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DECISION TIME AT ANNUAL COUNCIL
BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney and Pastor Richard Daly are among the several hundred delegates meeting at Silver Springs, Maryland, in the last Annual Council of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church before a General Conference Session at San Antonio, Texas, next summer. Pastor Daly states that as a pastoral representative from the Trans-European Division that he was pleased to find the meetings bathed in prayer. "With inspiring morning devotions starting from 8am all delegates spend a good time placing before the Lord the matters of debate and discussion for the day", he enthused. He was also impressed with the manner in which items were presented, allowing plenty of opportunity for anyone to speak on the matter.

Here are a few highlights covering the meetings that started on Thursday 9 October:

During a health presentation on the opening night, three experts challenged delegates with the question, 'Are you fit to lead'? At the end of the presentation, Pastor Sweeney was invited to the platform to share the motivation for his change of lifestyle and fitness regime developed over the past year. Adventist News Network quoted him as saying that he "decided to eat healthier food and exercise more after giving a book about health to a neighbour and realized the irony as it related to my own situation."

Delegates also voted recommendations clarifying the wording of parts of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Church. It was emphasised that this was not to change the meaning of any belief but simply to improve understanding.

The major debate, on Tuesday 14 October revolved around a recommendation to GC Session next year on whether individual Divisions could make provision for the Ordination of Women pastors within their own Division of the World Church. Following years of study the delegates voted a consensus statement on the theology of ordination and then with 243 votes in favour, and 44 against, voted that the following question should be placed on the agenda for next July:

"After your prayerful study on ordination from the Bible, the writings of Ellen G White, and the reports of the study commissions, and;"
"After your careful consideration of what is best for the Church and the fulfilment of its mission, "Is it acceptable for Division Executive Committees, as they may deem it appropriate in their territories, to make provision for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry? Yes or No."

In the midst of debate, and with strongly held opinions from those both in favour of and opposed to the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, statements in recent days from world evangelist Mark Finley, Review Editor, Bill Knott, and from popular GYC speaker, David Asscherick, have made passionate and reasoned pleas for unity, love and understanding even when members may disagree on an issue.

The ANN report included an interesting statement on unity and acceptance from Pastor Ted Wilson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. They stated that while he did not express an opinion during the meeting, he did indicate before the discussion that he would be willing to adjust his stance.

"If this body accepts the recommendation to place a question before the General Conference Session and that Session after prayerful consideration and review votes something," he stated, "I pledge to you I will follow what the General Conference votes. I want to ask each of you to do the same."

In other news from Annual Council, delegates voted that the traditionally black Oakwood University in Alabama should move from General Conference control to that of its home Division, the North American Division, Secretariat reported that official membership now stood at 18.1 million, but expressed concern at a significant drop-out rate from membership even though the Church was growing, and that a 'surfer pastor, clinics and literature' are part of the evangelism highlights of the year.

Voting was a highlight for Richard who hopes they will have the same system in San Antonio next year. "We were using a new electronic voting device where simply by the click of a button our vote was placed, resulting in a colourful visual bar chart on the screen as to votes in favour, against or abstentions. Such was the fascination with this new method that we all looked forward to pressing the buttons on our new gadgets and then seeing the pictorial outcome."

"Apart from the business of each day it was a wonderful opportunity to meet other delegates and hear how the work is progressing in their local fields," Richard reported while confessing that, "the routine was demanding with long days and lots of reports and presentation to listen to and concentrate on."

He concludes, "The overall way in which we conduct our business at this level made me feel truly proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist and confident that we certainly allow God to lead in our decision making."
MISSION TO THE CITIES
BRISTOL LAUNCHED

On Sabbath, 4 October, the four churches in Bristol came together for a momentous occasion: the official launch of the Mission to the Cities: Bristol, the South England Conference's chosen city for 2015.

The church was packed, as the hearts and voices of the congregation were lifted up in praise to God in worship. Pastor Kirk Thomas, SEC Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director, brought an evangelistic team of musicians, singer, and speakers to add to the occasion.

Bristol is the second largest city in the South England Conference with nearly half a million people, thus an appropriate focus for evangelism and mission. The day was the result of collaboration between the SEC and the lay-led Bristol Joint Evangelism Committee (BJEC), set up by the Conference to help support, develop and encourage joint working and evangelistic programmes and projects across Bristol.

Pastor Jonathan Burnett gave a very dynamic and challenging message, noting the calling of Paul by the Holy Spirit to preach in Macedonia, which at the time seemed to be an unlikely mission field, just like the secular world is today. Pastor Burnett encouraged the congregation to use Mission to the Cities as an opportunity to embrace "undiscovered methods" of reaching people for Christ, and to be in tune with the Holy Spirit and "Hear the Cry" of the modern day Macedonians in today's society.

Details of MTTC projects were outlined in a special afternoon programme, which gave an overview of the proposed events and activities, across four main areas. That of 'Reaping Evangelism' aimed at people who are already coming to church, or have some links to the church. This would include traditional campaigns, seminars, Bible studies etc. Secondly, 'Health and Lifestyle Evangelism' which would involve a 'Health Event and Family Fun Day' and participating in various 'Health Fairs'. Contacts from these events would then be invited to Fitness Classes, and Vegetarian Cookery Classes.
The third area was that of 'Witnessing Evangelism', which would include 'Praise Witness', with singing groups and handing out literature in shopping centres, as well as a 'Praise in the Park' Open Air Gospel Concert, as well as taking the 'Sabbath Sofa' out on tour around Bristol. The final area, which SEC Church Growth director Pastor Aris Vontzalidis emphasised, is that of 'Mission Evangelism' and the aspiration to complete a Church Plant in a new area of Bristol and to develop a Centre of Influence, as a hub, where community outreach can take place.

The majority of the programme however, was devoted to the presentation of a brand new concept, developed by Pastors Vili Costescu and Sam Gungaloo, of extending the Sabbath Sofa idea to a permanent physical location, that of a 'Centre of Rest' or 'Rest Café'. This would be a shop which would sell healthy food and drinks, but also be a place of peace and rest, which would then allow the specially trained staff to engage with customers in a high quality peaceful environment, where they can sit on the Sabbath Sofas, enjoying good dialogue with like-minded people. The connections made would entertain as well as challenge people to think about their lives and appreciate the beauty of the Sabbath. From there, further discussions could take place, with contacts developed through the extensive use of social media and communication. While the proposal is just at a conceptual stage, it is hoped to bring it to reality in early 2015.

The day closed with a call for each person to see what they can do to help with reaching Bristol, and to offer their skills and talents in service to the Lord. Evangelism and mission is for everyone.

[Ian Sabadin]
The Life-Link church plant, in Southampton, recently welcomed Pastor Peter Roennfeldt, an Australian author who has planted more than 20 Adventist churches, to their plant on Sabbath, 4 and Wednesday, 8 October.

Pastor Roennfeldt, who has supported and equipped church planters in over 50 countries, encouraged the leaders and members of the plant. He focused on activities the plant runs and discussed the challenges it is currently facing.

"We learnt that we need to focus more on what we can definitely achieve and this focus is on the kids and young people", commented Francis Otieno, one of the leaders. "Most of the children in our community have not even seen a Bible, so we talk them through Bible stories in a way they can understand. We use everything we can to get the messages across, like using Christian videos and music to accompany the stories."

The church plant was established in 2012, with members originally meeting in a house to study the Bible and come together. As the group expanded, they moved to the nearby Townhill Park Community Centre, at the beginning of 2013.

Since then, the members have been creatively engaging the local children, and by extension, their parents, in activities such as a drum club and Messy Church.

"The kids are coming earlier and earlier on Saturdays, before the afternoon drum club, so they end up being part of the church programme in the morning", enthused Francis Otieno. "We have about 10-12 children, that come from nearby the church, who get involved every Saturday. We've been invited to play the drums on several occasions, one of which was for our local Mayor!"

The drum club was invited to perform at a local community event last April, and was commended by the then Mayor for their enthusiasm and routine.

"Since my kid has been playing the drums she has become more confident, I see a change in her in every day life", said a parent from the community, who accompanied her daughter to the most recent drum club session.

A recent initiative put together by the church plant leaders looked at starting up an IT ministry for the community. It was to focus especially on the elderly in the area, helping them to improve their skills. The idea was pitched to the local council, who liked
the idea so much that they implemented it at the Townhill Park Community Centre, who set up 6 laptops and 3 tablets for the scheme.

To find out more about the Life-Link church plant, please contact the South England Conference’s Church Growth department on: 01923 232728 or by email: mbramble@secadventist.org.uk.

[Katie Allen]

READING DISABILITY MINISTRIES GROUP LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Paul Thompson shares his personal testimony of disability in his own family, the impact on his family, the mission outlook that resulted:

I read a book once, which said the most people live their lives in a form of sleep. They go about their daily activities almost preoccupied with a continuous stream of disorganised thoughts. Many of us experience this phenomenon when we get into a car and drive to work. We drive on lost in thought.

This captures how we felt many years ago when we had our first child, Phillipa, who was born severely mentally handicapped. My wife and I remember arriving at the hospital to get the devastating news from the consultant. Looking back now, we thank God for the help of our pastor at the time, Doug Sinclair. He stood like a rock beside us, helping us regain our courage and strength to face what was ahead.

When the fog lifted, God touched our hearts and prepared us for ministry. Our calling was to be different, unique. Little did we know what God had in store for us!

ADD International UK stated that there are one billion disabled people in the world, 15% of the world's population. Yet disabled people are nearly three times more likely to report being denied care than non-disabled people. The Lancet, a prestigious medical journal, published in 2011 that disabled
children are 3-4 times more likely to experience violence and sexual abuse than non-disabled children. In reality, if we placed all disabled people in the world into one country, it would be the poorest and least educated, with the worst healthcare system and the highest unemployment rates in the world.

This presents Seventh-day Adventists with many challenges. How do we respond to share Christ in this area? As a Church we do believe in ministering to the disabled don't we?

We started worship in one of the homes of a disabled group member. Within six months the word was out and we grew to six. We carefully approached members whom we felt had the gift of tolerance, compassion and perseverance and our team grew to ten. God was at work and He even used the local authority to help. One single parent, a father of an autistic young man, was directed to us by social services, who told him of a Christian group in Reading who worships on Saturday. After making contact with our church, he found us and today is a member.

Three years later the group decided that they wanted to take their ministry out into the community. We received the blessing and financial support of our local church board. Many of the parents who attend testify that the only way they can survive daily is to put their hand in the hand of Jesus. This led to the birth of 'Hand in Hand' Disability Ministries.

Hand in Hand reaches out into the community every second Sabbath. Hiring a church hall, they use a multi-sensory approach applying Bible stories in a practical way. For example, Noah's Ark is portrayed with multi-coloured umbrellas designed as jellyfish, supported by a multi-colour illumination of light (vision).

Textures are used to portray the coat of animals, sheep and horse (touch). Different scents are used to portray flowers of the earth before the flood (smell). Food is used to illustrate what Noah may have eaten (taste). Sound effects issued to portray lightning and thunder (hear). This multi-sensory approach is the focus of learning and stimulation. We find this approach to be very effective.

Reading Central designated Sabbath, 11 October as Disability Ministries Day under the theme, 'Together with One Heart'. The DM team led Sabbath School and Divine Worship. A presentation from Luke 14:12-13 assured members that God loves disabled people. Another on the attitude of different religions around the world towards the disabled also illustrated difficulties disabled people face daily.

The DM team members led out in Divine Worship
in signing praises to God. Today they were centre stage, not at the back of the church. Kath and Ricardo, mother and son, carried prayers. Alice Carla, Jade and Jasmine, led the Children's story on creation, illustrating how sin entered the world which caused God to be disappointed, yet despite this God loves everyone, and sent His Son to die for us all, including disabled people. Beck Francis sang her heart out as part of Divine Worship. Many a tear was shed at this time.

The Children's Sabbath School departments tackled the theme, 'How can we be more inclusive'. Reading church was moved at some of the suggestions these future leaders came up with. The church was treated to a DVD, which captured the essence of what the DM team does when we are away. The practical application of this was featured in the form of a short multi-sensory play, featuring water, ice, sound effects, light effects, heat and perfume. The play, written by Andrea Malcolm, was entitled 'The man who had a big heart'.

Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Women's Ministries, Health and Disability Awareness director, concluded the day with a sermon on struggles, acceptance, love, grace and equality. She reflected, "Hand in Hand Ministries has raised the bar on the work of Disability Ministries in the church. I am extremely touched by what I have seen here today, and pray that God will continue to empower your work in Reading and the community."

The fog has now lifted, God has touched our hearts. We serve by His grace daily. He has called us to work in the field of Disability Ministries. We do not know what God has in store for us, but we ask that you pray for us and the work of the church in this field.

[Paul Tompson]

**MEDIA TRAINING PREPARES SCOTLAND**

Which knob do we turn? Up or down? Does it work? Why do they sing so well? Do we really need all these cables? Apparently we do! That is what 28 technical staff volunteers from Adventist churches in Scotland discovered during two sessions of first level Media Training at Dundee on 21 September and Glasgow on 12 October.

When the sound system works well, no-one realises that all is good, but the moment something goes wrong, even those who know nothing about sound knows that something is wrong. Ever been in a church service and somebody wants to sing from a backing track, only to wait for what seems like hours for the thing to start playing?
Not only does the singer feel uncomfortable but the congregation also feels the pain and anxiety.

Charles Lethbridge, an elder in the Dunfermline congregation offered his skills to both those who are well versed in these topics, and to complete novices. The good turnout of mainly young people from all the churches in Scotland is good news for the future of media in the Mission. The plan is to form a team of technicians in Scotland who will handle all the technical aspects of Mission events. The students will continue with a second, much more comprehensive training week from 28 December 2014 to 2 January, 2015 near Dunfermline. During this week Pastor Dejan Stojkovic, South England Conference Teens Ministries director, and his wife Deana, will also be there to inspire students as they do this hands-on practical course.

So if you live in Scotland, keep a look out in your local church - your professional team is about to become a dream team. For more details contact Pastor Jimmy Botha.

[Jimmy Botha]

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BEDFORD YOUTH ASKED, 'WHEN ARE YOU COMING HOME?'

The young people of Bedford Central church put together an engaging Youth Day with Pastor Dejan Stojkovic, SEC Teens director, as the main speaker on Sabbath, 11 October. Youth leader, Douglas Muchando, consciously opened up the programme to the youth of the church for them to organise, wanting them to take ownership of the day.

"I am not a parent, but the effort they all put into the day made me very proud!", Douglas enthused. "I will be getting lots of food to start saying thank you to them at our next Friday night meeting. I can say that I've witnessed them grow spiritually while preparing for this event."

The young people took care of every aspect of the day, including cooking the shared lunch,
organising special cakes to be made, and welcoming members and guests on the day.

Pastor Stojkovic engaged all ages of the congregation with a message all could relate to during the main programme. He focused on the day's topic, 'When Are You Coming Home?', looking at the biblical story of the prodigal son in Luke chapter 15.

He shared the history of this ancient story, which he had come across during his years of study, revealing that it was originally told by rabbis, but with an ending of rejection. By contrast, he spoke about how Jesus' parable had an ending of acceptance, and how it emphasised the need for everyone to 'come home'.

Pastor Stojkovic preaches with humour. One of his anecdotes included a story of how he was stopped at customs in America. Dejan was asked several questions, from whether he was carrying anything other than domestic animals, to if he was a spy. He described the few seconds when he felt the urge to quietly tell them he was a spy, but to please keep it a secret! It was this experience, as a Serbian in America, that made him feel like he didn't belong. He wanted to be home, just like the prodigal son.

"After the service, my brother said to me that the sermon went straight to his heart", commented Douglas Muchando. "Personally, I felt it was a call to me to 'come home'; we are on a journey and the more we pray and put effort into working for God, we will get there."

The day ended with several presentations from the young people on the history of the Adventist Church and concluded by discussing the future of the Church as we 'travel home'.

[Katie Allen]

WESTON VEGETARIAN COOKING CLUB MAKES LOCAL NEWS

The Weston-Super-Mare church's vegetarian cooking club enticed a reporter from the local newspaper, Weston Mercury, to join them for their latest cooking night, on Thursday, 2 October.

Held at the church, the cooking club is open to all church and community members. Guest presenters are frequently invited to share their skills and knowledge, from vegan creations to juicing and soup recipes. Cynthia Southcott, a member of the Weston church, helped set up the club and is
regularly assisted by church pastor, Wayne Erasmus.

"We really appreciated the Weston Mercury's presence at our cooking club", commented Pastor Erasmus. "People come to learn about vegetarian cooking and to get menu ideas. They can pick up tips on how to handle, or prepare, familiar and exotic fruits and vegetables available in the local supermarkets. But people also come because they make new friends at cooking club. With us they always find a warm and friendly atmosphere and a hearty welcome!"

The Weston Mercury's article highlighted that the club shows attendees how to reduce the amount of meat they eat and explained the benefits it can have for both their health and their wallets.

To find out more about Weston-Super-Mare church's cooking club, contact Cynthia Southcott on 01934 628860 or visit the church website at weston.adventistchurch.org.uk/cookery-club.

[Katie Allen]

NEWS & VIEWS

The BUC News mailbag has been overflowing the past couple of weeks. The largest number of comments have surrounded the release of the WWI film, 'A Matter of Conscience'. People have expressed how they have been moved to tears by the experience of Adventist young men who 'stood for the right though the heavens fall' during desperate times.

Mervyn expressed the thoughts of many: "A very moving and thought-provoking account. We are all fortunate, in one way or another, to have lived through times that have not been as extreme and demanding of sacrifice as they were during those years of war and deprivation. Does each of us have more or less character instilled in these less
demanding times? Who can tell until tested by similar events?"

Terry, from Bristol wrote, "I wanted to say how much I appreciated the video 'A Matter of Conscience'. It was really very well done – excellent." However, giving away his age, he wrote that he did notice a slight 'slip of the tongue' from one contributor who said that "conscription was abolished in the UK at the end of the 1960s." Terry states, "It ended in fact at the end of 1960. I just missed it. I was 18 in '61."

Some, such as Pastor Wayne Erasmus, have downloaded an mp4 of the film from the Hope TV website in order to be able to show it to larger groups. It will be airing on Revelation TV on 6 and 9 November.

In asking to promote the film during an ANN newscast, Andre Brink, Associate Communication director at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists wrote, "I enjoyed your superb documentary. This is a very relevant topic, well researched and excellently produced." Currently it is being linked by groups as diverse as Pax Christi, the Adventist Peace Fellowship, and www.1914.org. More comments on the film and public presentations on WWI can be found on the Adventist Church's WWI website.

Richard Shaw forwards BUC News to all the members in his local, Derby congregation, adding a thought for the week, and details of the upcoming Sabbath programme. In his 3 October mail-out he reflected on his internet experience including the 'homepage' barrage of "sensational and alarming images as well as banner headlines and adverts – all designed to attract my attention." He states, "I would find myself getting completely distracted from my original intention of 'logging on' to perhaps do some shopping or banking etc. and instead waste a great deal of time pursuing whatever was drawing me to it."

However, he has now found a positive, spiritual solution. He says, "I simply set the BUC (British Union Conference) Seventh-day Adventist Church website as my homepage with the result that I now receive positive, encouraging and uplifting messages of achievement, joy and happiness to brighten my day, each and every day!" He writes, "Perhaps you might like to try doing the same, not just for yourself, but also for your family and especially your children's sake?"

Richard is not biased – and gives a number of alternative options including the NEC website, It is Written, Hope Channel UK and for children, My place with Jesus. He also recommends using your local church website as your home page. The increase click rate will help it get seen more by the local community.

[Victor Hulbert]
DEATH OF KATHLEEN MARY TILL

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs Kathleen Till on Wednesday, 8 October 2014, aged 85.

Kathleen Mary Freeth, or 'Kath' as everyone who knew her called her, was born in Luton, 9 July 1929. She was one of the first students who studied in the newly established Stanborough Park School. She later worked at the Granose factory, before training to be a nurse, a midwife, and also a Bible worker.

She accepted a call to mission service in Ghana, where they needed a qualified midwife at the Kwahu Adventist Hospital to supervise and train the young African nurses. She spent ten years in this capacity, first at Kwahu in Ghana, and then at Ile-Ife in Nigeria.

In 1964 she returned to England to study for her Sister Tutor qualification where she met a former acquaintance, Garth Till. Romance bloomed and they married the following year on her birthday. They returned together to Ile-Ife until the Biafran War cut their tour short. Returning to England in 1969 she worked as a staff midwife in Derby, Wakefield and finally Hemel Hempstead. Retiring in 1996, the couple moved to Grantham to be near family.

Our condolences go to her husband, Garth, their three daughters Caryn, Rosemary and Valmae, their son Duane, their families (including grandchildren), and her sister, Esme Sutton.

The funeral will be held at Grantham Seventh-day Adventist church, 1 Dudley Road, Grantham, NG31 9AA on Thursday, 23 October at 11:00 am. In keeping with Kath’s known wishes, Garth asks that donations in lieu of flowers would be welcomed in support of Adventist Frontier Missions (c/o BUC Office, Stanborough Park, Watford WD25 9JZ).

[Victor Hulbert]
LIVING WITH EPILEPSY:
ADVENTIST TV THIS WEEK

Enjoy these special selections on Revelation TV and Hope Channel:

Thursday 16 October, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 19 October, 1:00 pm). **Amy & John Ainsworth** share the secrets and challenges of living with epilepsy. How difficult is it living with a physical illness that people cannot see? Why marry someone when you know you will have to be a carer for life? And what does a lifetime condition do to your faith? Watch on Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freesat 692, internet and Roku).

Thursday 23 October, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 26 October, 1:00 pm). **Dr Isabel Moraes**. Feeding your epilepsy medicine to the dog is not particularly good for dog or child, but this early experiment (or rebellion) eventually led to a career in science as Dr Moraes searches for a cure for Alzheimer’s disease while also developing a passion for God and His creation.

**HOPE CHANNEL.** Get all your favourite programmes on Roku, or online, including all your international favourites plus an immediate selection of UK based 'on demand' programming. A schedule, and a selection of ways to watch Hope Channel is available by visiting www.hopetv.org.uk.

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Continuing to Sabbath 25 October:
**Willesden's Evangelistic Campaign** – 'This World... Then What?' with Pastor Dewaine Frazer.
Sundays to Wednesday & Fridays, from 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm, Sabbaths at 11:00 am & 6:00 pm.
Come and join us!

**Friday 17 - Sunday 19 October:**
**Welsh Mission Women's Ministries Retreat.** Venue: Belmont Abbey, Hereford.
Website: [www.belmontabbey.org.uk](http://www.belmontabbey.org.uk). For further details or to book your place contact: Jennifer Rowell on 01432 880294.

**ASNA Carers' Weekend.** A weekend to support people caring for family members or friends with long term illness or disability. Check link for further details.

**Sabbath 18 October:**
**SEC/TED Essence of Worship – Day of Fellowship.** See link for further information or contact your pastor or the South England Conference office. Venue: The Dominion Centre, 9 The Broadway High Road, Wood Green, London N22 6DS.

**BUC Student Day** – a collaboration between the North and South England Conferences, the three Missions, and the British Union Conference. Venue: Leicester Central church. Time: 09:30 - 21:30. Register today by completing our [short form here](http://www.secadventist.org.uk) and you will also book your free lunch for the day.

**One In Christ Through Grace – Peckham's International Day.** The speaker for the day will be Elder Steve McKenzie. Lunch will be provided. The day will end with an international feast of drama, poetry and song. Venue: 149-159 Iyydale Road, London SE15 3DX.

**The London All Sax Ensemble Evening of Music.** Celebrating Black History Month, come and join us at Hanwell Adventist church for an afternoon of music and celebration. Time: 16:30 - 18:30. Free entry!

**Sabbath 18 & Sunday 19 October:**
**Sometimes I Mess Up.** Children's Ministries Emphasis Weekend at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. See link for details.

**Sunday 19 October:**
**'The Way You See Me' Seminar Series.** Final Sunday of series at 7:30 pm. Venue: Holloway SDA Church, 381 Holloway Road, London N7 ORN. See the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/loveyourtempleministries](http://www.facebook.com/loveyourtempleministries).

**Sunday 19 & Monday 20 October:**
**Essence of Worship: European Worship Conference.** For tickets, please email: music@secadventist.org.uk and visit [www.essenceofworship.org](http://www.essenceofworship.org) for more information. Venue: Grange Bracknell Hotel, Charles Square, Bracknell RG12 1DF.

**Sunday 19 October - Sunday 2 November:**
**The Life You Always Wanted.** A series of dynamic, interactive & fascinating seminars containing relevant and amazing timeless wisdom from the Bible at Wood Green church for two weeks. Check link for further details.

**Friday 24 - Sunday 26 October:**
**Scottish Mission Camp Meeting** and Youth Retreat. Special speakers Dr Saustin K Mfune from the General Conference and Pastor Gifford Rhamie, Newbold College.

**Sabbath 25 - Sunday 26 October:**
**The One Project.** Worship and make 'Jesus All' together with European Adventists in Utrecht, Netherlands.

**Sabbath 25 October:**

An Evening of Instrumental Praise. HACS Millennium Symphony Orchestra will be performing LIVE at Clapton Adventist church. FREE ENTRY! Doors open @ 5:30 pm. Venue: Chelmer Road, Hackney, London E9 6AY.

Friday 31 October - Sunday 2 November:
Go UK – Youth training and Evangelism Conference at Newbold College, Bracknell, RG42 4AN.

Sabbath 1 November:
Gathered Together – Mothers Prayer Conference. Hallelujah Kidz Praise Team is proud to bring to you this wonderful day of Prayer, Praise and Testimony. Start 9:45 am prompt! Check link for further details.


For more details and a larger selection of events both this weekend and in the future please visit the Coming Events website 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

KICK-START A BIBLE GAME. A team of young Adventists in Spain have been working for several years with young people and teenagers using the new technologies. They are currently working on a Bible Game ‘A Journey Towards Jesus’ and are building up kick-start funding to be able to launch the game. Take a look at the Kickstarter campaign and consider pledging some funds to help this innovative witness. [Editor's note: This is an independent project but has received positive endorsement from the Spanish Union Communication director.]

IT'S COMPETITION TIME AT ADRA-UK. Share your best Gift Box photo! To enter, simply take a creative Gift Box photo and @Adventist Development and Relief Agency UK in your social media. The lucky winner('s) photograph will appear in our 2015 promotion pack & they will also receive an ADRA-UK goody bag! The competition is open until Friday 31 October! So get snapping! Alternatively, please email in your submissions to communications@adra.org.uk.

JOB VACANCY: Full-time Administrative Assistant, ADRA-UK, application deadline, 1 December. More details and jobs on the BUC vacancies page.

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