July 2015

Best wishes for God's blessings are extended to:
~ Retiring pastor David Glass, who came to Chesapeake Conference in April 2003. He has been in ministry for nearly 40 years, most recently as pastor at the Pasadena and Linthicum churches located just south of Baltimore. His work to spread the gospel and to care for church members in Anne Arundel County is deeply appreciated. The Columbia Union created a video about the recent evangelistic meetings organized by Pastor Glass. Watch the video online at http://www.columbiaunionvisitor.com/video-a-campaign-of-hope-in-linthicum/.
~ Sergio Manente, pastor of the Highland View church on the Highland View Academy campus in Hagerstown, Maryland, since July 2009. Pastor Manente has accepted a call to the Upper Columbia Conference where he will serve as senior pastor of the Richland, Washington, church. In addition to his valuable leadership in the Highland View congregation, Pastor Manente has conducted many seminars at conference events and been a favorite Sabbath School Lesson Study teacher at camp meeting. He and his wife Nancy will make the transition to the west coast this month.

A hearty welcome is offered to:
~ Ricardo Cala, Jr., new pastor in the Sussex Central/Federalsburg/Harrington district on the eastern shore. He comes from the Silver Spring (Maryland) Spanish church where he has been a youth pastor. He also has a background in media ministries. Just last month, on June 14, Pastor Cala was married
to Taimara Figueroa, who has just come to the United States from Cuba. Congratulations!

~ **Ignacio Goya**, new pastor at the Linthicum and Pasadena churches, who comes from the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he has been a graduate assistant seminary dean, instructor of laboratory informatics, and pastor at the nearby St. Joseph church. He was executive director of ADRA Ecuador from 2009-2012, and is an international evangelist. He and his wife Maggie have two children, Aynara, age two, and Eithan, just two months old.

**Conference Office Staff Updates:**
This month there are some significant administrative changes in the human resources and payroll departments. **Candy Iverson**, who has been in charge of payroll at the conference for several years, is pregnant and due to give birth to a son estimated to arrive in early August. She will soon take maternity leave and plans to come back on a very limited consulting basis and will no longer process payroll. Congratulations are extended to **Serah Zaw**, who this month was promoted to assistant treasurer, and assumes responsibility for payroll. As mentioned last month in Currents, **Jennifer Stefan** takes on an expanded role in human resources and continues to provide support in the secretariat and stewardship departments.

Twenty-nine Chesapeake Conference pastors, many with their families, attended **“CALLED,”** the North America-wide convention for pastors and their spouses and children, held in Austin, Texas, June 28-July 1. With a stellar line-up of speakers, seminar presenters and programming for all attendees, pastoral families had the opportunity to be spiritually inspired, renewed, and educated—and to fellowship with some 6,000 participants.

**The 60th General Conference Session**, a business meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, takes place July 2-11 in San Antonio, Texas. Join us in prayer for the safe travels of the thousands of people coming from all over the globe to attend. Please pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to permeate the Session and the hearts of participants, and for God’s leading in the presentations, discussions, and decisions made. To learn more about the Session, visit the website, [2015.gcsession.org](http://2015.gcsession.org). Meetings will be broadcast by The Hope Channel. Get details at the Columbia Union Conference website, [columbiaunion.org](http://columbiaunion.org).

**Need a prayer partner?** Join the conference’s weekly Prayer Line, Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7. Each session a host pastor facilitates the focused prayer time. The dial-in number is (605) 475-4000. Use participant access code: 721521#

**Youth Ministries Update:**
~ **Summer camps are underway.** Youth Ministries director Carl Rodriguez reports that 20 young people—about twice the number anticipated—are participating in the FLAG Camp hosted by the Beacon of Light church in Salisbury, Maryland. Day and overnight camps continue throughout the conference this month. Visit [mtaetnacamp.com](http://mtaetnacamp.com) to find a camp near you.

~ **Children and Youth Leaders Convention:** Youth and Children’s Ministry leaders are invited to participate in a weekend of training covering topics (34 of them!) in the areas of Pathfinder, Adventurer, Teen and Youth Leadership, Master Guide, Children’s Ministry. The event takes place September 11-13 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. The featured speaker is Eli Rojas, conference Ministerial and Family Ministries director. Research shows that churches with a vibrant children’s and youth ministry have higher baptism and growth rates, and that leaders who attend the convention tend to stay within that ministry two to five years compared with less than two years for those who don’t attend. For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

**An Afternoon of Gospel Music** planned by the Rock Hall church takes place Sunday, August 2, in
the Chesapeake Room at the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company (RHVFC) located at 21500 Rock Hall Avenue in Rock Hall, Maryland. Featured musicians include John Dierker, Kathy Wright, Wesley Chapel Choir, Men of Jane’s Church Choir, Stosh and El Piotrowski, the Children’s Music Camp and others. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the RHVFC. Ample parking. Questions? Call Glenda Dierker at (443) 480-2104.

Women’s Ministries Update:
~ More than 80 women attended the annual Women’s Breakfast at camp meeting last month. Ruthie Jacobsen, North American Division (NAD) Prayer Ministries coordinator, shared a powerful story of listening to God’s voice and heeding His will.
~ Rates increase August 1, so now is the perfect time to register for the 2015 High Heels and High Callings—Women of the Word Women’s Retreat, October 30-November 1, to be held at the oceanfront Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Whether you prefer heels or flats, embark on a biblical journey and gain deep insights from the stories of women in Scripture. Fun, spiritual and inspiring programs for English-speaking women, Spanish-speaking women, and young women ages 15-21 are planned, so register now and bring your BFF. See your Women’s Ministry leader for a flyer, and visit ccosda.org for new details.
~ The loose offering Sabbath, July 11, goes to support Women’s Ministry throughout North America. Forty percent of the offering received in Chesapeake Conference churches stays in Chesapeake to be used for training of women and outreach. Your generosity makes a difference right here in our communities!

The Chesapeake Conference currently operates 12 schools including Spencerville Adventist Academy, a PreK-12 grade day school in Silver Spring, Maryland, and Highland View Academy a day/boarding high school in Hagerstown, Maryland. All schools—elementary, junior academy, and high school—are accepting students for the 2015-2016 academic year. For registration dates, contact your local Adventist school, call the conference office at (410) 995-1910, or find links to schools at online at ccosda.org. Classes begin Monday, August 17. Following is a list of Chesapeake Conference schools:

- Atholton Adventist Academy, Columbia, Md.
- Baltimore White Marsh School, White Marsh, Md.
- Chester River School, Chestertown, Md.
- Crest Lane School, Westminster, Md.
- Dover Adventist School, Dover, Del.
- Frederick School, Frederick, Md.
- Friendship School, Linthicum, Md.
- Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Md.
- Mount Aetna Elementary School, Hagerstown, Md.
- Rocky Knoll School, Martinsburg, W.Va.
- Spencerville Adventist Academy, Silver Spring, Md.
- Wilmington Junior Academy, Wilmington, Del.

Baltimore White Marsh Adventist School is looking for a part-time administrative assistant/bookkeeper to work onsite 20-25 hours per week. To submit a résumé or obtain a job description, contact principal Rose Gamblin at rgamblinbwm@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School programs are in full swing this summer. Consider donating your time and/or money to support this child evangelism endeavor in your church and community—or a church nearby if yours doesn’t host VBS. Volunteers of all ages and skill sets are needed to have a successful program. VBS leaders are encouraged to share stories, ideas, and photos with the conference Children’s Ministries department by emailing areynolds@ccosda.org.
Did you miss The Gathering or just want to revisit the experience? Visit the conference website at ccosda.org for links to view photos and video as well as listen to Pavel Goia’s Sabbath sermons. Facebook fans can view and download photos and get conference news at Facebook.com/chesapeakeconference. “Though our time together was quite brief this year, it was not less significant than a full–length camp meeting, with regard to lives touched and hearts changed,” says Jerry Lutz, conference secretary and camp meeting coordinator. “The Lord truly blessed us in so many ways, not the least of which was a safe and healthy encampment.” Next year a traditional five-day camp meeting is planned for June 14-18, featuring Shawn Boonstra, Voice of Prophecy speaker/director, and David Griffiths, bass soloist/pianist. Recordings from Campestre Hispano, the conference’s annual Hispanic camp meeting, are available online, too.

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