to be baptized.

Spanish Soundview church is making the effort to preach the Word of God like never before. This has been possible through the "Fogata misionera," missionary bonfire (a meeting held each Sabbath from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to train and organize missionary groups) and home visitations. The work is not yet done. As one seminar came to an end, another one started, the Revelation Seminar. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18, with 49 visitors attending. The church announced this seminar through mailings and on radio. As a result, more people attend the Wednesday night service than any other church service. A night that is known in many churches for having a low attendance is now packed with people who are eager to hear the Word of God. Together the young and the old church members are working hard to maintain and organize this seminar each week. The Lord is moving in this church. The Holy Spirit, through Abel Rosario, the church’s pastor, is imparting wisdom, which is extremely necessary in these last days.

Let us pray that the Lord can continue to give us strength to keep preaching the gospel.

—Sunilbe Rosario, communication director, Soundview church

New Directors Serving GNYC Constituents

Hispanic Ministries
Gilberto Alvis, who has been working as a pastor in churches in the Greater New York area for about 19 years, was voted by the Greater New York Conference Executive Committee to be the conference’s Hispanic Ministries director. He was serving as pastor for the Spanish Fort Washington church when he was called to serve in that capacity. Other churches he has pastored include Spanish Dyckman, Spanish Broadway, and Spanish Corona-Queens. Alvis was born in Colombia, where he worked as a pastor for about 17 years. He also worked at the Columbian Union for five years, and in that time held the positions of communication, lay activities, and Sabbath School director.

Multi-ethnic Ministries
Hermann V. A. Kuma, senior pastor of the Multi-church First Ghana District in the Greater New York Conference for more than 12 years, was asked by the conference’s executive committee to serve as the Multi-ethnic Ministries director. Kuma has been working for the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1968 in various capacities. He served at the Ghana Conference in his homeland, Ghana, as church and district pastor. He also served the West African Union Mission as evangelist and Voice of Prophecy radio speaker. Later, he worked as president of the mission in Sierra Leone. Following that, he was asked to serve as the Central Ghana Conference president. In addition, he also worked at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa in Nigeria as church pastor and theology lecturer.

Kuma replaces Lloyd Scharffenberg, who will now be the Greater New York Conference Corporation secretary and treasurer.

—Rohann Wellington, assistant communication director, Greater New York
Fifty individuals came from across the New York Conference on Sabbath, March 7, to spend the day with Shelley and J. D. Quinn. Many were familiar with Shelley, having seen her on 3ABNs Exalting His Word.

J. D. shared his testimony of how the Lord has used him since he completely surrendered his life to Christ. After many years as a successful businessman, he left it all behind to go into full-time ministry and now works at 3ABN.

Shelley, a speaker and author, shared from her latest book, Life Affirmations From Scripture, which is a collection of spiritual affirmations that you can speak aloud. Each affirmation begins first with a prayer and is followed by a number of texts to read aloud along with other pertinent scriptures on the topic. Shelley says, “Declaring scriptures over your life changes your spiritual outlook and experience.” Shelley has been a Bible scholar since she and J. D. became Seventh-day Adventists in 2002 and it’s very apparent that she knows her Bible!

Feedback from the event suggests that many were touched by the Quinns’ teachings. It was a blessing that the Quinns could come, since J. D. has been ill for the past five months. Their genuine, down-to-earth personalities made the day very enjoyable.

—Donna Rouse, Prayer Ministries co-leader, New York Conference

**Buffalo Suburban Fires Up the Gospel Train**

The New York Conference is in its third year of a cycle of evangelism designed to reach out to the large cities across the upstate region. For three weeks each fall, all of the conference’s pastors unite with the lay people of a targeted city for the culmination of intense evangelistic efforts. This year the city is Buffalo and the members of the Buffalo Suburban Seventh-day Adventist Church have begun reaching out to the area in cooperation with conference-sponsored Bible workers. In December 2008 we shared “Bethlehem Treasure,” a major musical event, we began reaching out to former members, and entered into a collective daily reading of the Bible. In January, we trained for and began conducting individual Bible studies. We also attended a Week of Prayer. In February, community friends participated in vegetarian cooking classes. We also began basic keyboarding instruction and “English as a Second Language” enrichment for Karen/Burmese community members. As of March 20 serious proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ began, using, among other tools, a new Web site, www.sonlightcafe.org, to spread the news.

The Web site includes a youth and children’s page (www.sonlightcafe.org/youth-and-children) with Bible story animations created by two students at the Buffalo Suburban church school. The site features information about our community and a link to a live streaming videocast of our Sabbath morning worship service. To date, we have had site visits ranging from California to Great Britain.

—Michael Gayle, member, Buffalo Suburban church

**55th Annual William Miller Camp Meeting**

**July 25, 2009**

William Miller Home and Chapel
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Sabbath School – 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service – 11:15 a.m.
*Community Feast – Noon
Chapel History Tour – 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Program – 3:00 p.m.

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*Bring your own lawn chairs, place settings, drink, and two dishes of food to share
Bob Rosa, a member of the Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church, has often been heard saying that he can’t give a Bible study, but that doesn’t leave him out of the Lord’s work. He quickly follows up with, “But I can keep the roof on the church.” Bob and his wife, Marilyn, who are “retired” but not “tired” have been giving their time and energy to care for church structures in need of repair. They spent time last winter helping to refurbish the Niagara Falls church, which had been vacant for many years and they have helped with the Batavia church, as well. The churches furnish the materials, often with generous contributions from others who have the gift of giving (Dr. Karen Radke had a burden for the work in Niagara Falls), while the Rosas and others pay their own expenses. In Niagara Falls and around the conference there exist many more opportunities for at-home missionary work of this kind. The Rosas report that it is a very rewarding experience working for the Lord in this way.

At Parkview Junior Academy in Syracuse, New York, Margaret and Lyle Ahles have been working for years to keep the school looking its best and it is hard to imagine where the school would be without their hundreds, if not thousands of hours of service. Margaret is constantly assessing the needs of the building and will find a way to accomplish whatever task needs to be done, from fixing the flag pole to cleaning the institutional stoves and ovens to getting the plumbing fixed or tar scraped off the floor. Margaret also organizes the school’s biggest fundraiser of the year, a pinewood derby, which raises money for needed capital improvements. Meanwhile, Lyle stays busy mowing the several acres of lawn, trimming bushes, shoveling snow, and helping Margaret with whatever she is doing.

For many years now, once a week, volunteers at the Bay Knoll church, under the leadership of Fran Dispenza, have prepared and served a pasta supper as a fundraiser for the local church school. Fran’s team of seniors includes Virginia Lloyd and Dick Bradt, assisted by Debbie Gifford and Sami Mina. Their work has become an outreach to the community as non-members have come to appreciate the great cooking and the family atmosphere at the school. It is most gratifying to see people who don’t even have children or grandchildren attending the school demonstrate their commitment to Adventist education in such tangible ways.

These stories vividly illustrate the biblical concept that God has gifted each of us differently and serve as reminders that great joy is found in using these gifts for His glory.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference
Microsoft Academy and Internet2—Live Now at Atlantic Union College

Technology is evolving faster than ever before. Businesses need skilled employees who are confident with the latest technology—they need skills that are current, validated, and they need them now. Atlantic Union College (AUC), now a Microsoft IT Academy, can help existing and incoming students to get these skills and prepare them for the certifications needed. More than 600 free software programs are also available to the faculty and staff.

Internet2, the foremost U.S. advanced networking consortium, gives AUC the cyberinfrastructure to offer Microsoft IT Academy.

“Internet2 gives us an extremely robust Internet,” says Atlantic Union College President Norman Wendth. “AUC is the only college within the 15 Adventist colleges and universities in the North American Division to be connected into the Internet2 system. This was accomplished through an agreement with Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in nearby Worcester, Massachusetts. We are now one of their satellites.

“I’m very excited to have more services, streaming video, intensive scientific and educational research, certifications, and the capabilities to download television programs related to students’ coursework.”

AUC is among 250 Internet2 participants including Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard University, Princeton University, Tufts University, National Institutes of Health, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Ohio State University, and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

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In addition to providing college students education with strong earning power, Soares’ long-term goal is to provide Adventist academies with IT education migrating their interest in the areas of computer science, business, and the sciences.

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—Complied by Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College
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American Studies
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Christian Leadership
Education and Teacher Certification
- Early Childhood
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
Nursing
Professional Art
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Theology
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Preparing Medical Missionaries

The Northeastern Conference Health Ministries Department, in association with The Voice in the Wilderness Mission, sponsored our first weekend of a one-year certified medical missionary training program. Twenty-one students were assembled at The Voice in the Wilderness in Savoy, Massachusetts, from April 3-5.

The purpose of this training is to prepare a large, well-disciplined, and mobile army of medical missionaries to use the health message as God intended it to be used—as an entering wedge and the right arm of our gospel message as stated by Ellen G. White (COUNSELS ON STEWARDSHIP, p. 535, and THE MINISTRY OF HEALING, p. 238).

She also said that New York should be a symbol: “Here let a center for God’s work be made, and let all that is done be a symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world. “If in this great center medical missionary work could be established by men and women of experience . . . it would have great power in making a right impression on the people”—TESTIMONY TO THE CHURCH, vol. 7, p. 37.

The training is organized to run as a 12-month program, where classes are held one weekend per month for 12 consecutive months. Classes include anatomy and physiology, gardening, canoeing, greenhouse—how to grow your own organic food at home, screening/blood analysis, nutrition/vegetarian cooking, herbology—studying of herbs and their uses in the prevention and treatment of diseases, reading assignments, participating in a 10-day cleanse program, an internship at the wilderness, body/mind/spirit relationship training, home remedies, hydrotherapy, and more. To qualify, one has to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, have a burning desire to see others saved, and have a God-given passion for becoming a trained medical missionary.

“Words cannot explain the experience of going to the school at The Voice in the Wilderness Mission. The environment is breathtaking and the classes are very informative and awe-inspiring. I do not regret coming here at all. I wish we could have stayed longer, and I cannot wait for the next session. The fellowship is very inviting. Most of all, the Spirit of God is leading here. Praise God for this experience,” said Claudia, one of the attendees.

“I am delighted to be a part of God’s plan in having medical missionaries working together in His vineyard. . . . Being here, I had the experience of incorporating the eight laws of health and also practicing them. I enjoyed the lectures, meals, and daily walks. I thank God for the Dawsons and the great work they’re doing. My prayer is that God gives me the resources I need to finish this training and also to pass the information on to others,” said Pamela Hunt, another attendee.

—Leroy A. Daley, health ministries director, Northeastern Conference

Up With Hope, Down With Dope

The purpose of teaching was to encourage community leaders to teach youth to say no to drugs and “Jesus loves you,” which they carried with them as they marched. More than 100 children wearing red ribbons, symbolizing their commitment to drug-free lives, and armed with signs and the Holy Spirit, were escorted by a convoy of police cars down Albany Avenue, a major avenue in Hartford. The Pathfinder’s drums and the children’s chant of “Up With Hope, Down With Dope” reverberated throughout the community.

“This is a wonderful activity for the school and children because this lets the community know that we are concerned about our community; moreover, it builds good relationships with the community,” said organizer Kerr.

Bethany Brown, a student at the Hartford Area school, who has marched in seven campaigns, also stated, “I’m happy marching in these campaigns because we are making a difference in the community, and as the 3Angels Adventist Community Services leader says, ‘We are sharing the goodness of Jesus Christ.’”

—Reginald Hardwick, Adventist community service leader, Faith church
Corona Members Learn Money Management Tips

The Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church Stewardship Department hosted an informative presentation entitled, “How to Handle Your Finances,” on the evening of Saturday, March 7. Guest presenter, Jiann Lee, taught the participants practical money management tips and smart ways to save in this tough economy.

Various members at Corona church said, the workshop was comprehensible and very educational. “The speaker was good,” said Minerva Peterkin-Draggon. “He made it simple so you can understand his presentation.” In addition, Tagrace Israel said, “The information was educational. There are things that I didn’t know about 401Ks, mortgages . . . and life insurance.”

Evon Smith, another member who attended the workshop, also agreed. “[The workshop] was very informative,” said Smith. “I learned that it’s better to have term insurance than life insurance, because you pay more for life insurance, but less for term insurance and in the end, you reap the same benefits.”

The bottom line, as Peterkin-Draggon learned at the workshop, is that every person has to make wise financial decisions. “You have to be smart in your financial decisions,” she said. This workshop was part two in the series, “Tough Times, Tougher People,” presented by Diedrian Williams and Jiann Lee.

—Noreen Malcolm, communication director, Corona church

Corona Concert Helped Rekindle the Past and Encourage the Future

As the hours wound down on the last day of February in 2009, the crowd gathered at Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church fell silent as the introduction was given for the speaker and singer of the evening, David Anthony Johnson. Applause erupted as Johnson, a man who has performed for and shared the stage with Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Brian McKnight, and other renowned people, took to the stage.

To begin the program, Johnson, a former probation officer, performed several musical selections, including “I Want to Go” (a song about keeping your eyes on Jesus, regardless of your situation), “City Called Heaven” (a Negro spiritual that encompassed the belief of returning hate with love), and “It Is Well With My Soul” (a hymn encouraging people to remember that because Jesus died for us, we can move beyond whatever comes our way). Each song was preceded by a brief overview of the song’s significance. Afterward, Collin Ross, one of Johnson’s associates, gave a short speech regarding the significance of what it means to be a young person in today’s era.

Though these two segments made a major impact on the audience, it was clear that the most influential part of the evening came when Johnson recited some of Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous speeches in a fabulous impression of King himself, including “Obituary,” “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop,” and “I Have a Dream.” As the audience stood up and erupted into applause, it became evident that by the time he was done, Johnson had managed to touch the hearts of many in the audience that evening.

At a young age, Johnson had a passion for the performing arts. In his home state of Missouri, he received many awards and recognition for his musical talents. As he continued to grow, his grandmother took a particular interest in him and convinced him to begin memorizing King’s speeches. Though he was discouraged at first, he managed to continue his memorization, along with his musical talents, with the encouragement of his mother and his aunt.

Although he is very passionate about his work in the music field, it seems he is equally passionate in his role as a positive example for the younger generation. With his background in the criminal justice system, Johnson has encouraged troubled youth to utilize their talents for the greater good and to move beyond their current idle state. In fact, one of his goals is to use his talents to be a positive influence for this generation, and to help make this world a better place for generations to come.

Lanford Taylor, the Corona church music ministry director, said he believed that the event sets a good example of how young people can value King’s accomplishments as a forerunner of civil rights, and he hoped that others, especially the young people in the audience, could “feel as proud and as energized about the job that was done back in the 1960s.”

Caranetta Williams, a singer at Corona and Johnson’s friend from their days as students at Oakwood College (now Oakwood University), indicated that Corona is used to hearing musical performances, and she hoped that this particular event was something different, something for the church to grasp and take to heart.

—Ricardo Matute, member, Corona church

David Anthony Johnson was the guest speaker/singer at the Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church for the Black Heritage Concert.
Homeschool Companion Radio Talk Show Continues to Expand

A radio talk show dedicated to home-based education

The first talk show dedicated to home-based education was launched January 8, 2008, through the generosity of Life Talk radio and the partnership between the Review and Herald® and Griggs University.

After that first show, we asked Kalvin Follett—our producer—if he thought anyone had been listening. “Well, there were 27 people who streamed it live,” he said. We could probably name who those 27 people were—all our coworkers.

But the show has caught the interest of the home-schooling and education communities, and through the summer of 2008 more listeners logged onto the live streaming feature of the Web site, contributing to Life Talk’s decision to double their capacity for streaming.

In addition to live streaming, more than 4,000 Homeschool Companion shows have been downloaded to portable devices over the course of the year. Other than that statistic, there is no way to know for sure how many are listening on the 76 stations that currently air the show. “We now receive calls from all over North America,” said DeVore, editor of Kids’ Ministry Ideas. “So that’s encouraging.”

In October 2008 a transmitter was installed in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Homeschool Companion officially syndicated and joined the Salem Radio Network. The relationship with Salem Radio Network has made available an additional 1,100 radio stations. And if you’d like your local Christian radio station to broadcast the Homeschool Companion show, you can call (800) 775-4673, and the Life Talk staff will help you.

Most recently Homeschool Companion became Life Talk’s first show to air on a digital radio station—KBHW 99.5 FM on a 100,000-watt station out of International Falls, Minnesota, on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. local time.

Every family is involved in home-based education, and [Homeschool Companion presents] shows on such topics as discipline, bullying, and basic learning strategies. “Some of the best insights come from teachers who call in,” DeVore said.

“We are happy to be part of the Life Talk radio ministry. And we are honored to have contributed to the 90,000 hours of streamed time for 2008,” said DeVore. “We want to help fulfill the gospel commission.” If you’d like to participate in this ministry, please listen each Wednesday on www.lifetalk.net at 11:00 a.m. EST, or visit: www.lifetalk.net/stationList.html?type=one to find your area’s local station.

—Rose Gamblin, education specialist, Review and Herald Publishing Association

GUIDE Magazine Wants 10,000 Unchurched Kids to Get REAL

G UIDE magazine is launching REAL, a new Adventist outreach magazine for children, with a call for thousands of names and addresses—each one representing a young person who needs to know Jesus.

Adventists of all ages are invited to submit names of non-Adventist young people who should receive a free subscription to REAL. The subscriptions will be paid for through donations. GUIDE has set a goal of collecting 10,000 names.

“We want every Adventist, young and old, to be able to share this magazine with the children they care about, regardless of finances,” says GUIDE editor Randy Fishell. “As the names come in, we believe God will provide the means to send the subscriptions.”

The outreach magazine’s title, REAL, comes from its emphasis on true stories. “REAL is all about showing young people how God is involved in their lives,” says Fishell. The monthly magazine targets ages 10 to 14 and contains true stories, puzzles, fun facts, and Bible
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“We designed this degree for professionals who have an interest in deepening the scope of their practices through applying principles of lifestyle medicine,” says Serena Tonstad, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., department of health promotion and education professor, and designer of the new degree.

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“A full two-thirds of avoidable disease and premature death in our country are related to personal lifestyle choices,” says David Dyjack, Dr.P.H., School of Public Health dean. “The lifestyle medicine M.P.H.

Loma Linda University Offers New M.P.H in Lifestyle Medicine

Students have begun to enroll in a new degree program at Loma Linda University School of Public Health that is the first of its kind in the country—a master’s of public health in lifestyle medicine.

This M.P.H. degree is designed for applicants who have a clinical, professional degree; this would include medical doctors, dietitians, dentists, nurses, clinical psychologists, pharmacists, and others. It equips them with the missing link to go beyond fighting established disease to actually promoting health.

“We especially want to involve young people in sharing Real with their classmates, neighbors, and friends.”

Submit names of children who should receive Real at www.guidemagazine.org/real, or mail the children’s names and addresses, along with the name and address of the person submitting them, to GUIDE, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Donations to the Real magazine outreach ministry can be made through the same Web site and mailing address.¶

—Nick Bejarano, Periodical Marketing manager, Review and Herald Publishing Association

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In addition to skills in lifestyle medicine, the degree gives its students a firm foundation in the core areas of public health, including environmental health, global health, health administration, nutrition, and epidemiology.

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—Heather Reifsnyder, special projects editor, Loma Linda Office of University Relations

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Atlantic Union Gleaner, June 2009
Northern New England Conference Music Clinic

Lynn Ortel, communication director

Through the grande finale, “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus,” the theme song “Only Trust Him,” the Abraham and Isaac backdrop, and the interest-catching stories by master storyteller Dennis Farley, students, sponsors, and guests were led to understand the compelling evidence for trusting and obeying God.

Ron Pelton, Pine Tree Academy’s school board chairman, brought to our attention that every clinician this year was an alumnus of the Northern New England Conference Music Clinic started by Doris Krueger in 1980. Doris Krueger, Brendan Krueger, Krisjon Imperio, Jennifer Penner, and Jonathan Wall were our clinicians, each doing an exceptional job respectively: youth choir, band, piano, strings, and choir. It was perhaps the largest music clinic yet, with nearly 300 students and more than 100 adults sponsoring and helping. It could not be done without a community of church members that support the music clinic by housing such a large number of people. We are extremely grateful to Pine Tree Academy, the staff, and students that hosted and prepared for this annual event.

About 300 students attended the 29th annual music clinic at Pine Tree Academy.

It was bittersweet to listen to every student in the grand finale. Many hearts were touched as we parted until 2010, our 30th anniversary. See you then!

—Trudy Wright, superintendent of schools, Northern New England Conference

NNEC Celebrates 29th Annual Music Clinic

Big Plans for The Great Controversy

Jack Henderson of Hendersonville, North Carolina, used to sell The Great Controversy as a literature evangelist. Now he wants to give it away. To everybody! On January 12, he announced his “Great Controversy Project” on 3ABN’s Today show. He plans to send Ellen White’s book to every home in the country.

It’s an ambitious goal, but people are catching the vision. Donors are calling with small and large gifts to support the project. Already, money has been raised to send several hundred thousand copies. “Many of our churches and laity have committed thousands of dollars to make this happen,” said Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president.

The staff at the Review and Herald Publishing Association (who prints the books for Henderson and mails them out) has been overwhelmed by calls. “The calls have been coming in at such a rate that as we deal with one call, three others have had to leave a message,” says Howard Scoggins, an administrator at the Review and Herald. “The fire has spread to Australia, Canada, and England.”

A physician called who had worked her way through school selling The Great Controversy. She wanted to send the book to everyone in her zip code. Another caller wanted to blanket the area around his Utah home because this was the book that had brought him into the church.

Employees at the Review and Herald are so enthused that some have pledged as much as two or three week’s salary to support the project, according to Scoggins.

Henderson likes to quote a letter written in 1905 by Ellen White in which she said “I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others that I have written; for in The Great Controversy, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books.”

“Seeing people respond from all over the world tells me that people want to see this work finished,” says Henderson.

Those who want to support this project can make a donation by calling (877) 721-4300 or visiting www.ReviewandHerald.com. For information on how to blanket your zip code or rural route, call (800) 600-7197.

—Kim Peckham, advertising and promotion director and webmaster, Review and Herald Publishing Association
Mission-Focused Teams Attend Church Works 2009

Church Works 2009 is an official meeting of the Northern New England Conference for pastors and a mission-focused leadership team from each church or district. These five- to 10-member teams will spearhead the initiative to inspire and organize the local churches and implement the strategy to reach every person in the entire territory with the gospel.

As pastors and members shoulder their responsibilities to reach every person, the entire conference becomes a mighty team, working side-by-side to see that salvation is offered to everyone in Northern New England. At the same time, they will carry the gospel forward to the needy mission fields abroad. Success, both at home and overseas, will require our prayer, giving, planning, and working.

Church Works 2009 is not only for pastors and their members, it is also for the conference officers, departmental leaders, and staff, as they support and provide resources for the churches and ministries.

—Lynn Ortel, communication director, Northern New England Conference

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Six individuals were baptized as a result of attending a mini revival held over a four-day period at the Turner Company. The revival was conducted by Northern New England Conference evangelist Rick Kuntz, and staffed by the many hard-working volunteers from the church.

After the mini revival, which had approximately 11 people attending, six people made decisions to be baptized and studied for baptism on Sabbaths with help from the pastor, Leon Twitchell, and the elders. One family, the Learneds, had three family members participate in the baptism, two older children and the mother, Corie. Prior to attending church, as Corie went for her daily walk, she met one of the church members, struck up a friendship, and decided to start attending services as a visitor. Now, her entire family attends services regularly, and her husband is currently studying for baptism. All four of her children attend Pine Tree Academy, and Corie even drives the bus for the academy on a part-time basis.

Nicole Parlin, who was also baptized on that Sabbath, is a fourth-generation Seventh-day Adventist.

—Diane Kane, administrative assistant, Northern New England Conference

Turner Company Baptizes Six

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The Connecticut Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church is blessed to have a dynamic youth group with about 18 multicultural youth from Peru, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Africa, and the United States who attend either public high schools or local colleges.

The vision of our youth group is to serve God and serve Him well. We started Youth Evangelistic Ministries (Y.E.M.) to help us spread seed in places that are not reached with the gospel. We want to bring good news to the young people in our community.

We are challenging our youth to look at their motives in church and stop letting other young people tell them it is “just church.” I teach the youth that God deserves all the praise in the world, and they should express how they feel about Him at all times. We are not the future of the church, we are the church. Willing young people are being trained to teach Sabbath School.

We have youth Bible studies every Wednesday evening followed by volleyball or basketball games. Interestingly, often there are more youth who attend the youth prayer meeting than there are adults who attend the adult prayer meeting!

We also offer weekly Friday-night Bible study and fellowship time. This is a time for the youth to connect with God and each other and unwind from the week.

If you are ever in the South Windsor area, feel free to visit. We would love to meet you and praise God together. May God be a blessing in your life as He has been in ours.

—Eric Fraticelli, youth director, Connecticut Valley Adventist Church

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Internet Search Leads to Baptism

John McCarthy is an executive in the financial industry. “One evening, a Friday evening, I was searching the Internet, studying the beliefs of various Christian groups,” McCarthy recalls. “I was looking for a group that didn’t necessarily believe what I believed; I wanted the truth. I came across a site about the Seventh-day Adventists and spent the next several hours visiting one site after another, both pro and con, researching their beliefs. I was fascinated. I had been taught as a young boy at St. Paul’s School in Cranston, Rhode Island, that the Sabbath was Saturday, but never gave it much thought until that night.

“I read about Ellen White and all the books she had written in her lifetime and, although not fully convinced that she was a prophet at the time, I said . . . if the Catholics can have their thousands of saints, then the Adventists are entitled to at least one prophet.

“I sent an e-mail requesting further information, and a few days later, my cell phone rang while I was attending a conference. I took the call and it was somebody from the church asking me when I would like to get together.”

David Baron, our district’s Bible worker, was the caller. He started Bible studies that resulted in John’s baptism into the Johnston Seventh-day Adventist Church!

—Bill Warcholik, pastor, Johnston, Burrillville, and Wickford, Rhode Island, churches
L'édition française de la revue pour les pasteurs de l’Église adventiste fait ses débuts

T. Rimoldi nommé nouvel agent de liaison auprès des Nations Unies pour l’Église adventiste

Cette semaine, le comité exécutif de l’Église adventiste du septième jour a nommé un spécialiste des relations Église-Etat pour servir d’intermédiaire entre la dénomination mondiale et les Nations Unies.

A ce nouveau poste, le professeur et auteur Tiziano Rimoldi travaillera pour le Département des Affaires Publiques et de la Liberté Religieuse de l’Église adventiste, à Florence.

T. Rimoldi remplace Jonathan Gallagher qui a occupé ce poste pendant huit ans.

Précédemment, T. Rimoldi a travaillé comme comptable principal pour l’Union italienne de l’Église adventiste et a occupé un poste au cabinet juridique Longobardi à Rome.

T. Rimoldi, 42 ans, est italien. Il parle italien, il s’exprime couramment en anglais et français, et comprend l’espagnol. Il a été largement publié dans les revues universitaires pour ce qui touche au droit et aux libertés de religion.

Dans les trois Divisions africaines de l’Église, là où le français est peut-être le plus largement parlé, financer une revue comme celle-là constituait un très grand défi financier, a expliqué N. Satelmajer. Et dans la Division du Pacifique Sud de l’Église, seulement 40 pasteurs parlent français, ce qui est beaucoup trop peu pour que cette publication soit rentable.

“Certsins de nos pasteurs ont très peu de ressources, alors nous voulions mettre à leur disposition un matériel de qualité” a déclaré N. Satelmajer.

On estime que l’édition française de Ministy sera distribuée à 3300 pasteurs adventistes, avec un nombre de lecteurs potentiel beaucoup plus large car la revue est souvent envoyée aux pasteurs d’autres religions sur la base d’un abonnement en cadeau.

Le président de l’Église adventiste mondiale, Jan Paulsen, a dit que cette nouvelle édition serait un “instrument” pour entrer en contact avec les “pasteurs francophones qui peut-être ne sont pas membres de l’Église adventiste.”

Même avec le financement de la Conférence Générale, trouver le budget pour ce programme et la distribution de la revue restent difficiles mais motivants, a ajouté N. Satelmajer. Un bureau annexe à Paris en France s’occupera de la conception de la revue et la Pacific Press Publishing Association à Nampa dans l’Idaho imprimerà cette édition.


“Ministry a été très enrichissant pour mon ministère, et j’espère à présent que les pasteurs francophones seront bénis par cette revue” a-t-il dit.

B. Sauvagnat apporte à ce poste ses dizaines d’années d’expérience en tant que journaliste, auteur, rédacteur en chef, professeur et pasteur. Précédemment, il a été le rédacteur en chef des éditions françaises de Signes des Temps et de la Revue Adventiste.

“Nous sommes persuadés qu’il sera un véritable atout pour la production de cette revue” a dit N. Satelmajer aux membres du comité exécutif après qu’ils aient nommé B. Sauvagnat.

Elizbeth Lechleitner
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El bautismo no es el fin del camino, afirma líder adventista

Aunque es más conocido entre sus colegas por realizar anuncios con humor durante las sesiones administrativas de la iglesia, G. T. Ng tiene un mensaje sobre el crecimiento de iglesia que no podría ser más serio.

Durante sus viajes por el mundo, Ng, uno de los secretarios asociados de la Iglesia Adventista, tiene una presentación en particular que le gusta compartir.

La primera imagen dice: “Infanticidio: El destino de los neonatos.” En la diapositiva se ve a una madre sonriente sosteniendo a su bebé. “Many mothers see a smile on the face of a baby who was aborted,” dice Ng. “En este caso, la unión misión había “limpiado los libros” el año anterior, sacando de la vista — literalmente, de los registros de iglesia — a miles de niños que nunca fueron conocidos. Es un tema delicado. El proceso de actualizar los libros de registros de iglesia no es una tarea sencilla, pero es vital para mantener una vista clara de lo que está pasando en el mundo adventista. “El bautismo no es el fin de los esfuerzos misioneros. Muchas feligreses confunden la adición de nuevos miembros con el hacer discípulos, que es el proceso de alimentar y contribuir con el desarrollo que debería continuar después de que una persona se une a la iglesia. "Creo que necesitamos preguntarnos no solo cuántos estamos bautizando, sino cuántos estamos recupando," dice Evans. "Solo estamos hablando de un aspecto del evangelismo". Al final de sus presentaciones, Ng concluye con este pensamiento: No fue el propósito de Jesús que el bautismo fuera el fin de los esfuerzos misioneros. Peligros pueden ser eliminados. Las "uniones." Los campos de iglesia que no podrían participar de este plan. Ng admite que solicitar se hagan estas auditorías de miembros es un tema delicado. “Muchos sienten muy profundamente la pérdida de miembros,” dice, pero añade que es más importante enfrentar la realidad. Ya sea por apatía o escaso del debido, los miembros de la iglesia han contribuido con la muerte de muchos nuevos creyentes, y la auditoría de miembros muestra con claridad cuántos miembros han dejado la iglesia. Y como muestran las presentaciones de Ng, las pérdidas pueden ser elevadas.

Larry Evans, subsecretario de la iglesia mundial, dice que el enfoque exagerado en un solo aspecto del crecimiento, a saber, en el aumento de la feligresía, ha jugado una parte importante en la pérdida de los miembros nuevos. En el actual modelo administrativo, los pastores y administradores solo reciben crédito por los nuevos miembros.

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Megan Brauner
Adventist News Network
Traducción: Marcos Paseggi

A Statement on the Environment

Seventh-day Adventists believe that humankind was created in the image of God, thus representing God as His stewards, to rule the natural environment in a faithful and fruitful way.

Unfortunately, corruption and exploitation have been brought into the management of the human domain of responsibility. Increasingly men and women have been involved in a megalomaniac destruction of the earth’s resources, resulting in widespread suffering, environmental disarray, and the threat of climate change. While scientific research needs to continue, it is clear from the accumulated evidence that the increasing emission of destructive gasses, the depletion of the protective mantel of ozone, the massive destruction of the American forests, and the so-called greenhouse effect, are all threatening the earth’s eco-system.

These problems are largely due to human selfishness and the egocentric pursuit of getting more and more through ever-increasing production, unlimited consumption and depletion of nonrenewable resources. The ecological crisis is rooted in humankind’s greed and refusal to practice good and faithful stewardship within the divine boundaries of creation.

Seventh-day Adventists advocate a simple, wholesome lifestyle, where people do not step on the treadmill of unbridled consumerism, goods-getting, and production of waste. We call for respect of creation, restraint in the use of the world’s resources, reevaluation of one’s needs, and reaffirmation of the dignity of created life.

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29-July 8, 1995.

Statement on Stewardship of the Environment

It is the belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that humankind was created in the image of God, and is thus to represent God as His steward and to manage the natural environment in a faithful and fruitful way. Nature is a gift from God.

Unfortunately, men and women have been increasingly involved in an irresponsible destruction of the earth’s resources, resulting in widespread suffering, environmental degradation, and the threat of climate change. While scientific research needs to continue, it is clear from the accumulated evidence that the increasing emission of destructive gasses, the massive destruction of the American rain forests, and the depletion of the protective mantel of ozone (the so-called greenhouse effect), are all threatening the earth’s eco-system. There are dire predictions of global warming, rising sea levels, increasing frequency of storms and destructive floods, and devastating desertification and droughts.

These problems are largely due to human selfishness and greed, which result in ever-increasing production, unlimited consumption, and depletion of nonrenewable resources. Solidarity with future generations is discussed, but the pressure of immediate interests is given priority. The ecological crisis is rooted in humankind’s greed and refusal to practice good and faithful stewardship.

The government and people of Costa Rica are to be commended for their support of a comprehensive policy of sustainable development in harmony with nature.

Seventh-day Adventism advocates a simple, wholesome lifestyle, where people do not step on the treadmill of unbridled over-consumption, accumulation of goods, and production of waste. A reformation of lifestyle is called for, based on respect for nature, restraint in the use of the world’s resources, reevaluation of one’s needs, and reaffirmation of the dignity of created life.

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**IRVING SR., James P.**—64; b. May 30, 1944, in Boston, Mass.; d. Apr. 12, 2009, in Wrentham, Mass. He was a member of The Waymark Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Mass. He previously attended the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Mass., and served as chairman of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy school board. He is survived by his son, Ethan K. Irving, of Wrentham, Mass.; his mother, Edna A. Irving, of Wrentham, Mass.; cousins, Robert Taylor of Colorado, and Linda Taylor of Boston, Mass.; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**KISH JR., Peter (Pete)**—87; b. May 1, 1921, in Manhattan, N.Y.; d. Mar. 31, 2009, in Yarmouth, Maine. He is a graduate of Greater New York Academy. He served in the U.S. Army as an electrician and medic in the 237th AAA Search Light Battalion from 1943 to 1946. He attended Atlantic Union College. He loved music and supported the New England Youth Ensemble. He is survived by his wife, Julianne (Laszlo) Kish; his daughter, Deborah S. Rojas of North Yarmouth, Maine; his sister, Elsie Karras of Clearwater, Fla.; and his niece, Priscilla Udvari of Springhill, Fla.

**NICHOLAS, Audrey A.**—93; b. Nov. 3, 2015, in Jersey City, N.J.; d. Mar. 1, 2009, in Georgia. She was a member of the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, N.Y. She served her church for many years in various capacities such as Sabbath School teacher, education director, home and school leader, gospel choir director, and pianist. She is survived by her two children, Nathaniel Campbell and Gandolyn Henry; two grandchildren, Shamicca Sharie and son-in-law, Mason West III, Tiffany Henry, three great-grandchildren, Mason IV, Malia, and Megan West, and several nieces and cousins. Her husband, Walter Dewey Nicholas, and son, Robert Leonard, predeceased her.

**WINSTON, Frances J.**—69; b. Jun 30, 1939, in Selma, Ala.; d. Feb 17, 2009, in Roslindale, Mass. She was a charter member of the Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church (formerly Mattapan Seventh-day Adventist Church) in Hyde Park, Mass. She previously attended the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Mass. She served for many years as the church clerk, primary class teacher, and was instrumental in forming the children’s choir and was one of its first directors. She retired in January 2008 after working for 25 years for the Boston City Public School System. She is survived by her mother, Minnie L. Winston, her two children, Nathaniel Campbell and Audrey M. Winston, her two grandchildren, Richard Winston Jr., Dorothy Grady, and Charles Winston Sr., and a host of nieces and nephews.

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