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VIDEO TRIBUTE MARKS 100 YEARS SINCE DEATH OF ELLEN WHITE

The Smithsonian magazine named her as among the 100 most significant Americans for her religious influence. She was instrumental in the formation and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her writings have been translated and published across the world and have provided spiritual and practical advice to millions of people. One hundred years ago on 16 July 1915, Ellen Gould White...
passed to her rest, aged 87, at her Elmshaven home in Saint Helena, California.

Mrs White was undoubtedly a substantive figure as a co-founder of the Church, both during her lifetime and then, through her writings, as a continued guide to Seventh-day Adventists and many other Christians. A humble lady, she always considered herself to be a 'lesser light', pointing towards the 'greater light', the Bible. [The Review and Herald, 20 January, 1903. Quoted in Colporteur Ministry, p. 125.]

On the anniversary of her death we asked two individuals as to how they view her life and work 100 years on. Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland responds to the challenge of whether Ellen White is still a critical figure in the Church today – or should her books just be left on the shelf as works of history. He shares how the challenges of 100 years ago are still being faced today – and that she gave advice when often there were no easy answers.

Dr Radisa Antic is Director of the Ellen G White Research Centre at Newbold College argues that her role is to help us better understand the Bible and put it into practice. He also responds to the challenge of whether Adventists really are 'sola scriptura'.

And if you would like to give her writings a try, they'll even give you tips as to which one you should read first. To find out the answer, watch the video by clicking here or watch on Roku. You can explore her life and writings on the Ellen G White Estate website.

[Victor Hulbert]

GC SESSION 2015 – A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Take the entire membership of the Adventist Church in the British Isles. Double it and then fill Wembley Stadium. Add some top choirs and performers, Adventism's best preachers, a bank of translators and a myriad of national costumes and you get some idea of what the closing Sabbath of a General Conference Session looks like.
It was a day that inspired Croydon pastor, Richard Daly, as he watched the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas gradually fill to capacity "as we joined together in singing the anthem 'We have this hope'." 74,000 people singing and worshipping together is impressive. "The music was astoundingly brilliant and I didn't know there were that many choirs in the world let alone SDA ones", Philip Emm from Ringway Life church, Altringham stated.

Having now reported on a total of four GC Sessions, the music is inspiring, the morning devotionals and evening Division reports motivational, and the diversity of the Church impressive. What strikes me most though is how connected we are as a Church.

Many mealtimes I ate in a 5,000 seat dining room with total strangers, only to find out after a few minutes that we had connections, mutual friends, and common interests. One lunchtime I sat with a group from the North American Division and discovered that one of them shared a room with Pastor John Ferguson while a student at Newbold College. Another day I found myself making friends with the originator of Bible Answers, a man I had only known through email until that time, and on a third occasion I found myself immersed in South American culture – discussing the big issue of the week, women's ordination, and gaining an insightful perspective.

"One of the great aspects of the GC Session is experiencing the diversity of thought and expression in Adventism from across the globe", states Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. "This is something that we can resonate with as we are a Union comprised of many different cultural, national groups." What did he learn from GC Session? "As part of the mission focus it was stressed that we need to reach ALL people groups in a nation. The focus was upon people groups. This is something that the BUC is increasingly aware of and needs to respond to."

Mission is the purpose of a General Conference Session – and the focus of the 2015 meetings, 2-11 July, was clearly enshrined in the motto, 'Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming!' Every devotional and much of the business focused around the hope of Jesus' soon return and how, as Adventists, we are commissioned to help the world be ready for that day.
Even what was, for some, the most disappointing debate of the ten days, an entire Wednesday spent on the contentious issue as to whether or not individual Divisions should be empowered or not to ordain women pastors, was seen in a context of mission. For those supporting the 'Yes' vote it was pictured in terms of trust. "Can you trust us enough to see that this is the best way forward within the culture and society where we live, even though it may not be appropriate at this time in your part of the world?" For the 'No' campaign it focused around unity. "We are one Church with one mission. We must not divide ourselves on this issue." The motion was voted down by 1,381 to 977 with five abstentions.

Some saw this as Divine Providence. Others pointed out that every time such a vote is taken the percentages move in the direction of change. "I never got on the plane 30 June, believing that the 'Yes' vote would be in the majority", Pastor Sweeney commented. "I told people that while I was in support I could never see it as happening as the major tenet of the 'No' vote was a biblical stance. In my view a flawed hermeneutic but when an Adventist believes that is what the Bible teaches there is no room for accommodation or compromise." He sees the need for a greater understanding of biblical interpretation to develop.

Pastor Raafat Kamal, President of the Trans-European Division, also commented following the 'No' vote. Recognising that there are 60+ female pastors in the TED alongside a further 30 female administrators, he reflected that he saw this "as a global decision affecting a local context." Supported by all the Union Presidents in the TED he has written a personal letter of encouragement and understanding. "We need to support our female pastors, their constituencies and their congregations", he said.

One of our female delegates, Pastor Mary Barrett, reflected, "I was very saddened by the ordination vote, as I think that the 'No' vote will affect the appeal of the gospel to young people in particular, in our Church and outside our Church who feel that we need to be treating men and women equally." Despite that, Mary would still encourage any woman wanting to embark upon ministry to do so. "If you know that God has called you to ministry, do not let anything stand in the way", she says.

Moving away from that debate, another young lady, 14-year-old Samara Burt commented, "I enjoyed the exhibition booths and
didn't realise there were so many Adventist universities all over the world." The daughter of delegate, Christine Burt from Birmingham, she says that she even enjoyed listening to some of the business sessions, especially the humorous Dr Ng and his Secretariat report, and made lots of new friends.

Clearly there is much more to report from a significant ten day event like this – and a large selection of news coverage from a European perspective can be found on the TED website: [http://www.ted-adventist.org/news](http://www.ted-adventist.org/news). But what will our delegates go home with?

Philip loved the music but wondered if there could not have been more diversity. He stated there was "very little variation in style or delivery, broken only by a couple of steel bands, an amazing bass soloist and a trumpeter. Where were the African harmonies / modern songs / young groups with guitars and drums? If Heaven is all classical music I'm going to be very upset!" On the plus side he complimented the caterers despite the surfeit of rice and beans.

Pastor Daly was particularly impressed with the chairpersons who "with great patience showed toleration and calmness in spirit in dealing with what was easily very frustrating interferences." It is no mean feat to keep 2,500 delegates in order, some of whom understand parliamentary procedure better than others!

Pastor Barrett states, "We have both come away with a greater desire to share God and we want to look for opportunities to witness for Him more."

For myself? I felt blessed working together with a small but committed team producing 36 news articles, 22 video reports, and thousands of photographs under the leadership of outgoing TED Communication director, Miroslav Pujic. Dejan Stojkovic's teen focused videos may have totally destroyed my career and reputation – but made GC Session understandable to a younger audience, Katie Allen's and Deana Stojkovic's late nights' writing, editing and uploading material were an inspiration, and Dan Erdeg, the cameraman's minimalist word count did not detract from his excellent photographic skills.

Being part of the tedNEWS team was a joy. Working together with other media teams, renewing friendships from around the world, and sharing in a common purpose multiplied that joy further. Together with the 2015 delegates we can undoubtedly resonate with the motto, 'Arise! Shine! Jesus is Coming!'
KASIA DONATES TO SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP

What could you do with a £100 award? Darlington's Rotary Young Citizen of the Year, Kasia Polkoszek, decided to donate it.

A student at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and a member of Darlington Seventh-day Adventist church, Kasia decided to donate the £100 cheque she received from Darlington Rotary Club as part of her award to the annual Special Needs Camp run at the Aberdaron Campsite operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Kasia said that the project was important to her as she volunteers at the camp where she cares for a Downs syndrome lady.

Accompanied by Ken Wiper and Lawrence Job, Vice Principal of Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, she presented the cheque to Colin Woodford, a member of staff at the Special Needs Camp.

Camp organiser, Joy Bussey, both congratulated Kasia for the award and gave her a special 'thank you' for thinking of the needs of this very special annual camp.

[Darlington Communications]
leader, Jossette Constance, shoppers enjoyed inspirational singing by the children, young people and the rest of the church members. Many of the people shopping stopped by to listen to the melodious singing and enjoyed the music played by our gifted musicians. The children's presentation in particular attracted much attention.

Pastor Vartsaba, our church pastor, shared a message to the public based on the Bible's most famous verse, John 3:16. While the public listened, many also gladly received gospel literature, DVDs on End time Prophecies, Steps to Christ, and other literature on Health.

Many people stopped and were interacting with the church members at various locations around the square. At the end of the day church members praised God for the opportunity to spread His Word. They are already planning their next interaction with the community.

[Dinesh Phasge]

SIX FLAG UNITY IN SAN ANTONIO

On the day that Serbia's Prime Minister, Aleksandar Vučić, was chased away by stone-throwing protesters at a ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a rich mix of 70,000 Seventh-day Adventists representing almost every culture on the planet found themselves in joint, heart-felt worship at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

Very moving, for two of the worshippers, was the sight of a joint banner, the six flags of Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Slovenia, stitched together and prominently draped over the fifth level balcony to the right of the stage. It was a moving symbol of forgiveness and unity in the context of a service that focused on the hope that Seventh-day Adventists have in a Saviour that can and does change lives.

Dejan Stojkovic is Serbian. He now lives in the UK where he serves as Teen's Ministries director for the South England Conference. When just a teen himself he escaped military service in the war that split Yugoslavia, fleeing across the border in a hearse on its way to a funeral. The break-up of his country was painful to him and his family. His father had worked as a pastor whose ministry crossed cultural and ethnic boundaries.

That pain became bittersweet when he met the young lady who now sits by his side. Deana comes from what, geographically and politically, is 'the other side of the fence'. She is from
Croatia, but ended up without passport or nationality – so today the passport she travels on is Bosnian. Deana is PA to the Communication and Media department at the Trans-European Division office in St Albans, and has discovered that love has no barriers. Dejan and Deana have now been married for five years. They don't mind what flag is flying, for them the flag to fly most high is the one for Jesus.

To see the 'six-flag' banner hanging above the 70,000 Adventists was, for them, a meaningful emphasis of what it means to be part of a global Church family, representatives of 168 countries meeting in worship, and singing together 'Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring, Jesus is coming again'.

Up to 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys died at the hands of Bosnian Serb forces amid the break-up of Yugoslavia. Serbia had backed the Bosnian Serbs. On Saturday, 11 July, Mr Vučić had been attempting a gesture of peace, apology and reconciliation in joining with other world leaders at a ceremony in Bosnia-Herzegovina to pay respects at the Srebrenica graveyard where more than 100 newly found remains were to be buried with 6,000 other massacre victims. However, he became a target of abuse, the hissing crowd hurling rocks and bottles at him.

"I regret that some people haven't recognized my sincere intention to build friendship between Serbian and Bosniak people," he said later. "I still give my hand to the Bosniak people. I will continue with that ... and always be ready to work together to overcome problems."

It is a sad story that clearly is not yet complete. Even sadder is that it is not unique but has been repeated in multitudes of ways in countries around the world. Rwanda saw its own genocide – and yet has also seen amazing stories of reconciliation and healing. In South Africa we have seen once divided communities coming together.

Even in meetings this past week where people have strongly expressed very different points of view, and may have had to agree to disagree, or graciously accepted a disappointing vote, on Sabbath they were able to sit and worship together under the same united flag. As World Church President, Pastor Ted Wilson said in his sermon, "Don't get stuck on one side or the other of the road – keep in the middle of God's Word."

Evidence of this was seen both in the morning and the afternoon programme. Church members thrilled to see the way God was drawing communities together, be it health ministry in Jakarta, major evangelism in Zimbabwe, or one committed lady in an un-entered part of China who has not only baptised 500 members, but has planted ten churches.
For Dejan and Deana, holding hands in a dome filled with Adventist members from so many different cultures and backgrounds, many in national costumes, and with even the music and scripture coming in a multitude of languages, this is a little picture of the future. "The Book of Revelation paints a wonderful picture of Heaven", Dejan enthuses. "It describes 'a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.' [Revelation 7:9 NIV] United in Christ, today was just a tiny glimpse of Heaven."

For more on Dejan's story watch 'In Conversation'. He has also been responsible for a series of fun-filled informative videos from around the GC Session aimed at a teenage audience.

[Victor Hulbert / tedNEWS]

WHO'S THE FRIENDLIEST OF THEM ALL?

One thing I discovered during my stay in Texas – local people are very friendly. Walking the ½ mile to and from my hotel to the Alamodome where the World Session of the General Conference was being held I found myself being greeted by workers on the building site, security staff, police and the many stewards who looked after the venues and kept us feeling safe. By day two that led me to ask a question, "Who are the more friendly? The locals or their Seventh-day Adventist visitors?"

The next morning I set myself a test. Walking to the meetings I consciously said 'hello' to as many people as I could. With the locals there was a 100 per cent success rate. In fact, it led to several conversations. With the Adventists, the rate was not so good. There may, of course, be other reasons. After all, the local people I said hello to were mainly on duty, and possibly bored – but they seemed to be doing that duty with friendliness and passion. The Adventists meanwhile were on a mission – walking briskly to get to meetings, committees, the exhibit hall or to join the queue of 5,000 for lunch! When you have a focused purpose you may be less inclined to say 'hi' to a passing stranger who may not even speak the same language as you.
There were exceptions. I'd stopped to chat with a construction worker who was securing the entrance to the building site. We had a pleasant conversation then, as I was saying goodbye, Sylvia Ahn, a delegate from the North American Division immediately started up a conversation with me. We talked all the way to the dome. I made a new friend.

Of course, see a long-lost friend or acquaintance and you will stop in your tracks to share a warm greeting. That is, after all, one of the joys of a GC Session. However, if people didn't know you they will sometimes respond to a hello, but more often look at you strangely as in "should I know you?".

There were other exceptions. As GC Session progressed I found more and more people on the pathway offering leaflets, booklets and free DVDs. There was even a group – some offshoot of Adventism – that would offer you free, refreshing water in the midday heat, but only if you would sit and listen to the 'special light' they had to impart. Despite my aim to be friendly – and their desire to share what they saw as important information – this became, for me, a time of role reversal. With my eyes straight forward and hands by my side, my body language made it clear that I did not intend to collect yet more items for recycling when packing my suitcase!

BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney, discovered the same thing: "I must say that I was tired of people pushing things in my hand, and I reflected on how people might react to us when we do the selfsame thing in our evangelism... having said this one leaflet is different to getting 20 plus!"

However, he equally thought the Adventist friendliness was having its effect on the public. "I believe that we were a good witness to the police and construction workers we passed every day on our 0.6 mile pilgrimage to the Alamodome as they were greeted with many smiles and 'hellos' and possibly leaflets..."

The only negative comment from the taxi drivers was that "Adventists walk too much", and that they lost a lot of their 10 pm to 2 am trade as "Adventists seem to go to bed rather than going out drinking."

And leaving San Antonio to fly home? A friend I
made one lunchtime, Brent Hardinge, posted on his Facebook page how one check-in agent had taken him to one side to commend him on the behaviour of the crowds of Adventists passing through the small, regional airport. "In the 16 years that I have worked at this airport, I have seen many groups come through here. We've had doctor groups, lawyer groups, all sorts of large groups coming through this airport. But I have never seen a group this calm and positive. The lines are long out front, and no one is complaining.

"Please share this with your people", the agent said. "I want them to know how much we appreciate working with you."

The good spirit was reciprocal, a security agent helping Pastor Cecil Perry tape up the broken handle on his carry-on luggage, and a convivial spirit on my plane when it seemed about 80 percent of the passengers were rushing from one flight to the next with only 20 minutes to spare.

Perhaps the question is not so much who is the friendliest, but how much our natural friendliness can impact the lives of others.

For BUC delegate Philip Emm, "far and away the best bit was the people." He commented on "the smiles, the laughing, the hugging of long unseen friends, the brilliant new friends made in the lifts, the lobby, the exhibitions, the debating floor, the walking to and from the Alamodome, and most of all the meal tables. Forget the food, the conversation with brilliantly nice people was surpassing. The food was incidental!"

Will such friendliness have a lasting effect on the people of San Antonio? One would hope so. According to a Sabbath afternoon report of the Impact project, one homeless man who was given a meal ticket has now made a decision to reconnect with church. It would be interesting to visit the city next year and measure the lasting impact.

Meanwhile, for Philip, back home and recovering from jet lag, "If this is a taste of Heaven then I say bring it on! Oh yes, that is what it was supposed to be all about, the Second Coming, soon and very soon. Please, come Lord Jesus."

[Victor Hulbert]
REMEMBER THE ALAMO!

A personal reflection by former BUC President, Pastor Don McFarlane. Now pastor for administration at Sligo Adventist church, Maryland, USA, he shares his changing views on a contentious subject:

General Conference Session 2015 in some ways reminded me of Christmas. Its anticipation was greater than its reality, though unlike Christmas, its after-effects are longer lasting. In the circles in which I move hardly do two or more people come together without the subject of the women's ordination vote at the General Conference Session coming up.

Thirty-five years ago I most likely would have been among the 1,381 who voted 'no' to women's ordination by Division. I would have considered it part of my duty to uphold 'truth' and put the liberal and worldly North Americans, Europeans and Australians in their place. I was what might be described as a 'Crusading Seventh-day Adventist'. My Church was the only religious organization on earth on which divine favour was bestowed. I was under orders to go out and compel non-members to become part of my Church. If they didn't they were condemned to eternal death. Not only was my Church 'right' and everyone else 'wrong', the version of Adventism that I was taught was the only legitimate and acceptable expression of 'the faith'.

My narrow vision of the Church changed rapidly when I was invited to work in the United Kingdom. On arrival from Jamaica, I saw practices that were alien to this enforcer of Adventist orthodoxy. For example, I was amazed to see male church officers wearing wedding rings and in no uncertain terms I requested, as pastor, that those 'symbols of the world' be discarded.

The summer of 1981 had a telling effect on my ministry and changed forever how I view people, my ministry and some of the traditions in my Church. It was the first year of my MA programme at Newbold College. A diverse group of students from various European countries and elsewhere made up the cohort. Chatting with fellow student, Terry Jacobsen, a charming Norwegian, over supper one evening, he declared that he frequently went skiing on a Sabbath afternoon. I could hardly control myself. Righteous indignation boiled up in me and I shouted, "You do what?"

Terry remained calm and asked, "Don, do you go walking on a Sabbath afternoon with your family?" "Yes," I said, "but that's different from skiing." "You see, Don, for a large portion of the year in Norway, if I must go walking with my family on a Sabbath afternoon, I have no alternative but to go on skis." He needn't say another word. I got it! Although we belong to one Church and have certain shared beliefs and hopes, the expression of Adventism in different parts
of the world cannot be the same. To do so would be to create an artificially constructed edifice which by nature has a number of fault lines that naturally will lead to the collapse of the building. Members in different parts of the world must be trusted to relate to God in ways that are relevant to their particular situation.

San Antonio’s decision on women’s ordination was an attempt to have the Church march to the same drumbeat. While a common understanding of our core doctrines, such as the nature of man, the Sabbath, salvation and the Second Coming is essential for global cohesion, a shared identity and a joint purpose in mission, the imposition of the cultural nuances found in some parts of the world on other parts can only lead to eventual fragmentation and the disenfranchisement of large sections of the global Church community.

"My Church has left me but I'm not leaving it", is a statement that I have heard with increasing frequency since San Antonio. These are people who love the Church, some have even served abroad as missionaries. Increasingly, they are feeling marginalized and sense that they are being asked to 'go walking on a Sabbath afternoon in Norway in the depths of winter without skis'.

"The gospel is above culture", is a phrase that is glibly thrown around by some. However, to try and separate culture from the experience of the gospel is analogous to taking a fish out of water and expecting it to survive and be as active as when it was in the water. It is going to die unless re-immersed quickly. Sherwood G Lingenfelter and Marvin Mayers in their book, Ministering Cross-Culturally state, "Culture is the… label for the sum of the distinctive characteristics of a people's way of life. All human behaviour occurs within particular cultures, within socially defined contexts."

Worship is meaningful only within the context of one’s own culture. Another way of saying this is, there is no worship without culture. No amount of preaching, exhortation and voted action can change this reality.

I was privileged to serve the Church in the British Isles for thirty-three years. The United Kingdom is one of the few places where the composition of the membership of the Church is in reverse proportion to the composition of the population. In the ethnically-diverse British Church I quickly learned that if the Church was to survive on all fronts and not become a mono-cultural institution that bore little relevance to the wider public, the majority (immigrants from various parts of the world) in the Church had to protect the interests of the minority (native British and European).
The political power of the Seventh-day Adventist Church now lies with members in the southern hemisphere, who account for more than ninety per cent of global membership. It is clear that no major change can take place within the Church unless leaders and members in the southern hemisphere desire such a change. At the same time, unless the majority in our global Church recognize, appreciate, celebrate and defend the expressions of faith as found in places like Europe and North America, it is conceivable that Adventism could become an irrelevancy in these countries – seen as more interested in conducting a dialogue with itself and preserving certain traditions than in engaging in a meaningful and constructive manner with a society drowning in hopelessness.

While some will no doubt remember the Alamo...dome with fondness and as the place where the Church was kept united, others will recall it with tears and resignation as the place where unity in diversity was put aside for uniformity, which in the long run will prove inimical to genuine unity and mission advancement. It is possible that the unity that Church leaders were trying to preserve in San Antonio is the very thing that has been damaged. Leaders need to decide how that which has been broken will be mended and how those who now feel disenfranchised can regain their sense of identity and purpose.

[Don McFarlane]

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

Full reports of the North England Conference Camp Meeting, the challenge of playing 'second fiddle' and how a pastor got baptised along with his entire congregation. Essential reading all in the 17 July edition of Messenger, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. Pick up a copy in your local church or read it online now.

[Julian Hibbert]

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Tune into Revelation TV or visit the Hope TV website or
Roku for Animal Encounters, back by popular demand. Watch Adventist programming every Thursday night at 8:30 pm or Sunday lunchtime at 1:00 pm. Coming this week:

**Thursday 16 July 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 19 July 1:00 pm).** Animal Encounters. Part 3: **Sharks!**

**Thursday 23 July 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 26 July 1:00 pm).** Animal Encounters. Part 4: **Monkeys.**

[Victor Hulbert]

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

**Sabbath 18 July:**
**Hampstead Church Music Day – Praise The Lord!** Come and enjoy a whole day of Worship Praise with instrumentalists, choirs, soloists and groups. Not to be missed! Time: 09:45 - 18:00. Venue: Hampstead Seventh-day Adventist Church, 66 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BE.

**Hyland House: 90 Years of Educational Excellence.** Hyland House Primary School will be celebrating over 90 years of educational excellence with a Homecoming Day, in 2015! Rejoicing about the past, Celebrating the present and Securing the future... Time: 10:30 am - 8:00 pm. Venue: Walthamstow Town Hall, Forest Road, London E17 6HE. For further information, please contact Ruth Stewart on 01923 232 728 or at hhhc@secadventist.org.uk.

**Sunday 19 July:**
**Sunday Family Fun Day.** We are holding a Family Fun Day at the New Life Centre, 8-10 Lennox Road, London N4 3NW. Time: 11:00 - 17:00. Stalls, DJs, Talent show, Fun run or cycle, bouncy castle, there's something for all the family! Please contact Elisha for further information: 0785 270 2787.

**Monday 20 - Friday 24 July:**
**SEC Student Camp 2015.** Check link for full details.

**Monday 20 July - Thursday 13 August:**
**Certificate in Health and Wellness.** This programme, conducted over 2 summers, is for those with an interest in health evangelism, nutrition, wellness and fitness, who wish to serve in their local church and community as they seek to share the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle – including the benefits of a vegetarian diet and of regular exercise and physical fitness. To register or for more information please email info@newbold.ac.uk or visit Newbold's website www.newbold.ac.uk.

**Sabbath 25 July:**
**Trinidad & Tobago: 125 Years of Adventism.** A celebration of the goodness of our Lord and Saviour in our blessed twin island in which we are indeed proud. Come and enjoy an evening of talent! The concert is FREE for all. A donation to support upcoming events is welcome. Theme: 'God Is In Control'. Time: 17:30 - 21:00. Refreshments for sale after sunset. Venue: 381
Holloway Road, London N7 0RN.

Hanwell Summer Concert. Enjoy a fundraising classical concert, 'Unconditional Praise'. Time: 18:00 - 20:00. Venue: St Mellitus Church, 1 Church Road, Hanwell, London W7 3BA.

Sabbath 25 - Sunday 26 July:
Children’s Ministries Emphasis in Isle of Man. Theme: 'God sent me'. See poster for full details or visit http://necadventist.org.uk.

Monday 27 July - Sunday 2 August:
SEC Junior Camp 2015. Venue: Chapel Porth Caravan Site, Goonvrea, St Agnes, Truro, Cornwall TR5 0NS. Cost: £125 per person (includes transport from the SEC office & around Cornwall, entry fees for all activities, three meals each day and accommodation in static caravans). Equipment List: Read. Application Form: Download – all applications and full payment must be received by Monday 20 July 2015. For more information email cm@secadventist.org.uk or phone 01923 232 728.

Friday 31 July - Sunday 2 August:
The Journey to Wholeness workshop will cover four areas: Biblical and Spiritual Concepts of Recovery and Healing; Understanding Addiction and Preventative Interventions; Adventist Recovery Ministries and the 12-steps as a Tool for Wholeness; Journey to Wholeness Effective Use. Registration packages are available from £75 (registration and all course materials) to £155 (registration, all course materials, meals, and accommodation). To register, or for more information, visit: www.newbold.ac.uk/centre-christian-leadership.

Sunday 2 August:
New Life Family Day Trip to Skegness. Check link for full details.

Sunday 2 August - Sunday 9 August:
SEC Family Camp 2015. This event is now fully booked. If you would like to be added to a waiting list, in case of cancellations, please complete and return the application form. We will contact you straight away if a place becomes available for you.

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SMALL ADS

AU PAIR OPPORTUNITY. A top-grade student from Spain is taking a year before university to improve her English and expand her horizons. Dafne has a 4-year-old brother and so is experienced with children. Her hobbies include reading, singing and guitar playing. She would love to work with an English-speaking family as an au pair and is available immediately for up to 12 months. A pastoral reference can be supplied on request. For more information email xxicadafnee@gmail.com.

JOB VACANCIES. Human Resources assistant required, South England Conference office. Application deadline, 31 August 2015. A religious worker volunteer is also required to assist at the Stanborough Park church, Watford. Closing date for applications, 11 August 2015. For more information about these and other jobs, please visit the Job vacancies page.

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