

CONNECTING | IMPACTING | CELEBRATING

VISITOR

JUNE 2006 • VOLUME 111 • ISSUE 7

**Harold
Lee**

**Moving Into
the Future**



Contents

JUNE 2006



8

News & Features

8 | Columbia Union Bids Farewell to Harold Lee

LaVerne Henderson

After nearly 40 years of denominational service, Harold Lee—Columbia Union Conference president since 1998—retired June 1. The far-reaching influence of this pastor and administrator will be felt for years to come. Read about this unique servant leader and hear what others have to say about his impact.

12 | Little Flock Church: Worshiping Behind Prison Walls

Tanisha Greenidge

The Little Flock Seventh-day Adventist Church recently celebrated its official dedication into the Chesapeake Conference. Little Flock is the first, officially recognized Seventh-day Adventist Church operating behind prison walls within the state of Maryland. Learn more about the origin and ministry of this important and growing congregation.



In Every Issue

3 | Editorial

4 | Newsline

6 | Potluck

15 | Healing Ministry

Newsletters

19 Allegheny East

21 Chesapeake

23 Columbia Union College

25 Highland View Academy

27 Mountain View

29 Mt. Vernon Academy

31 New Jersey

33 Ohio

35 Pennsylvania

37 Potomac

39 Spencerville Adventist Academy

41 Takoma Academy

43 | Bulletin Board

47 | Last Words

About the Cover:
Photo by James Ferry

Moving Into the Future

ive ... love ... learn ... and leave a legacy," writes Franklin Covey, in his latest book, *The Eighth Principle: From Effectiveness to Greatness*. "The past is our heritage, the present is our stage, and the future is our opportunity."

This is my last message to you, church members and dear friends, as I have come to a turning point in the road. The president's chair is becoming my past, and I am moving into a new future.

This change should come as no surprise; we live in a time of unprecedented change. Throughout my tenure with the Columbia Union Conference, the officers, members of the executive committee, and our staff, institutions, and conferences have all run hard to keep up with the waves of change washing over us as an organization.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church exists in an era of monumental change. The world that the church is attempting to transform is a different world from what it was just one generation ago. Reality is a moving target, and we must constantly work to understand the contemporary context.

A lot of the problems we face today are the result of systems that were once useful but have become inadequate and irrelevant. What worked in the past may not be effective today and may become obstacles to future growth. How do we face up to the enormous challenge of rethinking our mission and ministries in this fast-changing world?

Keeping abreast of and telling the story of God's saving grace requires new ways of thinking; new ways of being and behaving; new and creative paradigms for leadership, evangelism, and church growth; and new ways of running our ministries and institutions.



PHOTO BY JAMES FERRY

THE LOCUS OF MISSION

The locus of mission is in the life of the congregation. We have continued to uphold the vision officially adopted by the Columbia Union Conference: "The local church is the central focus and driving force of the denomination." A pressing need is for this vision to be internalized more deeply by our members, conferences, and institutions. The real work of the church is to graciously invite the world to participate in God's re-creation and renewal of humanity; to enable all to experience and celebrate freedom, joy, and wholeness in communion with God.

My fellow believers, we have only begun to understand this vision. We have only begun to see clearly what God has for us to do in this new century. But there's no turning back. The stage is set. God is ready. The Holy Spirit is on call. Now, more than ever, we must take up the cause of Christ and move boldly into the future.

As Ellen White says, "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and lightbearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. ... They have been given a work of most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of greater importance. ..." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 19).

As you work and pray, know that my prayers are with you. I thank you for your love, your faithfulness, and for all you've done to move the work forward. *Even so, come Lord Jesus.*

Harold L. Lee (pictured with his wife Barbara) has served as president of the Columbia Union Conference for the past eight years and in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for nearly forty.

Newsline

LAVERNE HENDERSON

Baltimore ACS Hosts Global Youth Service Day

Baltimore Adventist Community Services (BACS) recently coordinated service projects for more than 200 Baltimore-area youth during National & Global Youth Service Day 2006, a worldwide service initiative. Volunteers ages 13-25 spent the Sabbath painting, teaching, and serving others in their community.

“Our goal is to inspire an entire city of youth to be servant leaders who have the compassion, competence, and courage to change their communities for the good of all people,” explains Darriel Hoy, pastor and executive director of BACS. Her organization received \$2,000 to develop service projects in Baltimore that included building a home with Habitat for Humanity, teaching arts and crafts, and raising money and awareness for the homeless.



Hoy joined youth—including a few from Baltimore’s Cherry Hill congregation—who painted the third floor hallway at Forest Park High School in Baltimore City (pictured above). The school is part of Mayor Martin J. O’Malley’s “Believe in Our Schools” campaign. “This event helped me realize that youth really want to minister,” says Hoy. “Many did not see this

day as a one time event, but as a way of life.”

The mission of BACS is “to build a better Baltimore through service, advocacy, and sharing God’s transforming grace.” The three-year-old community action and humanitarian relief organization was established by the Allegheny East and Chesapeake conferences, in collaboration with the Columbia Union Conference.

For their efforts, Hoy and her volunteers were featured in two television stories and a newspaper article.—*Tanisha Greenidge*

Takoma Park Adventists Coordinate Community Cleanup

The Adventist Community Action Council (ACAC) recently mobilized 500 young people to clean up and beautify Takoma Park, Md., for Earth Day. Students in grades 5-12, from John Nevins Andrews Elementary School, Sligo Adventist School, and Takoma Academy picked up trash and did small gardening projects in the surrounding neighborhood.

“Adventist institutions and the City of Takoma Park go back a long way,” said Ron Wylie, director of Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, which organized the effort. “We want to continue partnering with the city, in ways like this clean-up drive, to make it more attractive for individuals and families.”

The outdoor project, led by teachers and parents, gave young people the opportunity to identify and address community needs through service. “We should do projects like this

more often,” said Kathy Escobar, a senior at Takoma Academy.

The year-old ACAC, a coalition of leaders from Adventist churches, schools, and organizations based in Takoma Park, Md., aims to work with elected officials, government, and civic organizations to study and meet community needs in the Takoma Park, Long Branch, and Langley Park areas of Maryland.



Jamal Hines, DeAndre Barnwell, and Jordan Moses (left to right) seventh-graders from Sligo Adventist School, were among 500 students to participate in the community cleanup.

ACAC members (many of whom supported the clean-up effort) include Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, Columbia Union College (CUC), CUC’s Center for Metropolitan Ministry, John Nevins Andrews Elementary School, Sligo Adventist Church, Sligo Adventist School, Takoma Academy, Takoma Park Adventist Church, Columbia Union



Takoma Academy students landscape the area surrounding a recreation center in Takoma Park, Md., in celebration of Earth Day.

Conference Office of Creative Ministries, Washington Adventist Hospital, and radio station WGTS (91.9 FM). The group's chair, Erwin Mack, is a local Adventist businessman who heads the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc. —*Tanisha Greenidge*

Adventist Appointed Pentagon Chaplain
Colonel William B. Broome

Broome, Adventist Army chaplain, has been selected to serve as the new Pentagon chaplain in Washington, D.C., effective this month.



Broome is actually returning to the Pentagon. In 2001 he

served as assignment officer for the Office of the Chief of Chaplains at the Department of the Army, Chaplains, Personnel, and Ecclesiastical Relations. Then he was promoted to colonel and transferred to Fort Sill, Okla., in 2003.

He was near the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, when terrorists deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the building, killing 125 people at the site and 59 passengers and crew. He said he raced to the building and stood ready to rescue any remaining wounded.

Broome, along with other military personnel and pastors from various denominations, provided pastoral care for survivors and families of victims throughout that difficult day. "Ministering to the victims and survivors of the Pentagon attack was a surreal experience," he

says. "I never imagined I would spend a day and night ministering to the nation's military leaders while watching a portion of the building burn and collapse."

When asked what he foresees as the greatest challenge of serving as Pentagon chaplain, he stated, "Trying to bring God's vision of forgiveness, compassion, and prophecy to a building that comprises virtually every faith group that exists."

Broome's new responsibilities will include supporting the spiritual well-being of the Pentagon's nearly 25,000 military and civilian personnel through worship services, religious education opportunities, and pastoral care programs, etc. He succeeds retired colonel Ralph Benson.—*Sandra Blackmer*

Pennsylvania Adventist Elected Judge

Lisette Shirdan-Harris began a 10-year term as judge in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common

Pleas, earlier this year. She serves in the Family Division and primarily overseas custody and domestic violence cases. When asked how she witnesses on the job, Shirdan-Harris says, "Most of my witnessing is done



through my rulings. I always make decisions that encourage healthy families.

However, it's a balancing act to apply your values to the law."

Shirdan-Harris is an alumna of Pine Forge Academy, in Pine Forge, Pa., and Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Ala. She also attended Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pa., and Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law. Shirdan-Harris is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She and her husband Ray are members of Allegheny East Conference's North Philadelphia church.

From the Pulpit

Very often, we live in a society where people look at you and determine what kind of respect you should get based on how God made you. But God does not know how to make a single color, because diversity is His idea. He does not know how to value one soul over another. If we're good enough for God, we're good enough for each other.

—*Samuel Betances, PhD, internationally known lecturer on diversity issues, speaking at Kettering College of Medical Arts (Dayton, Ohio) for commencement. With 216 graduates, the Class of 2006 was the largest in the school's 39-year history.*



PHOTO BY LEE ANN YAHLE

Potluck

TANISHA GREENIDGE

What's New?

Music > Tim Rumsey

Music is a filter through which classical composer and arranger Tim Rumsey views his life. "I see music as a way of



expressing who God intends me to be," said Rumsey, band director at Shenandoah Valley Academy

in New Market, Va. On "Flight of the Cherubim," Rumsey uses a synthesizer, live instruments, and finely tuned crystal glasses to paint a picture of the majestic angels flying before the throne of God in Ezekiel 1. Find his arrangements on *Resting in His Grace, Winds & Brass*, and his holiday CD, *Emmanuel*. Recently Rumsey was selected as a featured composer on the CD

Masterworks of the New Era, Volume 11, in stores now. His piece, "Freedom Fanfare," was written for brass choir and percussion and recorded by the world-class orchestra, Kiev Philharmonic. Listen to his music at www.rumseymusic.com.

Technology > E-Giving

When it comes to tithe and offering, do you prefer to e-give? Electronic giving is an option a lot of churches in America are using. Adventists are also testing the waters. Via their websites, Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md.—www.sligochurch.org—and Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, Md.—www.miracletemple.net—are already allowing members to return tithe and offering by electronic check or bankcard. North American Division (NAD) communication director Fred Kinsey confirms that the NAD is also developing an e-giving program that will be tested in selected Columbia Union churches this summer. Stay tuned!—*Celeste Ryan Blyden*

adolescents through their struggles to create healthier lifestyles.

Why the media interest in the lifestyle habits of children? According to David Katz, MD, MPH, of the Yale Prevention Research Center, children born in the year 2000 or later are not expected to outlive their parents. Why? Poor diets and sedentary lifestyles are making our children sick. Childhood obesity has reached epidemic levels in the United States, and statistics for children with diabetes (type 2) and cancer are staggering.

Adventist Health Study-2 is following Adventists aged 30 and older to study the relationships between lifestyle and health. What would they find if they studied the health of Adventist children—*your* children? How is their fruit and vegetable consumption compared with fast food and junk food? Are they spending more time in front of the computer or television than in outdoor physical activity? Will *you* outlive *your* children?—*Lilly Tryon, Adventist WholeHealth Network*



Keeping Score

2/3rds

Teens in 1990 who said they never read Ellen G. White's writings (42%) or did so less than once a month (24%).

3/4ths

Teens in 2000 who said they never read her writings (54%) or did so less than once a month (24%).

Source: Learn more about ValueGenesis 1 and 2—the largest and most comprehensive studies ever done on the faith and values of Adventist youth—at www.lasierra.edu/centers/hcym/.

WholeHealth

Will You Outlive Your Children?

Two new television programs highlight a growing concern for American children. "Honey, We're Killing the Kids," a new television makeover series on TLC, transforms families by improving their diets and lifestyles. Along the same line, Nickelodeon is readying a reality show that will follow four

In the Spotlight

Project Love in Action

Project Love In Action (PLIA) is a ministry designed to extend God's love to people living in Nigeria's Ubakala Village. Created in 2002 by Pikesville (Md.) church member and Nigerian

What You Bring to the Table

Get To Know > Jennifer Jill Schwirzer

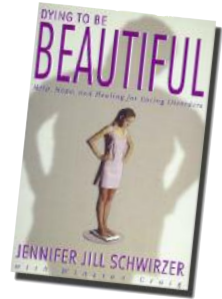
Jennifer Jill Schwirzer (pronounced shwer-zer) has traveled the country giving concerts and doing seminars in the United States, Canada, Africa, South America, and Europe. She has produced six CD's and written four books. Her multifaceted ministry also includes articles that have appeared in the *Adventist Review* and *Plain Talk*.

In her latest book, *Dying to be Beautiful*, Schwirzer shares her battle and triumph over anorexia. This self-help paperback offers insights into the history of food fixations and how other women overcame the disease. Readers will also find nutritional health tips from a registered dietitian and professor of nutrition.

Ironically, her openness about anorexia has enabled Schwirzer to reach many people for Christ, including those of other faiths. "When people can see Jesus in your life, the words you speak will have a greater impact and carry more weight," she says. "The public appearances, speaking, singing, and writing are all just preliminaries to the real work of leading people to Christ."

In the future Schwirzer wants to expand into evangelism and open a counseling practice. "I want to form one-on-one relationships and share our diet and lifestyle," she says enthusiastically. "I also want to continue sponsoring talented young artists and bringing them into the ministry."

Schwirzer and her husband Michael, members of Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill congregation, reside in Pennsylvania with their two daughters. Read excerpts of her book, listen to her music, schedule a concert, or get in touch at www.jenniferjill.org.



Iheanacho Odinma (left), president of Project Love in Action, talks to villagers during a visit to his hometown—Ubakala Village, Nigeria.

native Iheanacho Odinma, PLIA offers these far-away villagers free healthcare, food, and much-needed medicine.

"Project Love in Action is doing good work that is blessing hundreds of people," says Odinma, who serves as president and CEO of the budding ministry. A social worker by profession, Odinma knew the living conditions in his hometown were unbearable. So, with the support of his wife and church family, he created this organization to make a difference.

In 2005 after raising enough funds, Odinma and a group of local nurses and medical doctors traveled to Nigeria where they conducted health screenings for the villagers. For many, it was their first time receiving a medical exam. The volunteers also conducted eye exams and distributed reading glasses.

PLIA's major goal is to establish and maintain a fully staffed rehabilitation center in the Ubakala Village. Through the center, thousands of residents could receive HIV/AIDS education and learn how to prevent malaria, tuberculosis, diabetes, and malnutrition. Learn more about this outreach ministry at www.projectloveinaction.org.



Columbia Union Bids farewell to Harold Lee

LaVerne Henderson

It was an April morning, not unlike any other, until the Columbia Union Conference staff was called to the chapel. At the meeting, everyone was stunned to hear Harold Lee, union president since 1998, announce his plans to retire effective June 1. This was all the more shocking since preparations were underway for the union's 25th constituency session, just weeks away.

During his 13-year tenure here, Lee has provided phenomenal "servant leadership" to members and administrators in the union's eight conferences, two healthcare systems, two colleges, and 104 schools. He also serves on dozens of boards and committees in the Columbia Union and beyond.

His expertise on the Oakwood College Board of Trustees, as well as the Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center boards, for instance, has greatly enhanced those institutions. "Harold is an astute and committed professional," says Oakwood College president Delbert Baker, PhD, who considers Lee a valued and personal friend. "He has provided inestimable service toward the college's success and achievement." B. Lyn Behrens, M.B., B.S., university president and CEO of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, appreciated Lee's wisdom and expertise in church administration. "His experience in governance of healthcare facilities has been invaluable," she notes.

Among the union's staff, Lee will perhaps be best remembered for instilling a sense of "family." Other defining attributes were his undying commitment to diversity and his passion for the Missions Abroad outreach initiative. Lee's influence even resonates with former employees. Nancy Lamoreaux, previously the union's Information Technology Services (ITS) director and current ITS director for the church in North America, says, "As a leader, Harold Lee is not

Harold is always trying to understand the big picture. He wanted to know what we needed to do today to insure a vibrant church for the next generation.

—Edward Motschiedler, retired
Columbia Union executive secretary

Harold works very hard and has a hectic schedule. But through it all, he has been caring, pleasant, affirming, and respectful. The bonus is being able to laugh while we work. With that mischievous grin, he adds his own special brand of humor that makes you have to smile. Overall it's a great honor to have been his assistant and I will miss him immensely.—*Debbie Glass, administrative assistant to Harold Lee*



PHOTO BY: JAMES FERRY

Elder Lee's visionary leadership has—over the past eight years—inspired confidence, renewal, and vibrant growth in key sectors of the Columbia Union's varied ministries. I salute him as a leader, highly value his friendship, and ask the Lord to grant both Barbara and Harold every rich blessing retirement should offer.—*Hamlet Canosa, Columbia Union vice president for Education*

Many people in our church administration aspire to visionary leadership. Harold Lee actually practiced it. He kept urging administrators, pastors, boards, executive committees, and church members to “think outside the box” in his quest to advance the cause of Christ.—*Monte Sahlin, Columbia Union vice president for Creative Ministries*

Working with Harold Lee for the past six years has been an extraordinary experience. He was unfailing in his support of Adventist HealthCare, willing to take risks in the furtherance of our mission, engaged in the conversations about how best to minister, and incredibly available to discuss issues of great consequence and the mundane. But, what is most important is the friendship that our time together has forged.—*William G. Robertson, president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare*

Knowing and working with Elder Lee has indeed been a privilege. He is a gentlemen that I have long admired and a leader who has shown me that the essence of grace can be found within a committee. He will be greatly missed.—*Denise Isaac, Columbia Union Executive Committee member, 2001-2006*

satisfied with the status quo. He constantly encouraged me to further my education and personal growth. He mentored me; I thank him generously for the time and energy he invested in my career. He will always have a special place in my heart.”

FROM WEST VIRGINIA TO THE WORLD

Lee was born in Wellsburg, W.Va., which is in the union’s territory. He served in the Air Force and was later introduced to the Adventist message in Ohio, through his older sister Rosa. After attending Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., and Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., Lee began pastoring in Ohio. (He also has a financial management certificate from Harvard University School of Business and a doctorate in ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, in Chicago, Ill.)

From there he served overseas at the Caribbean Union Conference in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, in the Stewardship department. He further honed those skills in the Stewardship departments at the Allegheny East Conference, in Pine Forge, Pa., and the North American Division Headquarters, in Silver Spring, Md. Prior to becoming union president eight years ago, Lee served as executive secretary and Stewardship director. During his nearly 40 years in denominational service, Lee has served as a pastor, missionary, communicator, educator, mentor, and administrator. He has traveled to Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, and South America.

Lee and his wife Barbara—who has spent 17 years working at the world church’s Ellen G. White Estate—have three adult children (Debra, Robert, and Angela) and six grandchildren (Tandra, Britney, Andrea, Tiffany, Justin, and Ryan).



Barbara and Harold will forever be part of us; their counsel and friendship goes far beyond our working relationship. They have left an indelible mark on our entire family and inspired us to be faithful servant leaders.”—*Frank Perez, president and CEO of Kettering Adventist HealthCare*

Elder Lee has made a great contribution to the church at large, but especially here in our union. I have always admired his deep commitment to service and process. May Harold and Barbara find in their retirement, not only a well-deserved slower-paced lifestyle, but a rewarding time they can spend together along with their loved ones and friends.—*Dowell Chow, former Columbia Union treasurer*

I have enjoyed working with Harold Lee because he has provided me with valuable mentoring, helping me adjust to the position of conference president. He has challenged me to see the Seventh-day Adventist Church beyond the boundaries of Allegheny West Conference so I can see—and help others to see—this truly as a worldwide entity. In addition, he speaks the courage of his convictions with contagious passion.—*James L. Lewis, president, Allegheny West Conference*

The first thing that stands out to me in my reflection of Harold Lee is his passion for training effective leaders for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He continually challenged and motivated me to become all that I can be by God’s grace and through education. This led me to pursue a doctorate in Executive Leadership, which transformed my life and moved me toward excellence in the position the Lord and His church called me to fulfill. Harold’s grace-centered excellence in leadership has inspired all his life has touched to improve their service as leaders in God’s church.—*LeRoy Finck, president, New Jersey Conference*



"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Mission Opportunity in Korea:

Korea needs native English-speaking volunteer Adventist missionaries to teach English and Bible.

- ▶ Bachelor's degree required
- ▶ Training provided
- ▶ Excellent benefits
 - Monthly stipend over \$1,500
 - Health insurance
 - Round trip airfare
 - Free housing & more

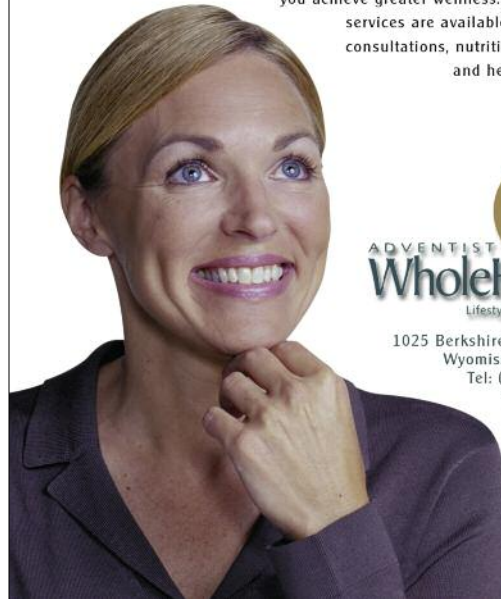
Call Korea: 82-2-2215-7496 (collect) for more info or send e-mail to comesda@yahoo.com
Web site: www.koreasda.org

USA contact: 1-866-KOREALS
Cell: 1-240-535-1823
E-mail: wowsda@hotmail.com



We treat the whole person, not just the symptom.

Our unique lifestyle medicine approach blends the best of conventional medicine, scientifically proven natural approaches to healing, and lifestyle therapies to help you achieve greater wellness. Long distance services are available for physician consultations, nutrition counseling, and health coaching.



1025 Berkshire Blvd., Ste 700
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Tel: (610) 685-9900
www.awhn.org

Look what's *New!* in Veggie Foods



...endless possibilities!

New veggie chik'n & steak-style strips for stir-fry, fajitas, salads, pastas and more!



Morningstar Farms

Made with Natural & Organic Ingredients

Serving Suggestion

For recipe ideas, visit us at www.morningstarfarms.com
Distributed by Specialty Foods LLC, Battle Creek, MI 49016 USA

Church Profile

TANISHA GREENIDGE

Little Flock Church

WORSHIPING BEHIND PRISON WALLS

After 33 years of development and planning, the members of Little Flock of Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church recently celebrated their official dedication into the Chesapeake Conference. Little Flock is part of the Calvary Southern Asian church in Burtonsville, Md. Located in Jessup, Md., it is the first officially recognized Seventh-day Adventist church operating behind prison walls.

With nearly 100 people in attendance, Little Flock's Sabbath services are very popular and, surprisingly, not unlike any other. Ushers welcome visitors with hearty handshakes, hugs, and refreshments. The spiritual atmosphere is tangible and the hospitality refreshing. "You will taste the love of God at Little Flock; it's a wonderful experience," said J.J.S. Moses, lay pastor at Calvary Southern Asian. "When you preach there you are not speaking to empty pews," he says of his Sabbath experiences. Moses has served as

Little Flock's pastor for nearly two years.

The 41 baptized members vary in ages from 25-70 and come from different educational, ethnic, and social backgrounds. But those individual differences pale when compared to their undeniable love for the Lord. "The infallible Word of God is the only template by which this church operates," states Ronald Ellis, an inmate and Little Flock elder. As personal ministries coordinator, it is his job to coordinate programs for the congregation. In addition to Sabbath worship services, members gather weekly for Bible study, choir practice, Regeneration and prayer meetings.

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO PRISON

The church started in the early 1970s at the Maryland State Penitentiary in downtown Baltimore. Meade C. Van Putten, former Allegheny East Conference president, along with other Bible workers, baptized 13 men into the Adventist faith. When the maximum-security prison system reorganized years later, the inmates were dispersed to other facilities in Maryland. The majority went to the Maryland House of Corrections (MHOC), a medium-security institution. That move repositioned the small prison congregation from the Allegheny East territory to the Chesapeake Conference.

"In Matthew 25:36, Jesus said that one requirement for faithful Christian service is to visit those who are in prison," said Ellis, a 12-year inmate. Outside guests, according to Ellis, initially feel that they are ministering to the incarcerated men, but after attending a worship service, visitors leave believing they have received the greater blessing. "I don't see the uniforms at all," said Pastor Moses. "I see the people."

Prison ministries teams from Berea Temple, Calvary, Sharon, United in Christ, and Community Praise Center Adventist churches, along with Bethel Deliverance Outreach



Inmate leaders at Little Flock kneel with Ronald Ellis (front row, center) as visiting outside Prison Ministries teams, including Leroy Neal (back row, far right), stand for picture.

Church Profile



Members of the Little Flock of Calvary Adventist Church come from different backgrounds but share a common love for God.

Ministries, and the Path of Righteousness Church in Christ—also Sabbath-keeping churches—take the time to visit MHOC each week. Ellis is thankful for the outside support and fellowship of the team members.

“Physically these men are locked up, but God converts and saves everyone completely,” says Leroy Neal, an elder at Berea Temple in Baltimore. As the outside volunteer coordinator for MHOC, he makes sure that everyone has received clearance to visit. Neal is passionate about this type of outreach. “These men should be treated as Seventh-day Adventists and not second-class Christians,” says Neal, who has been involved with prison ministries for 19 years.

The years have seen a rising interest for those incarcerated. “Although we don’t know the actual number of members involved, prison ministries is growing,” reports Carol Barron, administrative assistant for the North American Division Adult Ministries Department. Barron said that prison ministries encompasses more than visiting members. It includes people who send care packages, become pen pals, or operate transitional housing. There are many roles for anyone who wants to get involved in prison ministries.

REACHING BEYOND CONFINEMENT

In 2005 dedicated Little Flock members got involved in outreach ventures. In response to disaster reports from the Gulf Coast, they donated money to the Adventist Development &

Relief Agency on behalf of Hurricane Katrina survivors. They also launched the Thanksgiving Basket Project to ensure that disadvantaged families of inmates have what they need to celebrate and enjoy the holidays. The Thanksgiving project was such a success, they now hope to expand it and include more families in the future.

“Prayerfully we can meet the needs of more inmate families in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area,” said Ellis.

At this church, you are only encouraged to bring your Bible and an open heart. And there’s no need to worry about what to wear; all members of Little Flock adhere to the prison’s mandatory blue and gray uniform regulation. “God’s ability to change people is clearly evident after witnessing the various testimonies, talents, prayers, and fiery sermons given to His glory,” said Ellis. “God must be pleased with what is happening, because this church is rapidly growing—in quality as well as quantity.”

Tanisha Greenidge is a Columbia Union College graduate and writes on a variety of subjects for the Visitor magazine.

Little Flock Fast Facts

95

average attendees each Sabbath

41

baptized members

\$1

inmate daily allowance

\$3,000

tithe given each year

4

baptismal candidates waiting to be born again

Connect to the world of Adventist Programming

Watch ALL your favorite
Adventist channels
from your home or church!

www.AdventistSat.com

Packages Start At
\$199

No Monthly Fees! • Easy to Install! • Free Shipping!

Call: **888-483-4673**

tel 916-677-0720 • fax 916-677-6228



DIVINE
POWER.



HUMAN
INTELLECT.

Many Strengths. One Mission.



For 100 years, we have been dedicated to our mission of "making man whole" through Christ-centered healthcare. As we celebrate our centennial anniversary, we pledge to continue delivering compassion with quality service.

- Assistant Professor-PhD
- Asst Professor-MA/MS-Dept Chair for Dept of Cln Lab Sciences
- Assoc Professor-MA/MS-ALA accredited
- Asst Professor-Dir of MFAM Clinic
- CV Lab Specialist
- Clinical Lab Scientist
- Physicist-PhD
- Nurses-Children/Adult
- OR Nurse Manager
- Director-Environmental Services
- Application Service Specialist
- MRI Imaging Specialist Advanced
- Painter
- Locksmith
- Maintenance Technician
- Superintendent Rep.
- Construction Project Manager

For more information, please visit careers.llu.edu or call 1-800-722-2770

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL CENTER | CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL | MEDICAL CENTER EAST CAMPUS
| BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE CENTER | HEALTH CARE | HEALTH SERVICES

Seventh-day Adventist Global Tobacco Control Summit

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 13TH WORLD
CONFERENCE ON TOBACCO OR HEALTH
www.13THWCTOH.ORG.

Date: July 14-16, 2006
Location: Washington, DC

Who should attend:
For Adventist church leaders and members
who have experience and expertise in tobacco
control and treatment.

Sponsored by NAD, GC and LLU and Versacare
For more information and to register www.plusline.org/events
or call 800.732.7587

Honorary Banquet Saturday evening July 15 for
Dr. and Mrs. Wayne McFarland and
other Adventist pioneers in tobacco control.

CLERGY MOVE CENTER®

A specialty division of Stevens Van Lines
National Account Program Partner

Serving the moving needs of Seventh-day Adventist
clergy, educators, church workers and member families



- Assigned counselor to guide you through the move process
- Family-owned van line, moving families since 1905
- Interstate discounts and other moving program benefits
- No obligation estimate



For total peace of mind on your next move, call
our team of AMSA Certified Move Counselors

Jean Warnemuende, Kristin Lyons,
Aymi Dittenbir, Sunny Sommer,
or Vicki Bierlein



1-800-248-8313

Healing Ministry

A NEWSLETTER ABOUT ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE IN THE COLUMBIA UNION

The Importance of Accompanying

William G. "Bill" Robertson

It has been a long time now, but I can still remember my first day of school. My mom went with me. I dismissed her from my presence almost immediately, but she promised she'd come back for me later. It was good to know.

I also recall how my bride wanted to have her father walk her down the aisle at the beginning of our wedding ceremony. He graciously gave me her hand, and then, because he was also the officiating minister, moved quickly around to conduct the ceremony. Looking back, I think of how we needed him in both roles that day—first as father and second as pastor. It was reassuring to know that he was ready to be there in whatever capacity we needed.

And when our son entered school, we solemnly accompanied him that first day. His mother adjusted his collar and I held his lunch. He was impatient to be off on his great adventure, so we blessed him with our affection and let him go. It is a blessing still relevant today, part of our life-long commitment to be available to him in his life's journey. These are examples of what it means to "accompany" someone, to be physically present and supportive as life's important events unfold. It is one of the fundamental, and important, building blocks of the human community.

A Journey Through Conflict and Faith

I was privileged to accompany our community during the recent Adventist HealthCare (AHC) Conference on "Conflict and Faith." As I reflect on all the wonderful stories, speakers, and interaction, it is this "accompany" role that I find most rewarding and enduring.

The group hailed from many places—the largest were from AHC hospitals and institutions. This group represented a wide cross section of

employees in terms of age, gender, race, religious tradition, and responsibility. The variety within our family of caregivers is astounding.

There were also clergy from many faith traditions and communities, including our hospital chaplains. The various faiths represented only begin to reveal the breadth of diversity in the communities we serve.

We were also fortunate to have physicians, board members, supporters, and community members who accompanied us in what turned out to be two wonderful days of discovery.

Described as a conference on "Conflict and Faith," it was an opportunity to accompany each other in discovering how different perspectives on faith and life change and enrich our lives. There were stories that celebrated caring for one another in difficult circumstances. There were questions, answers, interaction, self-discovery, and increased awareness of our diverse community. And, there was time for prayer.

It was a time to create new relationships, envision new roles for serving, and anticipate new ways to grow as an organization. It was our values and core success factors made visible and embodied in the lives of our employees.

A poem by Spanish writer Antonio Machado says, "Caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar." The translation is: "Traveler, there is no path, the path is forged as one walks." At the end of our conference, I am not altogether certain where the path leads. But I know who accompanies me. They give me courage for the journey.

William G. "Bill" Robertson is president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare.



“CONFLICT AND FAITH”

Explored at Adventist HealthCare Conference

The third annual Adventist HealthCare (AHC) Spring Conference focused on “Conflict and Faith,” and was held April 18-19 in Gaithersburg, Md. The purpose was to bring together local clergy and community members to discuss ways in which the conflicts present in a diverse faith society may be proactively and positively approached, and to explore ways in which faith-based healthcare benefits communities.

More than 330 people attended the two-day event, with 60 in attendance at the companion Clergy Conference. About 25 percent of overall attendees were from within Adventist HealthCare, with the balance comprised of physicians, clergy, board members, and interested persons from the community.

Bruce Feiler, bestselling author of *Walking the Bible* and *Abraham*, presented the keynote address. Feiler offered a powerful, faith-affirming message and a hopeful vision for peace. He described how his personal exploration of the roots of faith has helped bring people together, sparking dialogue about faith and community, religion and politics, and shared values.

Karin Walker facilitated the “Faith Discovery” interactive dialogue and encouraged participants to draw near to one another as they draw near to God. She illustrated this point with a unique approach to conflict that pulls everyone into circles of community and trust. She contrasted “retributive” and “restorative” justice and suggested that communities can best resolve conflict when they demonstrate love and hold each other accountable.

As professor of Christian Ethics at Loma Linda University, Gerald Winslow is on the forefront of understanding conflict resolution in faith-based healthcare. His practical presentation, entitled “Children of a Lesser God? A Believer’s Response to Spiritual Diversity,” moved quickly from the

conceptual to the practical, and provided proven resources for caregivers and clinicians.

Resolving Differences

The conference concluded with a moving presentation by Terry Waite. He received international attention in the 1980s when, as a special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, he successfully negotiated the release of hostages in Iran and Libya. In 1987, while negotiating the release of hostages in Beirut, Waite was himself taken hostage and held in captivity for 1,763 days. Waite devoted his presentation to a retelling of some of these experiences, reinforcing his pragmatic view that honest commitment to one’s own values, coupled with an open appreciation of those with whom you may be in conflict, are the bedrock of resolving differences.

Many of the comments made by conference participants singled out the common need that people of all faiths have for better understanding one another. “The different views of the various speakers was what I liked best—it gave me a chance to think about the way others may look at God and faith,” said one individual. “Such an outstanding presentation on an important topic,” stated another. “Adventist HealthCare is providing a real service to the community through these conferences.”

“What impressed me about the questions that were asked of the speakers was how genuine and passionate people are about the need for greater understanding,” noted one observer. “We really don’t have open minds, not really. Maybe this will help us open up to each other,” exclaimed another.

Many participants affirmed the format in which the conference was presented. “I didn’t know what to expect from a conference on conflict. But I was able to speak, listen to other viewpoints, and try to understand our differences. Those are definitely things that make our work at Adventist HealthCare more effective.”

Healing Ministry

1. Bill Robertson (left) welcomed clergy representatives from many faiths to both the Clergy Conference and the Conference on Conflict and Faith.

2. Presenter Bruce Feiler (left) was the keynote speaker. Pastor Kermit Netteburg, of Sligo Adventist church in Takoma Park, Md., served as question-and-answer moderator.

3. Sligo church senior pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr., presented the morning devotional.

4. Karin Walker shared her expertise on conflict resolution within congregations and faith communities.

5. Columbia Union Conference president Harold Lee (left) chats with Gerald Winslow, who provided excellent resources for clergy and caregivers.

6. Lyric soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme (left) is pictured with Marianne Scriven, a conference coordinator. Chandler-Eteme shared both her testimony and remarkable talent during the conference.



Potomac Ridge Dedicates Children's Unit

Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health Center recently opened its new Children's Unit with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The unit, the first of its kind in Montgomery County, Maryland will care for the hospital's



youngest patients, ages 6 to 11.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony, including Kendel S. Ehrlich, Maryland's first lady; George Leventhal, Montgomery County Council president; Jennie M. Forehand, Maryland District 17 senator; Jane Lawton, Maryland District 18 delegate; and former Washington Redskin Ken Harvey.

"As a mother of two young children, I'm comforted to know that this unit exists," Ehrlich said. "You never know where life will take you, and Potomac Ridge is providing a great service to the community."

Montgomery County families with young children needing treatment for mental illness previously had to travel to Washington, D.C., or Baltimore to receive inpatient care.

"The new unit at Potomac Ridge will allow these children to receive care closer to home and enable parents to participate more

fully in their child's recovery," said Pat Petralia, vice president and COO. "Closer access to care is especially important given the impact of family support and involvement in the success of the treatment program."

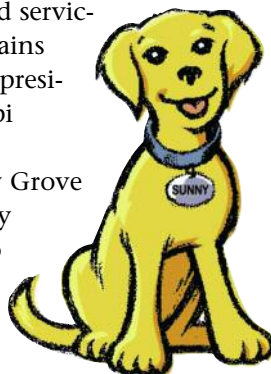
The 12-bed unit features semi-private rooms and is decorated based on illustrations from the book, *Soft Hay Will Catch You*, by Sandford Lyne.

Shady Grove Hospital Gives New Name to Pediatric Services

Children are important members of the community who require specialized healthcare services. That's why Shady Grove Adventist Hospital (SGAH) has Montgomery County's first 24-hour Pediatric Emergency Department, the only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in the county, a Level III-B Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a Pediatric Same-Day Surgery Unit, and Pediatric Rehabilitative Medicine—all in one location. Shady Grove is also proud to announce that these specialized services have been given a new name: Shady Grove Adventist Hospital for Children.

"Shady Grove Adventist Hospital for Children will allow us to highlight our existing pediatric services and introduce some expanded services," explains hospital president Debi Yancer.

Shady Grove is equally proud to welcome Sunny,



a floppy-eared and friendly-faced dog, into the hospital. Sunny is designed to help pediatric patients feel more at ease. His picture will be included on new hospital gowns for pediatric patients, and each child that receives inpatient care at the hospital will receive a soft and cuddly stuffed version of Sunny. His paw prints will be added to areas where children receive care, such as Radiology, Laboratory, Same-Day Surgery, and the Pediatric Emergency Department. Look for a life-sized version of Sunny at community events.

"We are thrilled to welcome Sunny to our hospital," notes Yancer. "He will help our pediatric patients feel safe, protected, and comfortable. We hope that his arrival will be welcomed by our employees as well as our community."

Blue Ribbon Panel to Study Formation of Center on Health Disparities

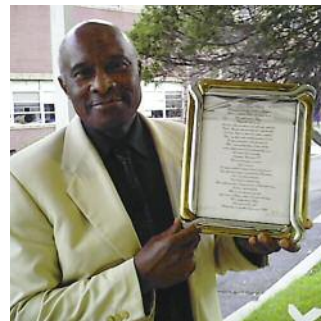
Adventist HealthCare has announced the formation of a Blue Ribbon Panel to provide guidance and direction for the creation of a Center on Health Disparities. The panel is comprised of a distinguished array of experts with experience in addressing healthcare issues among various populations. They will produce a report with recommendations on the development, implementation, and oversight of a Center on Health Disparities for underserved populations. The panel will also provide proposals in at least three areas of activity: healthcare education, access to care, and research.

Baltimore Pastor Receives Award From Mayor

During Pastor's Appreciation Day at the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, parishioners were excited to learn that Mayor Martin O'Malley had awarded Pastor Charles D. Jenkins a Citation for Outstanding Community Services in his work at the church's Community Resource Center. City Council president Sheila Dixon showed her support by awarding the pastor with a similar citation, also for community service. Although neither O'Malley nor Dixon were able to attend the service, Councilman Bernard Jack Young of the 12th District attended as a representative of the mayor's office. "I'm very proud of the work 'Uncle Charlie' is doing in the community," Young stated. "See, now we're known down at City Hall," stated the pastor's daughter while sharing a laugh with her father during the festivities.

In operation for more than 10 years, the church's Community Resource Center, located at 744 E. Preston Street, serves as a refuge to transitioning and needy families. Through the center, church members offer housing to homeless mothers and children, and distribute food and clothing on Thursday afternoons and every second Sunday of the month. They also offer drug and alcohol abuse support meetings on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m.

In an effort to keep the center in operation, a merger with an independent company for partial use of the facilities is underway. With continued prayer and faith, this resource center will continue to flourish and be a blessing to our needy community.—*Marcia Omondi*



Pastor Charles D. Jenkins holds his Citation for Outstanding Community Services for work at the Sharon church's Community Resource Center.

Millsboro Hosts Unity Day

The Millsboro (Del.) church, pastored by Colby Matlock, recently hosted a "Unity Day" Sabbath for three area Adventist churches—Sussex Central pastored by Andrew Pierce in Georgetown, Del., the Georgetown Spanish church pastored by José Matos, and the Ebenezer Haitian church pastored by Pierre Arbenz in Seaford, Del.



The day commenced with discussions about unity in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the purpose of regional conferences, and how unified the church will be in the future in terms of diversity. After a baby dedication, attendees enjoyed musical selections from members of each of the churches and short sermons by each of the visiting pastors. The entire service, translated in Spanish, French, and English, drew more than 300 attendees. Ethnic backgrounds of those present were Spanish, Haitian, Filipino, African-American, Caucasian, and American Indian.

"One of the greatest assets we have as the remnant church is our diversity," said Pastor Matlock reflecting on the day. "... This demands that we embrace and utilize our cultural and ethnic diversity to reach a diverse world. My hope is that in the Lower Delaware and Delmarva region we might capitalize on this [and begin] to worship together to build a sense of comradery and brotherhood. ..." Everyone agreed that this was an exciting day and should become an annual event.

—*Pecita Lonewolf*

Pastors Pierre Arbenz, Colby Matlock, Andrew Pierce, and José Matos stand together on Unity Day.

Three Elders Ordained at Montclair/Irvington Church

The First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Montclair and Irvington, N.J., started the year with a thunderous blast as three dedicated leaders were ordained to the eldership. Pledging to give of their best to the Master were Antoinette Bazile, Roslyn Ferguson, and Christopher Jones. The occasion was particularly momentous because for the first time in its 75-year history, two women were ordained to the eldership of the church.

Performing the ordination service were Robert Booker, special assistant to the president of Allegheny East Conference; Robert Kennedy, senior pastor; and Moses Eli, the church's dynamic youth pastor. In his sermon entitled "Victory in Jesus," Booker quoted Ellen White: "The greatest want in the world is the want of men (leaders); men (leaders) who will not be bought or sold; men (leaders), who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men (leaders), who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men (leaders), whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men (leaders), who will stand for the right though the heavens fall" (*Education*, p. 57).

His attempt to galvanize these new leaders was a success. They soon began engaging in a study of the *Elder's Handbook* and held regular meetings where



Newly ordained elders (left to right) Antoinette Bazile, Christopher Jones, and Roslyn Ferguson are part of a leadership team that is transforming First church.

they discussed ideas from Pastor Kennedy's *Manual on Leadership* and several other authors. They became a team with the pastors and the church's other elected leaders, applied themselves to the task of serving, and shared in the development of a new vision for the church. They led the church to transform the worship services; led out in prayer ministries; improved Wednesday night prayer meetings; and extended themselves in counseling services and spreading the word via DVDs, tracts, and preaching.

All of this has built on the ministry of pastors Kennedy and Eli who came in August 2004 and May 2005, respectively. The church has experienced a renaissance as they have consistently encouraged, challenged, and motivated members to keep their focus on bringing disciples to Jesus Christ. Many are awed by the transformation that has taken place and are praising God for the infusion of new life in the church.—Neeland Enniss

2006

Dates:
Week 1: July 16-22
Week 2: July 23-30

Cost: \$350 per week

Group Rate*: \$250 per child, per week, paid in full, by June 9, 2006

*A group consists of 10 or more children from the same church or organization.

Late Registration: \$375 after June 28

For more information, go to our website at www.campdavis.org

Allegheny East Conference
 PO Box 266, Pine Forge, PA 19548 ■ Phone: (610) 326-4610
www.myalleghenyeast.com ■ President, Charles L. Cheatham
 Communication Director, Robert Booker

THE CHALLENGE

chesapeake conference newsletter

JUNE 2006

Our Accent, Part III—A Worshiping Community

Another crucial part of the accent of a church is that it is a worshiping community. Worship, sincere and genuine, is the very mainspring of the life of a church. No church can be authentic without a meaningful worship experience. A sense of awe, wonder, and devotion must pervade the consciousness of a church. All too often this is lost in our busyness and routines. Our faith becomes pedestrian and trivial, bereft of that which prompts true devotion and reverence.

Worship must be the inspiration for all things in the life of the church community. Every department and ministry within the local church exists for some specific purpose of relating the people to God. The organizations are means to an end, not ends in themselves. It is only when the deep currents of worship cease to flow that the wheels of the organization begin to grind. Everything in the church—teaching, finances, ministries—must be undergirded by worship. It provides the inspiration by which we may live God's way in this world.

I hear so many questions about worship—its style, its music, its structure—and what is appropriate or, more frequently, what is right. Well, I have a few questions also: Do you have a personal encounter with God as a result of the hour you spend in formal worship? Or can everything that happens (to you) be explained in purely human terms? Did the service simply touch your head? What happened to your heart? Are your services attractive and compelling? Is creative energy and forethought evident? Is there a sense of expectancy in the service? What about a sense of joy? Are you really helping people connect with God in a meaningful way in your worship services? Would visitors want to return because they sensed that your church was a worshiping community? Could this not be one of Chesapeake's greatest challenges? Just asking.



Rob Vandeman
President

Pathfinders Bring Home First Place Awards

Three Chesapeake Pathfinder clubs earned first place recognition at the North American Division finals of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program held at Andrews University in mid-April. Congratulations are in order for the Pikesville Tigers (pictured right), the Triadelphia Sparks, and the Williamsport Warriors (pictured below).

The Bible Achievement program has Pathfinders studying a selected book of the Bible during the year and gives clubs the opportunity of participating in testing events at four levels: local area, conference, union, and division. Earning first place points at any level makes a



club eligible to participate at the next higher level. This year's selected portion of the Bible was I Chronicles 10 through II Chronicles 9. Next year the focus of their study will be Deuteronomy 30 through Joshua 24.

Crest Lane School Breaks Ground for Multipurpose Building

The constituents of the Crest Lane School in Westminster, Md., took an important step toward the realization of their longtime dream when groundbreaking exercises were conducted in mid-April for their new multipurpose building. The new 7,000-sq-ft. facility will house two classrooms, a home economics room, bathrooms, a utilities room, and a small gymnasium. The cost of construction is expected to run nearly \$900,000. The ceremony featured participants from the school, constituent churches (Westminster, Reisterstown, and the South Carroll company), the Chesapeake and Columbia Union conferences, and U.S. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett. Those in attendance were reminded of the many obstacles that had to be surmounted to get to this day—the ground for the septic system did not “perk,” the need for a new and expensive well for the church and school, and the widening of the road at considerable expense. These challenges were met when a new housing development, built nearby the school site, made it possible to connect to the city sewer. The development also paid for hooking up the church and school to city water in exchange for right of way privileges. And if that wasn’t enough, they picked up the vast majority of the cost for widening the road. With such clear evidences of God’s leading, the constituents are more desirous than ever to move ahead to see this project completed.



Groundbreaking participants (left to right) included: Bernard Marsh, MD, member of gym committee; Nancy Thomas, Crest Lane volunteer; Ramon Chow, Chesapeake Conference treasurer; Harold Greene, Crest Lane treasurer; Beth Bankes, Crest Lane head teacher; Bob Shaffer, Crest Lane Board chairman; Carl McNeave, Crest Lane Board member and alumnus; and Robbie McNeave, Crest Lane fifth-grade student.

Mt. Aetna Students Help Classmate and Others in Need



Mt. Aetna students donned green t-shirts in a show of support for fellow classmate Ian Rogers.

The sign above the drinking fountain at Mt. Aetna School near Hagerstown, Md., reads, “We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” And when that sign was posted by then principal Bob Mulkern, he had no idea what he had started.

The school community took the challenge seriously and organized a car wash to raise money for

starving children in Nigeria. Then came Hurricane Katrina and once again the school community responded with a yard sale that netted over \$1,400. When earthquakes shattered the tranquility of normal life in India, students responded yet again by raking leaves to raise money for the relief effort.

But the desire to help came even closer to home when a kindergarten student from Mt. Aetna had to be air lifted to Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore

for advanced care after exhibiting unusual symptoms. Six-year-old Ian Rogers was admitted to the hospital last December. His classmates wanted to do something to help and “Operation Ian” was born. Students solicited sponsors to raise funds to offset the expenses the family was incurring. Others went door-to-door in their neighborhoods collecting funds, while still others made appeals in their home churches. On Operation Ian Day, students brought the collected funds—well over \$6,000 in contributions—to school. Sandi Greenleaf—organizer of the special day—distributed specially made green t-shirts for the event, and students spent the day in activities centered around Rogers and his recovery.

Who would have known what an impact that simple sign above the drinking fountain was going to have. No, we can’t help everyone, but Mt. Aetna students know the joy of being God’s hands—and heart—to the *someones* near and far. For an update on Rogers’ condition check out his website: www.caringbridge.org/visit/ianrogers.—Kandace Zollman

The Challenge is published in the *Visitor* by the Chesapeake Conference ■ 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, MD 21044 Phone: (410) 995-1910 ■ President and Editor, Rob Vandeman Editorial Assistant, Barbara-Lee Boyd

THE GATEWAY

JUNE 2006

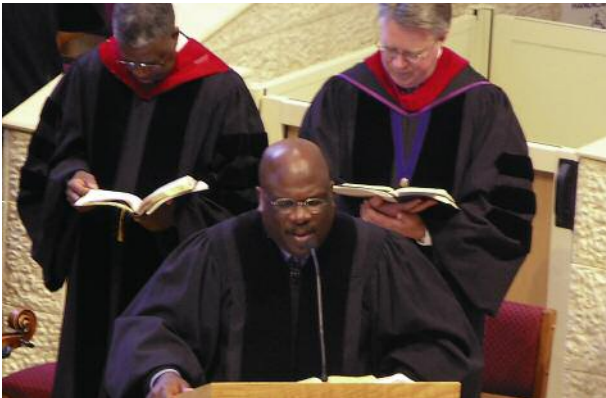
Columbia Union College

7600 FLOWER AVENUE, TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912-7796 • 800-835-4212 • WWW.CUC.EDU

CUC Graduates Class of 2006

More than 140 Columbia Union College (CUC) students accepted their degrees recently in the packed sanctuary of Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church. The traditional march began at Weis Library and took the graduating class under the Gateway to Service arch.

The weekend began with Consecration Service Friday evening and a spirited message from Nursing Department chair Gina Brown, PhD. On Sabbath morning Fredrick Russell, senior pastor at Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, delivered the Baccalaureate address. He encouraged the graduates to be the salt of the earth and lead others to Christ. In the afternoon, various academic departments recognized their graduating seniors with a special dedication ceremony.



Pastor Fredrick Russell from the Miracle Temple church in Baltimore delivered the Baccalaureate address.

Tina Bjarekull, president of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, gave an inspiring commencement address titled "Accept the Challenge: The Public and Private Responsibilities of Higher Education." She voiced concern about dropout rates, the vitality of cultural diversity on campuses like CUC, and students in the United States falling behind their peers in other countries. "Ms. Bjarekull said it's important to understand the problem before you fix it," said Lena Kalynovs'kyi, a nursing graduate motivated by the speech. "As a graduate, I'm going to help others to achieve their goals," she determined.

Senior class student officers in the traditional program and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SGPS) gave short speeches and presented the



President Randal Wisbey hands senior class president Wayne Binkley his communication degree.

senior class gift—a new school sign. In his speech, senior class president Wayne Binkley highlighted a few students who overcame personal difficulties on the road to success. "We've been through [so much] and God has seen us through it all," said theology graduate Kelvin Bailey reflecting on Binkley's address.

Musical selections provided by the Black Student Union Gospel Choir, New England Youth Ensemble, and Columbia Collegiate Chorale featured solos by graduating seniors. Conferring the degrees were CUC president Randal Wisbey; Robert Young, vice president of Academic Administration; Harold Lee, chairman of CUC's

(continued on next page)



Gina Brown, Chair of CUC's Department of Nursing gave the Consecration address.

CUC Acknowledged as Excellent Workplace

The Greater Silver Spring (Md.) Chamber of Commerce acknowledged Columbia Union College (CUC) as one of the area's best places to work in 2006. The distinction was based on employee comments, benefits package, and its contributions to the community. "We have many opportunities—on campus and off—for professional development," said Kathy Hecht, a serials technician at CUC's Weis Library. "I can't think of a better place to work!" In addition, *U.S. News & World Report* lists CUC as one of the country's most diverse campuses.—PR staff



CUC has been acknowledged as one of the Silver Spring, Md., area's best places to work.

Social Work Student Earns Prestigious Appointment

Board members from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Washington D.C. Metro Chapter selected Joseph Snider (pictured), a junior social work major, as their student representative. The yearlong appointment gave Snider a unique opportunity to gain experience and meet professionals in his field.

"Joseph is an excellent student and well qualified to represent undergraduate social workers at board meetings of the NASW D.C. Metro Chapter," said John Gavin, chair of CUC's Department of Social Work. "We are proud of him."



Snider's responsibilities included attending board meetings, acting as a liaison for social work students, and participating in other NASW activities.

Snider credits his teachers for helping him excel in work outside the classroom. "The social work instructors are truly dedicated to their profession and dedicated to creating effective social workers," said Snider. "They have impacted my life professionally and personally."—Rachel Ponder

PHOTO BY RACHEL PONDER



As senior class pastor, Eugene Kitney offered the class response to the message during Friday night's Consecration Service.

(continued from previous page)

Board of Trustees; and registrar Anthony Futcher.

The class of 2006 was granted 131 baccalaureate degrees, five associate degrees, four Associate of Science degrees, and one Associate of Applied Science degree. SGPS granted 44 undergraduate degrees, four external degrees, and 12 Master of Business Administration degrees.—Alexis Goring and Rachel Ponder

CALENDAR

June

- 5 Summer Session II Begins
- 7 Success Night—School of Graduate and Professional Studies, *Takoma Park*
- 8 Success Night—School of Graduate and Professional Studies, *Gaithersburg*

July

- 3 Summer Session III Begins
- 4 Independence Day Holiday: Campus Closed
- 27 Summer Commencement
- 31 Registration for Capital Summer Session

August

- 1 Capital Summer Session Begins
- 17 Capital Summer Session Ends
- 23-27 Freshman Registration and CUC Preview
- 28 Registration for Fall Semester
- 29 Fall Semester Classes Begin

Gateway is published in the *Visitor* by the Columbia Union College
7600 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912
Phone: (800) 835-4212 ■ www.cuc.edu
Randal Wisbey, President ■ PR Director, Scott Stewart

Was Highland View Academy Worth the Cost?

Graduation felt so close, and with less than two months of school remaining, I was already acting like I was finished. I realized I was getting lazy, and ironically, I didn't think it mattered because I felt I was already prepared for college.

I was already satisfied with my academy experience and academic performance. I had made good friends, enjoyed plenty of memories and laughs, played sports and music, traveled, and participated in student government. But what was so much better about my experience at Highland View Academy (HVA) that made it cost so much? Was it worth the extra money? As I reflected on these questions, many thoughts came to mind.

HVA has provided me with an environment that fosters Christian values and a sense of worth. The faculty and staff have been more than anyone could ask them to be; in addition to being teachers, they have been my friends—always there to support me. They have trained me to become a leader in Christ, helped me improve in many aspects, and aimed to face me in the direction of righteousness. Also, HVA has provided me with numerous opportunities to utilize my God-given talents to be a witness for Him. It has given me a sense of belonging, and I feel that the people here truly care about me.

Well, the question still stands. Was HVA worth the cost? My answer is "Yes! Definitely!" But, now I wonder this: "Did I do enough, while at HVA, to compensate for all the ways it benefited me?"



Andrew Correces '06
Student Association
President

NEWS

U.S. Congressman Bartlett Speaks for Open House

At HVA's 2006 Open House, United States Congressman Roscoe Bartlett gave a speech titled "Does God Belong in the Classroom?" He challenged those in attendance to ponder points of the U.S. Constitution and reflect on some sobering statistics about the social behaviors of American teens.

Other Open House opportunities included campus tours, information booths about academics, campus ministries, scholarships, and music by HVA string students. The Open House was a great opportunity for families with prospective students to find out more about HVA. For information about fall registration, contact Sheri Tydings, vice principal and director of marketing, at (301) 739-8480 or rstydings@aol.com.



Andrew Choi, HVA business manager (right), discusses scholarship options with Open House attendees.

HVA Hosts First Annual Gospel Fest

Recently the Highland View church was filled with incredible songs of praise during HVA's first annual Gospel Fest.



HVA Gospel Choir

Musical selections were sung by the HVA Gospel Choir, under the direction of Adam Frazier, and the HVA Choir and Highlanders, under the direction of Robert Knipple. His Own and Jeremiah 1:5,

groups from the New Life church in Gaithersburg, Md., directed by Nicole Cunningham, also added to the blessings of the service.

The HVA Gospel Choir was formed in 2004 by alumnus Adam Frazier '94. Frazier donates his time and has worked with dedication and enthusiasm to bring the choir to an outstanding level of performance.

All proceeds from the concert—\$1,425—will be used to build a well for a remote African village (see "HVA Students Reach Out Globally").

35 Students and Faculty Serve in Brazil

During HVA's spring break, a group of 35 students and faculty traveled to Brazil for a 12-day mission trip where they served in the towns of Iguape and Aquiraz. Robert Knipple, HVA music director and organizer of this year's mission trip, notes, "We plan these trips as a way to be a blessing to others, but it seems we always return feeling that we were the ones most blessed." Students were able to witness through music, contribute to building projects at the community center, hold evening evangelistic services, and share with students at the local music school. Junior Lauren Stough recalls, "It was the most incredible experience of my life. Learning about a different culture and meeting such wonderful people was just incredible."

HVA sponsors a mission trip each year as a way to give direct help to a community in another part of the world and also to introduce students to global service. "It is our hope that students will leave HVA with an appreciation of global needs and a desire to become contributors to the global community," says principal Randy Nomura.



HVA students share gifts with Brazilian children.

HVA Students Reach Out Globally

Service and ministry are key components of HVA's mission. Students are actively involved in a variety of local ministry activities such as Pathfinders, the Adopt-a-Highway program, and Operation Christmas Child. This school year, they broadened their ministry territory to the global community.

Recently Stephen Herr, HVA's Campus Ministries director, introduced students to a program called "One Life Revolution," which encourages fund raising for AIDS relief and other efforts in Africa. When students saw video footage of the desperate needs in remote African villages, they were compelled to do something. There are many ways to help: \$20 will buy a blanket for someone, \$75 will purchase a goat for a family, and \$300 can provide AIDS prevention campaigns. HVA students chose to prayerfully commit to raising \$12,200 to provide a well for a village without water.

Fund-raising efforts have included student presentations at 11 churches throughout the

Chesapeake and Allegheny East conferences, which have been generous in their support. Thirty students also participated in a 30-hour fast to raise funds. During the fast, students watched, read, and learned—through a variety of activities—how hard it is for people in parts of the world to survive.

"Discovering the number of people that suffer and die because they lack the basic necessities of food, water, and medical care was overwhelming," said freshman Cody McCulloch. "We raised about \$500 for the well," reported Amanda Corea, a student who participated in the fast. "In the big picture one well doesn't seem like much, but at least it helps one village."

Funds raised to date total approximately \$6,000, and students hope to reach their goal by August. Those interested in donating to this very worthy project may send a check to Highland View Academy, with "well project" noted on the check. For more information, contact Stephen Herr or Andrew Choi at (301) 739-8480.

CALENDAR

June

- 13-17** Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting
- 30** Early Registration Deadline (for \$100 discount)

July

- 1-21** HVA Hosts Children's International Summer Village
- 31** New Student Application Deadline

August

- 6-9** Campus Closed (NAD Teachers Convention)
- 17** Registration for Community Students
- 20** Registration for Dormitory Students
- 21** First Day of School

Highlander is published in the *Visitor* by the Highland View Academy 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 ■ Phone: (301) 739-8480 Fax: (301) 733-4770 ■ Editor, Sheri Tydings www.highlandviewacademy.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW POINT



JUNE 2006

Dreams, Visions, and God's Glory Over Mountain View, Part I

I have a dream, Mountain View members, where we each respond to the call of Jesus in fulfilling the mission for which our conference exists. In light of Joel 2:28, 29 and Revelation 18:1, I see our church families fostering a dynamic personal relationship with God on His throne, so we will be empowered to reveal His love to a perishing world. I have a dream in which I see the cry of Revelation 14 gaining force as adults, youth, and children join our ranks by accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and preparing for His soon return.

In my dream I see the zeal spoken of in *Testimonies*, Volume 2, page 233, possessing every believer in Mountain View: "It is earnest Christian zeal that is wanted, a zeal that will be manifested by doing something ... no more could a soul who possesses Christ be hindered from confessing Him than could the waters of Niagara be stopped from flowing over the falls."

I have a dream that every believer among us longs for the privilege of serving God. I see Mountain View members contemplating what heaven has done for them, filling our hearts with boundless love and adoring gratitude. We are eager to signalize our gratitude by devoting our abilities to God's service. I see members who long to show their love for Christ and for His purchased possession.

In my dream I see Adventist believers throughout Mountain View experiencing a passionate spiritual experience of revival and reformation because God's Word never fails. I see members practicing their faith with exuberance and contagious enthusiasm. I see members filled with the love expressed in Mark 12:30. I see members whose hearts "burn within" as we read His Word. I see members in Mountain View full of the "fervent love" for one another commended in I Peter 4:8. Over the next several issues of *Mountain ViewPoint*, I shall present more of this dream.



Larry Boggess
President

Whitsett Retires From Presidency

At the recent Mountain View Conference Constituency Session, Kingsley Whitsett announced his retirement from church administrative work. He served at the conference office for 14 years, 10 as executive secretary and the last four as president. His masterly touch and comprehensive grasp of the needs of the conference have earned him the lasting respect and love of our constituents. This past quadrennium, Whitsett guided our conference through one of the most financially trying times in its history. Along with his fellow administrators, he gave fresh impetus to evangelistic work, modeling his enthusiasm for sharing the gospel by personally conducting public meetings. Whitsett's work as a strong promoter and supporter of Christian education has left its impression on this field through the strength and overall increasing enrollment in our conference's eight church schools. The positive legacy of his administration will far outlast his official tenure.



Whitsett and his wife Nancy have chosen to remain in West Virginia where they continue to serve the Lord with all the devotion that characterized the 20 years of his active employment in this conference and the 40 total years he served the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thank you, Kingsley and Nancy, for your unstinting service and dedication to the work in Mountain View.—*Brian Jones*

Retired Couple Lets Their Light Shine in Wirt County

When Nelson and Betsy Mathers moved to Elizabeth, W.Va., the seat of Wirt County (hometown of former prisoner-of-war Jessica Lynch), they knew the Adventist Church had no visible presence there. Not content to keep their light under a bushel, the Mathers planned and prayed. Nelson, a retired church school teacher, felt impressed to open a Christian lending library in his home along the town's main street.

Today a prominently placed sign on his lawn makes the library visible to all passersby. He has also embarked on a systematic plan of house-to-house visitation to get acquainted with his neighbors. During visits he provides each with a copy of *An Ounce of Prevention*, an informative practical booklet on how to improve health. Most residents have gratefully received this gift, vitally needed in this state where the incidence of smoking, obesity, and diabetes is nearly the highest in the nation. In addition to these personal outreach efforts, the Mathers took the lead in raising the funds necessary to provide each home in Elizabeth and nearby Palestine, W.Va., a free copy of *Steps to Christ* and a bound edition of the final chapters of *The Great Controversy*, from Project Steps to Christ. Through his cordial contacts with people in the community, a local Sunday-keeping pastor asked Nelson to teach a

Wednesday night class on the Book of Acts. These combined efforts to bring the light of the three angels' messages to Wirt County are awakening interest. Now the Mathers' home church in Spencer, W.Va., anticipates forming a branch Sabbath School in Elizabeth.



Betsy and Nelson Mathers give a free copy of *The Great Controversy* to all first-time visitors at their lending library.

Seminars Stir Interest in Clarksburg and Fairmont

When they offered the two-phase All Power Seminar presented by Leo Schreven, the Central Hills church in Clarksburg, W.Va., drew over 150 community



Pastor Leo Schreven (right) presents Taylor Gawthrop and Stacie Goddard with Adventist sharing books.

members. These seminars, given in the course of two weeks, offer participants guidance for a well-rounded emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual life. The second phase emphasizes the main points of Bible prophecy. Schreven's presentations culminated with the baptism of three new members. About 40 of the original participants are continuing Bible studies and attending Clarksburg and Fairmont Adventist churches. Further follow-up includes Addiction Recovery, Bible Marking, and more All Power classes.—*Roberta Bunch*

Mountain View EVENTS

June

- 2-4 Pathfinder Fair
- 16-24 Camp Meeting
- 25 Executive Committee

July

- 2-9 Lifeguard (ages 15 & up) and Adventure Camps (ages 7-9)
- 9-16 Junior Camp (ages 10-12)
- 16-23 Teen Camp (ages 13 & up)

Note: All events are at Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, W.Va.

Mountain Viewpoint is published in the *Visitor* by the Mountain View Conference 1400 Liberty Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101 ■ Phone: (304) 422-4581 President, Kingsley Whitsett Editor, Brian Jones ■ www.mtviewconf.org

SPIRIT

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

JUNE 2006

Campus Families Minister Heart-to-Heart

In the ministry of the word there is too much sermonizing, and too little of real heart-to-heart work ... the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root" (*Christ Object Lessons*, p.16).

This is a profound challenge for those whom the Lord has called to serve His young people in the ministry of education. So often in the area of service we lose our opportunities to minister, in a personal way, and are left to "sermonize" to the masses. While there is great value to chapel and assembly, there truly is something to be said for the growth that takes place when individualized ministry occurs.

As I have watched the development of our students during the course of this school year and the spiritual commitments they have made, I continue to be in awe of what the Lord does through His willing servants. The relationships that staff have been able to develop and the time spent with "campus families" creates an opportunity for personal ministries to take place.

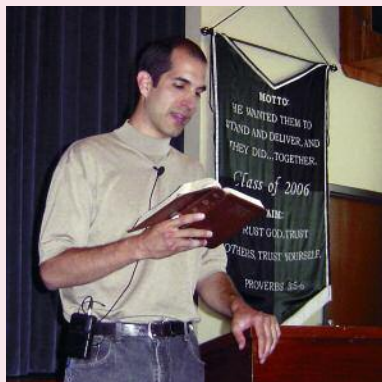
There is no greater reward than to watch young people commit themselves to a saving relationship with the Lord. We can be encouraged knowing that the time invested in the "heart-to-heart work" will prepare young people for receiving and accepting the message of His soon coming.



David Daniels
Principal

Four Baptized During Week of Prayer

Pastor Daniel Mesa (pictured) presented Mount Vernon Academy's (MVA) Annual Spring Week of Prayer. During our meetings twice each day, Pastor Mesa shared his testimony, telling us about his previous life of sin and how God intervened. He showed us, through real-life examples, how a life *with* God is much more exiting and rewarding.



During his visit, Pastor Mesa talked with many of us to gain a better understanding of our needs and situations. For most of the week, he talked about having a personal relationship with Jesus by getting to

know Him through morning devotions and daily Bible study. He didn't sugar coat it; but told us the way it was. I'll never forget how he used a match and a can of WD-40 to show what happens to those who don't bear good fruit.

Friday night we had a question-and-answer period instead of our normal vespers; students were so interested that the service was extended for anyone who wanted to stay. Finally, on Saturday morning, the week was brought to a fitting close with the baptism of four MVA students and the commitment of many others to begin baptismal studies. This was the most powerful part, to see our peers' lives changed for the better, to see them commit to Christ in a real way.

The effects of what God had to say to us through Pastor Mesa were seen in the dorm rooms every morning when students would open the Bible instead of going straight to the showers, to "put on the armor of God" for the day. That's what the MVA Week of Prayer is all about—bringing people closer to God and getting them ready for His soon return.—*Daniel Dettwiler, '07*

SPIRIT

Academy Days Draws Record Attendance

A bright, sunny Sunday morning last spring found the faculty, staff, and students of MVA—clad in red shirts, khaki pants, and name badges— anxiously anticipating the arrival of their guests. The months of preparations were completed, and it was time for the guests to arrive and the activities to begin. As the students began to pour in, it became evident that the attendance record was going to be broken by a huge margin. In the end, Academy Days 2006 drew 110 students (grades 7 and up), an increase of 43 students over the previous year.

Visiting students were given the opportunity to audition for scholarships in choir, hand bells, band, art, drama, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and gymnastics; the scholarships will be applied to their tuition for the 2006-07 school year. They also enjoyed playing the Amazing Race®, participating in a



MVA students Jessica Schneider '08, Soogie Choi '08, and April Holmes '07, enjoy the games.

knowledge bowl, and other games, as well as eating in the cafeteria and sleeping in the dormitories. Students also experienced “going to class” and meeting teachers. Another fun aspect was the team approach. Upon arriving on campus, students were greeted by “MVA Ambassadors” and assigned to a team of 10-12 students. Throughout their two-day stay, the teams competed to earn points. The competition culminated at an assembly where students received scholarship awards and team prize money. Needless to say, this event was a tremendous success.

—Margaret Sutton



Garith Parshall, MVA junior, demonstrates how to get marbles out of the slime that smelled awful!



Visitors enjoyed playing the “bullseye game.”



Mark Kijak, a seventh-grader from Mount Vernon Elementary School, tries his expertise on the climbing wall.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

August

- 2 MVA Faculty and Staff Report to Work
- 6-9 NAD Teachers Convention
- 10-12 Resident Assistant Training
- 13 Freshmen/Parent Orientation
- 15 MVA Students Return to School
- 16 First Day of School
- 23 Lake Day
- 25-27 Hand Bell and Echolier Retreat
- 31 Senior Survival

Spirit is published in the Visitor by Mount Vernon Academy
525 Wooster Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 ■ Phone:
(740) 397-5411 ■ Principal, David Daniels ■ www.mvacademy.org

NEWS

NEW JERSEY

JUNE 2006

The Search for Peace

In a world turned upside down by constant terrorist threats, people are searching for peace of mind. You and I have that peace, that peace for which our friends and relatives are longing. We know that Jesus is the Victor over the author of terror.

“On the cross of Calvary, Jesus stands revealed to the world in unparalleled love. Present Him thus to the hungering multitudes, and the light of His love will win men from darkness to light ...” (*Review and Herald*, Nov. 22, 1892).

With life so insecure, people want answers that will give new meaning and purpose to their life. They want a sense of peace and safety that transcends the fear of someone walking into a crowd with a bomb strapped to their body killing those around them. Advanced technology no longer provides peace.

We must lead them to the One who holds the world in the palm of His hands. There they will receive the assurance that they will be able to survive whatever happens in this world. There they will experience that for which they are so desperately searching—peace that passes all understanding.



LeRoy Finck
President

NEWS

New Staff Join the Conference Office

Modesto and Milca Vazquez (pictured below) are the newest staff members of the New Jersey Conference. Milca was serving in the General Conference Auditing Department's Inter-American Division region while Modesto worked in the Inter-American Division Publishing Ministry. Modesto is our new associate treasurer and Milca the new secretary for the secretariat department. They have two adult children—Alberto, 20, and Melvin, 18. May God bless their ministry with the New Jersey Conference.



Laurelwood Consecrates New Sanctuary

The long-awaited dream of a small congregation that worshiped in a small church in Laurel Springs, N.J., recently became reality as they consecrated their brand new sanctuary to the Lord. The new facility (pictured) seats 260 people and includes a beautiful parents room. Pastor Mike Gill has been actively leading his flock in the completion of this new sanctuary. LeRoy Finck, president of the New Jersey Conference, presented the consecration address during an afternoon service at which the Blue Mountain Academy hand bell choir presented a musical concert. God has truly blessed this small congregation, whose goal is to lead many to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, on consecration day, two precious souls were baptized in the church's new baptistry.—*Helen Dennison*



Waldwick Adventist School Receives Tithes

Did you ever hear of a school collecting tithe? Well, not exactly collecting, but during a special assembly recently, the Waldwick Seventh-day Adventist School received a gift of \$1,500 from the Atlantic Stewardship Bank. Kelly Nienhouse, bank manager of the Waldwick, N.J., branch, made the presentation.

Nienhouse explained that Atlantic Stewardship Bank gives back to the community through tithing. “Do you know what tithes are?” she asked the students. Of course, as Seventh-day Adventists, we know what tithes are. However she went on to explain, “Tithe is when the bank takes 10 percent of its profits and uses it to support charitable and educational organizations. This year Atlantic Stewardship Bank has chosen your school.” Then she added, “I’m very happy to present your school with a check for \$1,500.” A burst of applause and cheers from the staff and students followed.

After a prayer of thankfulness and praise, and, of course, a safe trip for Nienhouse, students returned to their classrooms. The Waldwick Seventh-day Adventist School is very grateful to Nienhouse and the Atlantic Stewardship Bank for including the school in their list of tithe recipients. Truly God is working miracles for this small Christian school in Waldwick, N.J.—*Emily Hollister*



During a special assembly program, Alipia González (left), principal at Waldwick Seventh-day Adventist School, accepts a tithe check of \$1,500 from Kelly Nienhouse, branch manager at Atlantic Stewardship Bank.

Two Ministers Ordained

Recently the New Jersey Conference celebrated the ordination of two young pastors to the gospel ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We welcome them to the big body of ordained ministers:

Smith Olivier was born and raised in Port Margot, the northern part of Haiti. He moved to The Oranges, N.J., in December 1993. He later attended Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., and graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and a Minor in History. That December he was



hired by the New Jersey Conference. He assisted Pastor Wilson Mompremier for two years in the Maranatha District. Pastor Olivier earned his Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Biblical Languages. It was while at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs,

Mich., that he met his wonderful wife, Pastor Paula Olivier. They were married last August.

Israel Jean Leon is a native of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He accepted Christ at an early age,



became active in his church at age 14, and served as the youngest deacon. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 1999 and a master’s degree from Andrews University. Upon graduation he accepted an invitation from Northeastern Conference (based in New York) where he served as associate pastor of the largest French-speaking church in Brooklyn, N.Y. He is currently serving as a pastor in the New Jersey Conference. Pastor Leon married Christine Smerzier in August 1998. She is a nurse and a gifted pianist, composer, and singer. The Lord blessed their union with two boys, Elisa and Ishmail.

dates

NEW JERSEY

June

- 2-4 Family Time Out
- 4 ABC Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 6 Administrative Committee Camp Meeting Planning
- 8 Finance/ABC Committee
- 11 ABC Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pastor/Teacher Picnic
- 13 TVRC Board Heritage Senior House Board Administrative Committee
- 14 Directors' Advisory
- 15 Association Board Executive Committee
- 22 Camp Pitch
- 23- New Jersey Camp Meeting
- July 1
- 25- Youth Summer Camp
- July 1

New Jersey News is published in the *Visitor* by the New Jersey Conference 2160 Brunswick Ave., Trenton NJ 08648 Phone: (609) 392-7131 ■ President, LeRoy Finck ■ Editor, Aura Garcia www.njcsda.org

Southern Ohio Members Enjoy Area Camp Meeting

The first area camp meeting of the year drew members from churches all over southern Ohio for a day of worship, inspiration, music, and fellowship. The event was coordinated by area pastors, in collaboration with the Ohio Conference, and held at the Open Doors Ministry church in Chillicothe.



William Cox (pictured left), pastor of the Ephesus church in Columbus, inspired the congregation with his sermon based on the story of the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5). Norah Bagirinka (pictured right), a survivor of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, also shared her moving story. During the afternoon, attendees viewed the 2006 Academy Awards-nominated documentary,

God Sleeps In Rwanda, which Norah helped produce. Afterward a feature on missions highlighted the needs of Pike County and neighboring counties, and the opportunity for service.

God Sleeps In

Rwanda, which Norah helped produce. Afterward a feature on missions highlighted the needs of Pike County and neighboring counties, and the opportunity for service.

The audience was also treated to a variety of musical concerts by the Andersons (from the Chillicothe church); Blue Morning, a Christian bluegrass band from the Piqua church; the Homelighters, a southern gospel quartet; the youth bell choir and church choir from the Portsmouth church; and solo artists Maggie Cartell and Royna Lattimore.

The event ended with Ohio Conference president Raj Attiken comparing and contrasting an institutional church and a missional church. He urged members to find ways to follow Jesus into the mission fields of their villages, towns, and cities. Clearly, attendees enjoyed this first area camp meeting. "We must do this again," many remarked.



Blue Morning, a Christian bluegrass band from the Piqua Seventh-day Adventist Church, performs for the Southern Ohio Camp Meeting concert.

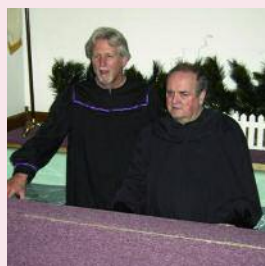


Portsmouth church's youth bell choir renders a selection.

NEWS

Biker Baptized

The Reynoldsburg church recently welcomed a new member through baptism. Richard Yarman is a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association with Pastor Tom Hughes. Both bikers love to spread the gospel through this medium. Yarman spent a year studying the Bible with Hughes before making His decision. Now the Reynoldsburg members look forward to seeing another motorcycle in the parking lot on Sabbath mornings!



Reynoldsburg pastor Tom Hughes (left) prepares to baptize fellow motorcycle enthusiast Richard Yarman.

Dayton and Springfield Pastor Ordained

Julio Pegán (pictured)—pastor, chaplain, and announcer for *La Voz de Esperanza*—was ordained to the gospel ministry in Dayton on April 15. Raised in Puerto Rico, he has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in California, New York, Puerto Rico, and Ohio. Pegán pastors the Dayton Spanish church and a group in Springfield. He and his wife Wanda have two children.





2nd Annual **National Conference on Innovation**
 October 1-3, 2006 - Renaissance Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

- ◆ 3 Keynote Presentations
- ◆ Special Interest Concentrations
- ◆ Expanded Networking
- ◆ *Innovation City*
- ◆ *Innovation Fair*
- ◆ Dinner Reception
- ◆ Fireside Chats
- ◆ Team Coaching
- ◆ Session for 1st time attendees

Leland R. Kaiser



Leland Kaiser, Ph.D.
 President, Kaiser Consulting;
"Bottlenecks & Breakthroughs"

Leanne Kaiser Carlson



Leanne Kaiser Carlson
 Co-founder, The Kaiser Institute;
"How to Fund Innovation with Donor/Investor Partners"

Kevin Kaiser



Kevin Kaiser
 Co-founder, The Kaiser Institute;
"Spiritual Capacities of Innovation Leaders."

"This was the most practical, relevant, and useful conference sponsored by Adventists that I have ever attended!"

--2005 Participant

Register Today & Secure Your Spot

Visit: www.sdapartnersininnovation.org
 e-mail: information@ohioadventist.org
 Call: 740-397-4665 ext. 165
 FAX: 740-397-1648

Sponsored by: *Partners In Innovation* -- The Ohio Conference of SDA; The Kettering Medical Center Network; Office of Creative Ministries, the Columbia Union Conference of SDA; The Kaiser Institute; Focus Physical Therapy, Inc.; Versacare, Inc.; Center for Creative Ministry; Leadership & Educational Administration Department, Andrews University

Pennsylvania Pen

JUNE 2006

Summer Camp's Greatest Treasure

As the campers spend their time at Pennsylvania Conference's Laurel Lake Camp this summer, they will discover a treasure that cannot be reached on this earth. Good looks, wealth, or driving a fancy car are all things that the media encourages our children to strive for every day. This year's Laurel Lake staff has already spent many hours in prayer for our summer campers. We have been praying that those who need to be here will be able to attend, and that their hearts will be ready to be molded for things of eternal value.

Most children want to come to camp for the jet skiing, swimming, wake boarding, horses, crafts, nature, or many other fun activities. When they leave they talk most about the counselors and teachers who cared about them and took time to help them in some way.

There is a difference at our Seventh-day Adventist camps. Some youth have gone to camps that specialize in a certain area of interest to them, but they often comment that something is missing. That something is *Someone!* Jesus is a treasure that cannot compare to anything else. Please help a child you know have the opportunity to learn more about Jesus and begin to develop a closer personal walk with Him. Send them to camp this summer!



Denise Moran

*Laurel Lake Summer
Camp Ministries Director*

God Won

As the praise and worship service began, and the actors gathered for a group prayer, the first gray clouds began to roll in over the hills. Whispers of anticipation filled the cool evening air; every campfire program, worship, song, and prayer throughout the week had been building for this Friday night.

But the billowing storm was moving fast and soon was right overhead. Gusts of wind threatened to drown the music, and while the campers huddled together nervously, staff members sat among them with heads bowed in prayer. Each knew the preparations that had been made for this night. They knew the hearts God had readied in anticipation of this experience, and of the choices for Him that could be made as a result. Each knew that their God could hold off the storm, allowing the prayer and commitment time to go unhindered.

But the storm came in all its majestic ferocity, and, with it, a sudden deluge of rain. Soaked campers were rushed inside, and the play took place in the stuffy, imperfect atmosphere of the gym. But Satan could not have arranged a more miserable failure. From appearances, it seemed that a battle had been fought that night, and Satan had come out on top. But with a closer look, it was obvious that God trumped him with astounding success. Each actor was guided by Christ's Spirit that night, more than any other, and God's presence was known in an unspeakable way. When it was over, and campers and staff alike circled together—arms around one another, praising God—one little boy was overheard explaining to another, "God won!"—*Katie Carlson*



What's happening

June

9-17 Pennsylvania Camp Meeting
25-Jul. 2 Adventure Camp

July

2-9 Junior Camp 1
7-9 Community Pilot Project
9-16 Junior Camp 2
10-31 Belize Overseas Mission Evangelism
16-23 Teen Camp

Pennsylvania Pen is published in the *Visitor* by the Pennsylvania Conference ■ 720 Museum Road, Reading, PA 19611 Phone: (610) 374-8331, ext. 210 ■ President, Ray Hartwell ■ Editor, Tamyra Horst ■ www.paconference.org



Laurel Lake Camp
CAMPER APPLICATION

Camper's Name
Age During Camp Week Attending Cabin
Mother's Name Father's Name
Home Phone # Parent Work #
Emergency Contact (name, relation, phone)
Address
City State Zip
Birthday / / Sex M F Confirmation Email Address
Home Church Pastor's Name
If you wish to be baptized at Camp let us know when

TRANSPORTATION: (\$30.00 round trip or one way) Please circle.
To Camp and/or From Camp
Available ONLY FROM Blue Mountain Academy

CLASS SELECTION:

What classes would you like to take? Rank your top 6 class choices by numbering them 1-6, #1 being your first choice. Class sizes are limited and assignments will be made according to the date your application with deposit is received. You will be assigned 3 classes. Pathfinder and Adventure honor patches are available for most classes. (Classes are subject to change.)

- Archery
Basketball/Recreation
Birds
Canoeing*
Gymnastics
Horsemanship**(****)
Jet Skiing/Aqua Jump
Leather Craft
Model Rocketry
Mountain biking
Bats
Scrapbooking****
Swimming
Water Skiing***
Wilderness Survival
Ceramics

*Intermediate swimming honor required ****Additional Fee of \$15.00

Shoes with Hard Soles/Long Pants Required *Teen Camp Only

FINANCIAL SELECTION:

- Adventurer \$220.00
Junior I or II \$220.00
Teen \$235.00
Family Camp \$450.00 (Family of 3+)
Bus Service \$30.00
Store (Suggested \$15.00 to \$ 35.00)
Scrapbooking \$15.00
Horses \$15.00
Camp Scholarship (Help a kid come to camp)
TOTAL Enclosed
Remaining BALANCE

Checks returned for Non Sufficient Funds will be charged a \$25.00 fee. NO checks accept after June 14, cash and money orders only. You can register online with a credit card at www.laurellakecamp.com.

Please mail with a minimum deposit of \$50.00 payable to:

Laurel Lake Camp
76 Lodge Road
Rossiter, PA 15772

I WILL ATTEND (Please Circle):

- Adventure Camp 6/25 - 7/02
Junior I Camp 7/02 - 7/09
Junior II Camp 7/09 - 7/16
Teen Camp 7/16 - 7/23
Family Camp 7/23-7/30

Potomac People

JUNE 2006

The Canvas Cathedral Returns

Bring back the tent!" "Camp meeting isn't camp meeting without the tent." I've heard these comments many times since beginning my ministry in the Potomac Conference. I must admit that growing up in the old East Pennsylvania Conference held special memories of sitting in old rustic pavilions or air-auditoriums during camp meeting. Well, your wish is coming true for camp meeting 2006; we're bringing back the tent!

Camp meeting is about making memories—with family, friends, church family, and, most of all, Jesus. We become so preoccupied with the needs of this world that we seldom take time, beyond a weekly worship hour, to focus upon the things of God. The camp meeting setting allows for such rich experiences.

I really like our theme this year: "It's All About Jesus, His Love, His Grace, His Return." This camp meeting, under the 21st century version of a canvass cathedral, will be especially memorable for you and your family, as we focus on our Savior.

I hope you leave the sacred campgrounds with another memorable experience and say, "It was good to have been here. I am a stronger Christian with a deeper and enriched faith. I belong to a great Adventist family who, along with my own family, is preparing to welcome our triumphant Lord."

See you under the canvas cathedral!



Dave Weigley
President

SASDAC Concert Series Features Michael Card

With a newly inaugurated facility to call home, the Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church (SASDAC), in Silver Spring, Md., recently embarked on a concert series ministry for its members and the surrounding community.

Michael Card, contemporary Christian artist, songwriter, and author, was the series' featured performer in March.

Since the church was inaugurated in January, SASDAC members and friends have enjoyed concerts from violin virtuoso Jaime Jorge and gospel

artist Ullanda-Innocent Palmer.

Because SASDAC members had rented facilities for worship since the church was organized in 1988, having a thriving concert ministry in the past was nearly impossible due to lack of

space and other factors. But the blessing of this brand new edifice, which seats 1,000, has prominently positioned the church to provide a solid ministry through music. This was a dream come true for the church's event staff.

As such, the Michael Card concert was a major event; attendees came from as far away as Richmond, Va., from all over Maryland, and Northern Virginia! Ads for the show were aired on WRBS 95.1 FM and WAVA 105.1 FM, and there were many community guests present.

Card, whose career spans over 25 years, is known around the world for penning the words to such hits as "El Shaddai," "Love Crucified Arose," and "Emmanuel." He has written over 19 chart-topping songs and sold more than 9 million albums.

His SASDAC performance included some of his best-loved favorites and several selections from his latest album, *The Hidden Face of God*. His characteristic friendly banter with the audience, humor, and deep, emotional love for Jesus were memorable highlights. According to one attendee, "This was not just a concert, it was a worship experience."

For more information on upcoming concerts at SASDAC, visit www.sasdac.org.—*Wilona Karimabadi*



Contemporary Christian artist Michael Card performs at Southern Asian church.

Potomac People

90-Year-Old Baptized at Harrisonburg

Pastors usually have to go in search for candidates for baptism. But Henry Campbell came searching for the pastor. At 90 years old, he had experienced World War II as a chaplain's assistant in France. It must have been really strange playing an organ rendition of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" with exploding shells under your feet and shrill shells whistling through the air above your head.

Campbell's wife also served in the Army as a chef, but never overseas in war-ravaged countries. Once back home, she continued, until her death, to urge her husband to come with her to the New Market and Harrisonburg churches.

Then, during last year's Christmas visit, Campbell's son Henry Jr. urged his dad to again consider being baptized. To young Henry's surprise, his dad said, "Yes."

Pastor Clarke visited and assured Campbell that the teachings of the Adventist Church hadn't changed since his wife died. Then, with joy almost unspeakable, Campbell was baptized. He looks forward to his grand reunion with Jesus, and his wife, at the second advent.—*Robert Clarke*



Pastor Robert Clarke (left), prepares to baptize 90-year-old Henry Campbell, Sr.

New Community Fellowship Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

New Community Fellowship (NCF) recently celebrated its second anniversary. What began as an informal gathering of five people on a Saturday night in 2004 has grown to a joyful worship celebration averaging several hundred people per week. NCF is sponsored by Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md.

"Celebrating the two-year anniversary was a very exciting time!" exclaimed leadership team member Kitty Pilli. There were 400 people in attendance for the anniversary celebration, the Sligo Youth Choir and band were the musical guests, and a fellowship meal was served.

The ministry has also grown in its vision and mission to serve the local communities of Takoma Park and Langley Park. Through outreach ministries to the homeless, prison ministries, and others, NCF provides a way for every member of the body of Christ to be involved in reaching out to those in need.

A number of souls have been led to baptism through Bible studies.

NCF has also sponsored several major concerts attracting more than 1,500 people per event and literally filling Sligo's sanctuary with sounds of praise.

NCF welcomes people of all faiths, ages, and walks of life to join in worship every Saturday evening at 6 p.m. at Sligo church. Join them for worship next Saturday and bring a friend.—*Shane C. Kelley*



New Community Fellowship members stand united during their second anniversary celebration.

Silver Spring Installs New Pastor

The Silver Spring congregation recently welcomed Victoria Harrison, their new senior pastor, to the helm of spiritual leadership. Having shared her gifts in ministry with the Community Praise Center congregation in Alexandria, Va., since 2001, Harrison brings a background of congregational and conference leadership along with experience in the corporate world. Ray Pichette, Potomac Conference assistant to the president, was on hand to formally present Harrison to the congregation.



Ray Pichette, Potomac Conference assistant to the president, presents Victoria Harrison to the Silver Spring congregation.

Church leaders presented her with a flag from Korea, the country of her birth.—*Garrett Caldwell*

Potomac People is published in the *Visitor* by the Potomac Conference ■ 606 Greenville Ave., Staunton, VA 24401
Phone: (540) 886-0771 ■ www.pcsda.org ■ President, Dave Weigley ■ Editor, Garrett Caldwell ■ Comm. Asst., Jeanie Allen

Spotlight on Spencerville

JUNE 2006

Following Jesus' Lead

The greatest example of servant leadership is seen in the ministry of Jesus during His time on earth. One specific moment was in the upper room, hours before His crucifixion. The apostle John describes it so beautifully. After Jesus had quietly moved around the room and washed all of the disciples' feet, He said: "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14, NKJ). Our sinful, human natures cause us to look around the room and wonder who will wash our feet. Jesus is calling us to follow His lead and wash each other's feet. Whose feet have you washed today?



Brian Kittleson
Principal

Students Take Mission Trip to Belize

During spring break, a group of students and adult leaders—71 strong—anxiously boarded early morning flights to Belize for a mission trip, sponsored by the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Youth Ministries Department and Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA). For some, this would be a return visit, while others of us were embarking on a "first-time" experience. Our purpose: to make a difference in someone else's life by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

For 12 days the La Loma Luz Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in San Ignacio served as our home base. Our days were packed with nonstop activity as we woke early, ate breakfast, met for worship, and then went to work. Construction crews were assigned to masonry and carpentry work for a new church in Bullet Tree, while painting teams were kept busy at the hospital, school, and a nearby church.



SAA's Chamber Choir, under the direction of Jane Lanning, shared their talents more than a dozen times with the people of Belize.

In the first few days of our trip, the SAA Chamber Choir gave 12 performances at various schools and churches. One of the highlights was visiting a large public high school. Since Christian groups are not permitted to perform inside the school, we sang outside where students gathered around to



Fulfilling her lifelong dream to be baptized in a river, Laura Young was the first of 21 in the mission group to be baptized by Jason Brooks, Spencerville church youth pastor.

hear and later asked us to join them in a basketball game. I learned first-hand how music can be a universal language, breaking down all barriers.

Other daytime activities included sports camps for the local children and visits to surrounding villages where hygiene packets and Bibles were distributed. We were so graciously received everywhere we went. The smiles of enthusiastic children and welcoming faces are imprinted on my mind and heart forever.

Most evenings were spent conducting crusades at the church in Bullet Tree. While parents enjoyed the

(continued on next page)

Spotlight

(continued from previous page)

music, sermons, and the personal testimonies we presented, children were kept busy with singing, crafts, skits, and puppet shows. There were 125 children at the first meeting, and we could tell the numbers were growing throughout the week as their singing got louder and louder each night.

Our work in Belize resulted in 1,800 blocks laid, 42 gallons of paint applied, and 700 Bibles distributed. I know that in the overall scheme of evangelistic efforts that may not sound like very much, but our work in Belize also resulted in 22 local baptisms and 21 baptisms amongst our own group. To me, that speaks volumes.

I came away from this trip with countless memories and lasting impressions, but I will never forget the sincere heartfelt appreciation the people of Belize so openly expressed. They were so happy even though it seemed

they had so little. It made me realize that when we have the love of Jesus in our hearts and in our lives, what we have materially is insignificant. We all know that it is better to give than receive, and that you can never “out give the Lord,” but in Belize I had the opportunity to live it!—Heather Brockett, '07



Seniors Alison Yingling, Matt Wetmore, Amanda Young, and Ellen Poirier enjoyed visiting with children and distributing Bibles in the village of Buena Vista.



Spencerville's entire mission trip crew stayed at La Loma Luz Hospital.

National Honor Society Inducts New Members



NHS membership now stands at 37, over a third of Spencerville's total high school population.

Recently Spencerville's chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) was pleased to induct 19 new members. The total membership for Spencerville Adventist Academy's (SAA) chapter now numbers 37, over a third of our total high school population. We are so proud of our students who display the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character that is so valued by the NHS.

Congratulations to our new members! Sophomores: Juliana Baioni, Melissa Breetzke, Rheba Correia, Esteban Covarrubias, Candice Craig, Heidi Davenport, Victoria Marroquin, Chelsea Mastrapa, Joanna McNeill, Michelle Park, Joanna Saggurthi, Cassie Tetz, Stephen Thorp, and Robin Welsh; Juniors: Victoria Hudgins, Brittany Jacobson, Sean Kilby, Kris Macalinao, and Chris Ng; Senior: Matthew Wetmore.—Carrie Hess

Why I Love Takoma Academy

I was reminded of why I love working at Takoma Academy (TA) recently when I received a letter from a former student, Daphanie Beckford. Beckford is graduating from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., this year and remembers the positive influences of our school and teachers on her Christian experience. It was also exciting to see one of our own, Tony Skinn, in the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament. Though not an Adventist, Skinn spoke about the discipline he received at TA and the positive influence of Christian education in his life. If I had time and space, I could tell you about the many other calls and letters I have received from alumni like these who benefited from their spiritual experience at TA.

We have also grown spiritually this year, and the positives far outweighed the negatives. Seminar teams have ministered at various churches. Our choir, Camerata, band, strings, and the drama team have been actively ministering at home and abroad. In addition to providing a quality Christian education, it's evident that TA is in the business of getting the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to the community. After all, that is what it's *really* all about!



C. Dunbar Henri
Principal

NEWS

2006 Graduation Speakers Chosen

The TA graduating class welcomes Anthony Medley (pictured), co-pastor at Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Hill church, as the Baccalaureate speaker June 10 at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. Pastor Medley believes his mission in life is to proclaim Christ as the source of salvation, and that, because of the incarnation of Christ,



we are reconciled to Him for the sake of others. He graduated from Pine Forge Academy (PFA) in Pennsylvania, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University in

Berrien Springs, Mich. He has 24 years of experience in pastoral ministry, departmental leadership, and higher education administration. Medley, a Fourth Dan Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, is the founder and master instructor of Tae Kwon Do Lifestyle Ministries. He and his high school sweetheart, India Pinkney Medley, have two teenage children—Mylon (a graduating senior) and Anthony II.

Renee Battle-Brooks (pictured) will speak for Sunday's 10 a.m. Commencement in the J.P. Laurence Auditorium (TA gymnasium). Battle-Brooks

graduated high school from Beirut Overseas School in Lebanon, and is an honorary graduate of TA's class of '77. She attended Middle East College in Beirut, earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Columbia Union



College, and her Juris Doctor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Law. She has practiced law for 14 years, eight with the Maryland Public Defender's Office. During the last six years, she has worked as an assistant state's attorney for Prince George's County, and is currently chief of the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit. In her spare time, she has played in numerous venues as a violinist with the New England Symphonic Ensemble.

TA Alumna Joy Drumheller Passes

This year would have been Joy Drumheller's 10-year reunion at TA's Alumni Weekend. The Lord gave her many more months than were expected, but her recent death has been a great loss for all who hoped for a complete recovery. At the memorial service, family and friends shared stories of how she touched the lives of those around her. She will be greatly missed.

TA Participates in Community Service Cleanup

Recently TA faculty and students joined JNA and Sligo students to participate in a community service day in Takoma Park, Md. On the Monday after Earth Day, nearly 450 students from all three schools took time out from class to pick up trash in the communities nearby their schools. Some students went to the local community center to weed and mulch. "I feel happy giving back to the community and making the streets look better," commented TA senior Daniel Garcia pictured (left) with fellow senior Trevor Goring. The event was coordinated by Adventist Community Services (ACS) of Greater Washington, led by executive director Ron Wiley. The City of Takoma Park, Adventist churches and schools, and several other organizations helped sponsor the event. The clean-up effort ended with a pizza feast, provided by ACS and Pizza Hut.



Nearly 40 Percent of Students Earn Honors

TA is blessed with students of high academic standards. The Principal's List includes those with a 3.75 Grade Point Average (GPA) or above. Academic Honors are awarded for a GPA of 3.50-3.74. Almost half of our students are excelling with a GPA of 3.5 and above, and even more with a 3.0 or above. We are providing services for the 120 students with GPAs below 3.0, doing our best to take care of every student that God has given to us. Congratulations to the following high achievers:

2006 Principal's List

Seniors: Jonathan Allen, Bethany Anderson, Nichelle Anderson, Toria Banks, Kerayl Bonner, Derek Bridges, Kyle Dever, Kathy Escobar, Whitney Fender, Michael Gaskins, Amina Gopala-Rao, Kristen Gordon, Trevor Goring, Courtney Hannum, Ashlee Haye, Rondelle Martin, Mylon Medley, Sangeeta Nambi, Isaiah Oliveras, Oscar Perla, Mallory Pollard, Richard Raboteau, Jr., Cherie St. Bernard, Stephanie St. Cyr, Marc Sarintra, Michelle Shaw, Katiya Shell, Tiffany Tapp, Wayne Taylor, Jr., Brandi Vicks

Juniors: Seychelle Albino, Lehdeen Bennett, Kimberly Blair, Echo Brathwaite, Dwight Byass, Sean Currence, Freddy Hernandez, Darren Joseph, April Medley, Leslie Mutuku, Hanh Nguyen, Hunter Pettis, Charles Reynolds, Machang Sanga, Nichelle Warren, Hyacinth Williams, Alexander Wisbey

Sophomores: Karyl Bennett, David Byass, Walter Davis, Lindsay Dever, Rachel Hansdak, Crystal Hart, Alex Holness, Ashley Horne, Marcus Jackson, Matthew Johnson, Lusine Lisyanova, Felicia Malin, Tram Nguyen, Duane Parris, Tiara Salim, Jyoti Sardana, Melanie Schimpf, Olivia Thomas, Lloyd Warner

Freshmen: Alexandra Alleyne, Natalee Black, Jalisa Cox, Nique Dayrit, Andrew Dixon, Joseph Doukmetzian, Joseph Encarguez, Romina Esposito, Monique Gaskins, Meera Gomer, Steven Holness, Arielle Medina, Marsha Ogburn, Andrew Pedersen, Erica Singh, Benjamin Thomas

Academic Honors

Seniors: Nathaniel Gentles, Melanie Harper, Shade Harris, Dennell Lowe, Philip Malcolm, Nicole Peeler

Juniors: Richelle Bello, Ja-Né Best, Camille Matthews, Jazmin Neal, Judith Romero, Collier Rowe, Lauren Simms, Samantha Singh

Sophomores: Vijay Ganta, Khalea Lester-Wimbish, Julian Oliver, Daniel Silva, Brian Simon, Talia Wright

Freshmen: Clement Douglas, Larry Holland, Keiara Joyner, Bincy Mathai, Ryan Nebblett, Leon Osbourne, Christopher Reynolds, Sheri Thorn

TA Today is published in the *Visitor* by Takoma Academy ■ 8120 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912 ■ Phone: (301) 434-4700 ■ Principal, C. Dunbar Henri ■ www.ta.edu

Advertising Guidelines and Rates

The Columbia Union *Visitor* accepts classified advertising as a service to its members. Announcements such as church-sponsored events, legal notices, obituaries, and retirements of church workers will be printed without charge on a space-available basis. The *Visitor* reserves the right to refuse any advertisement or announcement and does not guarantee the integrity of any product or service advertised.

First-time advertisers who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church must submit a letter of recommendation from their pastor or conference leadership. **First-time advertisers who are not members of the Adventist church** must submit letters of recommendation from business members of their community or credit bureaus.

Payment must accompany all advertisement(s). We do not bill for classified or display advertising and tear sheets are not provided unless prior arrangements are made. Checks and money orders are accepted. Make checks payable to Columbia Union *Visitor* and mail together with classified advertisement and recommendations (if applicable) to: Sandra Jones, Columbia Union *Visitor*, 5427 Twin Knolls Rd., Columbia, MD 21045, and display advertising to Celeste Ryan Blyden at the same address.

Rates for classified advertising are calculated on a per insertion basis in our 12 issues. Minimum charge is \$40 for 50 words or less for ads originating within the Columbia Union Conference, and \$50 for all others. Additional words: 60 cents each. A 15 percent discount is given for 12 insertions, a 10 percent discount for six insertions, and a five percent discount for three insertions. A column ad (classified ad in a box) is \$105 inside the union and \$125 outside the union, with a maximum word count of 75. Ads must be placed a minimum of four weeks before the issue date, which is the first of every month.

Word count is based upon the spaces between words in normal usage.

Display Advertising: For rates and information, go to www.columbiaunion.org or call (888) 4-VISITOR and ask for Celeste Ryan Blyden at ext. 220.

EMPLOYMENT

THE OREGON CONFERENCE is accepting applications for Plant Manager at Thunderbird Wood Products in Days Creek, Oregon. General managerial skills and experience in wood milling preferred. For more information, contact John Rogers at (503) 652-2225 or john.rogers@oc.npuc.org.

SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY has an opening for an English professor, with specialty in British literature and/or rhetoric and composition. MA required; PhD preferred. Contact Judy Myers Laue at (817) 202-6267, or write to the English Department, Southwestern Adventist University, P.O. Box 567, Keene, TX 76059.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. New home-based business opportunity is changing ordinary lives into extraordinary lives. What you earn is up to you. Call (866) 796-6178, Mannatech Independent Associate.

GA-CUMBERLAND ACADEMY in Calhoun, Ga., is searching for experienced greenhouse operators to own and operate an on-campus business. 20-30 students are available to work in 12 academy-owned greenhouses. Interested parties please contact Greg Gerard at (706) 625-7144.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE seeks full-time faculty member for Communication Department to teach classes in the following areas: Electronic Media, Broadcasting, Communication Law, and Nonfiction Writing and Production. Doctorate or ABD preferred. Send CV to Human Resources, Oakwood College, 7000 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, Alabama 35896.

LIFESTYLE CENTER OF AMERICA, a premier diabetes medical resort with mission to restore health through lifestyle intervention, has the following job opportunities: physician, researcher, nurse manager, human resources director, assistant restaurant manager, and massage therapist. Submit resume to: Lifestyle Center of America, Route 1, Box 4001, Sulphur, OK 73086. Attn: Diana Wildermuth, dwildermuth@lifestylecenter.org.

COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE seeks a human resources director. Prior experience and bachelor's degree required. Master's degree preferred. Submit CV and cover letter to Human Resources, Columbia Union College, 7600 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Email hr@cuc.edu. Fax (301) 891-4020. Visit our website at www.cuc.edu for more information.

NEEDED: CAMPGROUND CARETAKER/MANAGER for 6 to 10 weeks, summer 2006. Beautiful and quiet location near Garrett County, Maryland. This position would work very well for a retired couple who still want to be active and work part-time or for anyone who enjoys the outdoors. Please call (301) 689-2769 or (240) 540-6848.

ADVENTIST JOBNET is the source for finding jobs or finding employees. Designed for Adventist businesses and professionals, we offer a hiring bonus of up to \$500 to applicants hired through us. Geared for all professional: teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, etc. New jobs listed daily. Visit us today at www.AdventistJobNet.com.

PROGRAMMERS JAVA/J2EE DEVELOPERS NEEDED. Exciting growing company seeks J2EE developers and project leaders. Stafford and Reston, Va., and Rockville, Md., locations. You can obtain a secret and/or TS Clearance. To apply: recruiting@platinumsolutions.com or call (703) 471-9793 x 215; www.platinumsolutions.com.

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS NEEDED

Shawnee Mission Medical Center (SMMC), a Seventh-day Adventist community service, has a variety of openings for healthcare professionals interested in immediate placement. SMMC is a 383-bed, acute care facility located in beautiful Johnson County, Kansas. This family-friendly community offers a safe and relaxed atmosphere, high quality schools, and easy access to museums, cultural arts, and professional sports teams.

Please contact the job line: (800) 845-6212 or click on Employment: www.shawneemission.org for a listing of open positions.

For more information, contact:
Brad Hoffman
Administrative Director
of Human Resources
(913) 676-2020

Resumes may be faxed to: (913) 676-2019

WHITE MEMORIAL MISSIONARY COLLEGE, a distance education, not-for-profit, liberal arts college, emphasizing health professions, is seeking general education faculty as well as RRT respiratory therapy instructors. All faculty work from home. Visit www.wmmc.info for more details.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMPING IN GARRETT COUNTY, Maryland area. Fishing, hiking trails, and the best bike riding anywhere: 17 miles, all downhill, with two tunnels through the mountains.; one tunnel almost $\pi/3/4$ of a mile long, with magnificent views from 2,000 ft. above the valley. Full hookups, pull through, tent and pop-up sites, bath house. Bring your horse and ride our horse trails. Also located in Amish area of Pennsylvania. Many Amish and Mennonite stores close by. Reservations recommended. Mention this ad and save. Call for details (814) 634-5982.

PLANNING VBS THIS YEAR? You'll want to buy the new CD, *Fiesta Time with Jesus*, so students can put God's Word in their memory by singing these catchy tunes. You can visit www.andrieuxhousemusic.com/fiestatime.html to listen to them or call toll-free (877) 965-3081 to order one. Cost: \$9.99 before shipping.

BECKER SUBARU has special pricing for members on new Subaru vehicles and used cars. Choose from 300 new Subarus or 150 used cars. Drop shipment available on ordered new cars anywhere in the United States. Call Becker Subaru (800) 671-3636. Ask for *member sales*.

FREE MISSION AVIATION STORIES! Send your name, email address, and street address to: info@flyaway.org or mail your request to: Adventist World Aviation, Box 251, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Or, sign up for our free newsletter at www.flyaway.org.

PREPAID PHONE CARDS. Multiple types and rates for the Continental United States and international countries. Multiple types ranging from one cent to 1.5 cents per minute (no connection fee). Consider using these for your missionary endeavors, gifts for students, or travel. Call LJ PLUS (770) 441-6022 or toll-free (888) 441-7688.

Bulletin Board

DVD LIBRARY OF HOPE.

New Adventist outreach DVDs. Every church should have this soul-winning library. Copying these DVDs and sharing them is an exciting way to witness God's love for mankind. To request your free sample disc, go to www.geocities.com/egarloff/home.

REAL ESTATE

PHYLLIS NEWMAN SELLS MARYLAND REAL ESTATE ...

for both buyers and sellers. Call (800) 586-4669 Re/Max Realty Center, Inc. See our Web site at: www.homesdatabase.com/reaestate. This site gives you MLS access by state, county, zip code, price range, bedrooms/bathrooms, etc. Call me or email phyllisnewman@realtor.com.

BUYING OR SELLING IN MARYLAND OR D.C.?

A home is your most important financial decision. To obtain the best results in this complex, dynamic market requires a knowledgeable and dependable agent. Clyde and Phyllis Kinder/Weichert Realtors offer expertise, knowledge, and experience. FREE Market Analysis. For information without obligation, call (301) 776-3380; email jkinder@mris.com.

HOUSE FOR SALE:

Two-story, three-bedroom, two-bath house, with garage in basement and unfinished room and bath in basement. Spring water, five acres, orchard, berries, grapes, and garden spot. \$140,000 or best offer. Call (423) 725-4711, Roan Mountain, Tenn.

LAND FOR SALE:

Wooded, six-acre perked corner lot near Martinsburg, W.Va. Convenient to churches, school, HVA, shopping. Covenants apply and security deposit will be required. Call (410) 672-2435 after 7 p.m.

DOLLY RECORD ASSOCIATE BROKER WITH LONG & FOSTER REAL ESTATE, INC.

Over 13 years of excellence, honesty, and integrity in the real estate market.

Dolly Record—exceeding your expectations.

Call for all your real estate needs.

(301) 384-8700 (office)
(443) 745-4017 (cell)

Email:
[dolly.record@
longandfooster.com](mailto:dolly.record@longandfooster.com)

MOVING SOUTH?

Your dream home, nestled in the Cherokee National Forest on 8.8 acres, one hour from SAU. Simply elegant log home, 3,000 sq. ft., LR, DR, 3BR, 2-1/2 baths, awesome kitchen, pantry, large loft, 3-car garage, workshop/barn, creek-fed pond, total privacy in God's beautiful nature. Call Pattie (423) 338-8353 or (423) 381-5811. Pictures available!

BED AND BREAKFAST.

Beautiful colonial-style home built to welcome visitors. Each of six lovely guest rooms has private bath, temperature control, cable TV, and Internet connection. Separate owner's quarters. In northwest Arkansas near Ozark Academy. Many other attractions. Tall Star Realty, (479) 736-4686, www.tallstar-realty.com.

ACTIVE ADULTS OVER 55.

Florida Living Retirement Community near Orlando. Garden court rental room with bath, walk-in closet, private patio entrance. \$966 monthly includes vegetarian meals, utilities, cable, 3ABN, Safe-TV, maintenance, grounds care. Church on site. Contact Jackie or Sharon at (800) 729-8017 or JackieFLRC@aol.com.

THE CARRENO CONNECTION

Mel & Lisa Carreno, experienced real estate agents with **Keller Williams Realty**, would be honored to help you buy or sell a home in Maryland, D.C., or Virginia.

What is your home worth?
Are you ready for a move?
Weighing your options?

Whether you are thinking of selling, buying, or investing, contact us for a no-obligation consultation.

You can also visit our Web site to search properties or to get free home seller or buyer reports at

www.carrenoconnection.com

Mel: (301) 237-1650
Lisa: (410) 905-8282
Office: (443) 574-1600
melandlisa@comcast.net

Se habla Español

SERVICES

ELTERNHAUS INC., ASSISTED LIVING,

Adventist care for Adventist Seniors! Adventist lifestyle and TV, church services/activities at Triadelphia church. Liberal vegetarian meals, good fellowship, and country living. We have one private room and bath now! Call Diane Crane (410) 707-7071.

SINGLE AND OVER 40?

The only interracial group exclusively for all singles over 40. Stay home and meet new friends in the United States, with a Pen Pal monthly newsletter of members and album. For information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ASO40 or EBONY CHOICE ASO40, 2747 Nonpareil, Sutherlin, OR 97479.

PLANNING AN EVANGELISTIC SERIES OR HEALTH SEMINAR?

Or SHARE HIM/Global Evangelism series? If you need affordable, professionally-prepared handbills, brochures, supplies, signs, banners, and mailing services, call Daphne or Ray toll-free at (800) 274-0016 or visit www.handbills.org. Your friends at Hamblin's Hope offer first-rate, on-time service for all your evangelism supply needs.

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN WHO'S BEING PRICED OUT OF HEALTH INSURANCE?

Cut your healthcare expenses in half. Join 60,000+ Christians who share one another's medical bills. Choose any doctor, any hospital, anywhere in the world. Check out this nonprofit program. For a free Guidelines booklet, call (888) 346-7895 or visit www.healthcare-godsway.com.

MOVE WITH AN AWARD- WINNING AGENCY.

Apex Moving & Storage partners with the General Conference to provide quality moves at a discounted rate. Call us for your relocation needs. Adventist beliefs uncompromised. Call Marcy Dante' at (800) 766-1902 for a free estimate. Visit us at www.apexmoving.com/adventist/.

FIRST EVER CHIP RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM.

Want to get your health back? Experience the life-changing Coronary Health Improvement Project as never before by attending the first residential CHIP program, at the beautiful Lifestyle Center of America, August 13-31. Participants will enjoy in-depth medical, nutritional, fitness consultation, and treatment with one-on-one coaching with Dr. Hans Diehl, all in a tranquil world-class environment. Only 30 spaces are available. Call today for free information at (800) 213-8955.

MARYLAND

ADVENTIST DENTIST,

David Lee, D.D.S., PA, has a comprehensive dental office in Silver Spring and in Ellicott City, Maryland. He is excellent with children and adults, and is highly trained in Cosmetic Dentistry and Implants. For appointments call: Silver Spring (301) 649-5001; Ellicott City (410) 461-6655. Mention this ad and receive 10% discount on all services (excludes third party payers). Our office is a participating provider with Adventist Risk Management.

DEPRESSION THE WAY OUT—LIVE.

Isn't it time to stop your depression and regain your life again? Join Neil Nedley, MD, and the renowned Lifestyle Center of America team for the third annual Nedley Depression Recovery Program June 25-July 13. Receive personal care from Dr. Nedley and experience—firsthand—lasting depression recovery. Only 30 spaces are available. Call for free information at (800) 213-8955 or visit www.depressionthewayout.org.

ARE YOU MOVING SOON?

Before you rent a U-Haul and do it yourself, check our price and save yourself the hassle. Plan ahead now and reserve a time slot. Fast, direct, and economical. Contact Gary Erhard, Erhard Furniture, 6681 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, Mich.; phone (269) 471-7366 evenings from 8-11 p.m., E.T.

SINGLES:

Introducing Adventists discreetly and confidentially since 1987. We are dedicated to helping singles meet in a comfortable/secure online environment. Enjoy chat, message boards, photos, profiles, uplifting articles, much more. We have a personal community for creating relationships from companionship to friendship, romance to marriage. DiscoverChristianSingles.com.

FOOT AND ANKLE MEDICAL OFFICE .

Premier Podiatry Services is eager to help you get "back on your feet." Dr. Rhonda Nelson, an Adventist podiatrist seeks to provide you with exceptional podiatric care while relieving your foot and ankle discomfort. Flexible office hours are available. Office location: Largo, Md.; (301) 773-1199.

Successful Computer Dating Exclusively for Adventists Since 1974

ADVENTIST CONTACT

P.O. Box 5419
Takoma Park, MD 20913
(301) 589-4440

MOVING?

Special Adventist rates and guarantees! Air Van northAmerican is a nationwide mover. Whether you're moving a few items or a truckload, don't move before calling Air Van. It will assure peace of mind and a cost-effective move. Please call (800) 525-1177 to speak with a representative.

MARYLAND ADVENTIST PODIATRIST,

Dr. Scott Nutter, highly trained, experienced, and board certified, is available in several locations to help your foot/ankle problems, including arthritis, heel pain, spurs, diabetes, callouses, ingrown nails, sprains, fractures, warts, bunions, etc. Surgery, if it is needed, at Adventist hospitals. Laurel (301) 317-6800; Greenbelt (301) 345-5200; or Columbia (410) 531-6350.

CHRISTIANSINGLES.DATING.COM

Free 14-day trial! Join thousands and thousands of active Adventist singles online. Free chat, search, detailed profiles, and match notifications! Date chat, two-way compatibility match, 10 photos, and confidential online mail. Witnessing opportunities to the world through articles, friendships, chat, and forums. Since 1993. Adventist owners. Thousands of successful matches. Top ranked.

TRAVEL/VACATION

RVS!

Adventist owned and operated RV dealership has been helping Adventists for over 30 years. Huge inventory. Courtesy airport pickup and on-site hookups. Satisfied Adventist customer list available. Call toll-free (888) 933-9300. Lee's RV City, Oklahoma City. Visit our website www.leeRV.com or email LeesRV@aol.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TELL THEM NOW!

59th annual ASI International Convention, August 2-5; Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, Grapevine, Texas (close to DFW airport). Information/online registration: www.asiministries.org. Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904; email asi@naad.adventist.org.

"TWENTY-FIVE YEARS: TRADITION AND CHANGE"

is the theme for the 26th Annual ASDAL Conference, June 18-24 at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn. Sunday—School librarians pre-session. Monday—Adventist Resources pre-session. Info: www.asdal.org or Ruth Swan, president elect@prgram.chair, ruth.swan@famu.edu or (850) 599.3370.

JOY RIDERS INTERNATIONAL .

Come ride with us to beautiful Camp Frenda for our third annual spiritual motorcycle rally Sept. 8-10 located in the scenic lake district of central Ontario, near Port Carling. Registration information online at www.joyridersinternational.com, or phone Ted Toms at (269) 657-2390. Camp facilities will have rooms/bunks/showers/food.

OAK PARK ALUMNI WEEKEND

(Sept. 29 and 30). For more information, see opainiowa.com.

OBITUARIES

HERTEL, Donald P., born February 11, 1928, in Van Wert, Ohio; died March 12, 2006, in Van Wert, Ohio. He was a member of the Van Wert church. He is survived by his sister, Jean Ludwig; step-mother, Ruth Hertel; and nieces and nephews.

NEWMAN, Roland W., born May 28, 1920, in Washington, D.C.; died April 23, 2006, at Caln Township, Pa. He was a member of the Allegheny East Conference church. In 1950 Roland accepted a call to the ministry within the Allegheny Conference. Beginning with the church in Uniontown, Pa., he served more than 40 years pastoring 36 churches. In 1952 and again in the late '60s and early '70s, he taught Bible and pastored at Pine Forge Institute. He also served as a book and Bible house manager for the Allegheny East Conference. In 1975 he took the responsibilities of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director for the Allegheny East Conference for the next 15 years. He was also director of Trust Services and a special assistant to the conference president for pastoral care. He is survived by his wife Romana Newman, of Elverson, Pa.; two sons, Wayne Newman (Cynthia) of Reading, Pa., and Vernon (Debbie) Newman, of Charlotte, N.C.; and a daughter, Jeanne (Richard) Guinan, of Elverson, Pa.; a sister, Louise Newman Montgomery of Austin, Texas; seven grandchildren: Roland II, Jessica, Wayne II, Phillippe, Soñée, Tia, and Jared; one great-grandchild, Josiah; and a host of nephews and nieces.

PERROTTO, Justine M., born November 1, 1955, in Williamsport, Pa.; died February 16, 2006, in Williamsport, Pa. She was a member of the Williamsport church. She is survived by her husband, John; her father, Joe Bausinger; her mother, Eva Bausinger; and two sisters, Joann Stull and Jeanne Gair.

QUACKENBUSH STRICKLAND, Dorothy Jean, born December 14, 1931, in Takoma Park, Md.; died October 13, 2005, in New Market, Va. Jean graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) in 1950 and

	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7
Baltimore	8:32	8:35	8:37	8:37	8:36
Cincinnati	9:03	9:06	9:08	9:08	9:07
Cleveland	8:55	9:02	9:04	9:04	9:03
Columbus	9:00	9:03	9:05	9:05	9:03
Jersey City	8:26	8:30	8:31	8:31	8:30
Norfolk	8:23	8:26	8:28	8:28	8:27
Parkersburg	8:52	8:55	8:56	8:57	8:55
Philadelphia	8:28	8:31	8:33	8:33	
8:32Pittsburgh	8:49	8:52	8:54	8:54	8:53
Reading	8:32	8:36	8:37	8:38	8:36
Richmond	8:30	8:33	8:35	8:35	8:34
Roanoke	8:39	8:42	8:44	8:44	8:43
Toledo	9:08	9:11	9:13	9:13	9:11
Trenton	8:28	8:31	8:32	8:33	8:31
Wash., D.C.	8:32	8:35	8:37	8:37	8:36

SUNSET CALENDAR

returned in 1958 to work at the academy with her husband William J. Strickland. She worked in various positions during the next 39 years; her most enjoyable duties were landscape gardener and hostess to the students in the campus center. She developed the flower beds and spent many hours maintaining their beauty throughout the seasons. She also taught horticulture at SVA. As a hostess, she developed close relationships and became a surrogate to many students. She is survived by her husband William; two children, David Strickland and Jan Osborn; one grandchild, Rebecca Wheatley Wilson; and three foster children, Philip Lorenz, Mishelle Hamilton Lovett, and Glenna Zirkle Putman. She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Dorothy Bramble Quackenbush, and her sister, Ellen Quackenbush Carey.

SMITH, Robert E., Sr., born April 12, 1915, in Blossburg, Pa.; died March 30, 2006, in Wellsboro, Pa. He was a member of the Blossburg church. He was the son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Mary Almira Sechrist Smith. He married Cora Beatrice Leonard August 11, 1938. She preceded him in death August 9, 1996. He was a retired coal miner and a very active member of his church. Surviving are children,

William D. (Barbara) Smith of Hamburg, Pa.; James E. (Marie) Smith of Blossburg, Cora J. (James) Roupp Sr. of Blossburg; Mary E. (Neal) Calhoun of Salem, W.Va.; Joan M. (Bill) Clodfelter of Blossburg, Pa.; Robert E. (Linda) Smith Jr. of Morris Run, Pa.; Linda M. (Homer) Strong of Mainesburg, Pa.; Thomas L. (Cindy) Smith of Morris Run, Pa.; Dean A. (Doreen) Smith of Ooltewah, Tenn.; Tina M. Fink of Auburn, Pa.; 47 grandchildren; 87 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren; brother Kenneth (Charlotte) Smith of Cleburne, Texas; sisters-in-law, Helen Smith of Blossburg, Pa., Grace Mancuso of Horseheads, N.Y., Audrey (Floyd) Jannelle of Canton, Pa.; brother-in-law Kenneth Knecht of Roaring Branch, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

OBITUARY SUBMISSION

Phone toll-free:
(888) 4-VISITOR
or e-mail:

a

A form will be sent to you for completion. Obituaries are printed in the order they are received on a space-available basis.

Bulletin Board

SORENSEN, Gene,
born May 5, 1927; died March 27, 2006, in East Berlin, Pa. He was a member of the Hanover (Pa.) church. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Sorensen.

WARING, Angie,
born July 21, 1929, in Canada; died March 21, 2006, in East Berlin, Pa. She was a member of the Hanover (Pa.) church. She is survived by her husband, Ernie Waring.

WINSTON, Cleo J.,
born April 24, 1918, in Eustis, Fla.; died April 24, 2006, in Philadelphia, Pa. She was a member of the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pa. She is survived by her daughter, Gwendolyn W. Foster of Philadelphia, Pa.; and her son, Dr. James R. Winston Jr., of Durham, N.C.

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR CHURCH—

Visit the
Columbia Union
Conference
Website:

www.columbiaunion.org

Adventist Health

Live the Dream
*The journey begins
with us*

20 hospitals located in
CA, HI, OR, WA

For opportunities in:
Executive Management
Department Management
Nursing Management

Contact:
Leonard Yost, Director
Employee Recruitment
(916) 774-3355

For other opportunities
www.adventisthealth.org

Want a Quality Adventist Education That's Affordable?

- * Strong academics,
individualized learning
- * Safe, wholesome atmosphere
- * Emphasis on character
development, outdoor education,
technology, and service
- * Equestrian program
- * Dedicated, qualified, caring staff
- * Half the cost of most
boarding academies

Accepting applications for 2006-'07 year
Mountain State Academy
ASI Adventist Supportive Ministry
In beautiful West Virginia
MountainState@gmail.com
(304) 782-3156

SLIGO BY THE SEA 2006

June 24
Stephen Chavez

July 1
May-Ellen Colon

July 8
Fred Kinsey

July 15
William Johnsson

July 22
Dunbar Henri

July 29
Terry Johnsson

August 5
Alicia Patterson

August 12
Larry Evans

August 19
Ron Halverson, Jr.

August 26
Kermit Netteburg

September 2
William Loveless and The Hilltoppers

—Services held at—
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Md.
(410) 524-7474

Sabbath School: 10 a.m.—Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Casual dress is appropriate.

Sligo Church Presents
New Community Fellowship's
"WRITING To Be Read"
A one day only seminar by
Kay Rizzo for anyone who
wants to write a book.

\$59.00 for workshop
materials and manual
Preregister by 12 noon
6/23/2006 online @
www.4Fellowship.com

12:00 p.m., 6/25/2006
Sligo Church
7700 Carroll Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
More info: 301-270-6777 x133



Celeste Ryan Blyden ■ Editor
 LaVerne Henderson ■ Associate Editor for News & Features
 Kelly Butler Coe ■ Art Director & Designer
 Sandra Jones ■ Copy Editor & Bulletin Board Editor

Monte Sahlin ■ Publisher

PUBLISHING BOARD: Harold L. Lee (chair), Celeste Ryan (secretary), Raj Attiken, Seth Bardu, Charles Cheatham, LeRoy Finck, J. Neville Harcombe, Ray Hartwell, James L. Lewis, Monte Sahlin, Rob Vandeman, Dave Weigley, Kingsley Whitsett

MISSION STATEMENT

The *Visitor* provides news and information, resources for effective ministry, and insight on issues with a spiritual focus to help people celebrate God's transforming grace in preparation for His return.

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045
 (301) 596-0800 or (888) 4-VISITOR
<http://www.columbiaunion.org>

Free to Columbia Union members. All others—\$15 per year.

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

Harold L. Lee	President
J. Neville Harcombe	Executive Secretary
Seth Bardu	Treasurer
Hamlet Canosa	Vice President/Education
Walter Carson	Vice President/General Counsel
Monte Sahlin	Vice President/Creative Ministries
Celeste Ryan Blyden	Asst. to the President/Communication
Harold Greene	Information Technology
Curtis Boore	Plant Services
Walter Carson	Trust Services/PARL
Peggy Lee	Revolving Fund
Carol Wright	Undertreasurer

CONFERENCES

ALLEGHENY EAST: Charles L. Cheatham, President; Robert Booker, *Visitor* Correspondent; P.O. Box 266, Pine Forge, PA 19548. Tel. (610) 326-4610 ■ www.myalleghenyeast.com

ALLEGHENY WEST: James L. Lewis, President; Bryant Taylor, *Visitor* Correspondent; 1339 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205. Tel. (614) 252-5271 ■ www.awconf.org

CHESAPEAKE: Rob Vandeman, President and *Visitor* Correspondent; 6600 Martin Rd., Columbia, MD 21044. Tel. (410) 995-1910

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Larry Boggess, President; Brian Jones, *Visitor* Correspondent; 1400 Liberty St., Parkersburg, WV 26101. Tel. (304) 422-4581 ■ www.mtviewconf.org

NEW JERSEY: LeRoy Finck, President; Aura Garcia, *Visitor* Correspondent; 2160 Brunswick Ave., Trenton, NJ 08648. Tel. (609) 392-7131 ■ www.njcsda.org

OHIO: Raj Attiken, President; Bette Toscano, *Visitor* Correspondent; P.O. Box 1230, Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Tel. (740) 397-4665 ■ www.ohioadventist.org

PENNSYLVANIA: Ray Hartwell, President; Tamara Horst, *Visitor* Correspondent; 720 Museum Rd., Reading, PA 19611. Tel. (610) 374-8331 ■ www.paconference.org

POTOMAC: Dave Weigley, President; Garrett Caldwell, *Visitor* Correspondent; 606 Greenville Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401. Tel. (540) 886-0771 ■ www.pcsda.org

COLLEGES

COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE: Randal Wisbey, President; Scott Steward, *Visitor* Correspondent; 7600 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912. Tel. (301) 891-4000 www.cuc.edu

KETTERING COLLEGE OF MEDICAL ARTS: Charles Scriven, President; 3737 Southern Blvd., Kettering, OH 45429. Tel. (937) 395-8601 www.kcma.edu

HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE: William G. "Bill" Robertson, President & CEO; Ray Tetz, *Visitor* Correspondent; 1801 Research Blvd., Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20850. Tel. (301) 315-3030 www.adventisthealthcare.com

KETTERING ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE: Frank Perez, President & CEO; Kenneth Chaji, *Visitor* Correspondent; 3965 Southern Blvd., Kettering, OH 45429. Tel. (937) 395-8167 www.kmcnetwork.org

Published by the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Printed at the Review & Herald Publishing Association.

Volume 111 Issue 7

What the Survey Says May Surprise You

Recent surveys conducted among random samples of members in our eight-state territory have looked at opinions on the spending of denominational funds. Conference administrators are constantly asked to spend more money on a wide variety of things and re-shape their budgets. In most cases, those making the request represent the views of a relatively small group of people in one congregation. What are the views of the entire membership?



About two-thirds want more funding for three things—Christian education (including aid for needy students), local outreach, and metro ministries. A strong majority want more funding for community service work. The majority of church members want to keep funding at the current level or actually reduce funding for world missions, public evangelism, and pastoral staffing. The least support is for funding conference departments, although the majority want to keep it at the current level, *not* reduce it further.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It may be surprising that so many members see a need for more funding for Christian education simply because it currently gets a larger percentage of church funds than anything else. Perhaps most members have not heard that the average conference budget gives about 40 percent to Christian education (K-16) while only about 3 percent goes to public evangelism.

The most surprising result in this survey is that the majority of members do not see a need to increase funds to have more pastors in the local churches. This is a topic that gets a lot of discussion on conference committees, but the people in the pews, on balance, are satisfied with the way things are.

Perhaps there is a need to re-think the longstanding viewpoints on both sides of many debates about money. This was revealed in a high quality survey with a random sample of 1,361 active church members, which means that the error factor is only 1 percentage point (plus or minus) at the 95th percentile of reliability. The results depart dramatically in some ways from the usual opinions expressed on this topic. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our own opinion that we forget to consider the differing views of others.

In the end, of course, polls cannot take away the responsibility for leaders to lead. But they do help us keep in touch with reality.

Agree or disagree? Monte Sahlin (msahlin@columbiaunion.net or (800) 438-9600), vice president for Creative Ministries and director for Information and Research at the Columbia Union Conference, invites your opinion.

Producing GRADUATES who bring COMPETENCE and MORAL LEADERSHIP to their world.



A spiritual and educational community committed to the Seventh-day Adventist vision of excellence and service through...

- Faith development that is deliberate, personal, and critically aware
- Deeply engaging and valuing people
- A distinctive and distinguished learning culture
- Transforming the physical campus
- Expanding and strengthening our resources
- Embracing and exploring the opportunities of the nation's capital

Members all across the Columbia Union understand that CUC has become an indispensable institution of learning and ministry, and are discovering the importance and benefits of supporting their college.

Columbia Union College

THE ADVENTIST COLLEGE AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

7600 FLOWER AVENUE, TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912 ■ 800-835-4212 ■ WWW.CUC.EDU

Visitor Magazine
Columbia Union Conference
5427 Twin Knolls Rd.
Columbia, MD 21045

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Hagerstown, MD
Permit No. 266