WANT TO BECOME A BETTER LEADER? STOP TALKING AND START LISTENING
Europe is now a mission field. While the Adventist Church recognises the '10:40 window' as a key area of world mission – to reach out to vast communities outside of Christianity, Europe could be labelled the 'Post-Christian triangle', the primary area of the world where Christianity is in retreat and secularism is the order of the day. This thought in a keynote address presented by Dr David Trim, Director of Archives, Statistics, and Research at Seventh-day Adventist World Church headquarters, set a sombre tone for a much needed, honest and open discussion on how the Adventist Church can make a positive impact in the diverse territories of Northern and Central Europe that make up the Trans-European Division (TED) of the Adventist Church.

Organisations frequently talk of the need to be learning entities, consultative and open to constructive criticism and feedback, but few in reality follow through these assertions. However, that is exactly what did happen for five days, 9-13 February as the TED officers gathered 79 'front strikers' in St Albans to function as a think tank, addressing the key issues and challenges that face, and will continue to face, the TED over the next five years.

Despite a rather imposing functional title, 'The TED Strategic Priority Consultation', the aim of the meetings was to be found in the catchphrase, 'Aiming Higher'. God's guidance was sought through heartfelt prayer resulting in intense and creative reflection and passionate and often profound conversation with focus on mission.

Comprising an eclectic mix of lay workers, pastors, administrators and professionals from across the TED, with support from the General Conference (GC) and sister Divisions, and with a substantial number of ministers, laity and students from the UK, the five main areas addressed were: General existential considerations, Mission, Youth, Media and Family. Many of the participants were people who are involved in mission where the rubber meets the road. No topic or elephant in the room was off limits. A spirit of trust pervaded the meetings, along with an implicit permission to consider change and to think outside the box, resulting in an environment that challenged and energised participants.

That trust was an important element for Helen Pearson, an experienced counsellor and mediator. "From
everyone individually welcomed by Raafat Kamal (TED President) and his team every morning, to the opportunity for people to be able to look each other in the eye and listen to each other, the use of first name terms – no differentiation between presidents and students, to the deep listening mode of Raafat, pacing up and down, eyes on the floor, listening intently to the discussion. All of this led to an atmosphere where honest views and desires could be shared.

After four intense days of discussion, GC Vice-President, Delbert Baker, stated on Thursday afternoon, "I've never seen a group of people energised like this. Where's your energy coming from?"

That energy led to the first draft of a Strategic Framework – completed in the small hours of Friday morning. This is the initial phase in producing a Strategic Plan to help guide the TED's activities over the next five years. Numerically, it consisted of 107 observations on the nature of the Church and the TED and 123 specific recommendations on how the Adventist Church in the TED can improve its ministry, mission and administration. However, not all the recommendations will or can be implemented as some are mutually incompatible, but they provide a basis for going forward.

Pavle Trajkovski, from Serbia, proposed that: 'youth need to be involved in all aspects of church life', but also challenged the need for expensive and glamorous events, suggesting that all that is sometimes needed is 'a simple phone call or a meeting over a cup of tea'.

Alexandra Browne, a youth representative from the St Albans church, expressed that the 'highlight' for her was the opportunity to think, pray and discuss with gospel-minded men and women in an open and honest environment, all with the shared aim and focus of making Christ known.

It was not all talk! Midway through the week, the group took to the streets of St Albans to distribute roses and a card affirming the love that Jesus has for all. This very practical Valentine's initiative, gave a chance for the group to not just be mired down in theory and what-ifs, but to be missional in practice. Alex was so excited after the event. "It was also incredible to see this verbal mission-mindedness manifest itself into taking the roses and leaflets to our local community – and the fact that there were at least two testimonies of meeting with people, and being able to connect them with the local church, who had Adventist backgrounds but hadn't been to church for a while is a testimony to the fact that God was working powerfully in that outreach!"
"I never thought I could be so excited in Europe", exclaimed Elaine Oliver, joint GC Family Ministries director. Her discussion table included both the British Alex and Danish Anders Wiik. "These young people have so inspired me", she said, noting their clear enthusiasm that "We love Jesus and we have a message."

Sometimes, a week-long meeting can be a soul-sapping venture. However, for these meetings the most often used word was 'excited'. As Sophia Peart, a UK post-graduate student at Newbold put it, "the synergy during this think tank has been inspirational."

Further development of the draft documents is still underway following the meetings. Emails and phone calls from around Europe are helping hone the document into a format that will help the TED develop a Strategic Plan to present this summer. As the process moves forward in a spirit of prayer and asking the Lord for His guidance and leading, we would also ask for your prayers, so that the Church in Europe will experience the renewal and regeneration we long for. The final document and plans will be published in due course.

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[Adrian Peck / tedNEWS / BUCnews]

EYE OPENING WEEKEND FOR SEC CHURCH ELDERS

Close to 200 elders attended a retreat from 30 January to 1 February at Latimer Conference Centre, Reading, in a weekend packed with information and presentations aiming to equip local churches. Under the leadership of Pastor Emanuel Osei, Ministerial Association director for the South England Conference, the weekend programme sought to make church elders aware of the general trends in society and how churches need to respond.

"The Friday evening meeting was excellent", declared Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President. Although a controversial subject for many to deal with, Pastor Osei opened the weekend with a presentation on women in ministry. He took listeners through a historic timeline, skilfully sharing what the Adventist Church officially says on
the subject of women in ministry, as well as female elders and deacons involved in gospel ministry.

"It was particularly surprising for some to learn what Ellen White said about the subject", Pastor Osei reflected. "One particular quote from the Review and Herald was an eye-opener and an education to many of the attendees: 'Women who are willing to consecrate some of their time to the service of the Lord should be appointed to visit the sick, look after the young, and minister to the necessities of the poor. They should be set apart to this work by prayer and laying on of hands' (RH, 9 July 1895)."

Pastor Osei then looked at the current discussion, and subsequent confusion, surrounding the ordination of women to gospel ministry. The discussion, stressed Pastor Osei, is not about women in ministry, but about the ordination of female clergy. He shared the recent reports from the Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC), and showed the differences of opinion that exist on this topic. Pastor Osei stated that in the South England Conference there are already seven female pastors and that the Administration holds them in high regard. He concluded that in July when we learn the World Church decision on ordination, "we will have to live with whatever the outcome is." He emphasised, "as elders we will live with whatever tension this may bring, however it will not change the fact that we will continue to have female clergy serving in our Conference."

Retired pastor, Brighton Kavaloh, along with former BUC President, Pastor Cecil Perry, joined with Pastor Osei as presenters. Dr Kavaloh focused his presentation on religious liberty, explaining the concept and encouraging the elders not to go around provoking people with confrontational rhetoric. Instead, they should apply wisdom in all their various ministries, and encourage their members to do the same.

With years of wisdom behind him, Pastor Perry focused on transitions in churches and the conflict that results. "People can be difficult," Pastor Perry said, "but as an elder you have to go with it. We must be flexible as we live within these tensions."

There was also time for Pastor Davis to share thoughts and take questions on a variety of issues relating to the Church. The desire to get along despite differences was highlighted again when Pastor Davis, paraphrasing Matthew 5:45, stated that "God will send rain on the just and the unjust. Are we not all unjust?" In the Q&A session, Pastor Perry took to the microphone to remind attendees that "as we get worked up about the sinner out there, we should remember the sinner in here."

It was clear from the anonymous feedback provided by attendees that this was an educational weekend. One attendee summed it up perfectly on their evaluation form: "This was an eye-
opener! The presentations have been on par with the diverse situations we are facing in our
crurch, and in our denomination."

[Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist]

A former arthritic cripple stood tall and straight to
present ten days of a very robust and balanced
gospel-health training programme as part of
Manchester Mission to the Cities (MTTC)
programme starting on Friday, 30 January 2015.
Meeting at the Manchester MTTC headquarters
located at Oakland House, Talbot Road, Manchester,
trainees were taken back to Eden and reminded that
God created plants and vegetables for food and for
healing.

The trainers were Dr Thomas Jackson and his wife
Dr LaVerne Jackson, founders of MEET Ministry.
Thomas Jackson, in his more youthful years, was a
professional basketball player and admits that
basketball was his god. At the height of his
basketball career he developed rheumatoid arthritis.
The doctors told him that there is no known cure nor
remedy and he would have to take drugs for the rest
of his life.

At the time Dr Jackson wasn't health conscious, and just accepted that
his health would deteriorate. When all hope was lost, he found answers
in the Bible and as a last resort asked God to take control of his heath.
He scoured the pages of the Bible and in there found the solution to his
arthritis problem. Once he applied the solution his 10 year battle with
rheumatoid arthritis disappeared within a few months. Two years later
he became involved in the Adventist Church – and that in turn moved
him towards mission. As God transformed his life he has spent the past
38 years transforming the lives of others.
Although the 10 days of gospel-health training was originally organised for health teams in Manchester people somehow got to hear about it and travelled from as far away as Birmingham, Grantham, London and Scotland. They went back to their respective churches prepared to deliver the same training to their members. In total 70 members, Bible workers and pastors completed the training.

Running daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, trainees took part in seminars and practical demonstrations of natural health remedies. From the outset the Bible and the health writings of Adventist Church co-founder, Ellen White, were linked to the whole process of prevention and natural health cure for debilitating diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, depression and heart disease. Students also completed an exam to ensure that learning was taking place.

In addition, trainees were also taught how to effectively bridge from the health programme to a prophecy seminar to campaign – a 10-part series call 'Daniel Resolve'. This programme uses the Book of Daniel as a natural bridge to introduce visitors to prophecy.

In addition to the MEET Ministry training a four-part Health, Hope and Healing outreach gospel-health programme was also planned for the community. The venue was the Manchester Academy in Moss Side, a modern building with a theatre-style seating arrangement with a seating capacity of about 300. Meeting Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, these community seminars were well supported as the local community took part in sampling natural remedies, learning about the health message and the dangers of certain foods.

The community outreach section was not only for the community. The trainees had to assist the doctors, learning to move from the classroom to delivery in the community. With the aid of the trainees, each night the Jacksons presented natural remedies for disarming diabetes, heart disease (the silent killer), cancer, and finding rest in stress.

The Bible became the medical book where the physiology of humanity was explained as God the Creator formed man from the dust of the ground and gave them (Adam and Eve) their original diet. Trainees and visitors would also learn about their own health and God's method of healing, and how we are killing ourselves unknowingly by many hidden substances which we are putting into our bodies, including an in-depth study as to what those things do, and how our own emotions can cause diseases such as diabetes and cancer. The Jacksons used the acronym GODSPLAN: Godly trust, Open air, Daily exercise, Sunshine, Plenty of rest, Lots of water, Always temperate, and Nutrition, to highlight the 8 laws of health. They also called them the '8 doctors that anyone can afford'.

Success is when the local community keep coming and bring their friends and families with them. This happened night after night.
A Muslim lady called Helena, was invited to the seminars by Diamond, a Taskforce volunteer responsible for admin at the MTTC office. Helena attended all of the evening seminars. She could hardly walk and had a severe case of arthritis. She was in constant pain, always rubbing her knees to ease her pain; Dr Jackson suggested that she cut an onion in half and rub it over the affected area. He also made a special rub for her. By the end of the week she had experienced great relief to the point where she was able to walk to the front of the hall with far less pain. She told Dr Jackson, "coming here is the best gift God has given me, has anyone seen an angel face to face? One is Diamond and one is you."

Helena is transformed. A former social worker she had to resign from work. She fostered children to help pay her mortgage but couldn't lift her leg. "Now here I am," she said, "God bless you."

Now seventy church members in Manchester and beyond are enthused and ready to first train their local church members and then share with their communities the joy of GODSPLAN to those who are hurting.

[Sara Francis]

ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL?

Are we ashamed of the gospel? That was the challenge presented by Pastor Emmanuel Osei to the joint congregations of the Bristol churches on Sabbath, 24 January at the North Bristol church.

The Mission Revival and Prayer Weekend was the first event in the year of Mission to the Cities – Bristol. It was designed to prepare members for the year ahead. The churches met at Bristol Lodge Causeway church on Friday evening for a prayer and vespers service. The message that evening, was powerful as Pastor Osei, SEC Ministerial Association and Prayer Ministries director, urged the church to consider the true purpose of the church, which was "not here to entertain ourselves, to just bask in God's love or feel good, or grow in knowledge, but rather the reason for the existence of God's church, is evangelism." He went on to say that "If we are not engaging in evangelism, then we are really just a club that meets once or twice a week. We might as well close down and go and play bingo."
On Sabbath, Pastor Osei was joined by Pastor Kirk Thomas, SEC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director. He is the main co-ordinator for Mission to the Cities – Bristol. Pastor Thomas both led the church in a lively lesson study during Sabbath School, and, together with various members of the Bristol Joint Evangelism Committee, outlined the Evangelism Strategy for the year. This included an emphasis on reaching people where they are through witnessing, evangelism, health and lifestyle evangelism, reaping evangelism and long-term mission. Exciting initiatives such as the Rest Café, and a Centre of Influence were also discussed.

In his morning sermon, Pastor Osei elaborated on his theme, using the illustration of Paul, who in Romans 1:16 stated that he was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation", and asking us whether we feel the same. He issued a rallying call to all those who were prepared to give themselves in service to God.

Following the afternoon presentation and a questions and answers session, mission was put into practice as Pastor Thomas and Pastor Osei led members of the congregation to minister to the immediate community around the church through prayer walking, praying for the community's needs, and reclaiming the streets for God. It was a powerful experience, especially for those who hadn't done it before.

The weekend led to a renewed sense of purpose and commitment as the church prepares itself for mission throughout 2015 and beyond.

[Ian Sabadin]

1227 MEALS FOR SOUTHEND'S HOMELESS

While the nights have been cold, the SOS community church in Southend-on-Sea has been actively involved in a programme of providing a
meal on Friday evenings for people who are homeless. To allow them a restful night, we then provide them with warm overnight shelter in the church hall along with clean sleeping bags and pillows. We then stay awake ourselves to ensure their safety and well-being.

On Sabbath mornings, we share breakfast, then guests are invited to stay for our Sabbath services and to have lunch with us. We have had up to nine join us in any given week where Bibles, reading materials, study, advice and prayer have also been given. This is a joined-up initiative involving other churches in the area who continue with this programme on other days of the week so that every night is covered. The programme is for the four coldest months of the year and runs until the end of March 2015.

The statistics for December and January indicate that over 62 nights there have been an average of 16 guests per night (the limit is 20). Eighty different guests have been given a bed over the period with 75% of them referred to us by the local homeless centre, a council-supported project.

Some will just come for the meal but not stay the night but, despite a few 'awkward' guests, the members thank God that there have not been any serious incidents. In total across the churches, more than 200 volunteers have already worked almost 5,500 hours; have cooked 1,227 evening meals (+ those for volunteers) and a similar number of breakfasts.

Of greater delight, the homeless centre has reported that quite a few of our guests have been 'housed' since we started the programme. Prayers for the ongoing success of this programme will be appreciated.

[Colin Gordon]

THE THREE MILE AN HOUR GOD

"Sabbath locates us in the restfulness of God. It is a beautiful, slow and gentle picture of two people encountering one another; you can only do that in profound ways when you sit and look at one another. Looking and seeing properly requires a slow rhythm... Being a witness to Sabbath is transformative, rebellious and really quite disconcerting to the wider society... Learning to tell the time properly is one of the gifts we can give to a dark and difficult world."
These were the words not of one of Newbold College's Seventh-day-Sabbath-keeping Adventist theologians, but of a minister of the Church of Scotland, the Revd Professor John Swinton, who gave the February Diversity lecture at Newbold College on Tuesday, 10 February. His lecture focused not on the timing of Sabbath, but on the quality of Sabbath time. He called it: Sabbath, Time and Faithfulness.

As a former mental health nurse and hospital chaplain, Dr Swinton, now Professor in Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen, has spent much of his life thinking about and ministering to people with disabilities of various kinds including learning difficulties, Alzheimer's disease, and physical limitations. He quoted Jeremiah 22:16 – "To defend the cause of the poor and needy is to know God."

Engaging with such people, indeed any people, requires that we 'take Sabbath moments', he said. His lecture focused on the nature of God and the nature of time. God, he reminded the largest ever Diversity lecture audience, is 'timeless'. It is human beings who have created clocks and who focus on the use of time in a manner influenced by the left brain to grasp and manipulate the world. "If we only pay attention to the world in grasping ways we will end up with a society remarkably like our own", he said.

He described how we think of time in financial terms as something we can buy, lose, make and save. It was in response to such a materialistic, grasping, oppressive system created by Pharaoh and described by Moses that God commanded people to take a Sabbath rest. "How much more countercultural could God be?" asked Professor Swinton. And in our own day, "When you look around it is not difficult to see that time rules over people, has become almost demonic. It needs to be redeemed and put to its proper purposes."

If we keep Sabbath, if we realise that we live in God's time, in the time of a God who is timeless and unchanging, then we begin to recognise that time is a gift to be given away. Perhaps we will begin to go more slowly and pay attention to those things that the world considers trivial. "If I can find Sabbath spaces, I see the world differently because I pay attention to the world differently." In the keeping of Sabbath time, God encourages people to focus on relationships, on encounter with God and with other people. "Love takes time...the kind of society we have created makes it very difficult to love. You can't love on the run."

He added a personal note: "Where I am in the university, there are a lot of people who know about theology but not many people who know Jesus."
Professor Swinton focused on the idea of a 'Three Mile an Hour God' discussed by the Japanese theologian, Kosuke Koyama. "Love has its speed," he said, "it goes on in our lives at 3 miles an hour, it goes at the speed we walk, and therefore it's the speed the love of God walks."

He asked a thought-provoking question: "If you are walking at 6 miles an hour and Jesus is walking at 3 miles an hour, who is following whom?" He commented, "If you are impatient, you are in the wrong game."

 Bringing his lecture right down to the everyday religious world, Swinton challenged his audience to think about slow spirituality, think about what slow care looks like. "What would it look like if we did church politics slowly and gently?" he asked.

John Swinton describes his work as "to think through faith not as 'believed' but as lived." In thinking through Sabbath with a room full of many professing Sabbath keepers, there was much to provoke thought as well as to offer balm to the soul. It was indeed, moral and practical theology.

The lecture is now available online on the Newbold church Vimeo account.

[Helen Pearson]

**LONDON GHANA SPIRITUALLY PREPARED FOR 2015**


The session, which also incorporated the General Conference initiative of '10 days of Global Prayer', provided members with the opportunity to prepare themselves well for the challenges of the year ahead.

This is the sixth year that members have engaged in such spiritual exercise, not just on Sabbaths, but also during the week with some members gathering in selected homes to pray daily. Members were paired as prayer partners for the rest of the year.
With 'Walking with the Lord' as its theme, the entire four-week programme was streamed live on a number of radio stations and websites around the world and viewed by approximately twenty thousand people.

This year, members were taken through lessons in the Book of Judges. Pastor Owusu-Boateng catalogued events in the church and noted that "the good Lord has dealt graciously and bountifully with members." He explained why the people of Israel went through difficulties and how the Lord helped them, adding that there was the urgent need for members to totally surrender and exhibit absolute obedience to God.

But prayer also has to be practical. Following the month of prayer, the church invited the South England Conference Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR) Core Team to educate members on approaches to reach the Muslim community. It was also to allay the fears of members on the perception that the Muslim communities are a no-go area.

On Sabbath, 7 February, team leader, John Bishop provided statistics on populations in the UK, Ghana and the Newham area, noting that Muslims are everywhere and are ready for friendship. He also noted that Adventists and Muslims have plenty in common including areas such as health and prayer concepts.

He expressed the view that the best way to evangelize to all is to emulate Christ and His approach to all communities adding, "We need to meet people at their point of need."

[Nana Sifa Twum]
Featuring a young couple singing a love song they had composed for their wedding, the scene was set for an evening of love. It was clear, however, that Pastor Geert Tap wanted the evening to be about more than just romantic love. "Dialogue Café is about talking with one another. It's about sharing life together", says Pastor Tap. "And what better way is there to kick off Valentine's Day than by celebrating the greatest love of all – God's love for us."

With beautifully decorated tables set up for small activities and discussion, as well as home-baked cakes for all, the praise team unapologetically led in praise songs fitting the theme of love. Pastor Paul King-Brown focused his message on a father's love for his children. "At home I have a box with all my daughter's cards and letters, where she expresses her love for me", he confessed. "When I'm feeling down, I open the box and read her words again. It makes me smile and lifts me up." With an honest approach, he asked what type of friend and Christian the congregation wanted to be: a friend that lifts others up, or a friend that brings others down. He shared that when we know God loves us, are we able to love one another even when people are broken or different than us.

Pastor King-Brown also confessed that the first Valentine's card he ever received he had written to himself. However, he shared that his church would be giving out Valentine's cards to their community the following day, consisting of a rewritten 'Father's love letter' that invited people to connect with God.

He closed with a challenge: "God tells you to love on February 15, when the world has forgotten about love."

[Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist]
Ever wondered what a General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is all about? Page 5 of the 13 February Messenger, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, will give you the answer.

Also: Find out more about the Radio 4 worship broadcast from Croydon church, learn a moving tale of love in 'What if the baby had cried?', ponder on the Richard Branson offer of an 'out of this world' experience, be shocked by statistics on child sexual attitudes – and then ask – what is my role in providing positive role models and education, and finally, thrill in the latest megapixel nature shots sent in by you, the reader. Available online now – or pick up a print edition at your local church.

[Julian Hibbert]

DEATH OF MR DAVID BEST

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Mr David Best on Tuesday, 17 February 2015.


Our thoughts and prayers are with Sister Best, their three children David Anthony 'Tony', Arnold and Jacqueline, nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren and the rest of the family at this time.

Details of funeral arrangements will be notified in due course.

[Paul Lockham]
FAITH TALKS ON COMPASSION

Compassion and Faith is the subject for FaithTalks this week, airing Thursday, 19 February at 8:30 pm on Revelation TV, (repeated at 1:00 pm on Sunday, 22 February).

On Thursday 26 February (repeated Sunday, 1 March, 1:00 pm), SEC Communication director, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, will host a programme on Fundamentalism and Faith, talking with guests, Pastors Sinisa Horvat and Douglas McCormac.

To find out how to watch Revelation TV, click here. The new series will also shortly be released on the www.hopetv.org.uk website and on ROKU, the best IPTV platform for watching Hope Channel and other Adventist programmes.

[Victor Hulbert]

COMING EVENTS For a full listing of Coming Events please visit http://adventist.org.uk/events

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 February:
Calling Men to Pray – Coventry Men's Prayer retreat. Presenters: Dr Michael Hamilton and Pastor Lloyd Lambert. Cost: £144. For further information contact Pastor Lambert on 07855 989 140 or email: callingmentoprayer@gmail.com. Venue: Luther King House, Brighton Grove, Manchester M14 5JG.

Sunday 22 February:
Holiness to the Lord. Ilford Education department presents, 'Holiness to the Lord', taking a look at our media and health habits and reflecting on how they can help or hinder our spiritual development. Guest Speaker: Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President. Time: 17:00 - 19:00. Venue: Ilford Seventh-day Adventist Church, 14-16 Coventry Road, Ilford IG1 4QR.

Thursday 26 February - Sunday 1 March:
SEC GAiN/Academy. GAiN/Academy is a SEC Communication and Media training conference. GAiN/Academy is open to all those interested in using communication and media tools in local
church settings. It includes a mix of technology and communication presentations by professionals in various fields. To register, and for more information, please visit: sec.adventist.org.uk/gain.

**Saturday 28 February:**
**Sparkle Sings – birthday fundraising event.** Sheena Ross plans to go to PEACE, the evangelism training centre of the North England Conference, this year. The concert, 'Sparkle Sings', is the first step to raise funds to attend the course. Time: 19:00 - 20:00. Venue: St Marks Community Centre, St Marks Terrace, Sunderland SR4 7BN.

**Sunday 1 March:**
**The Agape Wedding Fair.** A unique event for the Christian bride. Time: 11:00 - 16:00. Check link for full details. Free entry. Venue: Croydon SDA Church, 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood SE25 6LH.

**Friday 6 - Sunday 8 March:**
**13 Weeks to Peace (in a weekend).** In these seminars, author and professional counsellor, Jennifer Jill Schwirzer, shares God-given secrets to psychological and spiritual wellness. For more information please contact: email abidelifecoaching@gmail.com or Anne-Marie Walker on 07535 945 102. Location: Wolverhampton Central Adventist Church, 1 Warwick Street, Wolverhampton WV1 3SA.

**Saturday 7 March:**
**Nealsen Clifford in Concert.** Nealsen is a ten-year-old boy who started singing at the age of 3. Halesowen Seventh-day Adventist church presents a fundraising concert where Nealsen will launch his first album. Time: 17:00 - 19:00. Venue: Carter Lane Baptist Church, Carters Lane, Lapal, Halesowen, Birmingham B62 0BX.

**MEF Dinner.** An evening of fellowship, fine dining and romance with your spouse where you are entertained by a speaker to help enhance your marriage. Time: 19:00 - 23:00. Check link for full details. Venue: Park Inn Hotel, Bath Rd, Middlesex UB7 0DU.

**Sunday 8 March:**
**InspireUrBiz 'Make it Happen' event.** Further details on the speakers and the event are available via www.Insight2Marketing.com/InspireUrBiz. Access details today via the Facebook page www.facebook.com/InspireUrBiz. Join the mailing list to be kept informed of future InspireUrBiz events for 2015<mailto: inspireurbiz@gmail.com>. Time: 16:00 - 21:00. Venue: Jury's Inn, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR0 9XY.

**Monday 9 - Thursday 12 March:**
**Abide Life Coach Training – Wolverhampton.** Learn from professional counsellor Jennifer Jill Schwirzer, how to help people on a heart level. To book a place follow link to: http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abide-life-coach-training-tickets-15454205946?aff=efblike. For more information please contact: email abidelifecoaching@gmail.com or Anne-Marie Walker on 07535 945 102. Time: 09:00 - 13:00. Check link for full details. Venue: Wolverhampton Central Adventist Church, 1 Warwick Street, Wolverhampton WV1 3SA.

**Friday 13 - Sabbath 14 March:**
**To Love And Be Loved.** In these seminars, author and professional counsellor Jennifer Jill Schwirzer shares God-given secrets to healthy relationships. For more information please contact: email abidelifecoaching@gmail.com or Anne-Marie Walker on 07535 945 102. Check link for full details.

Three future events that you need to book for now:
· 2-6 April. Reborn – an Easter Conference for Senior Youth (18+).
· 18 April. A free Bible Conference at Newbold College.
· 7-10 May. The TED Master Guide Camp in Slovenia.

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SMALL ADS

EXHIBITORS AT BUC YOUTH CONGRESS: The BUC Youth Congress, 2-6 April, will be welcoming young adults aged 18-30 through the doors in their hundreds and we would welcome applications for exhibitors. If you have a product/service or ministry which is in keeping with the Adventist Church ethos and teachings, you are welcome to apply for an exhibition spot at the congress. For full details, please visit our information page.

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