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STARTING THE YEAR WITH PRAYER

It has become an Adventist tradition. Each year the global Church family is encouraged to spend a specific ten days in prayer. With a dedicated website, special
programmes on Hope Channel, and with many churches holding special meetings, it is a positive way to focus the mind, to set goals, and as a church family to support and encourage each other in the mission of the Church.

"As a Christian Seventh-day Adventist community I believe it is important for us to follow the pattern of Christ’s followers before Pentecost", Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland states. "The first two chapters of Acts record the extremely powerful manifestations of those believers' prayer meetings. This resulted in their receiving the Holy Spirit who gave them direction in the appointment of leaders, brought the believers closer together and enabled the Church to be extremely effective in its mission and evangelistic endeavours.

"The goals of our 10 days of prayer are no different in 2014. It is my hope and call that our prayer focus would be much wider than our personal needs and find its primary purpose in those outside of our Adventist Christian community and how God might use us to reveal Him to them. Without a doubt, it is important for us to pray and seek to come closer to God. However, I believe something is missing if this does not lead or inspire us to reach the people who live in our community who do not have a knowledge and relationship with Jesus. Let us pray for others. I would also hope and encourage families and church communities to see these 10 days as a time of education for our children, who we should actively and creatively involve. Our children are equal partners in our praying and we should remember that good habits developed at an early age help to strengthen their relationship with Jesus throughout their lives."

Victor Pilmoor may be steward of the finances for the Adventist Church here in the British Union Conference, but he is also guardian of a large personal library. He notes that he bought a book recently that focuses on the cycles and rhythms of church life. It observes that we do not exercise our spirituality in a multi-year monotone drone. There are ups and downs. Thus, he states, "The new year is a time of resolution and renewal in most aspects of life, the year end is a time of closure and resolution. Spring is a time of openness to growth and fertility. While we can view these initiatives as corporate coercion, they are actually opportunities to harmonise our devotional life with the seasonal spirit. It is God who creates and maintains the seasons and hence anticipates the rhythmic life."

In 2013 the Church placed a special emphasis on Mission to the Cities in London. That emphasis will continue but in 2014 and 15 is spreading an emphasis to other specific cities. Why not make these a specific matter of prayer.

**Dublin**

The primary British Union Conference Mission to the Cities project for 2014 is Dublin, capital city of the Republic of Ireland and with a population of 1.8 million in the greater Dublin area. It is a city of rapidly changing demographics. It was hit hard by the recession but is recently coming back to
vigorous life… as is the Adventist presence in the city which has filled the main Dublin church to capacity and spawned three other congregations. The cycle of evangelism in Dublin this year includes programmes to reach out into the local culture, including a Jesus exhibition and lecture series during the traditional Easter Holy Week – introducing the population to the 'real Jesus', a multiple series of seminars in May, Impact projects, and a major three week campaign with Pastor Mark Finley in the autumn. These programmes will also be relayed to the other churches throughout the Irish Mission in the largest combined evangelistic thrust ever seen on the island.

Pastors David Neal, Irish Mission President and Gavin Anthony, Dublin Prayer coordinator, suggest the following prayer themes:

· That over and above all the plans that are made, that the Lord will intervene through His Spirit to help us connect with the people of Dublin.

· That the Dublin Ranelagh church will be ready and user-friendly to receive guests. (It is undergoing refurbishment.)

· That our work together in Dublin may be characterised by unity, compassion, and a passion for God's honour.

· That the Dublin City of Hope focus will result that from now on until Jesus comes, the focus of our members will always look outward.

· That we will connect with Irish people, and that many will appreciate how good God is, through His Son Jesus and become His disciples.

· That as programmes run in Dublin are shared across all the churches in the Irish Mission that MTTC will have a significant impact on lives right across the island.

· That our congregations will experience the dynamics of Zechariah 8:23—"This is what the Lord Almighty says: "In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'"

· Pray for our Zechariah Project interns who are working door to door in Dublin, and the expansion of our Zechariah Project discipleship programme.

· That God will be honoured in our community through the monthly Blue Jeans Sabbaths, and that we will become increasingly aware of the needs of our community.

Glasgow

The Commonwealth Games come to Glasgow this year. As with the Olympics in London 2012, this provides an opportunity for Scottish Adventists to reach out to their local communities and international visitors. Scottish Mission President, Pastor Bernie Holford, asks for prayer in the following areas:

· Thank God for the challenge of reaching the 1.75 million people in
the Glasgow 'urban' area.

· Thank God for our over 550 members in the Scottish Mission who love God and want to serve Him.

· Thank God that our Church is growing with new companies forming.

· Thank God for active churches that are witnessing.

· Pray for the pastoral team who have all moved into the West of Scotland district during 2013 – Pastors Claudiu Popescu, Victor Harewood, Ivana and Rory Mendez.

· Pray for the success of the Commonwealth Games, 23 July - 3 August 2014.

· Pray for the Common Health and Well-being team who are exploring outreach opportunities in the district for 2014.

· Pray for all our Scottish Mission churches, and especially Glasgow, Faifley and Paisley who will be at the hub of activities connected with the Commonwealth Games.

· Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a revival in all our churches so that our members are on fire to reach the 5 million Scots who need Christ and to hear about His truth!

Manchester

The North England Conference is placing a particular emphasis on Manchester and is already seeing miracles happen there. NEC Evangelism director, Pastor Michael Simpson is suggesting the following prayer ideas for Mission to the Cities:

· Pray for the 2.68 million people in the Greater Manchester area.

· Pray for the motivation of the existing contacts as well as members of NEC Area 2 (including Greater Manchester).

· Pray that God grants us favour with the stakeholders and gatekeepers of Greater Manchester.

· Pray for the Health and Well-being of MTTC team who are prepared to do great exploits for God throughout 2014 and 15 in Greater Manchester and across North England Conference cities.

· Thank God for the projects that we have started, for example Moss Side Luncheon Club for the community and free accommodation of this project in the local youth centre.

· We thank God for His blessings in providing the North England Conference with an MTTC administrative office in Oakland House in Old Trafford, rent and rates free.

· We thank God for providing a self-contained space in the Moss Side Millennium Powerhouse at reasonable rates for community projects and meeting place for a Moss Side church plant.
· We thank God for the over 50 chairs, desks and tables donated to MTTC.

· We thank God for calling us at this time to share the love of God with our communities in the NEC.

[Victor Hulbert]

ADVENT SHELTER FULL TO CAPACITY FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING

For a second year, the South England Conference's Advent Shelter, held at the Advent Centre in Central London, was full to capacity housing 70 homeless and lonely people, from 24 December 2013 to 2 January 2014.

Throughout the Christmas and New Year period, volunteers from churches across the SEC helped provide fully-catered meals, drinks, warmth, entertainment and safety for each of the homeless that made their way to the shelter.

Elsie Staple, SEC Health and Community Ministries director, led this initiative to provide a refuge for vulnerable people at what is usually the most festive time of year. She sees it as a continuation of feeding the homeless at different centres throughout the year, as well as an extension of God's love to anyone, regardless of who they are.

"Around 8 of these people have returned from last Christmas' Advent Shelter", commented Elsie Staple. "The rest are mostly people we see every week when feeding hundreds of homeless at the Waterloo Bridge site. We have been really well supported, not only by church members but by friends of church members and others who have heard of the Shelter."

One such volunteer was Laura Anderson, a Senior Scientist in the tuberculosis team at Public Health England. She volunteered for several days after hearing about the programme through an Adventist friend, Kadeem Pringle, who had helped in 2012.

"I work with a 'Find and Treat Team' that goes with a van to screen the homeless for tuberculosis in London", Laura explained. "Through the work that I've done, I've seen that not all the homeless have drug and alcohol problems. I've met many who have simply lost their jobs, or been badly injured and just don't meet the criteria to be housed. We've seen all these types, and more, here at the Shelter this Christmas."
Most of those using the Shelter were keen to tell their story, from a lady who had come simply because she was lonely, to a well-spoken, former priest who had nowhere to live. A gentleman, Michael Sean, who visited frequently had suffered a stroke at the age of 18 and was left disabled and unable to work. This led him into becoming homeless.

New Year's Eve saw everyone tucking into a hearty meal of spaghetti bolognaise, garlic bread and apple pie, cooked by one of the volunteer chefs, Kirk Morrison. The evening continued in to the New Year with an entertaining and interactive session of karaoke involving both volunteers and guests in classic songs like, 'Lean On Me'.

"I feel this is a really good use of my time," said Laura. "It is usually the party season where people are going out drinking and having fun, but this is really one of the best Christmases I've ever spent. I didn't know what it was going to be like before I came, but it's been really relaxed, no trouble at all and I'd definitely volunteer again!"

Click here to watch a video report of the Advent Shelter. [Advent Shelter from LWC on Vimeo.]

To view a few photos from the initiative, please visit the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

[Katie Ramharacksingh]

A NEW YEAR – A NEW YOU!

It's a new year and maybe you are thinking, "I need a fresh perspective on life, a better attitude, a healthier body and a renewed spirit". Or, perhaps you are perfectly happy with yourself the way you are, and satisfied with life as you know it. Whatever your circumstances if we take time to reflect there is usually something that we can improve in at least one aspect of our life.

Sabbath, 11 January is Health Ministries Sabbath. Are you hoping for a healthy year ahead? Well, here are a few tips for achieving well-being in your emotional, physical, spiritual and social areas of your life throughout 2014. This is a formula that I have created and used myself many times over the past years with good results. Additionally I successfully use it in my 'transformation' workshop with clients wanting to make a change in their life.

So have a look at the following and see what you can take from it:
Emotional Health

In her book *Mind, Character and Personality*, vol. 2 p403, Ellen White states: "A person whose mind is quiet and satisfied in God is in the pathway to health." Interestingly, The Mental Health Foundation published a report in 2006 which demonstrated the positive mental health outcomes in individuals whose faith was active.

Action – to encourage emotional resilience:

• Ask God for wisdom to balance each aspect of your life so you don't feel overwhelmed
• Pray for a positive mindset
• Learn how to manage stress
• Practise forgiveness
• Assess your thinking (cognitive restructuring)
• Schedule some 'quiet time' daily

Physical Health

Lifestyle (diet, rest and exercise) is the most significant factor in maintaining good health. Wilcox, a Health researcher states: "In our work we've found that lifestyle accounts for about two-thirds of life expectancy; only one-third is due to genetics." Health and fitness tsar Gwen Foster is quoted as saying: "faulty genes load the gun, but lifestyle pulls the trigger." You can take charge of your life with wholesome health habits.

Action – for increased vitality and optimum health:

• Ask God for the power of self-control
• Eat wholesome food daily
• Undertake regular exercise / activity most days
• Ensure adequate sleep – 8 hours nightly
• Schedule 'me' time to ensure restoration
• Declutter – get rid of excess

Spiritual Health

Spiritual development is an integral part of the Christian's life. 1 Peter 2:2 advises: "...crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." [NIV]

Action – for building faith and nurturing the spirit:

• Begin and end the day with God in prayer, devotion and Bible study
• Memorise promise scriptures, reflecting on them throughout the day
• Pray for godly wisdom for daily decisions
• Pray for a forgiving spirit
• Pray for opportunities to witness

Social Health

Many factors influence our lives and the way we interact with others. Scripture gives good advice for our social wellbeing: 1 Timothy 4:12 states: "...but be an example to the believers in
speech, in attitude, in faith, in purity."

Action – for boosting support and growing healthy relationships:

• Associate with a significant other – prayer partner / mentor / buddy
• Respect boundaries
• Participate in outreach ministry / support groups
• Schedule special time for family and friends
• Enjoy fun and relaxing activities / hobbies

Give it a go… and if it works for you, why not write and tell us about it.

[Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries Director]

LOVE AND HOPE IN ACTION WITH PORTUGUESE SPEAKING CHURCH

Love overcomes all language barriers for Central London Portuguese speaking church members as they reach out to both children, the elderly, and their carers in the local area.

Their 'Love and Hope project' was launched three years ago with the aim, as the title states, of sharing God's love and hope. The first project was visiting children at the Paediatric unit of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. It then spread out to nursing homes. The project increased and now every month a group of church members visits a nursing home in Golders Green to care for the elderly. They do facials, nails, haircuts and spend time talking to the patients and staff about world affairs and the amazing love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As part of this project, the church organised four Christmas Concerts during the month of December with the participation of members of Central London church and the Adventist Romanian Choir. Concerts were held in the Paediatric as well as Samaritan units of St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, Sonesta Care Home and the Bupa Nursing Home in Golders Green. Arriving at the nursing homes, members were very surprised to find the auditoriums packed with the presence of the residents' families who
joined us in several songs. The songs were a mixture of Christmas carols and hymns interspersed with words of encouragement and hope about the real meaning of this festive season.

In the Paediatric unit we also offered prayer which was accepted by the majority of parents. There even was a mother who asked us to continue praying for her son as he was recovering from five stabs he had received from smugglers.

One of the most emotional moments occurred in the Samaritan unit when a French lady shared that despite having grown up in a Catholic school and participating in a choir she had never heard such beautiful voices as of our children.

At the end of each concert, the children handed out Christmas baskets, prepared specially for this occasion, to the patients and staff. Some baskets were also delivered to the neighbours of the Advent Centre, where we congregate, to let them know who we are and what we believe. Each of the 143 baskets contained a teddy bear, some healthy snacks, fruits, juice as well as Christian literature such as the booklets 'What's the point of Christmas?' and 'Steps to Christ' for the adults and 'Fish Don't Need a Snorkel' for the children. We also included a couple of DVDs 'The Final Events' and 'Eating'.

Love and Hope is now not just a motto for the Portuguese speaking members, it is a vibrant lifestyle.

[Emerson Ferraz]

**SOUTHPORT RINGS WITH PEACE ON EARTH**

Southport Adventists believe in community. Thus on Monday, 16 December, the Pioneer taskforce volunteers together with local church members, drew talent from around the North England Conference to offer their local community an unforgettable evening of sacred music, warming the hearts of all at the Best Western Royal Hotel.

Florence Manji, the diminutive dynamo behind the organisation of this well run event has been a taskforce worker since January and admits she relies heavily on her training as a PEACE graduate to confidently interact with people from the local community.

"We sent invitations to more than a hundred of our contacts here in Southport, dropped leaflets through letterboxes, advertised locally in the paper and on community radio and we will be supporting the work of the Queenscourt Hospice by taking a collection for them."
The well attended free concert was supported by local community radio DJ, John Bradders, who was very impressed with the quality of the music and offered to promote any future projects of the church on his show. Also present was Carolyn Lowry, the events manager from Queenscourt Hospice who gave a short presentation on the work done there and thanked the Adventist church for the donation of more than £238 collected at the event.

Supporting artistes came from as far as Derby, Nottingham and Leeds and represented their church admirably as most of the attendees were from the local community in Southport. Making a special impact on the audience was twelve-year-old Louis Richards whose unexpectedly powerful contralto voice made the audience warm to her as she sang well-known favourites, 'O Holy Night' and 'Mary Did You Know'.

Besides singing beautifully, Camellia Bran shared the story behind the well-known carol 'Silent Night' and female trio from Leeds, Victory Yours Today, had the audience clapping through their catchy tune and intricate harmonies in their rendition of 'Gentle Shepherd'.

Despite having a cold Takudzwa Chingotere shared 'Desire of Ages' and 'Ten Thousand Angels' to the delight of the audience. Michael Asare drove from Bristol to play the keyboard and a poem written by Tunda Manji in London was read by her sister Florence who followed it with a beautiful rendition of 'Oh, I Want to Know You More'.

Fernanda, a local resident stated, "I came thinking it would be alright, but actually it is amazing." Another, Joan Barsten, read about the concert in her local paper and attended with two of her friends: "The singers are absolutely lovely, all of them. We're enjoying it very much. We're the ones benefiting tonight."

A DVD of the concert is available from the North England Conference office at £5 a copy. All proceeds will go to the Queenscourt Hospice. If you would like to support the work of PEACE or the taskforce workers in the NEC, please contact the NEC office for more information.

[Geraldene Farmer]

PRAYER BREAKFAST LEADS TO SERVANT HEART

The Women's Ministries team at the Great Brickkiln church, Wolverhampton, introduced a Prayer Breakfast
event on Sunday, 22 December 2013.

The theme was 'Lord make me your Servant'. Quite a few members also visited from the local Adventist churches.

It was reassuring to also see visitors from the local community as they joined in the songs of worship and listened to messages of encouragement. These related to love for God and for one another. The highlight of the morning service that followed the communal breakfast was a devotional that clearly pointed out that if Christ is in your life then a saved heart will always want to serve Him and others.

[D Campbell]

BREAD MAKING PASTOR TO HIT AIRWAVES

Pastor Obi is not your run-of-the-mill pastor. When he visits your home he may well offer you freshly baked home-made bread. If you see him on the street he seems to know everyone. If you need an expert in bridge-building, Pastor Obi Iheoma is your man. His MA in 'Providing Pastoral Care in a Multicultural Community of the United Kingdom' is much more than just a theory.

Find out how an oil engineer from Nigeria finds himself working and welcomed across cultures in the UK.

Pastor Iheoma shares not only the baking of bread, but the skills of pastoral care in a multicultural community on Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freesat 692 and Roku): Thursday 9 January, 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday 12 January at 1:00 pm.

Programmes to come:
Thursday 16 January, repeated Sunday 19 January: Sinisa Horvat, a communist atheist who found God through a school friend and now wants to narrow the gap between the secular world and what the Church has to offer.

Thursday 23 January, repeated Sunday 26 January: Amy & John Ainsworth share the secrets and challenges of living with epilepsy.

HOPE CHANNEL Europe may have ceased satellite transmission but there are several positive ways to watch your favourite programmes:

1. Purchase a Roku box to gain access to a vast variety of Hope Channel and other Adventist programming. Roku transmits programming via the internet. Simply connect it to your HD ready TV and the wireless internet in your house.
2. Watch on your smartphone or tablet. Get a free app from the iTunes store or the Android Play Store.

3. Enjoy a range of programmes on the www.hopetv.org.uk website. Watch the live stream and a range of on-demand programmes. Find links to other international channels.

[Victor Hulbert]

**A GUARDIAN VIEW OF DUNDEE ADVENTISTS**

Seventh-day Adventists have once again received a positive mention in a national newspaper thanks to an observant communication secretary in Scotland. Professor John Walton, a member of Dundee church, lectures in Chemistry at the University of St Andrews, debates Intelligent Design and Creation across the country at every available opportunity, but still finds time to peruse the Guardian newspaper.

After successfully submitting a photo to the Guardian's 'Church congregations – readers' pictures' last year a reporter contacted him asking him for more information about Adventists, and specifically about Dundee church. His positive response to that reporter has resulted in a fuller report but including the same photo, giving a small insight into who Adventists are and what we believe. You can read it as part of the article: Church congregations – readers’ stories. While the journalist clearly condensed a half hour interview into a few short paragraphs, her words conveyed a church that is active, healthy, positive, outward looking, and knows what it believes.

It is not often that local communication secretaries get the opportunity for their work to be published in the national press, but submitting regularly to your local newspapers and keeping an eye open for opportunities does help raise the profile of your church in the local community.

Nobody knows that better than June Coombs of the Stanborough Park church, Watford. Some might consider her 'over keen', but building up a relationship with journalists at the Watford Observer and Garston News has paid dividends for the local church as sometimes reports are appearing on a weekly basis. This climaxed in December with four articles published, three in the same week. June had articles published on the arrival of a new youth minister (31 December), a report of the annual toy service (18 December), the return of a former minister to join the pastoral team (18 December), and pupils vie for Christmas art prize (18 December).

What is the advantage? The more the name of your church is seen, the more likely someone will look your way when they have a spiritual need. If they are looking for a church they are more
likely to choose one that is seen as active. Additionally, should an unfortunate item of bad news involve your church the journalist then knows who to contact for trustworthy background.

Could that be a challenge for your church in 2014? For more information and guidance on how to write a news article, how to take a good journalistic photo, and how to submit an article to your local paper, visit the Communication page of the Adventist Church website.

[Victor Hulbert]

YEAR-END BAPTISMS

It is part of a year-end tradition. Yet it is also a really positive way to start a new year by making a public declaration for Christ.

Cambridge church celebrated the year end by combining both a baptism and a communion service into a very special day. Seven young people were baptised – four of them from the same family. Amos and Tessa Burke, parents of Rebecca, Daniel, Thomas and Hannah, could not have been more proud of their children or moved with emotion as they participated in the service. The three others baptised, Kyle and Karlum Augustine, and Natasha from Angola, were just as precious. A full report of the baptism is on the SEC website.

Two lifeguards on duty at a local swimming pool in the Northfield, Bournville and Halesowen district of churches were impressed when five new members were baptised in a 14 December ceremony. They said that they had never witnessed a baptism by full immersion before and really enjoyed the service. For more on the baptism of Lannah Lynette Gueverra, David Huilar, Daryl Jimenez and Sarah Mae Sunico read the full report on the NEC section of the website.

Have you had a baptism in your church? Send in a report highlighting some special feature of the event or the candidates to your local Conference or Mission Communication director. Allow your joy to be shared.

[BUC News]

RECYCLING FOR A CHURCH BUILDING
Loughborough church started almost 40 years ago but has always met in rented premises. They dream to own a church building and have been very busy over the last 3 years raising funds through a variety of events and activities.

It isn't so much the building, it is what they can do with it. Their Summer Stars Holiday Bible Club has been running for 3 years and was enjoyed by over 50 children last year, most of whom were from non-Christian backgrounds. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they got involved with activities such as clay modelling, cooking, music and drama and, most importantly, enjoyed singing and hearing stories about Jesus. However, there is so much more we would like to do to reach out to our local community for Christ. Toddler group, choir, Pathfinders, music group, Youth drama group, midweek meetings, drink and chat mornings, community fun days and cooking demonstrations are all activities which we would like to run.

At present, the cost of renting for additional time severely limits the impact we can have on our community. Owning a building would make such a difference in being able to provide these opportunities to meet the needs of our own church community and the people around us.

A place of worship of our own would also assist us in fulfilling the aims and goals of the NEC strategic plan of Rebuilding the Walls by rebuilding people, restoring relationships and inspiring excellence within our local congregation and community.

As most people seem to be very short of money at the moment, we have had to be a little more creative with our fundraising. Our latest fundraising venture is recycling. We are collecting waste items and packaging, many of which are not currently recycled through our council systems. We have already asked friends, neighbours, churches and schools in our area for help and have also sent articles to our local newspapers and magazines. The local community are excited about supporting this initiative as we are only asking for something they would otherwise throw away and we are hoping that we can also rely on the support of the Adventist churches, schools and members across the UK to help us achieve our goal. The waste collected will be sent to a recycling centre where it will be made into items such as watering cans, bins and park benches. Our Building Fund will be given 2p per item on average. Most of the waste would otherwise be sent to landfill so this is a great way of helping the environment whilst raising money to buy a church.

Could your church collect for us?

The items that we can currently send to be recycled are:

- Empty biscuit packets from any brand of sweet biscuits (for multipacks such as Penguins we can use both the outer wrapper and the individual ones)
- Yoghurt pots from Activia, Actimel or Shape (no other brands please)
- Old mobile phones (working or broken)
- Used pens
- Baby food pouches (any brand) and any Ella's Kitchen packaging

Even if you live a long way from us, you can help as we can email you a Freepost label for your items.
For further information, please contact Vivienne on (07787) 588536 or email loughboroughsdachurch@gmail.com.

[Vivienne Barrett-Peacock]

**COMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday 8 January - Sabbath 18 January:**
10 Days of Prayer. Join us for 10 Days of Global Prayer. Comprehensive information and resources available at tendaysofprayer.org. For the UK and Ireland we also ask that you especially pray for Mission to the Cities 2014 in Dublin, Manchester and Edinburgh, for outreach and nurture in all its forms at local, regional and national level, and for growing together in the love of Christ.

**Saturday 18 January:**
Youth Gospel Music Expo. Harmony in Praise presents Youth Gospel Music Expo and invites you to an evening of music flavoured with different genres from our young upcoming groups. Riverside Centre, Derby. Tickets £10 per head; £30 for a family of four. Doors open 1900, starts 1930 - 2300.

**Monday 20 January:**
Stanborough School Scholarships and Bursaries. Registration deadline to apply for a scholarship or bursary to help your child with a positive, Adventist education.

**Friday 24 - Sunday 26 January:**
NEC Mission to the Cities Training. To book online go to: https://uk.bookingbug.com/home/33185-North-England-Conference and look for the event under the Personal Ministries Department.

**Sabbath 25 January:**
Irish Mission Personal Ministries – Witness Training 1. Pastor Eglan Brooks and Pastor Kirk Thomas will be presenting a day seminar in a Dublin Hotel on witnessing in an urban context. Would you like to attend: Please contact Marci Neal.

**Sunday 26 January:**
MOHAP Day Retreat, at the Advent Centre, London, from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Book online at mohap6.eventbrite.co.uk. For more information see mohap.org. For queries email info@mohap.org or phone 07407 692 256.

For a full listing of Coming Events please visit [http://adventist.org.uk/events](http://adventist.org.uk/events)

For more details and a larger selection of events both this weekend and in the future please visit the [Coming Events website](http://adventist.org.uk/events) where events are continuously updated online. Select your region for events nearest to you. You can also share events important to you on your Facebook or social media profile. You can also submit your event at the same location.

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**SMALL ADS**

NEED AN AU PAIR? Annika Grumpelt, an 18 year old German Adventist is seeking a position as an au pair with an Adventist family from August 2014. She seeks to improve her English so the ability to take some English classes as a nearby college would be an advantage. For more information please contact Pastor Burkhard Mayer: burkhardmayer@aol.com.

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