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ON THE WEB

PLAYING COMES SECOND

Thirteen teams and nearly 150 players make up the Virginia Area Adventist Basketball Association, a ministry of Allegheny East Conference churches. Rudy Ortega, commissioner, reports that participating churches have gained new members. Their motto? "Christian first, player second." Watch more at columbiaunionvisitor.com/vaaba.



DESIGN A MINISTRY TEAM

"Any church that utilizes teams to accomplish God's mission helps create the community God hopes will invigorate

His church," says John Cress, Potomac Conference's former vice president for pastoral ministries. Read his tips for creating an effective team at columbiaunionvisitor.com/ministryteams.

A NOTABLE CAREER

After 50 years in healthcare, George Burton retires from Kettering College in Kettering, Ohio, as medical director



for the respiratory care program and the Kettering Health Network Sleep Centers. This physician, author, educator and speaker: however, departs as a "legend." Read more at columbiaunionvisitor.com/burton.



CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Donnell Josiah, a member of Allegheny East Conference's Miracle City church in Baltimore,

recently published *Overcomers: How to Change Your Life in 31 Days*, a motivational guide for readers to achieve personal development. Read more at columbiaunionvisitor.com/changeyourlife.

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Tethered Together

It was a warm afternoon as we returned from an unsuccessful attempt to summit Mount Rainier (14,410 feet) in Washington State. The eight of us had sat at Camp Hazard (11,600 feet) for two days, the weather finally forcing us to return home.

On our descent, we made our way around the Wilson Glacier and crisscrossed the Nisqually Glacier, trying to avoid the many open crevasses, however, came to a crevasse we could not go around. We located a snow bridge to traverse over. After testing the bridge, we decided it was safe to cross. When it was my turn to go over, the snow bridge collapsed. I fell 14 feet and became wedged in the crevasse, upside down.

My climbing partners had several options: stand on either side of the crevasse and shower me with pity, yell insults or leave me. However, we



were a team, literally roped together in two groups of four. Before we left on our trek, we had taken time to prepare and practice for something like this.

When the snow bridge collapsed, I yelled, “Falling!” Immediately, my rope team fell flat on their bellies and dug in their ice axes to stop my fall. The members

of the other team came back, anchored and one repelled down to help me out. We cared for one another, were committed to one another.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

This is how a healthy church looks and functions. In life, we each will “fall” (see Rom. 3:23). A healthy church is prepared to assist those who stumble and fall—those who are in a relationship with God and those who aren’t.

Jesus prepared, each day, for the mission He was called to—to seek those who were lost, “fallen” (see Luke 19:10). His preparation was quiet reflection with the Father (see Mark 1:35), and a fresh daily outpouring of the Holy Spirit (see *Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 140). This preparation enabled him to mingle “with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me,’” (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

A healthy church is prepared for the mission through quiet time with the Father and the outpouring of His Spirit. A healthy church then engages the community because they “desire their good.” A healthy church is committed as a team and roped together in Christ’s love to fulfill His mission, willing to fall on their bellies in order to dig in their ice picks and catch someone. As God instructs, love one another in the same way I loved you. This is how everyone will recognize that we are His disciples [team], when they see the love we have for each other (see John 13:34-35).

William “Bill” Miller is president of the Potomac Conference.



YOUTH SUPPORT GLOBAL SERVICE

Gabriel Torres, who attends Allegheny East Conference's Rehoboth Spanish group in Reading, Pa., was one of the thousands of youth to participate in Global Youth Day, a worldwide event.

AHC BREAKS GROUND ON NEW HOSPITAL

This March more than 300 community members, elected officials and Seventh-day Adventist leaders (pictured) gathered to break ground for the new Adventist HealthCare (AHC) Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH). The facility is a \$331 million project in the White Oak area of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Adjacent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's headquarters, the new hospital is at the center of a developing life sciences community that will bring together medical care,



researchers, businesses and retailers. The hospital, estimated to open in early 2019, is projected to contribute \$5 billion to the state's economy and create nearly 7,500 jobs.

"I would like to thank our employees and physicians who are enthusiastic about our future and committed to our mission ... and other community leaders and supporters," said Erik Wangness, WAH president. "This is a blessed time in our 108-year history."

Dave Weigley, chair of the Mid-Atlantic Adventist HealthCare Board of Trustees and Columbia Union Conference president, adds, "It was an incredible high day for our hospital ... This represents some very hard work by our Adventist HealthCare and Washington Adventist Hospital leaders on behalf of union leadership and the board of trustees." —Elizabeth Klinck

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT CENTERS ON MISSION

This spring 130 Adventist Church, education, healthcare and lay leaders gathered for the 2016

Leadership Summit at the Columbia Union headquarters in Columbia, Md., to review the history and discuss the future of the church organizational structure.

"It is an interesting time in the nation and church, and we specifically asked for presentations to focus on certain topics: why are we organized, what counsel do we have from the early church leaders ... and how to move the church forward in mission, message and structure," says Dave Weigley, union president.

During the two-day event, presenters George Knight, a church historian; Olive Hemmings (pictured), professor at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., and other church leaders and historians examined how to interpret and apply Scripture and how the church organization can better govern the fulfillment of its mission.



Celeste Ryan Blyden, vice president for communication and public relations and the event coordinator, says that the union holds a leadership meeting event every five years to engage leaders in dialogue, examine our effectiveness and sharpen the focus on mission. —V. Michelle Bernard

39 TEAMS ATTEND PATHFINDER EVENT

Last March 39 teams from across the Columbia Union participated in the Pathfinder Bible Experience, an event that quizzed Pathfinders on 90 Bible trivia questions. Twenty teams answered 90 percent of the questions correctly,



giving them a first-place score, advancing to the North American Division (NAD) round in Prescott, Ariz., this spring.

“To see the impact studying the Bible has had on the young people, who have been participating over the past four years, is phenomenal,” says Pam Scheib, Pennsylvania Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer director and union coordinator. “Now some of those young people are mentoring and/or coaching the younger Pathfinders.”

This year six teams from the Beltsville Broncos Pathfinder Club in Beltsville, Md., including club members Andre Canubas and Ethan Odiewuor (pictured, above), advanced to the NAD level. It is the first time for any club to advance six teams to this level, reports Scheib. See a list of all the teams at columbiaunionvisitor.com/2016pbe. —V. Michelle Bernard

EDUCATION VP ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Hamlet Canosa, the Columbia Union’s vice president for Education, recently announced



13 Number of students to graduate from the inaugural class of the REACH Columbia Union School of Urban Evangelism at the union constituency meeting, May 21. Watch video clips at columbiaunionvisitor.com/constituencyvideo.

plans to retire in June after 24 years of service in this territory, a total of 44 for the Adventist Church.

“It has been a blessing to serve with outstanding, effective and caring colleagues in the union office; professional and dedicated educational leaders at our conferences; and a cadre of outstanding educators whose ministries touch young lives each day in schools across our field,” Canosa (pictured) said to conference superintendents and academy principals gathered for the regularly scheduled Columbia Union School Administrators Council meeting.

Read more about Canosa’s career in the July/August *Visitor*.

—Celeste Ryan Blyden

MEMBERS SERVE IN FLINT

Eleven student missionaries (including Tara Smith, pictured) from Washington Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md., spent their spring break in Flint, Mich., where they distributed 560 cases of water and assisted a local warehouse in organizing water donations. The students also prayed with residents and conducted a week of prayer for the children at the Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School.

A busload of Central Crusaders Pathfinders from Allegheny West Conference’s Central church in



Columbus, Ohio, also traveled to Flint. The club’s drum corps performed through the neighborhoods. This drew attention to an event sponsored by The Breath of Life Broadcast Ministry at a local school, where the club distributed 2.8 tons of bottled water and supplies to residents.

“The residents of Flint were grateful for the care and support ... Central believes that the world should know Christians by their love, and this was a one-day mission trip to show their love for the people of Flint,” says John T. Boston, II, Central’s pastor. —V. Michelle Bernard

\$2,146,784
 The 2015 total donation from Columbia Union members to the World Missions offering

Los hispanos planifican un campestre

Varias conferencias de la Unión de Columbia celebrarán campestres Hispanos este verano. Póngase en contacto con su conferencias para obtener más detalles.

ALLEGHENY WEST CONFERENCE

Fecha: 27-29 de mayo
Tema: "Es hora de volver al hogar"
Lugar: Allegheny West Campground, Thornville, Ohio
Sitio Web: awconf.org

Orador

Ricardo Norton es profesor adjunto de Crecimiento de Iglesias, director del Instituto de Ministerios Hispanos y coordinador de la carrera de Doctorado en Ministerio en español en el Seminario Teológico de la Universidad de Andrews.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Fecha: 10-12 de junio
Tema: "Todo por amor"
Lugar: Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Md.
Sitio Web: ccosda.org

Orador

Roger Hernández es el director Ministerial y de Evangelismo de la Unión del Sur.



MOUNTAIN VIEW CONFERENCE

Fecha: 24-26 de junio
Tema: "Más allá del sol"
Lugar: Valley Vista Adventist Center, Huttonsville, W.Va.

Orador

José Espósito es el director de Ministerios Hispanos en la

Conferencia de Potomac. Su pasión es predicar el evangelio y compartir las buenas nuevas del pronto retorno de Jesús. En el campestre hispano de este año, él compartirá las buenas nuevas de la maravillosa esperanza que tenemos "más allá del sol".



NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

Fecha: 17 de junio
Tema: "¡Involúcrate!"
Lugar: Tranquil Valley Retreat Center, Andover, N.J.
Sitio Web: njcsda.org

Orador

El pastor R. Ernest Castillo nació en Monte Vista, Colo., pero asistió a las academias de Armona y Fresno en California antes de graduarse con una licenciatura en Teología del Colegio de la Unión del Pacífico. También tiene una maestría en Teología del Seminario Teológico de la Universidad de Andrews.



Schedule

6:30-7 a.m.	Jardín de Oración
7-8:15 a.m.	Desayuno
8:30-10 a.m.	Programa de Escuela Sabática
10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Culto Divino
1-3 p.m.	Almuerzo
3-3:30 p.m.	Bautismo
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Seminario
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Concierto
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Cena

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Fecha: 4-5 de junio
Tema: "Misión posible: Cristo viene pronto"
Lugar: Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pa.
Sitio Web: paconference.org/hispanic-camp-meeting



Orador

Roger Álvarez es pastor de segunda generación. Lleva una linda trayectoria de 29 años en el ministerio. Es oriundo de Cuba donde vivió durante 40 años. Está casado con Leonor Álvarez y tienen dos hijos: Odelkys Álvarez y Roger Álvarez Jr. Arribó a los Estados Unidos en mayo del 1998 y se ha desempeñado como pastor de iglesia y evangelista.

Para obtener información, vaya a la página 28.

POTOMAC CONFERENCE

Fecha: 17-18 de junio

Tema: “Vida en abundancia”

Lugar: Hylton Memorial Chapel, Woodbridge, Va.

Sitio Web: pcsda.org/
hispanic-camp-meeting



Programa

El lema para el 2016 de los Ministerios Hispánicos y también del campamento es “Vida en abundancia”. Se basa en Juan 10:10: “El ladrón no viene sino para robar, matar y destruir. Yo he venido para que tengan vida, y para que la tengan en abundancia”.

VP DE EDUCACIÓN SE JUBILA

Hamlet Canosa, vicepresidente del departamento de Educación de la Unión de Columbia, recientemente anunció que tiene planes de jubilarse en junio después de servir por 24 años en este territorio y un total de 44 años para la Iglesia Adventista.

“Ha sido una bendición servir con colegas destacados, efectivos y solidarios en la oficina de la unión; con líderes educativos profesionales y dedicados en nuestras asociaciones; y con un grupo de educadores destacados cuyo ministerio toca las vidas de los jóvenes cada día en las escuelas de nuestro territorio”, dice Canosa.—*Celeste Ryan-Blyden*

39 EQUIPOS PARTICIPAN EN UN EVENTO DE CONQUISTADORES

En marzo, 39 equipos de Conquistadores de la Unión de Columbia participaron en el concurso bíblico donde contestaron



un total de 90 preguntas sobre la Biblia. Veinte equipos (incluyendo al equipo Piscataway Eagles Reuben en la foto) respondieron correctamente al 90 por ciento de las preguntas y obtuvieron el primer lugar.

“Es fenomenal ver el impacto que tiene el estudio de la Biblia en los jovencitos que han participado a lo largo de los últimos cuatro años”, dice Pam Scheib, directora de Conquistadores y Aventureros de la Asociación de Pennsylvania y coordinadora de la Unión de Columbia.

Lea más en columbiaunionvisitor.com2016pbe (en inglés.)

CRÉDITO DARRELL BULLOCK/LANA BIDLEY

Artículo especial del Visitor: Gajes del oficio

Noreen Chan Tompkins, cuya historia comienza en Loma Linda, Ca., no sabía qué estudiar. “Cuando estaba en la secundaria, uno de los amigos de mis padres era farmacéutico. Su hija vino a California para buscar donde hacer su residencia y tuve la oportunidad de hablar con ella sobre esa carrera”, ella comparte. “Trabajar como voluntaria en el hospital de [veteranos] me convenció que debía estudiar la carrera de Farmacia”.

Varios años más tarde, Tompkins pasó por la Universidad de Loma Linda; por la Escuela de Farmacia de la Universidad Sur de California, donde obtuvo un doctorado en Farmacia; y también por el Hospital de la Universidad de Pennsylvania (HUP), donde hizo su residencia y un año de especialización en enfermedades infecciosas. Durante su tercer año allí, Tompkins se unió al departamento de Farmacia para efectuar ensayos clínicos sobre el SIDA y condujo investigaciones clínicas sobre enfermedades infecciosas.

“En HUP fui la farmacéutica investigadora responsable de cerciorar que la medicación utilizada en el ensayo, con enmascaramiento para el evaluador, sea dispensada apropiadamente para los pacientes”, ella explica. “Una de las pruebas en la que participamos fue el ensayo ACTG 175, donde se evaluó si la monoterapia, una sola droga, sería más eficaz que implementar una combinación de drogas para tratar el VIH”. Ella agrega que, “Fue emocionante participar en el periodo de tiempo donde se descubrieron estrategias en la utilización de drogas para combatir el VIH. Actualmente, los pacientes con VIH están viviendo más tiempo como resultado del desarrollo de varios medicamentos efectivos”.

Lea más en la página 10 sobre Tompkins y otros dos profesionales más que están haciendo un impacto positivo en el mundo a su alrededor. —*Elena Cornwell*



PHOTO BY ANDREW RUSH

Extreme Weather Conditions: What Can Your Church Do to Help Those Affected?

In the United States on a single night in January 2014, 578,424 people experienced homelessness—they were sleeping outside, or in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program.¹ In 2014, 46.7 million people lived in poverty.²

The numbers are striking, but when the impact of extreme weather conditions on these particular populations are factored in, the number of people needing assistance can be staggering. Add to this people who are economically secure but have experienced an extreme weather event and are temporarily yet suddenly thrust out of their safe, stable environment.

Here are ways Seventh-day Adventist churches and members can, and are, helping:

CRAFTING A COLD WEATHER REFUGE

January 19, 2016, the warnings were clear in Chester County, Pennsylvania. A blizzard was headed for the region. Area churches responded by preparing to become community comfort care centers. These houses of worship transformed into a place where community members affected by the storm found refuge when heating systems failed and power outages prevented them from preparing meals.

The comfort centers offered neighbors a place to get warm, have a hot bowl of soup, and charge cell phones and/or other electronics. According to Minnie McNeil, disaster response director for the Allegheny East Conference and coordinator for the Columbia



Union Conference, churches became a safe environment for adults to exchange stories while the children played.

McNeil encourages churches throughout the Columbia Union to be actively involved partners with local community emergency management to provide safe havens during extreme weather. McNeil says developing a comfort center “is one way to show that you care.”

PARTNERING TOGETHER

Last year Stefan Burton-Schnüll, pastor at New Jersey Conference’s Mt. Holly church, received an email from the nearby Beacon of Hope charity center alerting him they may have a shortage of beds during a code blue—potentially life-threatening—night. Burton-Schnüll thought his church’s fellowship hall could be used for overflow. The church board agreed, and a few months later, the Beacon of Hope

team set up a shelter for up to 14 men there.

“They provided the foldout cots, sleeping items and the personnel to run the shelter. We provided the room, heat and facilities,” explains the pastor. “Food was provided by donations from shops and members of various churches, including our own.”

During the 2016 blizzard, the Sabbath weather was so bad the church agreed to keep the men all day. “While we had our church service upstairs, we had about 10 homeless men downstairs. One of them even joined us, as did one of the team members,” says Burton-Schnüll.

“I’m glad we entered into this partnership to serve the vulnerable in our community,” he adds. “I consider this first year a great success; for the coming winter our church will once again be a code blue shelter.”

CREATING A WINTER HAVEN

Since 2013 Potomac Conference's Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., has partnered with Donna Robinson, an Adventist who runs House of Divine Guidance, a nonprofit organization serving the Washington, D.C., Metro area homeless. The Sligo shelter, called Winter Haven, serves homeless women and children referred from the Montgomery County Crisis Center during winter months. This Potomac Conference church donates the space; a nearby Whole Foods, the Sligo Pathfinder club and church members donate the food; and Robinson provides the staff, mostly volunteers.

In 2014 Winter Haven helped more than 60 individuals, from infants to senior citizens. On the coldest nights of early 2015, 30 men, women and children sheltered there.

Sarah Dwyer, a homeless young adult, is grateful for organizations like this. "[Being here] makes me not feel alone; it brings me comfort to know that there's

somebody out there that cares ... even though they might not know me," she says.³

Sligo's Winter Haven closed for renovation this past winter, but the church continues to seek ways to help during extreme conditions.

HELP THROUGH HASHTAGS

During the 2016 blizzard, Chesapeake Conference's New Hope church in Fulton, Md., encouraged church members to serve the community, communicating through social media. Their Pathfinder club urged members to use a special hashtag, #snowzilla-service, to share some of the ways they chose to serve.

Jason Decena, one of New Hope's pastors, says, "The storm proved to be a profound opportunity for New Hope members to live out the kingdom of God and be His hands and feet in their communities."

SUMMER IS COMING

Hot summer months also provide many opportunities to

help during extreme conditions. Thunderstorms with lightning and flash flooding can be life threatening. Power outages are especially dangerous, limiting people's ability to prepare food and stay cool.

Church comfort care centers can offer their facilities during a heat wave by providing an air-conditioned environment with soothing music and cold beverages. McNeil posits they should also make available a well-maintained book center offering free books and Bibles.

"Last year local Adventist youth hit the streets of Baltimore armed with cold bottles of water during a heat wave," shares McNeil. "Residents received them with gratefulness and disbelief. The youth also asked each recipient if there was something they could pray with them about." Many, she says, accepted and appreciated the gesture.

Lastly, McNeil reminds churches to have congregational phone trees for seniors, the disabled and singles during extreme weather. Be certain that adults and disabled individuals do not succumb to extreme heat due to lack of air-conditioning and fans. Often the local energy system will offer fans during extreme weather.

"Churches don't have to commit long-term," says McNeil. "They can commit to a year, or two years, at two-week intervals, for example, to help their communities."

To be a comfort care center, church groups must meet certain criteria, including the ability to maintain heating/cooling year round, have accessibility for people with disabilities, ample parking, potable water and more. Read more at columbiaunionvisitor.com/extremeweather.

¹ National Alliance to End Homelessness, "Snapshot of Homelessness," endhomelessness.org/pages/snapshot_of_homelessness

² Feeding America, "Hunger and Poverty," feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/impact-of-hunger/hunger-and-poverty

³ Mike Murillo, "Families Get Shelter From Cold in 'Divine' Place in Takoma Park," <http://wtop.com/maryland/2015/02/families-get-shelter-cold-divine-place-takoma-park>

5 Ways (and More!) to Build Community Relationships

Churches and schools can serve in extreme weather conditions, and it's best if they are prepared to aid the community during disasters. But, a center of influence is more than this—and establishing an ongoing relationship with the community, its leaders and organizations is important. Thus, a center of influence should:

1. Be known and respected in the community through name *and* activity. Become recognized as a positive influence.
2. Have access to resources and services that members and the community can use in a variety of situations.
3. Be able to identify needs in the community. Understand who/what qualifies as a client, and be alert to any changing situations to that person or group.
4. Be able to count on church and/or school member participation.
5. Look for ways to partner with other community groups, such as The American Red Cross, The Lions Club, Rotary and other church groups.

For more tips, go to columbiaunionvisitor.com/disasterhelp.



All in a
**Day's
Work**

Three members share how they represent the Lord to the world around them—all while they shine in divinely appointed career paths

Elena Cornwell



TERRY HESS: Spicing Up Life

Hess' goal was to be the vice president of his bank, One Valley Bank (now BB&T), before he was 30. He succeeded. In 1997 his uncle called to inform Hess it was time to buy his Virginia Honey Company, which he did later that year. Hess committed to give five cents of whatever sold to charity. Under his leadership, the company donated \$1.5 million and grew four times. That was just the beginning of God's path for Hess.

A few years passed and Hess decided to sell without realizing his son wanted to be part of the company. In 2012 he repurchased the honey company, acquired Linden Beverage in Linden, Va., and folded it all together. It is now SVB Foods, a packaging and production center for salad dressings, cooking oils, vinegars, sauces, as well as syrups, salsas and dips.

"By age 47, I had the ability to retire and be done with working. But, that's not what we are here for," says Hess. "We are here to make a difference as God takes us, with our talents, and sends us through journeys. The Lord has led me a lot of different ways."

With four kids of his own, another journey for Hess includes a venture to help bring families together in West Virginia. In August 2007, he and his wife, Julie, worked together to build JayDee's Family Fun Center (jaydeesfun.com), which is now a beloved family hangout in Inwood, just south of Martinsburg.

The fun center is closed for Sabbath, a fact Hess doesn't shy away from sharing with his customers. "It has allowed me to share my religion more than anything else I've ever done because it's a family fun center," he notes. The "About Us" tab on their website explains that it is the owner's Christian faith and God's day of rest that compels them to close on a normally popular water park day.

"People are looking for people who have conviction and integrity. Those characteristics will open doors as you go throughout life," adds Hess. To him, working in the commercial realm doesn't mean you aren't doing important work. He adds, "Technically, we all work for the church, no matter our profession. If you stand firm in what you believe, it will all work out. I've seen it too many times to not believe it."

With his family's support, Hess, a member of Chesapeake Conference's Martinsburg (W.Va.) church, continues to run SVB Foods and the fun center. He also finds time to manage several rental properties.

Terry Hess Shares His Day-to-Day

Visitor: What does your typical day look like?

Hess: I get up at 6 a.m., get breakfast for the family then drive my son, Durrell, to Highland View Academy [in Hagerstown, Md.]. I go to work, have devotionals in my office and get started between here and the fun center. [I finish] around 5-5:30 p.m., then often have a meeting or a basketball game. I am thrilled when Friday night and Sabbath comes.

V: How do you spend your free time?

H: I love working with kids, so I coach basketball, golfing, camping and horseback riding. I'm also the board chairman at the Rocky Knolls Adventist School in Martinsburg [and serve] on the boards for the WVUH-East City Hospital, United Way and a few other community organizations.



Allegheny
Health Network

Noreen Taylor, PharmD
Pharmacy

NOREEN CHAN TOMPKINS: Medicine Woman

Tompkins, whose story began in Loma Linda, Calif., didn't always know what she wanted to study. "When I was in academy, one of my parents' friends was a pharmacist. His daughter came to California looking for residencies and I got to talk to her about the field," she shares. "Volunteering at the [veteran's] hospital in Loma Linda made me really decide I wanted to pursue pharmacy as my career."

Fast forward through her time at Loma Linda University; the University of Southern California's School of Pharmacy, where she earned her PharmD; and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), where she completed her residency and a year of specialization in infectious disease. Her third year there, Tompkins joined the pharmacy department to implement the AIDS clinical trials and conduct clinical research on infectious disease.

"At HUP, I was the investigational pharmacist responsible for ensuring that the blinded study medication was appropriately dispensed for the patients to take," she explains. "One of the trials we participated in was the ACTG 175 trial, where it was being assessed whether monotherapy, one medication, would be better than combination therapy to treat the HIV virus." She adds, "It was an exciting time period to participate in the era of discovering medication strategies to combat HIV. Patients are now living longer with HIV because of several effective medications that have been developed."

In 1993 Tompkins joined the faculty at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, where she maintains a demanding schedule. Up to 80 percent of her day is spent conducting three rounding services on 50-80 patients. She also teaches at the hospital's pharmacy residency program, as well as pharmacy students from other schools.

As an Adventist in the secular workforce, Tompkins, who is married and has two children, says it is sometimes difficult to uphold and reflect a relationship with God. However, she notes that "maintaining a balance between work and family is important."

She advises others working outside the church to stick to their values. "A lot of the people I work with are really supportive. Just being positive and having a good attitude is a huge part of it," she says.

Outside of work, Tompkins helps with the Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs at Pennsylvania Conference's Pittsburgh church. One of their monthly projects is making blankets for the hospital's pediatric unit, which they pair with a children's book. She's also a church pianist and counts music as a large part of her worship experience. "When performing the piece, I do so for the glory of God," she says.

Noreen Chan Tompkins' Talks Daily Life

Visitor: Can you describe your typical day?

Tompkins: It depends on the deadline. I like to wake up early and get stuff done. Then, I tag team with my husband to get the kids ready and off to school. [Next] ... I head to the hospital. Mornings, I round with the residents, then we'll break for a teaching conference. The rest of the day, I assess other hospital patients.

V: What's your best time management tip?

T: Try to stay ahead of the game by making lists to ensure you aren't missing anything.



MILTON BROWN: Life in 3-D

Brown was recently named the leading authority in chemistry in the United States. But, he isn't a typical doctor or chemist. "You know when you go to the theater and they give you glasses to wear in order to see the 3-D movie? I can see things without the glasses. It's a gift that I want to use for God's glory," he explains, referring to the ability to see extra fine details in his research.

Brown developed this talent to rise to the top of his field. Born in Baltimore, he grew up in Birmingham then Huntsville, Ala., where he attended Oakwood University (Ala.). After a local university professor told Brown that he had a talent for chemistry, he pursued a PhD in organic chemistry from the University of Alabama, graduating in 1995. During this time, he married his high school sweetheart, and they now have four children; two attending Oakwood University, and two at Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) in Spencerville, Md.

"That really helped start me out on my passion; my passion to help people," shares Brown. But, he knew God had more in store. "I decided to go to medical school and dedicated my life to making medicine for people around the world."

Since 2006 Brown has served as the director of the Drug Discovery Program at Georgetown University Medical Center in northwest Washington, D.C. Additionally, he holds secondary faculty appointments in the departments of neuroscience and biochemistry.

So far, Brown has discovered more than 40 new patent-filed medicines, the majority of which are in the cancer field. He helps develop medicines for sensitizing cells to radiation, as well as first-in-class, innovative medicines. He also pioneered the idea of theranostics, a mix of therapy and diagnostics for treatment.

When he's not busy breaking ground in science research, examining molecules or lecturing abroad, Brown is an active member of Allegheny East Conference's Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md. He can also be found pursuing another passion: helping young people develop their gifts for God. He coaches basketball for nearby church leagues, a district for the Amateur Athletic Union club as well as the middle school teams at SAA.

Brown maintains a busy schedule, but is rooted in the purposeful work God has for him. His advice for others swamped with work and working outside the church? "Stay grounded by connecting with your local church and being involved," he says. "Always ask God to use your talents to do a mighty work for Him. He will bless you."

Brown says his prayer for nearly 30 years "is always that God will trust me enough that He will share with me the secrets to heal and bless the world."

Elena Cornwell writes from Lincoln, Neb.

A Day in the Life of Milton Brown

Visitor: What does your typical day look like?

Brown: I wake up at 7 a.m., send my kids off to school then go to work, where I handle a lot of administration: mentoring students and other doctors, developing publications and writing grants, and meeting with colleagues. It's great to deal with the students.

V: How do you spend free time?

B: I'm a long-range fisherman, spending up to 10 days at a time on a ship, miles out on the ocean.

Reaching Hearts Celebrates International Day

Reaching Hearts International church in Spencerville, Md., recently celebrated an international day themed “The Great Commission.” Believers representing more than 40 nations gathered to symbolize the unification of every tribe, kindred, nation and people to spread the everlasting gospel.

Individuals and groups marched through the sanctuary waving their national flags and wearing their native clothes. Participants included Adventurers, youth and young adults and students from Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md.

Surendra Paul Gill, elder and program coordinator, presented each country’s flag bearer as narrator Robert Holmes introduced them.

According to Gill, the program welcomed many first-time visitors. Michael Oxentenko, senior pastor, delivered a message on “The Great Commission.” Participants performed several musical presentations that were offered in various languages, including English, Portuguese and Hindi (Indian).

“As an international church, we wanted to re-cement



Members and guests of the Reaching Hearts International church represent 40 countries during their international day celebration.

our identity by celebrating our diversity and unity in Christ,” says Gill.

Attendees also enjoyed a spread of food representing native dishes from all continents.

Pine Forge Academy Debuts Ambassador Program

During the fourth annual “Handy Hall and Friends Weekend” at Pine Forge Academy (PFA), the boys dormitory staff and dean debuted their new Ambassador Awards program.



Freshman William Mattocks accepts his first-place award during PFA’s Ambassador Awards program.

The program at the Pine Forge, Pa., based high school is designed to promote leadership, creativity and character development in African-American young men.

“We want our young men to understand that it’s not just about having exposure to godly principles, but that they should learn to embody and showcase them to guarantee success,” says Jaymie Pottinger, head dean of the boys dorm.

During the qualifying round, each candidate submitted a dorm-enhancing project that they were expected to plan and execute during their tenure. Top ideas included community service projects, starting a band, developing a fitness club, starting a mentoring program and instituting spirit days.

The five finalists competed in the three remaining categories—talent, dress and impromptu question—at the Handy Hall Banquet.

At the conclusion of the competition, freshman William Mattocks was crowned first-place winner. He received a cash prize of \$500.

NEWS

Shiloh Church Honors Pathfinder of the Year

Church leaders recently recognized Ashley Judge, 18, as “Pathfinder of the Year” at the Shiloh church in Petersburg, Va. Judge serves as a Pathfinder junior counselor, an usher and junior deaconess at the church. She also volunteers at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond, Va., and a local food bank.

“Being Pathfinder of the Year is the greatest accomplishment that I have ever received. ... Hearing your name being called as Pathfinder of the Year symbolizes your love for the Lord and your love of being a Pathfinder,” says Judge.

In addition to her volunteer week, Judge also maintains a 3.5 GPA, is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and an honor band participant at Virginia Tech University. She will attend Norfolk State University (Va.) this fall, and plans to become an elementary school teacher.



Spanish Council Receives eAdventist Training

The conference’s administration office recently held training for more than 50 pastors and clerks from its Spanish Council of Churches at their headquarters at the United in Christ church in Baltimore. Leaders designed the day to encourage participants to use eAdventist, the North American Division’s online membership management system.

During the training session, the administration office, under the leadership of Marcellus Robinson, vice president for administration, reviewed some of the clerk duties and the profession of faith process. Jacqueline O’Bryant, administrative assistant and membership clerk, provided step-by-step instructions on how to add information into the eAdventist system. Kelly Strickland, executive administrative assistant, also provided an overview on Shield the Vulnerable, an online training and screening system to help churches better protect members.

“I am confident that most clerks [gained] a sense of understanding for the eAdventist system, and are now prepared for their duties,” says O’Bryant.

All conference church clerks interested in being trained on eAdventist, should contact O’Bryant at (610) 326-4610, ext. 310; or at jobryant@myallegheyeast.com.



Marcellus Robinson talks to the Spanish Council of Churches clerks and pastors while Ramon Escalante, Spanish coordinator, translates.

Campostella Heights Pastor Participates in TV Program

Michael Edwards, pastor of the Campostella Heights church in Norfolk, Va., recently participated in a series of discussions about race and the police on the SKY4 television network show, “It’s Life Changing With Dr. Carletta Perry.”

Guests discussed stories of various interactions with the police, the reactions of African-Americans to the police and generational education about law enforcement. They also discussed remedies for everyone to improve relationships with the police.

“It was a privilege to be asked to participate in the discussion, and my wife and I plan to continue to working with Dr. Carletta Perry on other community matters,” says Edwards.



Pastor Michael Edwards participates in a discussion on race that aired on a local television show.

Temple Emmanuel Members Reach Out to “Tent City”

The Temple Emmanuel church in Youngstown, Ohio, recently took ministry “beyond the walls” and reached out to the homeless in downtown Youngstown. The young adults of the church, led by Carlos Jusino, have continued to plan and prepare different outreach initiatives that intentionally take the church from the comfort of the pews into serving the needs in their community, says Jusino.

One such need is an area in Youngstown called “tent city,” a stretch of territory that runs along the train tracks, under the bridges of downtown. The city’s homeless population has lived there for years in donated tents, and they survive year round in extreme conditions through the kindness of others.

In partnership with the Youngstown-based Multi-Organizational Homeless Outreach, the church went to tent city and distributed “blessings bags” they filled with food, warm clothing and inspirational reading material.

Members of the church prayed, talked with and encouraged the individuals they met. Participants say they were inspired by Jusino’s sermon that morning, “Battle of the Mind,” where he reminded the church of

the shortness of time and their mission as believers, and he encouraged members to serve.

“This was such a powerful day. It wasn’t just a sermon; it was us going and doing what the sermon recommends,” says church member Amanda Smith.



Temple Emmanuel church members minister to residents of “tent city” in Youngstown, Ohio.



Community members join forces with Temple Emmanuel members to minister to homeless in Youngstown.



Carlos Jusino (pictured) and the young adults at Temple Emmanuel strive to take ministry beyond the walls of their church.



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God Has a Purpose for You!

God has called us together as His people with a purpose. There is a reason why He has chosen to bring His followers into a church. Jesus called Peter and Andrew, and after inviting them to “Follow Me,” He followed it up with the declaration, “I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19, NKJV).

That mission, given to Jesus’ first disciples, still rings true today. Our theme, “Fulfilling Our Mission,” will help us discover our God-given mission and become prepared to pursue it.

The opening words of Ellen G. White’s *Acts of the Apostles* declare, “The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world” (p. 9).

Join us for camp meeting! It provides an ideal opportunity to reflect, refocus and refuel so the power of the Holy Spirit can be poured out. We can then go out to fulfill our mission.



Rick Remmers
President

Worship Speakers



Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director for the Voice of Prophecy media ministry, is the keynote speaker Friday

evening and Sabbath. His broadcasts, live seminars and books have been a source of inspiration around the globe. Boonstra’s live events have been presented on every continent except Antarctica. His clear grasp of Scripture and keen understanding of current events will give you a greater depth of biblical understanding and help you find peace of mind in a troubled world. A prolific author, Boonstra has a warm, down-to-earth writing style popular with readers. He enjoys spending time outdoors—especially in the mountains—with his wife and two daughters.

Marquis D. Johns, weeknight speaker, is the lead pastor at Allegheny East Conference’s North Philadelphia church in Philadelphia. He serves on the North America Division’s Young Adult Advisory Committee, and has worked with the Barna Group researching Adventist young adults. Johns has hosted Dare to Dream/3ABN



television network’s “The New Journey” program, which chronicles the lives of people who turned away from a life of crime and other destructive behaviors to embark on a new journey with Christ.

Johns is a popular speaker, published author and experienced evangelist. He has appeared on several Hope Channel programs. He loves bringing people to Christ through evangelism and young adult ministry.

Dick Stenbakken’s dramatic and engaging Bible character portrayals during daily morning worships appeal to all ages. Now retired, Stenbakken directed



Chaplaincy Ministries for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. “The Bible is essentially a book of stories,” he says. “A good story, well told, sticks in the memory like Velcro. That is why Jesus told stories and parables to challenge His listeners with eternal truth. ... As we experience Bible biographies, we encounter these folks, ourselves and the Almighty.”

Featured Musician

David Griffiths is a singer with a rich and powerful baritone voice. He is an enthusiastic composer with more than 300 compositions; he is also an accomplished pianist. He has gained recognition for success as a teacher of piano and voice, as well as skill in the recording studio. In 2009 the International Singer Songwriter Association named him Christian Songwriter of the Year. Griffiths holds degrees from Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University (Md.).



Seminars

In his seminar “Experience the Life-Changing Power of Prayer,” **Sedley Johnson** explores Scripture to uncover how to develop and maintain a truly connected prayer life. Discover how to have a meaningful devotional life that feeds your soul and keeps you walking with God. Newly retired, Johnson has been Prayer Ministries coordinator, district pastor and church planter for the Chesapeake Conference.



Adventist interpreters have heavily debated the prophecies in the book of Daniel in recent years. **Marc Swearingen** provides helpful insights in his seminars, “Unraveling the Confusing Interpretations of Daniel 11 and 12.” Swearingen is senior pastor at the Hagerstown (Md.) church. He has a deep interest in end-time prophecies and holds master’s degrees in history and theological studies.



Nerida McKibben, M.D., host of Hope Channel’s “Go Healthy for Good” television show, enjoys helping individuals optimize their health with good lifestyle habits to combat disease by simple means that support the body’s healing processes. Her engaging and practical “Health and Healing” workshops give you tools for improving your health. She covers nutrition, weight management, the benefits of herbs and hydrotherapy.



You might not be able to be taller just by wishing it, but you can have a better marriage and a better family if you make an effort. “Good News About Marriage” will help you get started on the road to a better home, better relationships and a better family. Presenter

Eli Rojas, Chesapeake Conference’s Ministerial and Family Ministries director, is a popular motivational speaker and family life expert.

Interested in helping the community through Adventist Community Services? Chesapeake Conference has two vehicles that are available to churches for disaster relief and special events. Attend a “**Food Wagon Equipment Operation**” seminar and learn how to handle these vehicles.



20-Minute Evening Seminars

- Wednesday, “Go Healthy,” Nerida McKibben
- Thursday, “Stories of Hope,” Jim Ayer
- Friday, “Adventist Health Study” by Terry Butler



For more information and schedules, visit ccosda.org

MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

MAY 2016

“Deeper Yet!”

Valley Vista Adventist Center, *Huttonsville, W.Va.*, June 10–18

Welcome

This year’s theme encourages attendees to grow in relationship with Jesus. We invite members and friends to spend quality time falling in love with Jesus, communing with Him then sharing their testimony with others. Take the plunge—jump in “Deeper Yet!”

Worship

Derek Morris, speaker for the first weekend, serves as editor of *Ministry* magazine; teacher for “Hope Sabbath School,” an international, interactive Bible study on Hope Channel; and was recently named president of Hope Channel. His greatest joy is helping people experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.



S. Joseph Kidder is the main speaker for the second weekend. Following more than 20 years of successful pastoral work, Kidder has taught at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.) for the past 15 years, and is an author of bestselling books and numerous articles.



Concert

Wedgewood Trio’s (pictured, right) folksy style has made them a gospel favorite for more than 50 years. Bob Summerour, Jerry Hoyle and Don Vollmer grew up in Southern Appalachia and share a love of the region’s folk music.

Terry Butler, one of the co-investigators of the Loma Linda University (Calif.) Adventist Health Study-2, will talk about the latest findings in a presentation “How to Live Longer and Healthier.”



laypeople in the mission of the church and will address these topics.

Daily Presenters

Melody Mason, author of *Daring to Ask for More*, will focus on personal revival and vibrant living in Christ with her series “Above and Beyond.”

David Klinedinst, resident evangelist with the Iowa-Missouri Conference for the St. Louis Metro area, will speak about “Living an Evangelistic Life,” and share ideas on witnessing and personal evangelism.

Kyle Allen, secretary/treasurer of Adventist-laymen’s Services & Industries (ASI), believes passionately in evangelism and engaging

Shelley J. Quinn, author and dynamic Bible teacher, will present on “The Power of Grace.” Shelley is program development manager at Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

Juliet Van Heerden, who regularly shares hope with hearts wounded by addiction, will speak on the topic “Is Your Church Relevant to Your Community?”

Armando Miranda, Jr., main speaker for the youth, serves as the youth director for club ministries [Pathfinder and Adventurer] of the North American Division.

Welcome to Mountain View Camp Meeting 2016!
"Deeper Yet"

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6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. -- "Above and Beyond"								
Melody Mason								
Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15								
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Conference Employees' Meetings (Youth Center)								
9:00 - Sabbath School Supt: Randy Murphy	9:00 - Sabbath School Supt: Cheryl Jocko	7:00 a.m. -- Cafeteria Eating Blood Drive 8:00 <i>For Fun</i>	Van Heerden	Klinedinst	Quinn	Allen	Weigley	
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. -- "Living an Evangelistic Life"								
David Klinedinst								
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.								
Kyle Allen								
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30								
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. -- "The Power of Grace"								
Shelley Quinn								
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. -- "Is Your Church Relevant to Your Community?"								
Juliet Van Heerden								
Supper 5:30 - 6:15								
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.								
6:30 Fluggole Communion	Health Professionals Supper							Watermelon Feed
Derek Morris	Derek Morris	André Van Heerden	André Van Heerden	Shelley Quinn	Youth Night	Dave Weigley	S. Joseph Kidder	S. Joseph Kidder

NEWS

NEW JERSEY

MAY 2016

“Get Involved!”

Tranquil Valley Retreat Center, Andover, N.J., June 10

Welcome

New Jersey Conference leadership has set the 2016 theme as “Get Involved!” This year we challenged leaders throughout our territory to involve all the church members in helping fulfill our mission. We want each believer to work together. Jesus said it clearly, “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathered not with Me scattereth abroad” (Matt. 12:30). Let us work together in the fulfillment of this sacred mission.

Today our redemption is closer than when we first believed. We have a mission that must be moved forward while we wait for the second coming of Jesus: To reach our communities through compassion ministry! That is the essence of the ministry of Christ.

The ministry of compassion constitutes the only bridge that will link together different generations and different socioeconomic levels in our secularized society. We want all to be exposed to the influence of the eternal gospel, which is the love of our redemptory God.

Let us remember that God loves *all* people, even those often difficult to reach. Let’s remember that the church is not only for the members, it’s also for those who are not yet here. “Get Involved!” is the perfect theme for our 2016 camp meeting.

Come, we need your hands, your feet and your heart. It’s all hands on deck, there is much to be done!



José Cortés
President

Members Invited to English Camp Meeting

English camp meeting will be held June 10 at the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Andover. **Weymouth Spence**, president of Washington Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md., is the speaker. Prior to his appointment as WAU president, Spence served for more than 30 years in leadership positions in



higher education and healthcare institutions where he served as a program director, dean and vice president for academic administration. Spence holds an arts and science degree from Northern Caribbean University (Jamaica), a bachelor’s degree in biology from Atlantic Union College

(Mass.), an Associate of Science in radiography from Kettering College in Dayton, Ohio, a Master of Science in curriculum, research and administration from Central Connecticut State University and a doctorate in vocational/technical/occupational education from Nova Southeastern University (Fla.).

Schedule

6:30 – 7 a.m.	Garden of prayer
7 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 – 10 a.m.	Sabbath School
10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Divine worship
1 – 3 p.m.	Lunch
3 – 4 p.m.	Baptisms
4 – 5 p.m.	Concert
5 – 6 p.m.	Evening session
6 – 7 p.m.	Dinner

Read Noticias on page 6 for information on Hispanic camp meeting, June 17.

Master Guide Program Graduates 10, Wins a Convert

As the Master Guide graduation candidates from the New Jersey Conference prepared for their final review, Reina Zapata, Master Guide state coordinator, realized that one was not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Virgilio Osorio, his wife and their children accepted the Lord after volunteering in the Pathfinder program at the Lake Nelson church in Piscataway.

Leaders in the church told Zapata that Osorio had taken the initiative of joining the staff to assist with events and support the ministry wherever needed. “Through the work of the Holy Spirit, one thing led to the next, and he became involved as a Master Guide candidate,” says Zapata. “I had to break the news to him that he would not qualify to be invested unless he was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

Zapata says that Osorio knew this, and informed his pastor that he was ready to take that step. Osorio was baptized in a March church service, and later that afternoon invested as a Master Guide.

During the ceremony, 10 New Jersey Conference and two Greater New York Conference candidates



New Master Guides celebrate their achievement: Edna Paul, Rosheka Faulkner, Kensderline Jean-Baptiste, Fedna Paul, Marylise Figaro, Bernadette Flores, Marselinny Mawuntu, Merley Sanchez-Manzueta (back row) Jonathan Colon, Virgilio Osorio, McWilliam Mawuntu, Ariel Manzueta

were invested as Master Guides. Conference leaders also awarded the Pathfinder Leadership Award to four Master Guides.

“We praise God for the work He is doing with the Master Guides, and for one more soul brought to Jesus through this great ministry,” says Zapata.

Union City Spanish Church Hosts Cooking Class

The Health Ministries team from the Union City Spanish church in Union City recently hosted a raw food vegetarian cooking class. During the event, instructor Elizabeth Feliz, DMD, shared several nutrition and health nuggets as well as a cookbook with 24 raw food, vegan recipes.

More than 30 women and men, youth and adults,

including visitors from the local community, attended this class and learned how to prepare healthful, raw, plant-based meals. Participants worked in groups of six and prepared recipes from the cookbook. The menu included a kale, cranberry and walnut salad; tabbouleh; three types of vegan cheese; zucchini spaghetti with meatless balls and tomato sauce; fresh fruit with caramel sauce; cashew cookies; lemon bars; and medicinal juices.

Attendee Hilda Nino shares, “The class was fantastic and very interesting. The food was delicious! I love the natural, organic ingredients—and that we used fruits, vegetables and nuts. What I liked the most is that we were able to taste all the dishes.”

Claudia García del Puerto, MD, Union City Spanish Health Ministries leader, reports, “The Lord blessed this class with some non-believer students that, for the first time, entered a Seventh-day Adventist church because of the health message. In addition [to] the healthy eating and cooking knowledge, these participants received a vibrant spiritual message and evangelistic literature.”

Future plans of the health ministry team include another cooking class and a hike this spring.



Hilda Nino, Claudia García del Puerto, Tony Reyes, Gloria Mendez and Liliana Rojas prepare for the raw food vegetarian cooking class.

Pastors and Teachers Learn How to Better Collaborate

“Change begins with me,” said Claudio Consuegra, North American Division (NAD) Family Ministries director, as he addressed a gathering of more than 100 Ohio Conference pastors and teachers earlier this year. Conference administration invited Consuegra and his wife, Pamela, associate director for Family Ministries, to teach collaborative practices to church and school leaders during a workshop. “Who knows what other changes can and will come. ... but that change begins with ourselves,” he added.

“Adventist churches and schools have the potential to work together for the common goal of redemption of young people. These relationships can be expanded and facilitated when we have better understanding of how collaboration works,” said Pamela, citing research from Stan Patterson (2007) and Monte Sahlén (1985).

After the closure of Mount Vernon Academy, president Ron Halvorsen Jr. has concentrated intently on education and youth in Ohio. “I want to focus on finding ways to have more of our Ohio young people receive Adventist, Christian education; to strengthen our ministry to young people as well as our schools,” says Halvorsen.

After learning Pamela’s doctorate (PhD) research focused upon what was “right” in Adventist education, Ohio leadership asked the Consuegras to share their knowledge with pastors and teachers.

Multiple group activities interwoven between discussion topics reinforced the concepts presented at the workshop. Referencing page 25 of a Lutheran *Board*



Staff from Spring Valley Academy in Kettering discuss how to work together for the success of their school.

Manual for Elementary Schools, Pamela shared that “Lutheran theology and educational philosophy clearly advocate a united ministry of pastor and principal. These two are considered to have calls from God to serve in the ministry and they are partners in the gospel. ... To separate the ministry of the pastor from the ministry of the school will result in failure. ... They are a part of the same team.”

Ken Knudsen, superintendent of education, notes, “We are all ministers in God’s church. We want our families to be with us in heaven.”

The remainder of the presentations emphasized practical and confirmed ways for pastors and teachers to strengthen relationships between churches and schools, families and local leaders. Pamela’s research demonstrated how interconnecting the two entities is integral in the success and growth of schools. Pastors were encouraged to “take every chance they could get to connect with kids,” even if only for a quick prayer or visit to make and reinforce connections with students. She also encouraged teachers to become more visible and active in their local church, and connect their school family to the church through school newsletters and sharing school facilities.

“Anyone can make a difference,” said Pamela. “Change begins with ourselves. Together, pastors and teachers have the power to make the impossible, possible.”



Teachers successfully “walk through a sheet of paper” after collaborating to find the solution to the puzzle.

Three Small Churches Experience Growth

Faced with shrinking numbers and empty pews, three small churches in Ohio stepped aside and let God lead—and they experienced remarkable growth.

Providing dedicated pastoral coverage for the Xenia church in a Dayton suburb proved difficult for the handful of regular members. The prayers of the faithful few were answered when Belony Etienne, a computer specialist from Haiti with a degree in theology from Atlantic Union College (Mass.), learned about Xenia's plight.

Already hosting regular prayer and study groups with fellow Haitians and Africans, Etienne and his group began attending the church. Through the past year, he reestablished prayer meetings, communion services and a variety of special events. The group at Xenia hosted their first week of prayer, and scheduled more events through the fall. Nearly 30 people visit Xenia each week, up from an average of three last year.

Two years ago, after learning of his gift for prayer and uplifting worships, conference administration asked Dave Robinson, ranger for the Camp Mohaven and Retreat Center in Danville, to be a lay pastor for the Delaware church near Columbus. Robinson immediately started a series of biblical studies on prayer. With his support, the church empowered



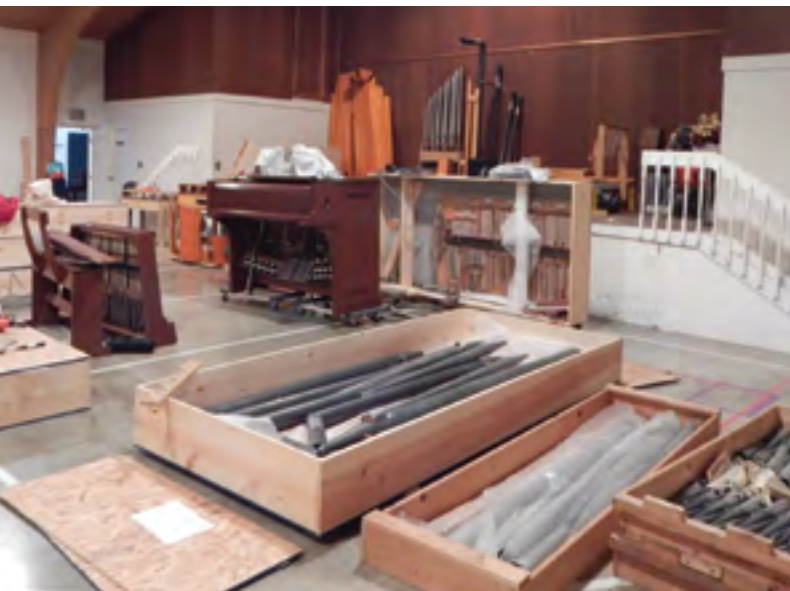
Pastor Dave Robinson enlists help from Delaware members with new paneling for the church renovations.

their few young adults to help lead out in regular VBS programs, bringing dozens of children into their church. Members are now revitalized, including a DATA (Delaware Area Transit Agency) bus driver who witnesses to his passengers.

Located between Dayton and Cincinnati, the Hamilton church once boasted a membership of 200. By the time Vince Waln became lay pastor last fall, membership had dropped to a dozen. Waln quickly began utilizing his connections in the Dayton-Kettering area to make much needed changes. First was connecting the church to city water for the first time in 52 years. Next was inviting a retired music minister from Kettering to form a choir and lead music programs that led to the church receiving a donated pipe organ valued at \$75,000, and enabling the church to create music programs to share in their community.

Church members also completed major church renovations in time for a weeklong Easter program. And for next month, they've scheduled a "hometown camp meeting" featuring evangelist Lonnie Melashenko. "I truly believe that God has great plans for this church and community," says Waln.

Attendance now averages more than 40. Longtime members, including Dianne Northcutt, are ecstatic about the progress. She says, "God has opened so many doors, we have yet to walk through them all. I have not been this uplifted in years."



The Hamilton church undergoes renovations, including the gain of a new pipe organ.

PHOTO DIANNE NORTHCUTT

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“Meeting Jesus With Joy!”

Blue Mountain Academy, *Hamburg, Pa.*, June 10-12, paconference.org/camp-meeting

Join in on the Joy of Camp Meeting

I am excited about what God has prepared for the Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting, “Meeting Jesus With Joy!” to be held on the campus of Blue Mountain Academy (BMA).

Although we have had to adjust our typical camp meeting from a nine-day program to only a weekend, God has still provided a strong and energizing time for our spiritual renewal, mission emphasis and Adventist fellowship this year. I believe God will bless as we come together for a weekend packed with inspiring worships, practical seminars and—brand new this year—our Family Fun Day on Sunday. This special day will feature the Pathfinder Fair and Adventurer Family Day, and lots of fun activities for the family—horseback riding, go-karts, arts and crafts, paper rocket building and so much more. Plus, you’ll be able to purchase a lunch and support our Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs as they raise funds for their ministries. It’s a great opportunity to invite friends and family who are not Seventh-day Adventists to join you.

Mark June 10-12 on your calendar and begin planning right now to come together with Adventists from across Pennsylvania for a rich spiritual time at the Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting, as we look forward to “Meeting Jesus With Joy!”



Ray Hartwell
President

Worship



Ivan Williams will be the featured Sabbath worship speaker. Williams, chaplain for the California State Assembly, also serves as a chaplain for the 129th California Air National Guard Rescue Wing. He is president of Brighter Hope Ministries, Inc., and can be heard on many radio stations around the country.

As a professional, internationally-acclaimed solo artist for more than 25 years, **Sarah Capeles** has traveled extensively throughout the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Japan, Canada and the United States, and will share her music during a Sabbath afternoon concert. Capeles is a singer for the Spanish Voice of Prophecy and Alejandro Bullón’s evangelistic campaigns.



Young Adults

Young adults from across the Pennsylvania Conference are invited to participate in heartfelt worship as they focus on their Jesus-centered theme, “Living for the One.” There will be music, messages, outreach and time to make new friends throughout the weekend.

Seminars

A variety of practical and informative seminars will be offered on a variety of topics both Sabbath afternoon and all day Sunday, June 11-12.

Children and Young People

There will be worships, activities and fun for children and teens, Friday through Sabbath. On Sunday, there will be events for the entire family during the Family Fun Day activities.

“Misión Posible: Cristo Viene Pronto” Campestre Hispano de la Conferencia de Pennsylvania

Blue Mountain Academy, *Hamburg, Pa.*, June 4-5, paconference.org/hispanic-camp-meeting

Oradores

El Pastor **Roger Álvarez** es pastor de segunda generación. Lleva una linda trayectoria de 29 años en el ministerio. Es oriundo de Cuba donde vivió durante 40 años. Está casado con Leonor Álvarez y tienen dos hijos: Odelkys Álvarez y Roger Álvarez Jr. Arribó a los E.U. en Mayo del 1998. Se ha desempeñado como pastor de Iglesia y evangelista. Fue Director de Departamentos en la Conferencia de Occidente en Cuba, y Director de Jóvenes y vida Familiar de la Unión Cubana. En estos momentos es el Coordinador Hispanos de la Conferencia del Sureste que abarca sur de Georgia y el estado de la Florida. Está completando su maestría en Ministerio Pastoral en la Universidad de Andrews.



El Pastor **Pedro Guzmán** está predicando en la Capilla de la Academia Blue Mountain el Sábado 4 y Domingo 5 de Junio 2016, acerca de la pronta venida de Jesús. Nació en la Isla del Encanto Puerto Rico. Recibió su Bachillerato en Teología de la Universidad de las Antillas en Puerto Rico y su maestría de la Universidad de Andrews. El Pastor Guzmán desea ser recordado de la siguiente manera: “...no soy más que un hombre indigno que necesita desesperadamente de JESUS!”



**Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting's
SUMMER FUN FEST
Sunday, June 12, 2016**

Kick off at 9:00 AM With Parade
PATHFINDER Fair Adventurer Day
FUN Activities 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Horseback Riding Gokarts
ARTS and CRAFTS SPIKEBALL
Paper Rocket Building
PRIZES & Giveaways
WATERSLIDES PEANUT DROP
DUNK TANK

Enjoy lunch and support a
Pathfinder or Adventurer Club
at their Food Fair, 10 am-2 pm.

For more info, go to paconference.org/camp-meeting

Potomac People

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Williamsburg Family Finds Church Through Facebook

The deeper Dawn Jones studied the Bible, the more she found evidence of truth in a seventh-day Sabbath, a distinction between clean and unclean meats, and that the dead were asleep.

Jones' search for a church that reflected her beliefs led her to send a Facebook message to the Williamsburg (Va.) church. This prompted Pastor Heather Crews' first ever Facebook Bible study. "It's generally not recommended to start on topics like the Sabbath or the sanctuary, but that's where Dawn wanted to go. It challenged me to rethink my concepts of a good Bible study," says Crews.

After a few weeks of messages and questions, Jones and her three children came to the church's worship service, and after more studies and questions, joined the church through a profession of faith and baptism. "I was afraid we would never find a church that taught the things I believe, but we have found a place where Scripture is lining up and there is true fellowship. It's a wonderful answer to prayer," says Jones.

Crews says that many ministries made this celebration possible, including the Pathfinder and Sabbath School leaders actively involving the children, and a



Pastor Heather Crews (right) stands with the Jones family as they join the Williamsburg church through baptism and profession of faith.

couple making themselves the family's adoptive grandparents. "Dawn's heart for the Bible and the character of God displayed in our shared beliefs brought her through the door," says Crews.

LivingWell Opens War Room

When more than 700 DVDs pre-sold for the movie *The War Room*, leaders at Potomac Conference's LivingWell store in Silver Spring, Md., saw a community outreach opportunity. The film tells the story of how one family overcame their difficul-

ties through the creation of a "war room," where they waged war through intercessory prayer.

"We began to think: what if, like the premise of the movie, we created our own war room to connect customers with Christ?" says Laura Worf, general manager. So staff created a war room at the back of the store, complete with a seating area, Bible, pens and notecards for people to write their prayers on and stick to the walls. Customers used the room to pray or simply rest.

One pastor used the room to counsel a customer who seemed emotionally distraught. Additionally, Pastor Mike Faison, a sales associate at LivingWell, led a war room Bible study open to anyone interested in learning about God or about the movie.

"Overall, the room generated an interesting conversation about prayer and the services we are able to provide our customers," Worf says. LivingWell leaders continue looking for other community outreach programs that show the love of Christ and demonstrate the store's primary mission of bringing others closer to Him.—Taylor McDonald

PHOTO: TAYLOR McDONALD



Visitors pin notes of prayer and thanks to the war room walls at LivingWell.

Potomac People

Students Benefit From Tax Credit Program

In January Potomac Conference schools in Virginia received fall semester scholarships checks, totaling \$248,838 through the Virginia Tax Credits Scholarships Program. More than 100 people donated funds, providing scholarships to 162 students. This is the second year Potomac schools participated in the program, and the first year the donations were processed through the new Potomac Conference Education Foundation.

“Many parents cling to the promise in Proverbs 22:6 that says, ‘Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it,’” says Dale Twomley, principal and business manager at Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) in New Market, Va.

He adds, “Adventist education is a big part of that training. Our schools work hard to provide a positive, spiritual environment for students, and studies show that those who attend Adventist schools remain members of the church by a wide margin. However, many families find it challenging to pay for Adventist education and cannot send their children without financial assistance from family members, their church or other means. We have the opportunity to dramatically expand the outside sources through this program.”

According to Seth Savoy, a foundation board member, the actual cost to donate to this program, after receiving tax benefits, is very minimal. “Donations are deductible against taxable income as a charitable donation on both federal and state income taxes, subject to rules governing deductibility of charitable



Gail Melkersen, foundation coordinator, presents checks from the Potomac Conference Education Foundation to Tim LaPierre, Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School principal; Dale Twomley, SVA principal; and Donald Short, SVA principal-in-training.

contributions and can be made by check or stock transfer,” explains Savoy. “Donors also receive a tax credit against Virginia taxes equal to 65 percent of the amount of the donation.” As a result, one donor reports that his \$10,000 gift, that allows two students to attend C.F. Richards Junior Academy in Staunton Va., only cost about \$165 after the tax credit and deductions.

Randy Davis, pastor of the Manassas (Va.) church, says that his congregation donated nearly \$60,000 this year. He noted that donors receive the vast majority of their money back. “It’s a phenomenal program that has helped make Adventist education more affordable to families. It’s helped more than 20 of our students at Manassas Adventist Preparatory School,” he says.

Donors can earmark their contributions to support scholarships at specific schools, but may not direct their funds to support a specific student. If there are excess scholarship funds at some schools at year’s end, the excess is distributed among the schools whose scholarship requests exceed donations earmarked for them.

For the 2016 spring semester, schools requested \$246,000 in scholarships. As of early March, \$70,000 had been raised. To learn more, contact the Potomac Conference Education Department at (540) 886-0771; or email taxcredit@pcsda.org.



Students across the Potomac Conference, like these in Gabrielle Gifford’s class at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va., received financial assistance through the Virginia Tax Credit Program.

Students Attend Just Claim It 5

Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) recently sent four ambassadors and sponsor Latoya Wright to the North American Division's (NAD) Just Claim It 5 (JCI5) youth prayer conference in Ontario, Calif. Sophomores Olivia Jacobs, Isabel Dias, Janick Brun and Iliana Dialectakis shared team-building moments, met NAD, Columbia Union and conference officials and created life-long friendships.

Jacobs had the privilege of giving the welcome remarks at the Friday evening ceremony. She was ecstatic and shares, "JCI was a really fun experience for me. It was a place I felt comfortable expressing myself, and I met a lot of people I could learn from. The general session speakers were great and gave me a lot of things to think about and several new ways to see things. My small group was really friendly. I made lots of friends and we all plan to keep in touch. The whole trip was fun, and I recommend everybody go to the next one."

Dias, reflecting on the event says, "The whole experience was life changing. ... I grew closer to God. The [Friday night] sermon really got to me when the



BMA students take a picture with a Canadian delegation and the winner of the JCI5 prize drawing for the day.

preacher said, 'We know about God, not about who He is.' That really hit me and made me think about my spiritual life and if I really know whom God is. I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. ... It was truly an amazing experience that brought tears to my eyes. God really touched me that night and motivated me to make a difference in the world and in my life."

Dialectakis says she didn't think that the small group she joined during a brainstorming session would accomplish much because they were so quiet. She was pleasantly surprised, however, at how well they worked together. She says, "I very much appreciated the seminars and the pastors presenting the messages. I felt like the pastors had a wonderful way of capturing our attention throughout their presentations by correlating the way Jesus ministers to our communities, reminding us to submit totally to Him, follow His instructions to us to take risks, follow His leading and trust in Him. I found it encouraging to be reminded that our generation is a group of 'world changers.'"

Wright says, "BMA will be impacted by the growth of our JCI5 delegates as they implement all that they have learned and prayed about during this event."



BMA students enjoy a moment with Gilbert Cangy, General Conference Youth director, and Latoya Wright (far right), new assistant chaplain.

Senior Class Play Teaches Students Real-World Skills

Each year at Highland View Academy, the senior class produces a play that serves as their primary fundraiser to help pay the costs of their senior class trip. This year the class put on the classic Oscar Wilde play, “The Importance of Being Earnest.” Not only was the play a financial success, bringing in several thousand dollars, but the fundraiser also taught the students a variety of valuable, real-life skills.

The actors found that their mental faculties were expanded as they memorized hundreds of lines. The play had a running time of nearly two hours and only nine speaking parts, with the bulk of the lines assigned to five actors. As she watched the performance, Kandace Zollman, associate pastor of the Williamsport (Md.) church, noted, “They have a lot of lines. And they’re doing it!”

Student Kayla Miller, who played Lady Bracknell, found the acting experience to be an exhilarating, creative process. She says, “I had so much fun learning my lines, discovering what actions I should commit in each scene and learning how to accurately portray my character.”

Some students also developed construction skills. Students Braylan Seidl, Jefferson McCain, Jacob Antone and Daniel Moreira built a reversible wall for the set. Moreira, a Brazilian student, notes, “I learned a lot by helping to build that wall—the way they build houses in the U.S. is a lot different [than] in Brazil.”

Seidl, who was the set designer, says, “We kept



Miss Prism (Jade Draper) and Dr. Chasuble (Benin Lee) try to comfort a grieving Jack Worthing (Jefferson McCain).



The cast includes Jefferson McCain, Taylor Scalzo, Alissa Tanguay, Kayla Miller, Courtney Tooley, Matias Olivares; (back) Jacob Antone, Andelena Jackson, Benin Lee, Jade Draper and Travis Calhoun.

breaking things, and it was challenging to figure out how to fix them. But, we overcame.”

The students also cultivated various interpersonal and sales skills as they fundraised. They learned that those who ask often receive. After being contacted by students, Hagerstown Community College loaned costumes to the production, and the local Sherwin Williams store donated paint for the set. The students also acquired items for the silent auction and ads for the program from 40 area businesses. Art teacher John Zerme witnessed Miller calling a business for donations one afternoon and commented, “I was impressed by how professional, yet persistent she was.”

Most important, the students learned the importance of teamwork, as a project of this magnitude required the effort of everyone in the class. Student Rachel McNeave says, “I learned that teamwork and everybody’s participation is key to a successful fundraiser.”

Miller found the fundraiser to be a success because “it brought our class closer together and allowed us to make lots of memories that will be discussed for years to come.”

McCain concludes that after all the hard work, “It was beautiful watching everything come together.”

Spotlight

on Spencerville

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Highlights from Spencerville Adventist Academy

High School Students Present Week of Worship

According to the 19th century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, ‘God is dead.’ According to Revelation 1:18, He ‘was dead, [but] is alive forever more.’” says Tim Soper, Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) chaplain and Bible teacher. “These opposing claims compete for prominence in our world, and deciding which is true is sometimes a difficult task for young people because of the multitudes of influences vying for their attention.”

Recognizing that the students felt those influences, the campus ministries team chose “God on Trial” as their theme for the recent Week of Worship.

Each spring students lead SAA’s Week of Worship. In addition to speaking to their fellow high school students, the speakers also present during the middle school Week of Worship. This year the students sought to examine how God reveals Himself to His people. Each speaker chose a specific character from Scripture who questioned the existence of God in their lives—characters such as Gideon, Nebuchadnezzar, Job and Joseph. In each of the examples, God revealed Himself in a specific way. They discovered that God related to His people through a variety of means; the speakers highlighted these as lessons for today. Senior Jacob Harris says, “Week of Worship



Freshman Amar Sudhaker speaks during a Week of Worship meeting.

was really interesting. It was so fun putting God on trial and having Him pass it.”

Freshman Kari Remmers says, “Overall, my preaching experience went well; however, it was intimidating getting up in front of my peers. It wasn’t as scary as I thought it would be, though, and it allowed me to actually do something for the school.”

Freshman Eloise Tran says, “It’s a good idea to have student speakers because you get more of a message from your peers than someone you don’t know.”

Cameron Mayer, a sophomore, likes that the students spoke “because they’re relatable and they talk about topics I’m interested in.”

The speakers showed that God is found in the midst of difficult situations, as in the story of Joseph. He is sometimes revealed in divine encounters, as in the story of Saul. He is encountered through prayer and questions, as in the story of Gideon. Christian Ovalle, a junior, says he “liked the illustration of the three friends because it helped me understand that I can be a positive influence for God on my friends.”

Sophomore Sonali Prillman sums up the experience: “It is really fun to talk to the entire school, not just my friends. It’s exciting and a little nerve wracking, but I think it’s exciting to apply a teenager’s take on the subject because sometimes people will listen more to their friends.”



Speakers include Sonali Prillman, Nathan Chhakchhuak, Sherri Dela Cruz, Kari Remmers; (back) Amar Sudhaker, Etienne Lamothe, Joshua Kwon, Charly Charnichart, Andrew Remmers and Georgia Kent.

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CONNECTIONS

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I Saw God's Leading During the Gala

Have you ever felt that God gave you confirmation that you are heading in the right direction? It's a wonderful thing to have the assurance you aren't just chasing a dream on your own. This spring Spring Valley Academy (SVA) leaders felt that assurance at the annual SVA gala/auction with an outpouring of support for the school's new chapel/auditorium project.

This year's event titled "The Hills are Alive" featured a dinner theater performance of "The Sound of Music." More than 360 attendees were treated to a dinner, music and acting by a cast of SVA students and community members (pictured). Attendees also bid on silent and live auction items. The crowd included many of the community's business leaders, and even Ohio congressman Mike Turner attended.



School leaders presented the architect's renderings of the new building and the vision of how this new space will make a real difference in the lives of students. After all the auction items were sold, the evening ended with a direct appeal for donations to support the chapel campaign.

Dozens pledged donations of thousands and hundreds of dollars. In ten minutes, \$104,000 was raised just from the appeal. The gala garnered more than \$300,000 from sponsorships, auction sales and the live appeal.

What a blessing! From the beginning, we've known that we would need the Lord's help to raise the \$5.5 million needed to complete this project. We know that He has a thousand ways to provide when we are walking in His will. Now we are well past the halfway mark toward the goal. He has brought us this far and He will carry us through to completion. For more information on how to get involved, email dawilkins@springvalleyacademy.org.



Darren Wilkins
Principal

WAU Awards Music Scholarships to Students

Department of music staff at Washington Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md., recently awarded two SVA students scholarships at the school's 2016 Music Festival where high school students from the Columbia Union and Fletcher Academy (N.C.) gathered for music workshops.

Senior trumpet player Sonny Moretta received a renewable \$8,000 scholarship, and junior Jonathan Beebe received a \$6,000 renewable scholarship for viola and trumpet.

These scholarships are awarded to students to play in the band and orchestra, should they choose to attend WAU.

Sonny Moretta receives a scholarship from Weymouth Spence, WAU president.



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SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

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Student Association Develops Talent and Leadership

When so many quality acts came to auditions, I knew the talent show would be one of the best I'd ever seen!" says Kelly Wiedemann, Student Association (SA) sponsor and Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) orchestra director.

A three cello arrangement of the SVA school song, "Our Shenandoah," started the evening. Acts ranged from violin, piano and vocal performances to a dramatic history lesson, and even a game show-style version of the popular board game "Scene It."

"The leadership and organization of our SA officers provided solid support from the sound and lighting booth, as well as from an amazing back stage crew who worked hard to ensure a quality, well-run show," says Don Short, SA sponsor and principal-in-transition.

Dream 16, a group comprised of seniors, won second prize for their performance. The act, introduced by government teacher Gabrielle Griffin, challenged the audience to be God's kingdom here on Earth. She emphasized that freedom from oppression and injustice will only come from Jesus. Freedom from sin is only through the blood of Jesus.

For a second year, junior Daniel Chirvasuta won the



Jim Minty awards Daniel Chirvasuta the grand prize.

\$300 grand prize. He performed Vivaldi's *Winter* on his violin.

Judges awarded third prize, worth \$100 to freshmen Daniel Palacios and Krissia Kersey for their vocal duet of the sacred song "Come to Me."

"The students produced a fun and inspiring evening, making it hard to choose only three winners," shared Cali Coryell LaPierre, alumnus and talent judge.

Principal Twomley Receives Education Award

Each year the Community Praise Center church (CPC) in Alexandria, Va., bestows the Henry M. Wright Award to an individual who has made significant contributions to Seventh-day Adventist education. CPC member Ron Mills recently recognized SVA principal Dale Twomley as "Education Innovator of the Year," highlighting the significant contributions of his 55-year education and business career—including Twomley's 16 years of post-retirement work to support and sustain Adventist secondary education.

Recently, when SVA faced significant challenges to maintaining operations, Twomley answered the call to become principal without taking a salary, increased enrollment by 15 percent, eliminated the school's \$1.4 million debt and, in 11 months, raised more than \$1.6 million in donations to place the school on solid footing for sustainability.

CPC Pastor Bron Jacobs concluded the award presentation by praying, "Father, we are so very grateful for Dr. Twomley and his commitment to shaping and forming young lives—he and his wife. We just pray God bestows a very special blessing upon their ministry."



Dale Twomley accepts the Henry M. Wright Award at the Community Praise Center church.

14 Students Baptized During Week of Prayer

Takoma Academy (TA) recently hosted a memorable week of spiritual commitments. “The Holy Spirit moved freely as God spoke through speaker Willie Ramos,” says Carla Thrower, principal.

Chaplain Luis Camps and the pastoral staff at the Restoration Praise Center in Bowie, Md., invited Ramos, a pastor from South Florida often known as the “Ghetto Preacher,” to be the speaker for the spring week of prayer at the school.

Camps says they invited Ramos to speak at the school last year, “But, it was impossible at the time. I see now that God’s timing is always right.”



Luis Camps baptizes senior Christopher Cadet.



Dunbar Henri baptizes freshman Angelou Davis.

During what staff members described as the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in the Wednesday chapel service, Ramos made an altar call for baptism and 32 students accepted, walking to the front of the chapel. Many students cried as they came forward. On several occasions, Ramos, thinking that no more students were coming forward, said “Lets pray.” Every time he said that, more students traveled to the front.

After that chapel, the whole atmosphere in the school changed, says Ramos. “Instead of discussions about sports and academics in the halls and classrooms of the school, it seems that everyone was talking about what had happened at chapel. This feeling lingered—and grew—through the week,” he says.

The week of prayer culminated Friday morning with a celebration. Out of the 32 students who originally came forward, 14 were baptized during a special program that lasted almost two hours. Dunbar Henri, religion teacher, and Camps baptized these students into the kingdom of God.

Six other TA students decided to be baptized at their local churches so their family and friends could attend. Another group of three students from John Nevins Andrews Elementary School, also in Takoma Park, Md., attended and also decided to be baptized.

During the last call after baptism on Friday, another eight students expressed their desire to prepare for a baptism planned for the end of the school year. “Praise be to our Lord and God! God has truly blessed us with such a response from our students. This is what it is all about,” says Camps, “This is why we do what we do here at Takoma Academy.”



Pastor Ramos speaks before the baptism of 14 students.

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Growing With Excellence

The May 20 ground breaking for the next major building project, the Gail S. and Bruce E. Boyer Health Professions and Wellness Center, is scheduled to be completed by fall 2017. Our



Weymouth Spence
President

current campus has served us well since 1904. Our current and prospective students are now expecting us to upgrade the infrastructure and the quality of our support services

to facilitate their learning and ultimately their entrance into the workplace. This center will be a symbol of the university's commitment to nursing and other health-related professions such as radiography, respiratory care, physical education and wellness.

Vision 2020—Growing with Excellence endeavors to surmount the roadblock that impede student success; grow strong, relevant academic programs; collaborate with local community; infuse internship across the curriculum; grow enrollment; increase the use of technology in content delivery; and continually measure our systems for efficiency and effectiveness.

This is Washington Adventist University.
—Weymouth Spence

Biology Graduate Thankful for God's Leading

When Michele Etienne visited Washington Adventist University four years ago with her parents, she felt that God was steering her to come to WAU. Now just a few short weeks from graduating with a biology degree and bound for medical school, she says, "God was directing my steps. From that first visit until now, I feel that God has just set down step stone after step stone in front of me, paving the way and bringing me to where I am today."

Her interest in medicine started during her high school years. Her mother was a Nurse Practitioner, and over one summer, Michele went to a community college to obtain her CNA degree so she could do home health care nursing. One of her clients was a young mother who was injured performing her job as an EMT and now was a paraplegic, having had both legs amputated. Naturally, the woman was angry and bitter. Michele found a way to reach her through her compassion and constant companionship. She says, "As a Christian and an Adventist, when you're able to help people by caring for them, you can show them Christ's love through your personality and your actions. They can see a difference in you."

At WAU, she took science classes beginning her freshmen year, and credits faculty such as Dr. Villanueva and Dr. Sadat-Aalae with her solid educational experience. She says, "The teachers always have their doors open. They spoil us, allowing us to come in any time to ask questions and helping us advance in our studies."

In addition to her classwork, Michele has done several internships. It was by attending one of the WAU science department's monthly meetings that she found her first internship. The topic was dentistry, and the speaker was a local dentist who mentioned she needed help in her office once a week. Even though she was primarily interested in medicine, Michele contacted her and started interning with Dr. Kari Barnes once a week, which soon became several times a week and eventually lead to a two-year internship. Dr. Barnes not only had her assist and observe dental procedures, but took time to help her learn the business side of running a practice. "I learned to appreciate dentistry. It's not only about teeth; dentistry teaches you about the health of the whole body."

Through her work with Dr. Barnes, she also did two additional internships, one with Dr. Stephen Guttenburg, an oral surgeon, and one with Dr. Reginald Barnes, an eye doctor. "Each of these doctors have been great mentors, and have helped me learn so much," says Michele. She continues to work at these offices as an intern.

Michele's greatest interest is in women's and infant health, and she is looking forward to pursuing her medical studies to become an OB/GYN. One of her favorite classes at WAU was developmental embryology with Dr. Villanueva.

As she nears her graduation date, Michele offers this advice to students considering where they might attend or what they might take. "Be open-minded. Let God take control in every situation. God has been steering me, showing me the way at each turn, leading me. I'm not the one driving. Without Him, I would have no power. He is providing the power and direction in my life."



Michele Etienne

KETTERING COLLEGE



Kettering College to offer new program for students interested in healthcare management or occupational therapy.

Kettering College Launching New Major in Healthcare Management and Pre OT

By Breana Soliday Haughton

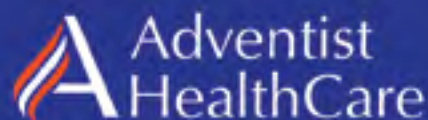
In August of 2016, Kettering College will begin offering a new baccalaureate major in healthcare management for students interested in pursuing business in the healthcare industry. This major also offers a pre-occupational therapy (pre-ot) track for students who are interested in going on to a graduate-level occupational therapy program.

The close connection between Kettering College and Kettering Health Network allows this program to stand out by giving students vital connections and hands on experience in a hospital setting. "The program was developed with input from Kettering Health Network employees and the OTD department chair," said Paula Reams, chair of the bachelor of science in health sciences program. "Students in this program will have an advantage due to their hands on experience through the Network and they will have a competitive edge if they choose to apply to Kettering College's occupational therapy doctoral program."

Kettering College's success in opening the occupational therapy doctoral program in Fall of 2015 was one of the factors in deciding to offer this new undergraduate pre-OT track. Twenty students made history as the inaugural cohort in the occupational therapy doctoral program - the school's first doctoral program and one of only 21 OTD programs in the United States. "More than 200 people applied for 18 spots," said Terrance Anderson, program director. "Because of the quality of our applicant pool, we decided to expand the class to 20 students rather than the original 18, and we also put in place a direct admissions program for select high school students to be able to gain admittance to the doctoral degree straight out of high school through the new undergraduate pre-ot track."

Visit kc.edu/healthcare-management for more information.





Profiles in Caring



Leaders from the Columbia Union Conference join Adventist HealthCare executives and pastors from local churches at the March 7 ceremonial groundbreaking for the future Washington Adventist Hospital in White Oak, Md.

Breaking Ground Together with God

In the Old Testament book of Isaiah there is a wonderful accounting of a moment when Isaiah was a young man. He was so moved by the events happening in his life, and so challenged by the way in which God's power was revealed to him, that when he wrote the story down, he recounted it by saying, "I saw the Lord," and "I heard the voice of the Lord."

I've always wondered what must have happened to cause Isaiah to tell the story of his own life in such grand terms. But now I think I begin to understand.

In March, during the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Washington Adventist Hospital in White Oak, I saw the Lord. Not as a heavenly host like Isaiah did, but in the gathering of all those who have labored so long and so faithfully to bring to fruition the construction of the new hospital.

As I listened to the impassioned retelling of how our community has worked so hard for this, and as I heard the thankfulness for the patience, persistence and commitment that was required to see this process through, I saw the hand of the Almighty and his guidance in the life of our organization and the future of our community.

When I heard from our government representatives and from business leaders about what the new hospital will mean for our local economy, and when I was reminded again of how this will dramatically increase our capacity to have a transformative impact on the health and life of those we serve, I believe I also heard the voice of Divine Providence reassuring us and prodding us to stay faithful to the task.

When Isaiah saw and heard God in his life, he responded by saying, "Here I am, Lord. Send me." The leadership of our organization went from the groundbreaking with renewed convictions that God is leading us and calling us – and sending us out from that ceremonial moment with a mission.

The groundbreaking is a powerful indicator of our commitment to carry through and finish what we start. We have seen God's hand at work, and we have followed his voice to get to this point. "Here we are," we proclaim. "Send us to finish this task you've led us to take up."



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New Vice President of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care Brings Bedside Experience to Role

As her patient's vital signs dropped, Ann Roda held his hand and prayed. She had been working as a nurse on a shock trauma unit when a college student was rushed in with fatal stab wounds. It soon became apparent that his family would not arrive in time to say goodbye. She remained at his bedside and offered comfort and prayer in his final moments.

"I became his family in that very moment," Ann said. "There was a calmness and peace that came over him as I held his hand. The experience solidified for me what healthcare truly means."

In her new role as vice president of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care at Adventist HealthCare, Pastor Ann Roda hopes to use her meaningful nursing and pastoral experiences to help employees discover what healthcare and our mission means to each of them.

"Our mission is beautiful – but what does it actually mean to each individual?" Ann says. "Whether you are working in direct patient care or at the corporate office, we are all working together to demonstrate God's care. Living our mission is a journey we must all take together."

Ann believes that Adventist HealthCare plays an important role in carrying out the ministry of the Adventist Church and helping people become whole again.



Ann Roda, new vice president of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care, offers spiritual counsel.

"Adventists have always believed that health and wholeness living – physically, mentally and spiritually – is God's intention for humankind," she says. "The ministry of Jesus Christ was to make humans whole again. At Adventist HealthCare, we are called to carry on that ministry through demonstrating God's care to patients."

Prior to joining Adventist HealthCare, Ann worked for 10 years as pastor at New Hope Adventist Church in Fulton, Md. She also has helped guide church communities in Georgia and Illinois. Before entering pastoral ministry work, Ann worked for 15 years as a nurse.

At Adventist HealthCare, Ann will lead efforts to integrate the organization's mission into both Adventist HealthCare's culture and work. She will also give even more focus on outreach to community clergy, health ministry, ethics and community benefit, as well as assisting the organization's leaders in addressing the spiritual and ethical dimensions of their work. Additionally, Ann will work with the chaplain service to ensure that the pastoral care teams function properly, and that pastoral education programs maintain a high level of competency.

Ann says she will also seek to help employees realize their unique value to the organization and to each other. "The demonstration of God's care is not just at the bedside, but also to each other. We fulfill our mission by holding each other up, and thus upholding the reputation of Adventist HealthCare."

Ann is well-prepared for this new role as she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University), as well as a Master's degree in Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Spiritual Care for Those in Need

Caring for the spiritual needs of patients is at the heart of Adventist HealthCare's mission. Employees have many ways to provide spiritual care, including contacting our chaplains who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A Transformed Approach to Community Health: Ensuring Success with Continued Support

The mission of Adventist HealthCare goes beyond caring for patients in our award-winning hospitals. Our commitment is to also ensure they do their best to remain healthy each day in their lives. This focus on whole-person health carries on the work started by our founders more than 100 years ago.

One unique way we accomplish this mission today is through a telehealth program at Adventist HealthCare Washington Adventist Hospital. The program, which began one year ago this month, is transforming care to help patients remain healthy after their hospital stay.

To date, the program has reduced the number of return visits to the hospital within 30 days to less than 5 percent of enrolled patients, a significant success when compared with a Maryland state average of 15 percent readmission.

For Michael Flowers of Hyattsville, Md., the program provided the continued support he needed to take control of his health. Michael was unaware that he had any existing health problems until last May when he was taken to the Emergency Department at Washington Adventist Hospital after experiencing chest pain. His symptoms were later found to be caused by uncontrolled diabetes.

"When they found my blood sugar level to be 360, I almost passed out," Michael says. "My close friend died of diabetes. I kept thinking of him."

According to Khanh Nguyen, MD, a primary care physician with Adventist HealthCare Adventist Medical Group, "Diabetes is diagnosed typically with a random glucose level greater than 200 milligrams per deciliter [mg/dL] or a fasting glucose level of greater than 126 on two separate occasions. At this level, individuals are at an increased risk for serious health issues including heart attack, stroke, amputation and vision loss."

Going Home

Michael spent four days in the hospital. Upon discharge, he was enrolled in the free telehealth program, funded by the Washington Adventist Hospital Foundation. He received a glucometer to measure his blood sugar levels, online diabetes and nutrition education, as well as support from transitional care

nurse manager Daniele Hill, RN. For 60 days, Daniele worked with Michael through a visit to his home and ongoing check-in calls. In addition to helping him develop a low-calorie diet and exercise plan, Daniele connected Michael with a primary care physician. "I learned what foods to stay away from," he says. "If I had any questions, I could call my nurse. It was a huge help." At the end of the program, Michael's blood sugar level was below 130 mg/dL, and he had lost weight.

"I have much more energy now," Michael says. "I'm able to enjoy biking and basketball again and am no longer avoiding the stairs." Adds Daniele, "His willingness to change really made the difference. It was amazing to see him go from a life-threatening blood sugar level to now living a normal life."



Transitional care nurse manager Daniele Hill, RN, visits to show patient Michael Flowers how to use a glucometer to check blood sugar levels.

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La nueva vicepresidenta de Misión aporta experiencia en el trato con los pacientes a su función

Mientras los signos vitales de su paciente disminuían, Ann Roda tomó su mano y rezó. Trabajaba como enfermera en una unidad de shock trauma cuando un estudiante universitario irrumpió con puñaladas mortales. Estaba claro que su familia no llegaría a tiempo para despedirse. Ella permaneció junto a su cama, le ofreció confort y rezó en su momento final.

"Me convertí en su familia en ese mismo momento", dijo Ann. "Reinaban una calma y una paz que llegaron a él mientras tomaba su mano. La experiencia me dejó marcado el verdadero significado de la atención de la salud".

En su nuevo rol como vicepresidenta de Integración de Misión y Cuidado Espiritual de Adventist HealthCare, la Pastora Ann Roda espera aplicar sus significativas experiencias como enfermera y pastora a fin de ayudar a los empleados a descubrir el significado de la atención de la salud y nuestra misión.

"Nuestra misión es hermosa pero ¿qué significa realmente para cada persona?", manifestó Ann. "Ya sea que trabajes en atención directa de pacientes o en la oficina corporativa, todos trabajamos juntos para demostrar el cuidado de Dios. Vivir nuestra misión es un recorrido que debemos realizar todos juntos".



Ann Roda, la nueva vicepresidenta de Integración de Misión y Cuidado Espiritual (Mission Integration and Spiritual Care) de Adventist HealthCare, llevó a cabo el devocional de apertura el 7 de marzo en la ceremonia de poner la primera piedra en el sitio del futuro Washington Adventist Hospital.

Ann cree que Adventist HealthCare cumple un rol importante al llevar a cabo el ministerio de la Iglesia Adventista y ayudar a las personas a volver a ser íntegras.

"Los Adventistas siempre han creído que la salud y la vida plena -física, mental y espiritual- son la intención de Dios para la humanidad", señaló. "El ministerio de Jesucristo consistía en que las personas vuelvan a ser íntegras. En Adventist HealthCare, tenemos la misión de llevar a cabo dicho ministerio a través de la demostración del cuidado de Dios a los pacientes".

Antes de unirse a Adventist HealthCare, Ann ejerció durante 10 años como pastora en New Hope Adventist Church en Fulton, Maryland. También ha ayudado a guiar a las comunidades eclesíásticas en Georgia e Illinois. Antes de ingresar al ministerio, Ann se desempeñó durante 15 años como enfermera.

En su nueva función, Ann dirigirá los esfuerzos por integrar la misión de la organización tanto en la cultura como en el trabajo de Adventist HealthCare. Asimismo, se centrará más en alcanzar al clero de la comunidad, al ministerio de salud, a la ética y al beneficio de la comunidad, así como también en asistir a los líderes de la organización en el abordaje de las dimensiones espirituales y éticas de su trabajo. Además, Ann trabajará con el servicio de capellanía para asegurarse de que los equipos de atención pastoral funcionen de manera adecuada y que la educación pastoral mantenga su alto nivel de competencia.

Ann expresó que también buscará ayudar a los empleados a darse cuenta de su valor único para la organización y para ellos mismos.

"La demostración del cuidado de Dios no es solo al lado de la cama del paciente, sino también entre nosotros. Nosotros cumplimos nuestra misión al apoyarnos entre nosotros y, de ese modo, mantener en alto la reputación de Adventist HealthCare".

Ann tiene una Licenciatura en Enfermería de Columbia Union College (actual Universidad Adventista de Washington) y una Maestría en Divinidades del Seminario Teológico Adventista del Séptimo Día.

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CORRECTION

In the March *Visitor* feature, "Building Better Schools Together," we inadvertently listed Alexa Corley as a student at Chesapeake Conference's Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. She is a student at Mountain View Conference's Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.V.



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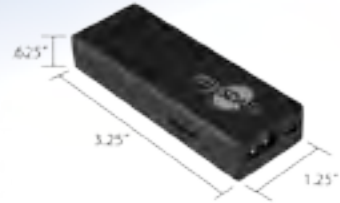
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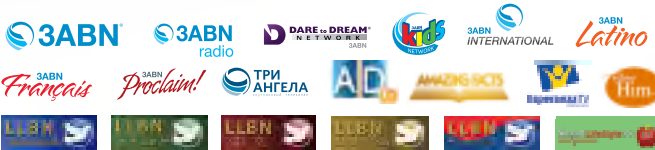
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