Adventist Education

Where Students Put Compassion Into Action

Inside: The Bible Lab, Mission to Maluti and More
Responding to the Captain's Call

Friday evening junior Missionary Volunteers (now Pathfinders) meetings at the now defunct Bronx Italian church in New York were always special—highlighted by prayer, songs and ceaseless rallying cries to “do the work of the Lord.” From that experience, “The Captain Calls for You” remains one of my favorite songs:

There’s another task to do,
There’s a battle to renew;  
And the Captain calls for you,
Volunteers! Volunteers!

Rally to the throbbling drum!
Shout the word, “We come, we come!”
Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

Those meetings, many years ago, laid the groundwork for my early understanding of Revelation 14. They instilled in this heart a strong sense of mission. It was that sense of work yet undone in God’s cause that led me to choose education ministry as my life’s work, my calling, my mission. It was mission that led the Canosa family to serve in the Far Eastern Division in the early 1980s. Mission was, and still is, the foundation for other causes—different and quiet ways to serve—that bring joy to my life.

The dictionary defines mission in many ways, for the word can be used as either a noun or verb. In fact, the word “mission” has been used (and abused) in movie titles; fields of combat; and by some whose nefarious motivations have led to the senseless, vengeful taking of human life. The world has learned, through painful experience, that misguided mission exacts a high toll and is the cause of much suffering.

Interestingly, Merriam-Webster.com describes one definition of mission as obsolete: the act or an instance of sending. Seventh-day Adventists hardly consider this definition “obsolete,” for in the universe of Adventism, mission is about sending! It’s about action—being meaningfully involved in God’s work of sharing His gospel of love and assisting those unable to assist themselves. In Education, Ellen White states, “... in order to fulfill our mission, we, too, must be active (p. 215).” It is a calling to all!

COLUMBIA UNION SCHOOLS EXEMPLIFY MISSION

Students in schools across the Columbia Union have been, and continue to be, actively involved in mission. Over the past several years, our students raised nearly $20,000 to assist orphaned children in South Africa and help build a much-needed school in Lesotho. They are involved in short-term mission projects in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America and other places across the globe. Recognizing needs that exist here in America, some schools have engaged in mission by reaching out to the elderly, displaced, sick and dying.

The following words can be found in Christ’s Object Lessons: “The capacity for receiving [blessings] is preserved only by imparting. We cannot continue to receive heavenly treasure without communicating to those around us” (p. 143). Similar to Adventist world church president Jan Paulsen’s challenge to pastors to be “ambassadors” for Christ,1 in some ways students in the Columbia Union are Christ’s ambassadors at home and abroad, seeking to share their blessings with others.

As highlighted in this issue, students of the Columbia Union are responding to the Captain’s call.

Hamlet Canosa, Ed.D, serves as vice president for Education in the Columbia Union.

Adventists Prepare for 59th General Conference Session

Seventh-day Adventists from around the world are preparing to attend the church’s 59th quinquennial General Conference Session (gcsession.org), to be held in Atlanta June 23-July 3. Some 70,000 members are expected to gather for the 10-day business session themed “Proclaiming God’s Grace.”

Of the 2,400 delegates selected to represent the church’s 16 million members worldwide, 29— including administrators, pastors, and lay members—will come from the Columbia Union territory (see list on p. 5).

Session Agenda

While the agenda for the session has not been finalized, it will include elections for president, secretary, treasurer, vice presidents and some department heads for the world church’s headquarters and its 13 divisions. In addition, a motion for deacon ordination will be brought to the floor. If voted, “it will not be mandatory [for all divisions] but would serve as a recognition that this individual has been seen to reveal the gifts for serving as a deacon,” explains Larry Evans, undersecretary for the world church. “Since we ordain elders and deacons it was felt we should move in this direction. We’ll see what the world church says.”

Delegates will also be asked to approve edits to the Church Manual, which can only be changed at a General Conference Session. According to Evans, that would include limiting ascending liability so that church organizations do not assume responsibility for the liabilities of any other church organization just because they may be affiliated, using the New King James version for any Bible quotes used therein, allowing for the notification of members when a period of censure has ended, emphasizing that every church must have a church board and clarifying whether conference presidents “should” be ordained pastors.

Theme Song

Mirroring the session’s emphasis on grace is the theme song, “Proclaim His Grace,” composed by Bruce Ashton, DMA (above), a professor emeritus at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). To listen to the song (see sidebar for lyrics), visit columbiaunion.org/podcasts.

Beyond Business

The meetings will begin with a Day of Spiritual Emphasis, and that spiritual tone will continue throughout the meetings. There will be an Adventist Mission stage, featuring music and mission reports, as well as worship services with speakers and musicians from around the world. One of the most beloved traditions of the session is the Parade of Nations, in which Adventists from more than 200 countries wear their native garb and carry their flags in procession.

Theme Song

“Proclaim His Grace”

Saving grace, sweet favor from the Lord above; Winning grace that draws us to His heart of love; Wondrous grace that He should care for you and me; Boundless grace so deep, so full, so rich and free.

Redeeming grace His pardon frees us from our sin; Transforming grace His Spirit makes us new within; Triumphant grace He comes and we shall see His face And ever more proclaim God’s matchless grace!

—Words and Music by Bruce Ashton, DMA

Session Coverage

During the session, the Adventist Review (adventistreview.org) staff will distribute a daily edition onsite and mail it to regular subscribers.

The Hope Channel (hopetv.org) will broadcast the worship services, news and some special reports.

The Adventist News Network will post news and comments throughout the day at news.adventist.org. The Visitor will share union-related news via Twitter, email and columbiaunion.org.

A Global Impact

This will be the third session that Raj Attiken has attended as president of the Ohio Conference. He takes seriously this responsibility. “Decisions are made at GC Session that send a message to the church, the Christian community as a whole and even the world,” he explains. “These decisions say something about who we are as a denomination and how we operate. Beyond that, it is a great joy to see the immense diversity and complexity of being a unified church family in a global environment.”
News From the Office of Education

New Administrators Welcomed

A number of gifted, dedicated and mission-driven administrators assumed positions in the Columbia Union education ministry this school year. The Office of Education welcomes the following individuals:

David Daniels is the new principal at Takoma Park, Md. Daniels previously served as principal at Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Rob Stevenson replaces Daniels as the MVA principal, a position he recently held at Madison Academy (Tenn.), where he served for eight years.

Craig Zeismer is the new principal at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa. Zeismer transferred his title from Bass Memorial Academy (Miss.), where he served for eight years.

Sadrail Saint-Ulyse serves the New Jersey Conference in multiple capacities, including pastor and educator. He now adds superintendent of Education to his leadership responsibilities.

Keith Hallam undertook the position of Potomac Conference vice president for Education. He is an accomplished secondary principal with many years of experience.

Desiree Bryant assumed the position of associate superintendent for the northern district of the Potomac Conference. She transferred from the Mid-America Union where she served as superintendent.

Nancy Melashenko held the associate superintendent position at the Florida Conference before transferring to Potomac Conference’s southern district.

Union, Griggs Pilot Web-based Curricula

For the first time, the Columbia Union Office of Education contracted with Griggs International Academy (formerly Home Study International) to provide essential and supplemental curricula to its junior and senior academy students. The union will spend $20,000 this school year and next to make as many as 150 instructional units available to students at a greatly reduced expense. The agreement was made to enhance curricula through Web-based learning. This school year alone, more than 100 of the units are being used.

Educational Leaders Plan Retreat

This September, members of the Columbia Union School Administrators Council (CIJASC) will head to West Virginia for several days of spiritual and physical renewal. The council includes two elementary, two junior and all senior academy principals, as well as all associates, superintendents, and vice presidents for Education. International speaker Donald Kelly, MD, will provide devotionals and seminars on healthful living. Due to economic uncertainties, CIJASC members decided to forego a retreat this past school year.

Education Awards to be Announced

Seven educators from across the eight-conference region are nominated for the 2009–10 Columbia Union Outstanding Educator Award. Nominations are made in three categories: elementary, junior academy and senior academy. Following careful consideration, selected winners will be announced this month. Award presentations will be formally made either at respective school graduations or conference camp meetings. Each winner will be presented with a plaque, certiﬁcate and monetary award.

Also this month, the Columbia Union Office of Education will select an “outstanding administrator” among nominees. Criteria for this new nomination and selection are challenging, and personal/professional interviews and site visits are included in the vetting process. Local conference superintendents submitted nominations for the award, and awards will be announced next month.

Fall SALT Training Location Chosen

The annual Spiritual Academy Leadership Training (SALT) weekend for junior and senior leaders from across the union will be held in September at Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine, Ohio. José Rojas (below), director for the Office of Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division (NAD), will train student leaders who are responsible for key initiatives on their respective campuses for the 2010–11 school year. SALT training involves three days of sharing leadership and spiritual principles that foster student growth in ways that beneﬁt God’s cause on school campuses.

Academies to Undergo Evaluations

During the next two months, four senior academies in the Columbia Union will undergo NAD evaluations to secure accreditation through the General Conference Adventist Accrediting Association and the National Council of Private School Accreditation. The site visits will occur in February, March and April 2010 on the campuses of Blue Mountain (Hamburg, Pa.); Pine Forge (Pa.); Richmond (Va.); and Takoma (Takoma Park, Md.) academies.

Education Office Goes Green

All major meetings under the direction of the Education Office are now “paperless.” Committee members bring laptop computers to administrative and curriculum committee meetings and are provided all agenda and supportive exhibits on a thumb drive, allowing committee chairs to process work more efﬁciently and effectively. This approach has saved (and will continue to save) countless hours of labor, paper and document reproduction costs.

“Caring” Students Nominated

By month’s end, each senior academy in the Columbia Union will select a junior or senior for the annual Caring Heart Award. Recognition is given to students who demonstrate, through their actions, a strong personal commitment to making the world a better place. Presentations will be made during graduation weekends on all academy campuses.

Educators Attend Marketing Seminar

Anthony Romeo (below) of the Greater New York Conference, a marketing essentials and planning. During the three-day meeting, attendees also reviewed curriculum and voted several recommendations, engaged in brainstorming sessions and heard a number of presentations, including one by union vice president and general counsel Walter Carson, about schools, students and cell phone privacy.
Potluck

BETH MICHAELS

What’s New?

Book >

A Classical Masterpiece
Devon L. Sanderson

Devon Sanderson, a member of Allegheny East Conference’s Voice of Truth church in New Castle, Del., started writing poetry in 1985. But before the award-

winning poet could publish his first 70 poems, they were destroyed in a fire. Recently this Jamaican-born kindergarten teacher collected dozens of new inspirational poems, written about his everyday encounters with life, and compiled them in an 82-page book. He hopes the work will “help exalt the awe and wonder of the Creator of the universe.” Order copies through amazon.com.

CD >

Intimate Moments
Nadeen Edwards

“As you listen to this collection of some of my favorite songs, my hope is that you, too, will feel God’s presence as He takes you from glory to glory,” says Nadeen Edwards. The praise and worship leader at Pennsylvania Conference’s Stroudsburg and nearby Pocono Grace Community churches, has been singing for more than 30 years. She brings her rich alto voice to this sophomore CD of 14 praise songs and hymns like “His Eye is on the Sparrow.” Learn more, sample songs and order the CD at nadeenedwards.com.

Resource >

Mission Cards for Kids

These colorful cards, created by the Office of Adventist Mission and the Children’s Ministries department at the General Conference, feature pictures and profiles of the children highlighted quarterly in Adventist Mission magazine. Its editor, Charlotte Ishkanian, hopes they will inspire kids to share in the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s 130-year passion for missions. To order cards and more, visit adventistmission.org/missioncardsforkids.

In the Spotlight >

Author and Women’s Advocate Peggy Curtis Harris

In 1992, while Peggy Harris was in her last year as president for the Association of Adventist Women, she sent out a letter to members addressing various concerns, such as abuse. The response to the letter was greater than expected. It appeared that this sensitive issue “had been swept under the rug for years,” Harris recalls.

“In being a part of the body of Christ,” she continues, “I recognized His calling to facilitate healing for all members.” During her final speech as president, Harris decided to address this matter further. She unveiled a long clothesline to the audience. Attached were stories from the Women and Men Against Sexual Harassment and Other Abuses (WASH). Under the leadership of Harris and a few others, WASH was introduced as an organization committed to “cultivating and improving environments for those who have suffered from one kind of abuse or another.”

As Harris continued to accumulate stories, she determined that “sharing the information on the Internet would let somebody see they were not alone in facing the problems abuse creates.” She and other WASH leaders conduct seminars on abuse and provide training to pastors, teachers and church leaders, ensuring they are aware of the available resources, understand their responsibility to recognize symptoms of abuse and are prepared to manage the problems accordingly.

A member of Potomac Conference’s Beltsville (Md.) church for nearly 40 years, Harris has written a book that goes hand in hand with her advocacy efforts. The well-published author says her 177-page book, Indestructible Hope, provides a message of hope for these troubled times. “If ever there was a need for hope, it is now,” she says. For more information on WASH, go to w-a-s-h.org or call (800) 433-WASH. Get the book at authorhouse.com.

—Andrew Cathlin

The Faces of Haiti

“We are unable to disconnect ourselves from this tragedy and look the other way because each face we see on TV represents a real person, in a real place, that captured our hearts when we were there, or when we thought of going there. This draws us to watch ... to pray ... to want to do something to help. This is real. These are the faces of Haiti.” —From the January 17 blog entry by Gauryn Wooster (newhopesoshaiti.blogspot.com) of Sharing our Strength, a missions ministry of Chesapeake’s New Hope church in Fulton, Md.

Blogged

What You Bring to the Table

@AWConf - Conducting web training with conference departmental leader who is 150 miles away. You gotta love technology!

@FirstSDAchurch - First Church TV coming soon

@VisitorNews - US News & World Report’s October issue says if you want to live long, live like an Adventist. It’s #9 of 10 ways to live long!

@RajAttikon - Christ—“the Someone in Whom we are all one”

@VisitorNews - US News & World Report’s October issue says if you want to live long, live like an Adventist. It’s #9 of 10 ways to live long!
The Bible Lab

WHERE STUDENTS PUT COMPASSION INTO ACTION

“Am I going to get paid for this?”

S tudents new to the concept of serving others sometimes pose this question to Mountain View Conference teachers. But, it doesn’t usually take long before those same students ask to participate in more service opportunities.

As a matter of fact, Mountain View weaves Christian service into each school’s curriculum, and teachers work to provide service-learning opportunities throughout the school year.

Mountain View schools adopted the “Bible Lab” approach to Bible class long ago. The Bible Lab gives students a chance to put into practice what they learn in class. Through regular, planned Bible Labs, they log hours of service hours each school year. Whether it’s through a conference-planned mission trip or a local community service opportunity, the goal of all teaching staff is to help students develop a compassionate, Christ-like attitude toward the needs of others.

A Taste for Mission Life

M any students acquired a taste for mission life during recent short-term mission trips organized by the conference’s Office of Education. For students, the experience was memorable and life changing.

Here are some of the places they served:

During a trip to Puerto Rico, students and teachers labored side by side to renovate a Seventh-day Adventist school. Many of the buildings showed long-term effects of the encroaching plants and extreme dampness from the surrounding tropical jungle. Students cracked open coconuts, spotted a boa constrictor and “enjoyed” the scenic view from the outhouse without a door. More importantly, the team worked, prayed and worshiped together. At the conclusion of the trip, the baptism and rebaptism of several students underscored the spiritual impact the expedition had on them.

The 10 days Mountain View students spent at La Vida Mission in the northwestern New Mexico reservation of the Navajo Nation was also life altering. They marveled at the difficult life many of the Navajo experience, including living miles from potable water. They helped tutor the Navajo American children in gardening and physical education, conducted church services, helped paint and repair buildings at the mission and visited the community. All of this gave students a new appreciation for the hard work it takes to be a missionary.

In Chapultepec, Mexico, a small, growing Adventist company needed a church building. Students and teachers learned all about tying rebar, mixing concrete, laying block and building to meet local earthquake-resistant building codes. Living and eating with the local church members gave each student an understanding of the adjustments a missionary must make to adapt to a new culture.

Another recent trip took students to Pittsburgh to work with Adventist Community Services (ACS). They were amazed to find vacant and flood-damaged homes and businesses still in need of cleanup two years after the flood. Students were also impressed with the broad-based presence ACS had already established in the suburban neighborhood of Carnegie, Pa. There they helped with flood cleanup and revitalization and performed community outreach. They also built walls in the ACS center, collected and cleaned books for a local fundraiser and mucked out a damaged house.

This year students and teachers will again travel, this time to Las Tablas, Panama. They will join The Quiet Hour staff from California to conduct medical screenings, participate in evangelistic activities, children’s ministries and help with a building project.

Ongoing Local Ministry Efforts

Mountain View’s focus on mission is not reserved for distant, exotic locations. Each school participates in numerous local service projects each year. Many hours of student service time are logged helping with civic projects, such as singing the national anthem at a Veterans Day ceremony, helping an elderly neighbor paint his porch or clear ice from his driveway, or leading a church evangelistic or witnessing program. Mountain View teachers are committed to helping students learn to identify needs wherever they occur and to find a Christ-like way to respond to each one.

An example of ongoing community service is the layette ministry operated by students in Elkins, W.Va. Newborn layettes are assembled and delivered to the local hospital, where nurses distribute them free of charge to any family in need of newborn supplies (left). Women throughout the conference supported the students’ work by donating hundreds of dollars of newborn supplies to the program at their annual women’s retreat.

The goal of Mountain View educators is for every student to experience and internalize the sense of joy that comes from serving others. As it says in Ministry of Healing, “True education is missionary training. Every son and daughter of God is called to be a missionary; we are called to the service of God and our fellow men; and to fit us for this service should be the object of our education” (p. 395).

Cheryl Jacko serves as acting superintendent for the Mountain View Conference and as principal and middle-grades teacher at Highland Adventist Academy in Elkins, W.Va.
Important or a wall could end up crooked. The students worked at painting, scraping, roofing, laying brick and block, mixing mortar and just about anything else that needed done.

Previous groups had prepared the structure, and now it was our job to make significant progress so that the next group could then finish things. The energy and effort the NAD mission team exerted made a huge difference in the project—not only raising the walls and roof, but also lifting the supervisors’ spirits. They had been concerned about completing the project. When our team was ready to head home, the construction superintendent was confident that they would be able to finish the job before he was due to return to the United States.

Etched in Our Hearts

What a great experience for students and leaders to join together in serving our Lord. Although He doesn’t need our feeble efforts, working for Him is the greatest calling and blessing His servants can experience. The travel was long but intriguing. The work was tiring but extremely rewarding. The group’s camaraderie was absolutely incredible. The relationships with the people of Lesotho were all too brief but are etched into our hearts forever. And, most importantly, students experienced the valuable lesson of servant leadership.

Spencer Hannah is the principal at Potomac Conference’s Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va.
The image Seventh-day Adventists have of our young people doing community service might be more akin to the embellished and polished Uncle Arthur’s Bedtime Stories. We can picture our angelic youth joyfully heading out with songs on their lips and prayers in their hearts to do the Lord’s bidding, like the dwarves in Disney’s Snow White. Although some days can be like that, typically the work is arduous. The students do go out and work hard, but, if most of them were honest, they may acknowledge there are more exciting things to do than shovel mulch onto playgrounds, pick up trash in parks or any other meaningful project suggested by a campus chaplain.

A “Regular” Service Day

A recent Community Service Day for students at Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) in Mount Vernon, Ohio, began like every other one this school year—rainy and cold. Although the weather was great all week, this day was dreary, with a misty drizzle forecasted until evening. Tim Soper, campus chaplain, called the principal wondering if service activity should be postponed. A stickler for keeping to the posted calendar, the principal insisted on going forward, hoping the rain would hold back.

Soon students shuffled into the chapel, hoping for Community Service Day to be canceled. (Many would rather attend classes than slog out into the pea soup of a day). As assignments were given, there was either laughter or moaning. A few students were blessed with comfortable indoor jobs, but the majority got stuck outdoors in the muck and mud. Students assembled with their groups and headed to the day’s assigned task—picking up trash and raking leaves in a local trailer park. There are probably few people on this planet who would savor picking up trash anywhere, even on a good day. As a testament to the good nature of these MVA students, there was not much complaining, just a resignation to a task needing completion.

The students ambled off the bus. Some collected trash bags, others accepted rakes from the staff group leaders. One student went to the doors of the humble trailer homes explaining to their owners the students’ mission as they invaded the properties and started their tasks.

Despite the weather, the young people went about their work moving systematically through the area. Within a short time, they had the place looking great. They hopped back onto the bus and headed back to the dorms for much needed warm showers and clean, dry clothes.

Lesson Learned

A day or two later, a letter to the editor appeared in the local newspaper (below). We discovered that making a difference does not have to wait for the perfect day. If we did, we would never do it. We discovered that impacting others means getting out into our community even when it is inconvenient—maybe especially when it is inconvenient. We should all be proud of our students because they are making a difference.

Rob Stevenson is principal at Mount Vernon Academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio.
As part of Operation Christmas Child, students at Sligo Adventist School in Takoma Park, Md., packed 245 shoeboxes full of necessities for underprivileged children overseas.

Students from Spencerville Adventist Academy (right) in Silver Spring, Md., donated $555 to help the Spencerville Church Middle School Sabbath School provide two fuel-efficient cookstoves for use in Zambia through Reaching Hearts for Kids (reachinglearts4kids.org).

Helping Haiti

Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) in Kettering, Ohio, raised more than $3,400 during “Text for Haiti,” when faculty, staff and students (right) simultaneously texted funds to the Red Cross Relief Fund. “This was our way of coming together as an academic community of faith and providing spiritual and financial support to the survivors of the earthquake,” said Clive Wilson, KCMA chaplain.

Students at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Silver Spring, Md., donated 380 pounds of clothing (110 complete outfits) and toiletries to Prints of Hope in Florida. “The students and their teachers prayed over the outfits and asked God to bless those who received them,” reports Barbara Plubell, Pre-K–8 vice principal.
The Central Pennsylvania Christian School in Lancaster, Pa., collaborated with the Hershey (Pa.) church in a citywide collection of more than 400 toiletry, clothing and other items.

Students at the Stanley Seventh-day Adventist School in Stanley, Va., organized a fundraising basketball tournament and held a bake sale at a local gas station to raise money for ADRA.

Students at Trinity Temple Adventist School in Hillside, N.J., are bringing in piggy bank change and collecting donations for the school’s Helping Hands project.

The Fairview Village Adventist School in Fairview Village, Pa., hosted a Valentine’s dinner.

The Manassas Adventist Preparatory School in Manassas, Va., hosted a month-long read-a-thon.

Fourth- and fifth-graders at Ramah Adventist Junior Academy in Cleveland adopted an 8-year-old girl from Haiti and support her financially.

Tappahannock Jr. Academy in Tappahannock, Va., collected $500 in donations for an affected family.

**Booking Tickets**

- **March 10-21**—Fourteen students from Takoma Academy (TA) in Takoma Park, Md., will return to Arusha, Tanzania, to continue constructing buildings for an orphanage.

- **March 24-April 4**—About 35 students from Spencerville Adventist Academy in Silver Spring, Md., will make a second trip to San Jose, Dominican Republic, to finish constructing two schools, lead Vacation Bible School programs and distribute 300 Bibles.

- **March 25-April 4**—About 25 students from Highland View Academy (HVA) in Hagerstown, Md., will travel to San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands, to help finish constructing a two-story church.

- **April 5-15**—Students from Washington Adventist University (WAU) will travel to Arusha, Tanzania, to build group homes for orphans and join in education and evangelism outreach.

- **May 2-16**—Students from Washington Adventist University (WAU) will travel to Arusha, Tanzania, to continue constructing buildings for an orphanage.

- **May 5-22**—WAU students will fly to Ethiopia to join a ShareHim evangelistic campaign.

- **June 1-15**—Twenty WAU students and staff will help build a house for a homeless or displaced family in Santa Barbara, Honduras.

- **July 8-19**—Twenty Adventist students who attend public schools will join the Chesapeake Conference in Santa Barbara, Honduras, where they’ll help to construct a high school and church.

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One of the most profound prayers in the Bible is found in John 17:20-22, where Jesus petitions His Father on behalf of not only His disciples but also “those who will believe in Me through their message.” I have always appreciated being included in Jesus’ prayer, during what we understand to be the critical moment in the great controversy. With the universe watching, would Jesus go through with it? His passionate prayer is a pleading conversation with His Best Friend and closest Love—His Father. The prayer, however, comes with a challenge. Verses 21 and 22 reveal Jesus’ greatest desire for His followers through the ages—that we would be “one,” as He was one with the Father. He knew that unity in this world, even within the church, would be a challenge.

A UNIQUE BEGINNING

Kettering Adventist Healthcare’s (KAHC) unique beginning has a little known side story, which I believe has a special place in our history and demonstrates the value of unity. When Eugene and Virginia Kettering set out to build a hospital in their hometown of Dayton, Ohio, they donated land, money and time. They also required the facility to be owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. During project planning, KAHC’s first administrator, George Nelson, proposed that the facility include a church. The Ketterings, though delighted to invest in the health ministry, were initially reluctant to support that endeavor. Eugene feared that churches were “bad investments.” However, the couple quickly came to realize that a church would be vital for recruiting Adventist medical professionals and building a strong foundation for the fledgling facility. The Kettering church was built on land donated by the Ketterings and given an amazing set of pipes—the second largest concert pipe organ east of the Mississippi!

More than 40 years later, that one hospital has grown to include five major medical centers and 50 outpatient centers, a medical college, a handful of Adventist churches in the greater Dayton area and a K-12 Adventist day academy. All medical facility staff is intent on sharing the church’s unique message and committed to delivering meaningful, effective healthcare with a spiritual soft touch.

BUILDING UNITY, UPHOLDING CHRIST

Kettering Adventist HealthCare includes osteopathic and allopathic disciplines in one entity, which is an unusual combination. We also have an integrated Spiritual Services department that collaborates with the pastoral leadership of Kettering and other area churches with the goal of delivering integrated leadership for the network. Without a spiritual foundation, these ventures would go the way of the world and separate. Even so, it’s not easy to get us all on one page and heading in the same direction! We try, we pray and we pull together more often than we pull apart. For those times when unity seems like a distant dream, I go back to John and visit the prayer that so captures the struggle of believers—to be united, to pull together, to stay in love. I invite you to keep the Kettering church in your prayers. Visit our website, ketsda.org, to learn about more ways we are working to impact our community for Christ.

Karl Haffner is senior pastor of the Kettering (Ohio) church and Spiritual Services Advisor at Kettering Medical Center.
Behind the Scenes of HealingHope

Kathryn Stiles

In a nondescript building tucked off a busy intersection in Kettering, Ohio, is a quiet studio. There John Adkins and Mark Morgan, owners of MainSail Productions, prepare a new set that captures and transmits the energy and enthusiasm of Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko; Becky Wang, MD; and a variety of special guests from within the Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) family. The new television show they work on is titled HealingHope.

As part of KAHC’s mission to impact lives with healing, health and wellness, this new show was created to emphasize the unique integration of spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health in ways that give viewers practical guidelines for living each day to their fullest.

“We wanted to capture the talent and testimonies of real people who serve in our system, who are passionate about their role in helping people live healthier lives and share that beyond our typical reach. Hope TV offers us that chance, and we are thrilled with the partnership,” says Lonnie Melashenko, vice president of Spiritual Services.

Filmmaker Martin Doblineier of Journey Films, who just released his 60-minute documentary titled The Adventists, is also a guest. He offers a unique view of the intersection of faith and health that is so beautifully captured by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its medical centers. (The documentary airs on PBS stations Easter weekend and is available for sale at journeyfilm.com.)

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HOW TO WATCH

HealingHope episodes air Saturdays at 7 p.m.; Mondays at 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 p.m. (all EST). Those who do not have the Hope TV satellite channel can access the show online at hopetv.org. The show will also be available on the Kettering YouTube channel in coming weeks. To learn more, contact KAHC Spiritual Services at (857) 395-8565.

Kathryn Stiles serves as the marketing specialist for Kettering Adventist HealthCare based in Kettering, Ohio.

SHOws EMPHASIZE HEALTHY LIVING

The 13 shows focus on the unique nature of the Adventist message and healthful living paired with exceptional healthcare delivery. The Melashenkos and Dr. Wang facilitate discussions with medical leaders and practitioners and pastoral leaders with warm conversations and mostly unscripted interviews. Topics include:

- The importance of international medical missions with Steve Schmidt, MD, Kettering Medical Center (KMC) surgeon, and the mission group known as Legacy of Healing
- The power of faith community nursing with Chris VanDenburgh, BSN, RN, KAHC’s coordinator of faith community nursing and health ministry
- The delivery of modern spiritual care to patients and their families with Raul Concha, KAHC chaplain
- Dealing with depression with Kirk Chung, MD (above, right), from Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center, and Karl Haffner, pastor at the Kettering church
- How to increase your nutritional intake with KAHC nutritionists
- Responding effectively to a variety of medical emergencies with Emergency Department professionals

For some segments of HealingHope, host Lonnie Melashenko is joined by his wife, Jeannie.
Grandview, Southview Earn Clinical Excellence Distinction

Grandview and Southview medical centers in Dayton, Ohio, earned HealthGrades’ Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence for the seventh consecutive year. It’s an achievement only 47 American institutions can claim.

Based on a study of Medicare data over the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, Grandview and Southview continue to rank in the top five percent for overall quality among the nation’s 5,000 non-federal hospitals. No other Dayton area hospitals have earned this distinction seven consecutive years from HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

“Our clinicians, administration and support staff have all made a sustained commitment to quality outcomes, and we take great pride in the fact that other hospitals come to us to see how we implement best practices,” said Richard Haas (left), Grandview Medical Center System president. “The real winners from this Distinguished Hospital Award are the patients who know they can expect exceptional care when they come to our medical centers.”

The hospitals also received HealthGrades’ Excellence awards for their Pulmonary Care, Critical Care and Gastroenterology Services. A full copy of the study is available at healthgrades.com.

Kettering College Receives $431,000 Gift

Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) in Kettering, Ohio, received a bequest of nearly $431,000 from the late Eva Miller, making her total donations during the past 12 years nearly $1 million. Miller passed away last year at the age of 99.

The gift is the third largest individual donation in the 43-year history of the college. Half of the funds will benefit the Eva Miller Nursing Scholarship. The remainder will contribute to the school’s annual fund and to ongoing KCMA renovations. Miller’s previous donations helped create a new chemistry lab in KCMA’s Boonshoft Center for Medical Sciences, and contributed to scholarships and the annual fund.

“Eva Miller was a nurse at Kettering hospital from the start. She had a great loyalty to nursing, and to the hospital and college,” reports Charles Scriven, EdD, Kettering College president.

David McElwee, director of major and planned gifts for the Kettering Medical Center Foundation, which also raises monetary support for KCMA, adds, “Knowing that she was among the very first nurses at Kettering Medical Center made it even more compelling to recognize and celebrate her career and generosity.”

Kettering Medical Center System president.

The event is an ongoing effort to realize Dr. King’s dream of justice and equality for all Americans.

Hallelujah!

As I write this piece, the school year has already reached its midpoint. It seems like it was only yesterday when school started with a flurry of exciting and energetic activities designed to set a clear course for student and teacher success. At this midpoint, all educators typically pause a moment to consider the success and the effectiveness of their education efforts.

The question raised by most educators during the course of every school year is, “Am I strengthening and advancing my students in mastering the curriculum?” However, for the Seventh-day Adventist educator, there is the added question that addresses more than the subject matter: “Am I helping to strengthen and advance my students’ relationship with Jesus Christ?”

Ellen White writes, “In our work for the children, the object should be not merely to educate and entertain them, but to work for their [spiritual] conversion” (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 105). In all that we do as Adventist educators—beautifying buildings and grounds, overseeing curricular progress of our students throughout the school year and prepping students for promotion and graduation—it is done from the perspective of working for the conversion of our children and youth.

Hallelujah is the word that describes my response to students who take their stand to follow Christ and become baptized. Last year through what I call our “evangelistic centers,” we were able to report 81 student baptisms. Hallelujah! Hallelujah to God for blessing our schools with teachers who sow seeds of truth before our students. The seeds, coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit, are bound to result in more baptisms.

Now I encourage you to pause. Consider your role of working for the conversion of others. Adjust your ministry as needed. There’s a hallelujah for you to express.

Capitol Hill Members Start Adventist Group on Public Campus

Natalasha Carter (first row, left) remembers August 8, 2009, as a particularly special day. It was the day she was baptized at the Capitol Hill church in Washing-

ton, D.C. “Before becoming an Adventist, I felt like my life was in bondage and sin. I felt like I had no freedom. Becoming an Adventist has changed that,” she explains. A senior psychology major at Bowie State University in Bowie, Md., Carter knew she wanted to share the new Bible knowledge that she had gained with others at the university. Her sisters, Afeshia (front row, right) and Trisha, who are also attend Capitol Hill church, felt the same way. Last fall, in partnership with Courtney Thompson, a resident director on campus and a member of the nearby Restoration Praise Center (RPC), they started the BSU Advent Fellowship.

“We want to share God with those who don’t know him, but we also want to encourage each other,” Thompson (far right) says of the group’s 10 regular members. The group meets on campus every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Alex Haley residence hall to study the Bible, share praises or concerns and pray for each other. They are also working with Potomac Conference’s RPC, some eight minutes from the school, to host a week of prayer on campus March 28-April 3.
Pine Forge Academy alumnae Marguerite Helen Dixon ('47), Lois Billadine Cooper ('49), Allyne Carolyn West ('50) (deceased), William Orlando Anderson II ('51), John Ernest Anderson ('55), Ronald Lee Anderson ('59) and Ida Cecelia Chestham ('59) established the William O. Sr., and Ida M. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship recognizes their parents’ strong belief in Christian education and their investment in education at Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pa. Inspired by their favorite text, “Your goodness is so great! You have stored up great things for those who honor you” (Ps. 31:19, NLT) the family created the scholarship for students of single-parent households.

In the late 1930s, two of the Andersons’ children, Ida and Anderson discovered and then joined the Adventist Church. At first they sent their children to public school, but they soon became convinced of the value of Christian education and enrolled their children in a new school called Pine Forge Institute. She and five others were members of the school's first graduating class. Over the years, her six siblings followed her in footsteps and attended the Pine Forge Institute. Even after her husband died in a car accident, their mother was steadfast in educating her children at Adventist schools. Until her death in 2004, she was present at all annual alumni weekends.—Marguerite Anderson Dixon

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Evangelism and Discipleship.” Several of the Adventist Church’s top speakers made presentations, including Ron Clouzet, DMIn, director of the North American Division’s Evangelism Institute; and Rubén Ramos, assistant to the president for Multilingual Ministries at the Columbia Union Conference.

Central Church Hosts Sabbath School Training

More than 400 members from Columbus, Ohio-area churches participated in a weekend Sabbath School training event. “New and innovative methods must be integrated to keep the life blood of the church—the church at study—pumping,” commented Allen Baldwin, AWC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director.

Training Inspires Students to Fly for God

Rudolph “Mo” Pelley, a former mission pilot and recently retired treasurer of the Pennsylvania Conference, is teaching the first formal ground school session since Adventist World Aviation took over BMA’s flight training program in 2007.

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The Wonder of Science

As society becomes more secular, the Word of God is increasingly attacked from all directions, especially by academic and scientific “experts.” It is refreshing to study the Word of God at a Seventh-day Adventist school and to have teachers present the Christian perspective on science, which, instead of evolution, speaks volumes in favor of creation and the wonders of God’s creative wisdom.

Ben Ray of Science Zone (gosciencezone.com) based in Tennessee, recently presented a program at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) emphasizing the balance that exists in the physical universe. Roy’s presentation also challenged us to try to imagine the wonders God has planned for us. What a wonderful, creative God we serve!

As BMA’s motto emphasizes, “They shall be all taught God” (John 6:45). BMA teachers use the book of nature and the Word of God to teach students about Him. Just imagine that in the Earth made new, we will be taught face to face by our loving Creator! May our faith be strengthened through the Bible and science. They both tell us of an amazing God.

Faith Crumby (above), editor of LEAD magazine (formerly known as Sabbath School Leadership), was the guest presenter. She introduced the group to the CLAIM (Connect Learn Apply Integrate Master) strategy to get Sabbath School classes involved and engaged in Bible study.

Baldwin also introduced the group to the idea of developing a Sabbath School growth program, which they seemed very excited to implement in their churches.

Ben Ray recently illustrated God’s power by means of a variety of scientific experiments.

Craig Ziesmer

Principal
Learning Specialist Completes Master’s Degree

Congratulations to Renee Whiting (below), BMA’s learning specialist, for completing her master’s degree in School Counseling for grades K-12 through Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). She joined the BMA teaching staff last July.

When she accepted the position, Whiting needed to take five hours of comprehensives. Chuck Castle, vice principal, agreed to proctor the exam. She says she appreciated “thankful that I work at an institution that values its employees.”

Girls’ Dorm Renovations Continue

The renovations in the girls’ dorm are helping to build a future filled with hope and opportunity. “Living in the dorm is like being part of a huge family,” said Joanna Fils-Aime (11). “As a family, we like our home to look its best, and we are seeing our dreams come true daily. It’s exciting to walk down the hall and know that the work being done will affect not only us, but generations to come.”

Staff agree that with every brick and pipe that is installed, they know their prayers are being answered. To financially support the renovations of the dorms visit bma.us, email kathys@bma.us or call (610) 562-4214.

Students Participate at Bucks County Church

Seniors Jenna Dawson and Rebecca Ducharme and freshman Amber Enochs participated in the Bucks County church program as part of BMA’s annual InReach Sabbath, when students minister at Pennsylvania Conference churches.

How to Handle a Church Fight

I find it strangely reassuring that not even the early church was immune to church fights. I am referring to the sharp disagreement that developed between Paul and Barnabas as recorded in Acts 15:36-41. After a heady string of positive successes, we see this conflict develop. The division within the leadership was not theologically founded—it was interpersonal and emotional. It was human. Paul could not bring himself to give a young worker a second chance. He comes off as hard, uncaring and unforgiving. Barnabas comes off milder; but was he really being so gracious, or was this simply a case of nepotism (see Colossians 4:10)? I think the way the church at Antioch handled this fight gives us three great gifts for today:

The first gift is that Luke reported the controversy at all. In a spare and evenhanded way he put it right out in the open, so it could be seen for what it was. And that is a second gift as well. They kept the controversy focused on what it was—an honest disagreement between two co-workers. They did not enlarge the crisis beyond its true dimensions. They did not split into factions and become involved in a two-year power struggle. Who was right, Barnabas or Paul? They were both right; they were both wrong. The church saw it for what it was and decided to get on with its mission. A third gift is that the Holy Spirit did not seem too troubled by the conflict either. The Spirit continued to use their ministries, but in different directions. The mission of the church moved forward in spite of human weakness because, ultimately, all true success is the result of God’s action—just as Paul learned and later wrote for our benefit... “we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (2 Cor. 4:7, NIV).

Beacon of Light Members Help Neighbor in Need

When the Beacon of Light congregation in Salisbury, Md., learned that Susan “Kay” Freeman needed a handicap accessible ramp at her home, they responded quickly.

“Shining the light of God’s love on the community is part of the mission of Beacon of Light church,” said member Gloria Magarelli, who learned of Freeman’s need for the ramp through a co-worker. Freeman uses a walker and has difficulty with balance. Getting up the steps to her front door with the walker was a severe challenge. The church board voted to cover the cost of lumber and other materials for the ramp, and Earl Truitt, head deacon, and Dale Pheasant, head elder, built the ramp.

“I love the church that made my ramp,” Freeman said with a smile.

“Every time I visit Kay’s house and see the new ramp, joy enters my heart. I realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful people in our community.”

Earl Truitt (left) and Dale Pheasant, members of the Beacon of Light church in Salisbury, Md., construct a ramp at a neighbor’s home.
New Hope Church Raises Funds for Mission Trip

About 300 people recently attended New Hope church’s second annual International Food Festival held at the New Hope church in Fulton, Md.

The church has adopted Mozambique and Haiti as their primary international mission sites. The group was scheduled to go to Haiti in January but had to cancel due to the earthquake that struck Haiti the day before their planned departure.

However, when the group reschedules they will send a medical team to dispense vitamins and treat ailments. Another group will focus on evangelism and conduct outreach activities. Six volunteers will partner with local workers to drill wells at the Eden Garden Orphanage near the mission site.

Mountain View Schools Teach Creation

You may not realize it, but the fact that Mountain View Conference schools still teach creation is big news. Since its introduction into the United States in the late 1800s, the theory of evolution has been steadily gaining ground and continues to be the basis for today’s science education both in public schools and in a growing number of Christian schools. This trend should cause us great alarm as Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

Evolution states that man started as nothing and is gradually getting better on his own. In essence man doesn’t need God. However, as Adventists we firmly believe in the Bible account of salvation, which states that man started out perfect but rejected God and became nothing. We believe man cannot get better on his own. We believe man needs God.

Evolutionary theory can lead to a dilemma for the Christian as follows:

- Who decides what is right and wrong?
- There is no heaven or hell, which means there is no hope for the future.
- The Bible is not reliable.

These are the powerful messages our children are learning when they sit in classrooms where persuasive, intelligent instructors teach evolutionary theory as though it were fact. Our children—be they in elementary school, high school or university—are at risk. If they are to become the solid, mature, Adventist Christians we want them to be, they will need every advantage we can give them.

I have good news. The teachers in Adventist schools of Mountain View Conference are preparing students to think critically about the claims and results of evolutionary theory. We are working to ground our students in a biblical worldview. We want to reach every one of our children with the good news that he or she is created in God’s image.

Contact us at the Mountain View Office Conference of Education for information about enrolling your child in one of our seven schools, or about how you can support Adventist education with your time or resources. Call (304) 422-4581.

Mountaintop School Teaches Character Thru Outreach

One way the students at Mountaintop Seventh-day Adventist School in Oakland, Md., develop their spiritual and emotional faculties is through a character education program. Called Character Counts, the program is based on six pillars: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Students study great men and women from the Scriptures who demonstrated growth and/or success in each trait. When students exhibit these qualities they receive “character tickets” from the teacher and their peers.

Ellen White writes, “Life is too generally regarded as made up of distinct periods—the period of learning and the period of doing” (True Education, p.165). So to further shore up these character traits, students participate in community outreach activities. One of the students’ favorite activities is collecting cans. They pair up and hand out grocery bags for nonperishable food donations. A week later, they return to collect the food, which is then distributed to needy families in the community.—Mindyy Jenkins

Mountaintop students Madison Sines, Lucas Broadwater-Stewart, Shannon Tasler, Alex Wayson and Rocky Seeders collect canned goods for needy families.
Mountain View Schools Make Learning Fun

Over the past year, students at Mountain View Conference’s seven schools received unique and fun learning opportunities. Below are just some of the ways teachers helped students learn and have fun:

- Mindy enjoys spending time in the computer lab.
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José H. Cortés, conference president, and Leonel Pottinger, ministerial director, recently honored Pastor Ahn for his many years of faithful service. The Ahns are retiring in South Carolina, where he will serve as a part-time pastor for a Korean church.

Changes Planned for Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses Retreats

Elders, deacons and deaconesses are invited to attend a weekend of training and spiritual refreshment at Tranquil Valley Retreat Center (TVRC) in Tranquility. Spanish-speaking leaders will gather at TVRC March 19-21, and English-speaking leaders will meet March 26-28. These dates are updated from what is printed in the conference calendar.

This year conference leaders will recognize the men and women who serve in these three important leadership positions with a special gift for each leader who attends.
Lake Nelson, Waldwick Students Learn Outdoors

A bright yellow bus pulls into a lot between two cabins at the Mohican Outdoor Center in Blairtown. Students from the Lake Nelson Seventh-day Adventist School in Waldwick file from the bus. Some look around curiously, while others let out shouts of excitement at finally arriving. This is the beginning of the fourth annual Outdoor Education Program, a four-day trip that centers on the beauty of God’s creation (and how to survive in it). Elayna Moffitt, Lake Nelson vice principal, directs the program. Students spend the night in the cabins. Both cabins have living rooms and kitchens where campers meet daily to hear Daniel Duffis, pastor of the New Brunswick English Church, share inspiring sermons and other instruction. The second kitchen becomes the dining hall, where Debbie Martinez and other volunteers prepare all the meals. All of the campers are divided into plateaus before the trip even occurs. Once morning roll call is completed, each plateau heads to their designated classes, which range from land navigation to first aid to canoeing. A small group of campers participate in the overnight backpacking class. They learn to cook their food, pack their backpacks and hike three to five miles along a portion of the Appalachian Trail.

All New Jersey Conference schools are encouraged to participate in the course. This year there will be a one-day program for schools that wish to partake on a smaller scale. Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged.

Clockwise from left: Alphie Rohrmosu, Elayna Moffitt, Andrew Thaw and Eveling Grajales prepare to go backpacking.

Back row: Ryan Harris, Jennifer Latel, Cindy Rodriguez and (front row) Joseph Rucker and Mark Belfort enjoy the outdoors.

March
6  Women’s Day of Prayer
   Local Churches
7  Children’s Ministries Training Day
   Wayne, Lake Nelson Churches
10-13  Stewardship Emphasis
   Weekend, Local Churches
12-14  Spanish Women’s Spring Retreat, Cape May
19-21  Spanish Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses Retreat
   Tranquility Valley Retreat Center
26-28  English Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses Retreat, TVRC

April
2-4  English Women’s Spring Retreat, Cape May
7-10  Stewardship Emphasis
   Weekend, Local Churches
10  Music Festival for Northern Jersey
11  Children’s Ministries Training Day
   Wayne, Lake Nelson churches
16-18  Single Ministries Retreat, TVRC
17  Spanish Couples Retreat
   Event, Woodcliff
23-25  Adventist Community Services
   Disaster Response Training
   TVRC
   English Couples Retreat
   Edison

May
5-6  Stewardship Emphasis
   Weekend, Local Churches
17  New Jersey Conference Worship Training Day, Laurwood Church
   Children’s Ministries Training Day
   Wayne, Lake Nelson churches

Spring Valley Holds Coin Drive, Raises $2,200 for Haiti

I wasn’t very long after the earthquake in Haiti, that Spring Valley Academy (SVA) students came to Ken Knudsen, the school’s chaplain. Students of the Centerville-area school wanted to help. Knudsen quickly helped them organize a coin drive, and, within days they raised $2,284.

Teachers said it really touched their hearts to see so many young students bring bags of coins (large and small) to their classrooms each day. Kindergarten student Coben Quick eagerly brought his entire savings and generously gave his all. Fifth-grader Lily Wheaton was inspired to use the $15 seed money challenge given her a few weeks earlier by Pastor Christopher Terry, an intern at the Kettering church. She struggled over how to best use the money and stated, “When I heard about the coin drive I knew in my heart this is what God wanted me to do.”

Seventh-grader Nicolas Chaij gave monies he received for Christmas and his recent birthday, while ninth-grader Sean McCartney contributed monies he had been collecting toward his college fund. Brendon Prutzman, a pastor at the Kettering church, was attending SVA’s middle school week of prayer assembly when he promised to match all monies donated right then on the spot. This inspired all middle school students to rally to the cause. Pastor Prutzman ended up matching their gift with $100 of his own. All the monies were sent to ADRA’s Haiti Earthquake Response Fund. “Our prayers continue to go out to the many Haitian victims and all those assisting them,” said Knudsen. “It is times such as these that direct our focus on the miraculous power of God and inspires global community awareness... a lesson that goes far beyond the classroom.”—Vicki Sweetnam
Constituency Delegates Invited to Regional Meetings

A series of regional meetings are scheduled for delegates to the 40th Regular Constituency Meeting of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. These area meetings give delegates opportunities to hear and discuss reports on various aspects of conference operations and specific items on the May 16 constituency meeting agenda. All elected delegates are urged to attend the nearest meeting as listed below:

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Ohio to Host 15,000 at National Youth Prayer Gathering

All Ohio Conference members are invited to join Seventh-day Adventists from across the country at a special Sabbath celebration April 10 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. An estimated 15,000 persons are expected to attend on Sabbath.

The daylong Sabbath events will be part of a three-day “Just Claim It 2” national convention organized by the North American Division. The event will be a combination of the Just Claim It Youth Prayer Congress, Youth Ministries Leadership Summit, Children’s Worship Festival, and “Ignite: God-Encounters” Young Adult Convention. The program will include prayer initiatives, community mission projects, evangelism outreach, teen preaching/testimonies, mass choir/orchestra, workshops/seminars, Sabbath youth/parade and recreation.

The convention begins on Wednesday, April 7 for registered delegates. The Sabbath programs, however, are free and open to all Ohio Conference members. There will be a morning devotional at 8:15, and Sabbath School will begin at 8:15 a.m. The program will include dynamic preaching from youth and young adults, a 300-voice mass choir, and a variety of special features and artists. Among the speakers will be Jonathan Cobb (left), a member of the Kettering church currently attending Andrews University (Mich.).

“This would be an excellent opportunity for Ohio Adventists to convene in such a mass gathering, to be inspired and blessed by what God is doing in and through the lives of our children, youth and young adults,” observes Raj Attikken, conference president. “This is also an opportunity to demonstrate our interest in, and support for, what our church is doing to serve and equip our young people.”

The Ohio Conference will conduct a special Children’s Worship Festival on Sabbath morning, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. With the theme “Combined,” the program will focus on being connected to God, each other and the world. This event will be for children aged 5-13 (kindergarten through early teen). Additionally, the annual Ohio Conference Music Festival for elementary school children will be featured at 3 p.m., at the conference’s main stage. Students in grades 5-8 from Ohio Conference schools will participate.

To get complete information or to download a brochure, go to jci2.org.

Living Authentic Hope

Hope. The word means different things to different people.

To Christians, hope—really authentic hope—is to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus’ life, death and resurrection was their personal victory over sin. That is truly good news. So what does that look like in the classroom? For many of the 35 educators in Pennsylvania Conference’s 14 elementary schools and junior academies, it is the reason they went into education.

Working with humans is difficult because of the complexity of each individual. Juggling the needs of each unique student while staying on top of expectations of school boards, department of education, and even parents, the question could be asked, “Why in the world would you become a teacher?” For Darlene Peterson, who teaches grades 3 and 4 at Reading Junior Academy in Reading, providing a positive, Christian influence for students like Bryce Black (right) is reason enough. Here’s what others have to say:

- I love interacting with young people. I hope and pray that my influence on my students will lead them to a better life on Earth, and help them embrace the promise of eternal life.
- I always liked being around children. My dad was a high school teacher and my mom was a Sabbath School teacher; even my two older sisters are educators.
- I wanted to make learning fun like some of the more memorable teachers I had.
- I found school to be a challenge. I was also very shy. I wanted to show children that they can do anything they put their minds to.
- I wanted to positively influence students and help them be transformed by their learning.
- I wanted to make a difference. I wanted my classroom to be a place where children felt safe, loved and where they could meet Jesus.
- I love being with kids and helping them grow.
- Over time I realized that God called me to be a teacher.
- I have a desire to impact the lives of my students and teach about God.

Our teachers are more than qualified to provide an excellent academic education that is ripe with spiritual connections! Their desire to instill the unique hope that we as Seventh-day Adventists share is just one of the reasons you should seriously consider Seventh-day Adventist schools for your child.

A Pennsylvania Conference Core Value

Authentic Hope: We are committed to the hope of Christ’s return, and we live the Christian life based upon Scripture, the Spirit of Prophecy, the Three Angels’ messages and the Seventh-day Adventist (Church’s) biblical beliefs.

We will serve Jesus Christ with a grace-orientation to life, solid in doctrine, encouraging our people to serve God with gratitude rather than guilt and condemnation (see Rom. 6:14, 2 Cor. 8:7).

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Why I Teach in Adventist Schools

Have you ever seen a child’s face light up when they discover something on their own or learn something new? Have you seen a child grow in confidence and the whole world open up for them? Have you ever seen a child decide they want to follow Jesus and serve others? The joy of seeing these things happen in a child’s life is why I teach. Making a difference in the life of a child for now and eternity—I can’t think of a better career.—Darlene Peterson, Reading Junior Academy

After my baptism, I knew that my life goal would be to help others. I could travel to a foreign land to teach, or I could teach in my own community. But one thing I know for certain—I can’t imagine not teaching. Adventist education impacted my life in many ways. I have close friends who encourage and support me in my Christian walk. I have had opportunities for travel, to participate in athletic activities and to experience and participate in wonderful musical events. I had excellent teachers who taught me to love learning and to value service, honesty and responsibility. I hope to pass all these things on to the young people I teach.—Karlee Marschner, Harrisburg Seventh-day Adventist School

Adventist education is about far more than providing a nice private school. Our schools are to be committed to mission. The Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past.” (Life Sketches, p. 196). My heart was thrilled! From hallway to classroom, administration office to the cafeteria, the gymnasium to the church, this school was complete in its mission of sharing with children and their families the good news of Jesus and His gift of salvation.

That kind of commitment was even apparent in the church community. “I just want more children to experience this,” one board member shared with me. It was so transparent, the value their community places on children and how their Seventh-day Adventist school can share Jesus with their students along with providing quality academics, healthy activities and friendships.

Adventist education is about far more than providing a nice private school. Our schools are to be a statement to our communities of our love for children and our desire to have them connected to Jesus. Adventist education is not a sacrifice, rather it is an investment in the lives of others. Contact your local Adventist school or pastor to learn how you can help change a life for Jesus.

March 5-6
Elementary Music Fest
Blue Mountain Academy
5-7
Adventure and Pathfinder Leaders Spiritual Retreat
Laurel Lake Camp
19-21
Spring Women’s Retreat
New Cumberland
26-28
CHIP Leadership Training
Blue Mountain Academy

In this world, we need good influences. I want to be a good influence for God. Being an Adventist educator isn’t just a job to me. It’s my life. Over the years, I’ve seen many of my students go on to successful careers and lives. My hope is that I’ve shown them how to have a relationship with Jesus that will prepare them for living here on Earth and for eternity. Students today, more than ever, are looking for someone who cares. That’s why I’m there.—Kathy Swackhammer, Fairview Village Adventist School

Carroll Peterson
Head of School
Huntingdon Valley Christian Academy

Keith Hallam
Vice President for Education

Waynesboro Member Appointed Disability Judge

Kevin Sullivan, a member of the Waynesboro (Va.) church, was recently sworn in as an administrative appeals judge for the Social Security Administration (SSA), focusing specifically on disability. He joins 43 such judges who serve on the Appeals Council.

According to Sullivan, the SSA anticipates more than 3.3 million applications this year, as more unemployed look for ways to make ends meet. Anyone whose claim is denied at a hearing can request to have their case reviewed.

Kevin became involved in Social Security disability law in 2001 after praying for God’s guidance. “I sensed Him directing me to use my legal training to work for the poor,” he recalls. “That morning, I called a local legal aid agency and asked them if they could use a volunteer. Soon I began donating 12 hours a week, and, within a few months, I was offered a permanent position on their Social Security disability team.”

In 2006 Sullivan accepted a position at the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, expecting it would take him five to 10 years to become a judge.

“As I adjust to my new responsibilities, as an administrative appeals judge, I will need to seek God’s wisdom more than ever,” he says. “Yet, I have no doubt that God’s hand has directed my path, and that He will [help] me to do my best in the work before me. I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve my Lord and the American public.”

Waynesboro (Va.) church member Kevin Sullivan (pictured with his wife, Evelyn) was recently appointed to serve as an administrative appeals judge with the Social Security Administration.
Spotlight on Spencerville

Refresh Our Spirits

Spring break is always a time that students, teachers and parents anticipate. There is a long span of time, from the beginning of January when students return to school, until they finally get a sizable break at the end of March. It is such a beautiful time with everything coming alive after the long, cold winter. As a child I remember wanting to kick off my shoes and run through the green grass that was beginning to sprout. It was also nice to sit in a chair on the back deck and feel the warmth of the sun’s rays on my face. The Earth was finally moving into a more direct orientation with the sun, and its warmth was realized once again. Just like the seasons, our spiritual lives can have cycles. There are times when we have a long “winter” and then have a spiritual breakthrough that feels like “spring.” However, we are not locked into a seasonal cycle like the Earth. By our own choices, we can have direct contact with the Son all year round. Jesus loves it when we spend time with Him. How long has it been since you had some direct communication with our Lord and Savior? Why wait? Stop now and soak in some amazing Son light.

Freshman Shares His Musical Talents at White House

Brandon Enriquez (right) has been very busy. On top of his usual holiday gigs, the violinist had two special opportunities to share his musical gifts.

After organizers of the Baltimore-Washington National Invitational gymnastic event viewed his YouTube video online, they invited Enriquez to play the national anthem.

Enriquez received another opportunity of a lifetime. Strings of Joy, the violin group of which he is a member, was asked to play at the White House during the holidays. Enriquez, nine other violinists and their teacher, Evonne Baasch, made their way to the White House. After playing their instruments, they were packing up to go home when they were told that they were going to meet the President of the United States. They quickly grabbed their violins and waited in line to meet President Barack H. Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

When Enriquez got his turn to meet Obama, he shook his hand and asked if he and his friends could play a song for him. The president consented, and, after hearing the young people play, walked up to Enriquez and gave him a fist bump. Needless to say, Enriquez was quite thrilled!
Gymnastics Students Grow in Mind, Body and Spirit

In 2001 Richard Silié began teaching gymnastics/tumbling lessons at SAA in hopes of developing a school team. The first lessons began and were open to all grade levels. They would meet two to three times a week at the old New Hope church’s multipurpose room. Ryan Perry, a physical education teacher at the time, helped Silié by teaching an acrobatics unit and encouraging students to try out for a team in the coming year. In the fall teaching an acrobatics unit and Ryan Perry, a physical education teacher at the time, helped Silié by teaching an acrobatics unit and encouraging students to try out for a team in the coming year. In the fall.

According to Silié the goals of this high school program include the development of young individuals as athletic performers, the awakening of their leadership skills and the sharing of their belief as to what young people can achieve when their bodies and minds are kept clean, pure and in good shape.

Recently Acro-Squad traveled to Southwestern Adventist University in Texas, to participate in Acrofest. Since its inception, Acro-Squad members have attended and participated in seven Acrofests. Members of the squad have also visited colleges and universities that run Christian gymnastics and acrobatics programs in Maryland, Tennessee, Texas, Nebraska and Michigan.

Previous experience is not necessary to become members of Acro-Squad. A good attitude and athletic work ethic, along with dedication, is all that is needed. Over 100 students have joined the program and completed at least one entire year. Fifteen SAA graduates have received scholarships and continued to do gymnastics at the college level.

Acro-Squad performs at both local and out-of-town, public and private schools throughout the school year, as well as at various home-court events. To schedule a performance, contact Silié at (301) 421-9101, ext. 130.

Students Learn, Recycle to Raise Mission Funds

In an effort to do more to help take care of the Earth, the students and staff at Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) recently started a recycling program. “I hate to see waste,” says senior Tori Heveren. “I’m glad that we are doing our part to help the environment.”

Green recycling bins can now be found in the classrooms and offices of the administration building, the dormitories, the cafeteria and the Student Center. Bins are labeled for white or colored paper, and student workers sort and separate the items, which are then shipped to a recycling center. The school receives $70 per ton for white paper and $30 per ton for colored paper. These funds will be used toward an upcoming mission trip to Argentina.

By recycling, students and staff have become more aware of the amount of waste that takes place and are much more careful in how they use what they have. Many students have made small changes in their daily habits, such as using reusable drinking bottles instead of purchasing disposable bottles of drinking water.

In the classroom, students are more aware of the amount of wasted paper when they see the green recycling bin sitting next to the copier. The school also recycles cans, bottles and cardboard boxes.
**HAPPENINGS**

**Teams Glorify God Through Sports**

SVA students interested in participating in athletics can choose from a variety of programs. Girls’ and boys’ basketball, girls’ volleyball, boys’ baseball, and boys’ and girls’ soccer give everyone an opportunity to be on a team or to be a team manager. The girls’ volleyball team had the opportunity to travel to Walla Walla University (Wash.) to take part in a volleyball tournament, and had an incredible time. Some 23 teams participated in the tournament, with schools such as Upper Columbia Academy, Mito Adventist Academy, Mt. Ellis Academy and Forest Lake Academy taking part. Although the Mt. Ellis Academy and Forest Lake schools such as Upper Columbia University (Wash.) to take part in a volleyball tournament, and had an opportunity to travel to Walla Walla the off season.

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The girls soccer team practices in the off season.

Youth Invited to Visit Campus

Academy Days will be held Sunday and Monday, April 11 and 12. All students in grades 7-11 are invited to attend to see what life at SVA is really like. Those who come on Sunday will have the opportunity to spend the night to experience dorm life. Students will visit the classrooms and have the chance to compete for scholastic and music scholarships. To register for Academy Days or to get more information, contact the recruiting office at (540) 740-2210 or email gail.romeo@sva-va.org.

The girls’ soccer team practices in the off season.

The girls’ volleyball team practices in the off season.

At Academy Days, youth meet and make new friends.

**Calendar**

**March**

7-18 Mission Trip to Argentina

7-18 European Music Trip

9-21 Spring Break

**April**

16-18 Alumni Weekend

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21-23 Graduation Weekend

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**Students Minister Through Music Abroad and at Home**

Recently had the privilege of touring in Jamaica with Washington Adventist University’s (WAU) New England Youth Ensemble (NEYE). The highlight was a performance for Sir Patrick Allen, governor-general of Jamaica, and his wife, Lady Patricia Allen (Seventh-day Adventist members), in the nation’s capital of Kingston. The event was a part of our sister school—Northern Caribbean University’s (NCU) annual “Feast of Lights” concert, which also featured NCU’s chamber ensemble and concert choir.

We were inspired by many selections, including a piano duet from NCU students and a trumpet solo by WAU graduate Jose Oviedo (left). It was a joy to be on tour with our music department and to notice the positive reception and appreciation from various audiences.

They provided an environment where God was glorified through music. WAU’s ensemble, under the direction of Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, DMA, once again offered younger musicians an exceptional venue in which to perform, and showcased the excellent opportunities our school offers aspiring music students.

While in Jamaica, the NEYE also performed at a hospital, a hotel and a resort on different areas of the island.

**Upcoming Performances**

I hope you’ll take note of upcoming NEYE appearances around the country, including a March 6 concert for Loma Linda University’s 100th anniversary celebration in Calif., and a July performance at the 59th General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta. You can find a complete schedule of spring performances, including multiple appearances at Carnegie Hall, on our website at wau.edu/music.

Music Center Groundbreaking

I would also like to personally invite you to the university on April 9, when we will break ground for a new music center for these fine students. This is the first new construction on the campus in nearly 40 years, and our music program is deserving of this new home. For more information about the groundbreaking, which is happening during our 2010 Alumni Homecoming, visit wau.edu/alumni. The NEYE will perform with the choir that weekend in a reunion concert involving alumni.

Exciting things are happening at your university. We need your prayers and support each day as we endeavor to produce graduates who bring competence and moral leadership to the Columbia Union. It’s your support that keeps our doors open to serve these students. Thank you for all you do for Washington Adventist University.

Weymouth Spence
President
ATHLETIC NEWS

August 16, 2009, marked the last game played by the Columbia Union College Pacers. Enter the Shock, the new moniker for the NCAA Division II competitive sports teams at Washington Adventist University. The new gym floor revealed the transformation of old to new as athletes returned to their new university for the fall semester. With a new name came new colors. WAU athletic teams now sport navy and dark orange uniforms.

Soccer Player Stands Out

Freshman Dannielle Panuccio (above) has proven her worth on the Lady Shock soccer team through her tireless efforts on the field, and others are taking notice. Her performance as a forward captured the attention of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association when she was named Honorable Mention Player of the Week for her contributions to her team during the fall season.

Acro-Airs “Face Giants”

The WAU Acro-Airs (below) recently returned from the 28th annual Acrofest held this year at Southwesten Adventist University (Texas). They joined more than 20 teams from the continental United States and Puerto Rico at the “Facing the Giant” themed event that focused on the spiritual aspects of involvement in gymnastics. The Acro-Airs home show is scheduled for Sunday, April 18.

Volleyball Returns to Campus

Men’s and women’s volleyball has returned to WAU’s list of competitive sports programs. The Lady Shock volleyball team recently took to the court to play a shortened volleyball season. Men’s volleyball will begin their abridged season this month.

Alumni Weekend At-A-Glance

Friday, April 9
11 a.m. Music Center Groundbreaking
5:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet
7 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Singspiration

Sabbath, April 10
8 a.m. Edyth T. James Department of Nursing Breakfast
11 a.m. Divine Worship with Ted N.C. Wilson
12:30 p.m. Alumni Luncheon
3:30 p.m. Choir/NEYE Reunion Concert
6:30 p.m. Gospel Concert

Sunday, April 11
10:30 a.m. Alumni Brunch/Business Meeting
Noon Family Fun Festival/Enrollment Open House

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Spartenburg Church
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Andrews University, Department of Education and Psychology, seeks post-doctoral fellow to work on a project involving development of a psychological test for personality assessment. The post-doctoral fellow will be involved in all phases of the research, including the design, implementation, and data analysis of the project. The post-doctoral fellow will be expected to contribute to the development of the test and to publish the results of the research. For more information and to apply, please visit andrews.edu/humanities.

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