Indian Textiles
Seventh-day Adventists are part of a worldwide fellowship of 20 million believers who share a unique mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and His soon return. Though we come from different places, speak different languages, embrace different traditions and have different life experiences, we are woven together in many ways—by common threads:

**Threads of Faith**

※ The name “Seventh-day Adventist” highlights two of the beliefs that reflect core Christian values important to the church. “Seventh-day” acknowledges the holy Sabbath, established at creation and observed through worship, rest and fellowship with God and humanity. “Adventist” reflects our anticipation of the second coming or advent of Jesus Christ. Most importantly, we are followers of Christ and doers of His word.

**Threads of Love**

※ Because God so loved the world, we so love the world. We place great emphasis on different aspects of human freedom and responsibility, embrace our faith in God who cares intimately about every one of Earth’s inhabitants, and daily strive to demonstrate our commitment to the betterment of all human beings.

   We value religious liberty and human rights; humanitarian aid and development; quality of life; health and wholeness; education and personal growth; and social issue advocacy and community involvement. For more information about Adventist fundamental beliefs, visit adventist.org/beliefs.

**Threads of Grace**

※ We celebrate God’s transforming grace and compassion on our lives and want to be His instruments, sharing grace and compassion with others. The most important truth Adventists want to share is belief in the trustworthy and gracious God of the Bible who is our Creator, Savior, Lord and Friend. We believe God highly values the freedom of His created beings. He offers salvation in the present in preparation for eternal life.

**Threads of Service**

※ We believe in sharing our faith and values and recognize the importance of spreading the gospel message of Jesus Christ. With our gifts, we answer the call, lend a hand, heal a hurt and make a difference. The church’s global mission initiative communicates this message through seminars and outreach programs, community-based programs and services, the medical mission and education system, and thousands of pastors, teachers and members who dedicate their lives in service to others.

**Threads of Hope**

※ The Adventist Church is committed to making health and education accessible in as many areas of the world as possible. Education, the church believes, results in a better-trained society and helps individuals reach their full potential. At the heart of the Adventist worldwide educational system is the conviction that every individual should have the opportunity to study and grow. The Adventist education program now has more than 1.5 million students in over 7,200 schools, colleges, and universities—making it the largest unified Protestant education system in the world.

   Adventists refrain from alcohol, smoking and illegal drugs, and many espouse a vegetarian lifestyle. The church’s world-renowned smoking cessation programs, vegetarian cooking classes and wellness seminars have helped thousands adopt a healthier lifestyle.

   The Adventist Church has made many contributions to health and wholeness through its extensive medical ministry, operating 168 hospitals and sanitariums and 442 clinics worldwide. Loma Linda University Medical Center (Calif.) is world-famous for its heart transplant program and innovations in cancer treatment.
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But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you? Matt. 6:30, ESV

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matt. 18:20, ESV
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:17, ESV
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Easter Sunday

His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. Luke 1:50, NIV
Japanese Kimono and Zori Sandals
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6, ASV
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Father's Day

And all the people came up after Him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy. 1 Kings 1:40, AKJV
American Cowboy Boots
Wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Cor. 3:17, NLT
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Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe! Ps. 150:4, ESV
How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace. Isa. 52:7, NIV
Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Ps. 72:19, ESV
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Daylight Saving Time Ends

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Ps. 127:3, NIV
Traditional Swiss Costume
Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4
About the Columbia Union Conference

The Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was established in 1907 to coordinate the church’s work in the mid-Atlantic states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Today nearly 150,000 members worship in 800 diverse congregations that belong to local governing organizations, called conferences. We support these conferences administratively as well as two healthcare networks with 12 hospitals, 90 elementary and secondary schools, a liberal arts university, a health sciences college, a dozen community services centers, six book and health food stores and a radio station, WGTS 91.9 FM, which draws 650,000 listeners a week. Each year we sponsor dozens of programs and projects that help alleviate human suffering—locally and globally—and provide healing and hope.

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**April 9-12:** Washington Adventist University Alumni Weekend

**April 17-18:** Shenandoah Valley Academy Alumni Weekend

**April 18:** Spring Valley Academy Alumni Weekend

**April 24-25:** Takoma Academy Alumni Weekend

**April 24-26:** Blue Mountain, Mount Vernon Academy Alumni Weekend

**May 1-3:** Highland View Academy Alumni Weekend

**May 1-3:** Washington Adventist University Graduation Weekend

**May 2:** Kettering College Graduation

**May 16:** Spencerville Adventist Academy Alumni Homecoming Sabbath

**May 22-24:** Blue Mountain, Highland View, Mount Vernon, Pine Forge Academy Graduation Weekend

**May 29-31:** Shenandoah Valley, Spencerville Adventist, Spring Valley Academy Graduation Weekend

**June 5-7:** Takoma Academy Graduation Weekend

**June 5-7:** Pennsylvania Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

**June 6:** New Jersey Conference English and Spanish Camp Meeting

**June 6:** Allegheny West Conference Spanish Camp Meeting

**June 7-13:** Ohio Conference English Camp Meeting

**June 12-14:** Chesapeake Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

**June 12-20:** Mountain View Conference English Camp Meeting

**June 12-20:** Pennsylvania Conference English Camp Meeting

**June 13:** Allegheny West Conference Regional Camp Meeting, Virginia/West Virginia

**June 16-20:** Chesapeake, Potomac Conference English Camp Meeting

**June 20:** Pennsylvania Conference Haitian Camp Meeting

**June 19-21:** Potomac Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

**June 26-28:** Mountain View Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

**June 27:** Allegheny West Conference Regional Camp Meeting, Ohio/Pennsylvania

**July 2-11:** General Conference Session in San Antonio

**September 4-6:** Pine Forge Academy Alumni Weekend

**September 18-20:** Ohio Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

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