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**SEC PURCHASES 33-ACRE SITE FOR THE CHURCH’S YOUNG PEOPLE**

Youth Ministries has taken a leap for the future in the South England Conference with the purchase of a 33-acre site near Kings Lynn in Norfolk. Pastors Steve Thomas, Kevin Johns, and Dejan Stojkovic, Youth, Pathfinders and Teens directors, are ecstatic about the Runcton Hall purchase which they believe will fulfil the current and future needs of Youth, Teens and Pathfinders across the SEC.

The former SEC Youth Centre, Broomhill House, near Exeter, was sold over a decade ago and the funds from that sale were used to purchase the well-priced new site, which is located four miles from Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
"There's been a need for a larger youth site for a long time and I believe that this opportunity, especially for the price of £800,000, was God placing it in our hands", said Pastor Thomas. "Coming off the back of our GO UK youth programme, where we searched and searched for places to hold the event, trying to keep the costs down, this is a dream!"

Pastor Johns first discovered the site, after aimlessly perusing potential options in 2014. The three directors were so excited by the location’s possibilities that they went for a site visit the next day. On their return, they had already put together a pitch for SEC management and, after a few months working out the details, the site was purchased on 14 April, 2015.

While Runcton Hall is primarily for Youth, Pathfinder and Teen events, it will be opened up for local church use, and will also be available to rent by other UK Adventist organisations. Frequent events such as Teens’ Prayer & Faith Conference, Extreme Teens Camp, GO UK, Youth Training, Adventurer Camporee, and Drill and Drum Camp can all be held on site after some development.

"This gives us an opportunity to host all our Pathfinder and Adventurer events on a site that belongs to us!" enthused Pastor Johns. "The cost of accommodation is sometimes difficult, especially for families with more than one child in Pathfinders. I think this will be one of the big benefits of having our own location, as well as it being a holistic environment where our young people can come together. It is a huge investment in the future of our youth, who are the future of our Church."

One of the biggest selling points is its proximity to London. The journey to the new site, located one and a half hours from London, is much more manageable, both for SEC events and local church use. "I am most excited about the new site", commented Pastor Stojkovic, "It can be used by departments, churches, families, even used as a spiritual centre for thousands of our teenagers through our annual events."

Site development plans currently include: creation of a leisure centre; 32 quality log cabins, with a capacity of around 250 (to eventually be expanded to over 700); developing one of the barns into a canteen area; and preparing the grounds for all types of outdoor activities.

"It is really a God send to us at this time", said SEC President, Pastor Sam Davis. "Since the closure of the Broomhill Conference Centre, we have been looking for a place that will serve as a centre for our young people, Runcton Hall is now that place. We now have two campsites, thus broadening our ability to meet the expanding needs of a growing Church. The acquisition is only the beginning."

To view a short video documenting the new site, please visit the SEC Teens Ministries Facebook page.

[Katie Allen, with Steve Thomas]
WOMEN ORDINATION SYMPOSIUM EXPLAINS THE ISSUES

With a vote coming on issues surrounding women's ordination at this summer's meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church in San Antonio, Texas, the South England Conference (SEC) hosted a symposium on the issue at the Advent Centre, London on Sunday, 10 May. Organised by SEC President, Pastor Sam Davis, around 80 members gathered to listen to four presentations and join in dialogue.

Questions surrounding the ordination and women in ministry have been the focus of research in the Seventh-day Adventist Church since as early as 1973. More recently the World Church arranged a Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC), to fully investigate the ordination question. All thirteen World Divisions were tasked to research and share their findings. In the Trans-European Division, Dr Bertil Wiklander and his team produced a solid 863 page research document, since condensed by Dr Tom de Bruin into a more readable 100 pages, *Ministry, Mission and Ordination*, available from the Stanborough Press.

The question coming before the delegates is, "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."

**Dr Jan Barna**, a Lecturer in Theology at Newbold College is also a TOSC member. He also authored 'Ordination of Women in Seventh-day Adventist Theology: A study in biblical interpretations'. During the symposium he shared the various viewpoints that had been put forward during the TOSC meetings – but put his conclusions in the context of humility and trust.

"All appears to be open but it is not quite so", he stated. "In fact, the question is a very clever question because it takes away from the hands of delegates the decision on theology, and only asks them to grant or not to grant Divisions the right to decide how to handle this issue. The question is clever but also deeply spiritual, because it in effect asks the delegate – do you trust your brothers in Africa or Europe or Asia or America to make a responsible decision on ordination of women? It is a question of humility."

Laying his cards on the table he stated, "Just think through the implications for trust in the Church if the majority of
delegates vote 'no'. It seems to me, that in that case the delegates will express openly their distrust towards Divisions which see this matter differently. In effect they will say to individual Divisions, 'we don't trust you'."

He then painted the opposite scenario. "If the question is answered with the majority 'yes', then the Divisions which oppose ordination of women will still continue as before, but the Divisions that are open to such practice will be given freedom to grant their individual Unions power to decide if the time to ordain women in their territory has come. But a 'yes' vote on the spiritual level will certainly send out a very positive message – 'we trust you, that you will handle this matter responsibly'."

Dr Barna's presentation also raised another important issue: Whatever the outcome of the vote, a significant portion of the worldwide membership will be disappointed by the outcome. "Following on from this", he asked, "how will the Church strive to ensure it moves forward as a unified body?"

**Dr Olive Hemmings**, Theology Professor at Washington Adventist University, USA, laid a thorough biblical foundation by addressing some of the Apostle Paul's texts that are often quoted in opposition to women in leadership. She demonstrated how Headship is not a biblical argument and provided a handout sharing important considerations.

She was followed by TED Education director, **Dr Daniel Duda**. He represented the case of those opposed to women's ordination, skilfully balancing the various arguments. Dr Duda reminded members that Adventists come from a tradition that gives people space noting that the Church must not make a theological issue of what is an organisational issue. "The genius of Adventism", he emphasised, "is that we always believe in the present truth."

Closing the presentations, **Dr Brighton Kavaloh**, retired British Union Conference Ministerial Association director, took a look at different cultural approaches. He shared various understandings of patriarchy and matriarchy and how our cultural background can impact how we approach theology. He noted that while the Apostle Paul clearly came from a patriarchal culture and would have been expected to uphold such views, he nevertheless shifts from his cultural heritage to state that in Christ we are all equal. Dr Kavaloh challenged the audience by suggesting that if the Apostle Paul was alive today he would have ordained more women than men!

Dr Emmanuel Osei, SEC Ministerial Association director, chaired the symposium and recognised that it had been an education for many who attended. Check for yourself by watching the presentations online: [Drs Jan Barna, Daniel Duda, Olive Hemmings](#) and [Brighton Kavaloh](#).

[Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, Deborah Harris]
DUBLIN WELCOMES CREATION HEALTH

Nothing attracts the public attention more than matters of health. No church has a stronger message to share on the subject than that of the Seventh-day Adventists – and so, on Sabbath, 23 May, the Dublin Adventist churches joined together for a special Day of Fellowship that would highlight this important part of our message.

Over 500 people were present at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blachardstown to hear Pastor Lynell LaMountain, Robyn Egerton and Sheryl Chernault of the CREATION Health team from Florida Adventist Hospital present the principles of CREATION Health. CREATION Health is a lifestyle and wellness programme developed by the team at Florida Hospital and repackages the Adventist Health message in a bright, colourful way utilising the latest scientific research and focussing on the whole person God created on day six of creation week. One aspect of the programme that was particularly highlighted in the Dublin presentations was the aspects of relationships and outlook.

Pastor David Neal, Irish Mission President, introduced the programme on Sabbath morning by reminding the Dublin members that the principles of CREATION Health have been part of the evangelistic plan for Dublin and are a continuing part of the City of Hope project that has seen so much activity in Dublin over the past two years. Irish Mission Health sponsor, Edith Samambwa, has been working for the past few months to establish a Centre of Influence in the newly renovated Ranelagh Adventist church. This centre will provide a series of health and social programmes for both members and the wider community in Ranelagh. The partnership between CREATION Health and the Adventist Church in Ireland will make a greater impact in Dublin.

Pastor LaMountain, Director of Health Ministries for the Southern Union Conference in the US and one of the key authors of the CREATION Health curriculum, was the main speaker for the day. His focus, both morning and afternoon, was on a healthy outlook. He encouraged people to determine the meaning of what happens in their lives, a meaning that supports life, faith and honours God.

In the afternoon Pastor LaMountain told those who are leaders in the church to be careful how we speak about our relationship with God. He noted that in salvation terms there is nothing we can do to merit God's favour stating, "what are we in comparison to the majesty of God?" but he then emphasised, "this does not mean we are worthless. Too many people have an unhealthily low value of self and this leads to pessimism and feelings of loneliness, isolation and failure. The good news of the gospel is that we are worth Jesus' death on the cross." He noted, "Christians are not victims of life's circumstances and ruled by the
situations we face, we have a God-given purpose."

Following the Day of Fellowship the CREATION Health team headed west to Kilnasoolagh, the Adventist campsite in the west of Ireland, for a 3 day residential training with pastors and Health Ministries leaders. This will equip these leaders to make the principles of CREATION Health part of the DNA of the Adventist Church in Ireland.

Videos of the main presentations can be found on YouTube. A larger selection of photos can be found in the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

INQUISITIVE MINISTERS QUESTION INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Seventh-day Adventists are among the top five Christian denominations that hold to a positive view of biblical Creation, this according to the independent news service, Newsmax. Yet such a stance can be seen as an increasingly difficult position to hold within 21st century society. Is it still logical to uphold biblical Creation in the face of the overwhelming barrage of scientific evidence?

The answer is a clear 'Yes' for two scientists, Drs Alastair Noble and John Walton. They took time on Tuesday, 19 May, to visit the Adventist Church Headquarters in Watford and engage with some forty Adventist ministers who wanted both to face the facts for themselves, and to be able to coherently present those facts to their congregations.

John Walton, a Research Professor of Chemistry at St Andrews University, Scotland, started the day with a series of definitions and explanations. He noted the difference between 'micro-evolution' within species – something that happens all the time and that perhaps could be better described as adaptation, and 'macro-evolution', the concept of natural development from microbe to man. He pointed out that trying to merge macro-evolution with Christian belief caused problems, and then went on to explain that there were also major factual problems to explain on the side of the macro-evolutionists. These included inconsistencies in the fossil record, some challenges with carbon dating, and, perhaps a simple thought, if the earth is millions of years old, erosion would have reduced mountains to hummocks, ocean sedimentation would be miles thick, and river deltas would look quite different.
In a very detailed post-lunch presentation, Prof Walton tackled the subject of the very basis of life. Ministers were staggered by the complexity of the design of the human genome and the make-up of DNA and RNA – among the most complex structures in the known universe. Even the make-up of a single cell is now known to be far more complex than biologists originally thought. "The spontaneous generation of life is an astonishing improbability", he declared.

Some of the science may have floated higher than a post-lunch mental capacity would allow, but all in the room were engaged and revitalised in their belief in a Creator God. Pastor Geert Tap stated, "It was positively eye-opening… even if you don't understand it all!" He had been tempted not to attend but stated, "I'm glad I decided differently! What great presentations and brought by bright minds! Mind-blowing facts, pointing to an Intelligent Designer."

Dr Alastair Noble took a practical approach. He noted that between 50 and 70% of young Christians lose their faith when they go to university and that part of this is due to the strong influence of Darwinian evolution. How can we tackle this, he asked, when, according to a US statistic, only 1% of youth pastors see it as important to include anything on the subject in their curriculum?

He then went on to demonstrate that it is perfectly possible to demonstrate the need for intelligent design (ID) in nature without any recourse to a biblical text. He asked, "Can we see design in nature even before we come to theology? If we can then Darwinism falls apart."

As a chemist he pointed out how hard he has to work to synthesise relatively simple substances. "How then" he asked, "without any thought, design etc, could evolution provide DNA?" He maintains that "certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection."

There are those who challenge Christians who go down the ID route, asking why not be more open in using the biblical account of Genesis. His response is, "I happen to believe that you can't be a Christian without being a creationist." However, he can understand the hesitation of bringing scripture into Science lessons, therefore arguing ID using only the scientific data can lead people in a direction that even the Apostle Paul commended, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." [Romans 1:21 NIV]

The Word of God then needs to be placed against the statements of some top evolutionary scientists. For instance, Dr George Wald, a Nobel Prize winner in the area of Physiology or Medicine (1967) wrote, "There are only two possible explanations as to how life arose: spontaneous generation arising to evolution or a supernatural creative act of God… there is no other possibility. Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others, but that just leaves us with only one other possibility... that life came as a supernatural act of creation by God. I can't accept that philosophy because I do not want to believe in God."

Tihomir Zestic summed up the feeling of the many pastors who attended. "Today's creationism presentation brings some
important answers. I find it important from my personal perspective and also to be equipped to give answers in church and in my own family."

More on the subject of Creation verses Evolution can be found on the Adventist Church website including lectures, documents and links to resources. The programme was part of the BUTREC continuing education for ministers run by the BUC Evangelism and Ministerial Association departments.

[Victor Hulbert]

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP LOOKS OUT INSTEAD OF IN

Adventist churches face a real mission challenge in East Anglia (SEC Area 8). They are spread across a region made up of both large and small towns alongside villages – and with small memberships trying to break through and enter new areas. Trying to be effective is not easy in this situation –but is a challenge that Area 8 pastors wanted to present during their annual Day of Fellowship on Sabbath, 23 May.

During the day pastors challenged the way we do church, how we dress for church and how we conduct our services. We took a hard look at our planning and how we prioritise the needs of those outside the church rather than those already inside the church. Time was also given to discuss why it is so difficult to make any real breakthroughs amongst the host nation, a real problem of cross-culture evangelism that has been present for many years.
In the beautiful Kingsgate Conference Centre, Peterborough, the morning service didn't follow a traditional format with a platform party. Instead the focus was on offering inspiring worship and messages that all focused on 'Reaching Out'. Nearly 900 people came to be inspired and challenged to commit to serving our communities in a new and vibrant way. Paul Lee from the South England Conference and his praise team led the worship experience and took the congregation to what can only be described as a heavenly level. Special items of music and song deepened the sense of God's presence.

Keynote speaker, Pastor Eddie Hypolite, senior pastor at Avondale College, Australia, challenged us to put Jesus at the centre of all that we do. His honest, often humour-filled, presentations encouraged us to share our lives with those who we know and practice living a Godly life with those we come into contact with.

Other presentations were given by other ministers from the South England Conference, including Pastor Adrian Peck who addressed the issue of ensuring our church is accessible to the community and those on the other side of the church walls. He looked at the way we dress for church and our traditional order of service. SEC Youth director, Pastor Steve Thomas spoke on being effective in our outreach in the context of teens and youth but also spoke to the wider audience.

In the afternoon, Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, spoke on the need for change, being prepared to change and being relevant – essential in order to be effective in our mission of evangelism. Later, Pastor Colin Stewart chaired a panel discussion with Pastors Sweeney, Hypolite, and the rest of the Area 8 pastors. Questions on the theme for the day were sent in via text messages from the congregation. These ranged across topics including dressing up or down for church, how to implement change for the better into our churches, how to accommodate new believers, and how do we understand the idea that people including ourselves should come as we are to church and be accepted? The panel tried very hard to answer adequately all the questions posed to them, generating much heat and provoking further healthy discussion among the congregation.
For the members, the day was a refreshing experience, ending with everyone pledging to give more thought, more time and more energy to God's service in their communities, including reaching out beyond their normal comfort zones to 'expand God's work in the East'.

[Colin Stewart]

CHURCH TREASURERS FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF APOSTLE PAUL

The Mare Nostrum Hotel, in Attica, Greece, welcomed over 100 local church treasurers, from the South and North England Conferences, for a special, week-long Treasurers' Conference, 10 – 17 May.

Organised by SEC Treasurer, Earl Ramharacksingh, and NEC Treasurer, Rejoice Kampengele, the week was focused on motivating, training and inspiring through presentations and visits to historical landmarks across Greece.

"Our aim was for all the attendees to be inspired by both the presenters and the physical journey of Paul", commented Earl Ramharacksingh. "These people are key leaders in our local churches and they, just as Paul did, provide a significant role in encouraging and ensuring funding for evangelism that happens in the churches and local communities."
Chiswick church Treasurer, Millie Williams, took the idea of encouragement to the next level when she, along with a small team of other trained nurses, who are all treasurers in their respective churches, gave health checks to the hotel staff and management!

"They were so appreciative, that alone made it worthwhile", enthused Millie. "We have been doing health checks for the delegates too, but when we gave the staff the checks, they were not only surprised but grateful. Many of them had never had these types of checks done and really listened when we encouraged them in moving forward with ideas for healthier living."

Talks and training centred on ethics and accountability, with key presenters Miroslav Kiš, Senior Ethics Lecturer at Andrews University, and Victor Pilmoor, BUC Treasurer.

Mr Pilmoor gifted a T-shirt to each attendee that summed up his presentations and acted as a reminder of the attitude needed when working for God. The T-shirt included the words: trust, truth, time and talent.

Further presentations came from Graham Barham, Adventist Risk Management director, who spoke on the various insurance issues pertaining to local churches, Steve Okelo, Seventh-day Adventist Association (SDAA) secretary, who outlined the legal issues of church work, and Wederly Aguiar, Trans-European Division Assistant Treasurer, who spoke on financial accountability to local church boards and members.

The local Conferences' treasury teams were also on hand throughout the week to provide additional technical support and training, holding one-to-ones with the attendees where requested.

The treasurers also enjoyed a few adventures. They followed Paul's footsteps and visited ancient sites in Corinth, Delphi and Athens, gaining an understanding of Greek culture in the life and times of Paul.

"The trip was an experience that really helped me envision what Paul tackled millennia ago", reflected Rejoice Kampengele. "Although we were there to train and support the treasurers in their practical work at church level, there was a clear spiritual side to the week that not many would expect when hearing the words 'financial conference'. We pray each person left Greece with more knowledge, inspiration and enthusiasm than when they arrived."

To view a selection of photos from the Treasurers' Conference 2015, please visit the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

[Katie Allen. Photos: Stefan Stanciu]
DANCING FOR PEACE

Quizzical church members might have been surprised by a dancing pastor had they passed by Jubilee Park, Leicester on Friday, 15 May. Pastor Cyril Sweeney was surprised himself. He had been invited to attend a 'Peace Picnic' under the Celtic cross in the park, part of commemorations of International Conscientious Objectors' Day. Since two Leicester Adventists, C E Bartlett and Walter Marson were conscientious objectors during WWI, Pastor Sweeney cautiously accepted the invitation to represent the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the event. He could not have been made more welcome.

Despite being considerably younger than the sprightly looking seventy and eighty-year-olds draped in CND T-shirts, some with the slogan, 'fly kites, not drones', Pastor Sweeney discovered a warm and open fellowship in a group of people that he might otherwise have simply walked past. He was even more delighted to discover that the picnic was totally vegetarian or vegan and that all beverages were non-alcoholic. He started to feel more at home stating, "They welcomed me with open arms and were appreciative that we as a Church should be supportive of such an initiative."

The group may have been small in number but, Pastor Sweeney noted that, in spite of their age, they were full of vitality and youthful vigour. "They showed a commitment to the cause of world peace that perhaps put us to shame as a Church", he reported. Adventists were one of only two Churches represented at the event, the other being the Quakers.

It was that vitality and vigour that got him into trouble. The group spontaneously decided to dance a 'peace dance', and despite confessing to having two left feet, Pastor Sweeney felt compelled to join in. "They were so sincere, and so motivated, I couldn't let them down", he stated. Thus, for the first (and possibly the last) time in his life, he found himself dancing in public.

Taking a stand for peace does take courage. Mel Gibson is currently working on next year's Hollywood blockbuster, the story of WWII conscientious objector, Desmond Doss. Doss was an Adventist who refused to bear arms but who, as a medic, courageously saved the lives of hundreds of US troops in the heat of battle. He is the only non-combatant to have ever received the Congressional Medal of Honour. Leicester CO, Walter Marson was equally courageous in his own
way, spending WWI in Wormwood Scrubs and Winchester Prisons, rather than breaking with principle.

As the Leicester Peace Collective sought ways to involve young people in a living memorial to peace, Pastor Sweeney's mind turned to another young man who, just before the greatest act of self-sacrifice stated, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." [John 14:27] Jesus' peace efforts went far beyond last week's historic handshake of Prince Charles and Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams. They went beyond the peaceful revolution of Ghandi or the 28 years in prison of Nelson Mandela. For Jesus, peace meant a total opportunity to reconcile God and man. It meant dying on a cross so that 'all men might be saved'. [John 3:17] It means a final victory as portrayed in the Book of Revelation – and a world without pain, suffering and death. [Revelation 21:4]

And if, for Pastor Sweeney, it means a peace dance with some apparently eccentric senior citizens in a Leicester park, that is a small price for sharing the good news and fellowship of the Son of God who calls Himself, 'The Prince of Peace'. Building bridges that Friday lunchtime was important for Pastor Sweeney – and yes – he says, he would do it again.

To discover more of the peace movement in the Leicester area visit Memories in Conflict. Their fascinating book, Uncovering Resistance includes two sections on Seventh-day Adventists. More on the specifically Adventist story can be found on the Adventist Church website.

[Victor Hulbert]

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scottish youth are aiming for the heights mountain before heading for Everest – all ADRA trip to Nepal this autumn. For more, click here.

Reports from Core of Adventism programmes highlight a double baptism in North Wembley and a new, passionate desire to read the Bible in Palmers Green and Holcombe Road Adventist churches.

Even counsellors need a break – and for 15 members of the South England Conference Cornerstone Counselling Service that meant practicing the presence of God in the beauty of the Chesham countryside. Read their report here.
With National Vegetarian Week Adventists also spoke of health in The Voice, a newspaper for the Afro-Caribbean community. In a health supplement, Sharon Platt-McDonald shares the benefits of **Island foods that can enhance your health and wellbeing**. Meanwhile the Bucks Free Press carries a report on **Adventists fundraising for Indian orphans**, and the Watford Observer congratulates Audrey Balderstone on **winning gold at the Chelsea Flower Show**, as reported in last week's BUC News.

[BUC news]

**FOLLOWING THE CELTIC TRAIL: 'THE JOURNEY' ON REVELATION TV**

Guest presenter, David Foster, shares his remarkable journey around the British Isles in search of Celtic Christianity in a two-part series of 'The Journey', the Adventist weekly presence on Revelation TV every Thursday night at 8:30 pm or Sunday lunchtime at 1:00 pm. Coming this week:

**Thursday 28 May 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 31 May 1:00 pm).** Celtic Christianity: Pastor David Foster takes a journey around some of the remoter parts of the British Isles to discover some of the roots of Christianity in his homeland. Are there any lessons for today?

**Thursday 4 June 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 7 June 1:00 pm).** Pastor David Foster continues his journey of discovery with Celtic lessons for his own life.

[Victor Hulbert]

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

**Continuing to Sabbath 30 May:**
**Week of Revival: He Touched Me.** Dynamic speaker, John Mathieu. Venue: Willesden Seventh-day Adventist Church, Glebe Road, Willesden, London NW10 2JD.

**Continuing to Sunday 31 May:**
**Your Life Your Health.** Do you need to know more about your health? Why not attend FREE daily health workshops to find out how to: STOP smoking, Manage diabetes, Sexual health, Cooking classes, Keep fit classes, Health checks, Children's activities and many more. All ages are invited. Time: 11:00 am. Venue: John Loughborough School,
Holcombe Road, London N17 9AD.

6th Annual Believers' Convention. Theme: 'More than Conquerors'. Venue: Blessed Hope Adventist Church, 1 Zion Cottages, Priory Hill, Dartford DA1 2ES.

Continuing to Sabbath 6 June:

Breath of Life 'Sweet Redemptive' Campaign with evangelist Pastor J Wilmoth James from the United States Virgin Islands. Check link for full details. Venue: St John's Methodist Church, Price Street, Smethwick, West Midlands B66 3QR.

Friday 29 - Sunday 31 May:

'Knowing The Time' SEC Religious Liberty Residential. For further information please contact Paul Lee, SEC President's office on 01923 656 502 or secreligiousliberty@gmail.com or apply on: Religious Liberty Conference 2015. Venue: Wokefield Park, Goodboys Lane, Mortimer, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3AH.

Sabbath 30 May:

'Throw Out The Lifeline'. Come share the day with us as we remind and encourage each other that 'Jesus is mighty, and Jesus can save'. Our guest speaker is Pastor Gifford Rhamie. Lunch will be provided. Time: 10:00 - 17:00. For further information please contact Sharon on 0795 628 4967. Venue: Kingston Adventist Church, Queen Mary Hall, Cambridge Gardens. Cambridge Road, Kingston KT1 3NP.

An Evening of Praise – Free Concert. A fundraising event in aid of ADRA projects and will give us the ability to support international disasters. A silent offering will be collected! Do invite your friends and family to join us in singing and praise! Time: 19:00 - 21:30. Venue: Balham SDA Community Church, 83 Elmfield Road, Balham, London SW17 8AD.

Fundraising Concert in aid of the Sickle Cell Society. A wonderful evening of music and poems as we raise funds for the Sickle Cell Society. Time: 17:30 - 19:30. Venue: Willesden Seventh-day Adventist Church, Glebe Road, Willesden, London NW10 2JD.

Sunday 31 May:

Fundraising for Success (Advanced). Registration packages are available from £40 for a single workshop, or from £70 for both workshops. For more information, or to register, visit www.newbold.ac.uk/centre-christian-leadership. Venue: Newbold College of Higher Education, St Marks Road, Binfield, Bracknell RG42 4AN.

Club Inspirational Craft fair and Cake sale. Come down and support Club Inspirational with this great fundraising event. Delicious cakes and beautiful pieces of artwork on sale. Free entry! Time: 14:00 - 18:00. Venue: New Life Church, 8-10 Lennox Road, London N4 3NW.

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 June:

NEC/BUC Community Services Leadership Development Programme. Join North American Division Community Services director, Dr Sung Kwon, as he shares his wealth of knowledge about developing and managing a viable Community Services outreach programme. Only £30, non-residential fee. For full details and to book a place, please click here. Venue: Salford Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cross Lane, Denbigh Place, Pendleton, Greater Manchester M5 4AD.

Sabbath 6 June:

Restoration and Beyond. The Music department of Tottenham Seventh-day Adventist church invites you to a day of worship, adoration and praise! Guest speaker: international singing evangelist Kimberly Bulgin, followed by an evening of celebration and uplifting testimonies. Venue: Tottenham Seventh-day Adventist Church, 253-255 West Green Road, Tottenham, London N15 5ED.

'Before I Do ' Singles Fellowship. Communication is key in any relationship. Don't miss out on the next singles fellowship. Time: 4:30 pm prompt. Venue: Blessed Hope SDA Church, Priory Hill, Dartford DA1 2ES.

Sunday 7 June:

SEC Child Protection Training. Click here to register online or contact Anna on 01923 232 728 or cm@secadventist.org.uk by Sunday 24 May. Click here for more information about our child protection policy,
including how to apply for a DBS (formerly CRB) check. Time: 10:00 - 16:00. Venue: The Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place (off Edgware Road), London W1H 5HD.

**Sunday 7 June – Sabbath 13 June:**

*Hope for tomorrow – reasons to believe*. An evangelistic series in Haverhill run by Newbold theology student, Sebastian Matula.

**Monday 8 June - Sunday 14 June:**

*NEC Camp Meeting, Strong Families – Strong Churches*. Check link for full details.

**Friday 12 - Sunday 14 June:**

*Scottish Women's Ministries Retreat*. Spiritual wellness – God's plan for you. Speaker: Clair Schutte-Sanchez. Please email office@adventist.scot for more information. Venue: Lendrick Muir, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross KY13 0QA.

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**SMALL ADS**

**GERMAN BOOKS FOR FREE.** Pastor Paul Haworth has a number of books in German, mostly of a religious nature or Ellen G White books. If you are interested in them please email paulahaworth1@sky.com. Collection from Nottingham.

**KEY STAGE 1 & 2 TEACHERS needed, Harper Bell School, Birmingham.** FULL-TIME NURSERY KEY WORKER vacancy from September 2015 at Newbold School. For details of these and other job vacancies visit the jobs page on the Adventist Church website.

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