From the Editor

Welcome to another issue of RCNN, our very own publication where we share and exchange ideas from our work for the White Estate around the world. It is always a joy to read your reports and see how God has worked through you and your Centers. May this issue be an inspiration to all as we "keep the vision alive." And it is precisely because of this "vision" that we do what we do.

I want to use this opportunity to express my warm gratitude to Elder Bill Fagal and his 31 years of service to the White Estate. He will be retiring in a few months. Elder Fagal has worked as one of our Associate Directors of the White Estate main office at the General Conference since 2003. Previously, he was the Director of the White Estate branch office at Andrews University. He will be greatly missed but I have heard that he is ready to enjoy his retirement years now. Thank you for your dedication Elder Fagal.

At the same time we want to extend our welcome to Dwain Esmond who will replace Elder Fagal as an Associate Director. Dwain has been the editor of Insight magazine and more recently a vice-president for Editorial Services at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. Welcome!

News Flash! I want to welcome Dwain Esmond, our newest associate director at the main office. Dwain was the editorial vice president at the Review and Herald Publishing Association (RHPA). He was elected by the Board on June 8 to fill the position that is being vacated by Bill Fagal who is retiring in September. Between now and then, Dwain will be working with Bill to learn as much as he can regarding the various White Estate editorial projects as well as our office processes. I have known and worked with Dwain through the years while he was at the RHPA before it closed. I am now looking forward to an even closer working relationship with him as a member of the White Estate team! His first day in the office was Monday, June 15. I know that I speak for the rest of the team when I say, “Welcome, Dwain!”

The first six months of 2015 have been among the busiest ever, but they have also been some of the most rewarding of my 42 years of service for the Church. What occupied the largest amount of my work was related to finishing the new Ellen G. White Visitor Center (EGWVC). It literally consumed all of my time through April. Even so, I do not recall ever working on anything that was more rewarding personally.

There were so many people who helped in one way or another with the EGWVC project and I certainly cannot name them all. However, a few individuals do deserve special mention: Tim Poirier helped plan every exhibit including reading every caption;
Bill Fagal proofread every word of each caption in the new visitor center; the team from FlipTV designed and fabricated the visitor center; and the General Conference maintenance team constructed the walls for the new visitor center as well as for our new White Estate offices that had to be moved and relocated last January. In addition, the staff at the Main Office also contributed in various ways to the overall project.

The dedication of the new EGWVC occurred on April 12, just before the Spring Meeting, with about 200 people in attendance. That same evening the new “Eden-to-Eden” art exhibit on the first level of the General Conference was also dedicated. Since the visitor center was not totally completed at that time, its official opening occurred on June 1. And even then, some details were not yet completed. Despite that we already had the first tour of school children who visited the center on Thursday, May 21. It consisted of about 75 7th and 8th grade students and their sponsors from Spencerville Adventist Academy where my wife, Mindi, is the 8th grade home room teacher.

Other things that involved my time during the past six months included a trip to Istanbul, Turkey, to meet with the managers and presidents of a number of our worldwide Adventist publishing houses. Then I had a trip to Montemorelos University to visit our Ellen G. White-Seven-day Adventist Research Center. (With the exception of our Research Center in Russia, this completes the third quinquennium during which I have visited all of our Branch Offices and Research Centers in the five-year period. I was scheduled to visit Russia last year, but my visa did not arrive in time for me to do so. I hope possibly to get there later this year, though obviously by then the current quinquennium will be over. I find the visits to our Centers to be extremely helpful, including getting to interact with each of our directors.) Also, Alberto Timm and I participated in an Ellen White Symposium in Brazil, followed by a visit to our Research Center in Argentina. While in Argentina, I was privileged to meet Dr. Sergio Becerra who became the new director of that Center last year.

Due to still being a member of the Pacific Press and Review and Herald (RHPA) Boards, I have attended board meetings for both publishing houses. I was also asked by Bob Lemon, the current RHPA president, to head a small team tasked with suggesting what should be done with the historic artifacts owned by RHPA in their soon-to-be-sold Hagerstown printing facility. I cannot speak for the other members of the committee (of which Tim Poirier was one), but I found it sad going through the mostly empty offices and elsewhere in the building looking for things to suggest that should be saved in order to help preserve the story of the RHPA from when it was a printing facility. I am glad that the Review continues as a publisher, but I cannot forget that the Review printing office was the first institution established by our pioneers.

I also continue to chair the Adventist Heritage Ministry (AHM) Board. In that capacity I am currently chairing a search committee to look for a full-time executive director for AHM. Tom Neslund, AHM president, Don Sahly, the current half-time executive director for AHM, and I had the enjoyable experience of participating in an early Adventist hymn sing for about 75 prominent persons from Loma Linda in the home of Dr. Joan Coggin, a retired heart surgeon who lives there and who is a supporter of the Joseph Bates Boyhood Home restoration project.

Other things that successfully (though briefly) caused me to quit researching and writing EGWVC captions included a guest lecture for Dr. Merlin Burt’s Spirit of Prophecy class at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Also, I led a day-long tour to “Elmshaven” and other nearby historic Adventist sites in Northern California for the presidents of our five Spanish-producing publishing houses. In addition, I presented a devotional at the Adventist Book Center Marketing Seminar and two General Conference worships as part of our 12 monthly worship series planned for 2015 as part of our Ellen White Centennial Legacy activities.

The General Conference purchased the rights to the 1970s documentary film, “Yes, I Remember Ellen White,” in which four people who recalled Ellen White shared their personal memories of her. The General Conference gave the film master copy plus its rights to the White Estate. Tim Poirier has acquired copies of the DVD for each of our Branch Offices and Research Centers. Additional copies may be purchased from the Pacific Press who is selling the DVDs.

With the General Conference session rapidly approaching, as I am writing this report, I am looking forward to seeing several of our Branch Office and Research Center directors who will be in San Antonio, Texas. For the others, I am hopeful that in the not too distant future we will be able to equip our new White Estate conference room with video conferencing equipment so that we can occasionally conduct video conference calls to better be able to keep in contact with each of you. Even then, I appreciate Ted Levetov’s willingness to edit Research Center News Notes twice a year.

May God continue to bless each of you as you promote the writings of Ellen White in the part of the world served by your research facility. ♦
I wrote my last report amid the pounding and sanding of the construction outside my office for the new Ellen White Visitor’s Center. We had its dedication on April 12, during the time of Spring Meetings, although many of the exhibits were still in process. On June 1 we officially opened for visitors, but we still have a number of unfinished exhibits due to the pressures of also preparing for the GC Session which will have been underway by the time you receive this report.

Needless to say, the Visitor Center has occupied Jim and my time for most of the past six months—that, and moving all our files and library materials into our new office area. Much still remains in temporary storage. I have included several photographs showing you the Center’s progress. It has been extremely well-received judging from the comments from visitors.

In any “free” time I can find, my priority continues to be systematically working through all of Ellen White’s diary/journals to verify what has already been transcribed and adding anything previously uncopied to our letter/manuscript collection. The Visitor Center prevented me from meeting the goal of completing this work in time to have everything added to the electronic database just now, but eventually this will be done.

You will remember that on July 16, 2015, the database of Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts will be freely available at www.egwwritings.org. Persons will no longer have to visit the Research Centers to access Ellen White’s manuscripts. Throughout the rest of the year additional archival resources will be added to the website, including the incoming correspondence and W. C. White’s letters, as outlined in http://ellenwhite.org/estate/2015plans.asp (items 11-15).

We recently received copies of the new book Understanding Ellen White, edited by Merlin Burt. It deals with major issues particularly related to interpreting Ellen White’s writings and their relation to Scripture. Copies have been sent to each Center, as will also be done as soon as we receive the 2016 EGW Daily Devotional that is just now being printed.

I encourage you to check out the entirely new White Estate website at www.ellenwhite.org which went live today (June 24, 2015). It still has many areas needing to be refined, but you should spend some time exploring the new menus and resources so that you are able to guide patrons to the different types of materials available.

Thank you to each of you for your service as a part of the White Estate team over the past quinquennium, and as we look in the future to our Lord’s soon return. ♦
I expect this to be my last Newsnotes entry, as I am due to retire in September, well before the next issue is published. This has made me a bit reflective, perhaps nostalgic. So instead of listing the usual catalog of trips and activities (which were not remarkable for this period), I thought I would make a few personal comments that look back over my 31 years with the White Estate. I can truly say that for me, they have been good years. I believe the Lord opened the way for me to be in this work, and I rejoice in His blessing and in the privilege He has accorded me to serve Him in this way.

I came to the White Estate in 1984, having served some 10 years in pastoral ministry and four in college teaching, though I had not taught a course in the Gift of Prophecy. I was asked to be the Director of the White Estate Branch Office and Andrews University. I had much to learn, but Hedwig Jemison, my predecessor, and Pauline Maxwell, the long-time secretary in that office, helped me as needed. The office also got its first personal computer (PC) shortly thereafter. After about one year there, I became aware of a new computer technology, CD-ROM, and began to think about its possibilities for computer searches of Ellen White’s writings and to share the potential with the leadership at the main office. They took it seriously, and in the late 1980s they sponsored me to a CD-ROM conference in Chicago, to learn more about it and to look for appropriate software for our uses. There I met the young men who later designed our first CD-ROM release, using software of their creation. By 1990, with the White Estate leadership daring to borrow $250,000 to make it possible, we had Ellen White’s writings searchable on CD-ROM.

At Andrews there were people much more aware of emerging technology than I was. They began to talk to me about putting Ellen White’s writings on the internet, using the (now archaic) methods of telnet and the search capability of gopher. With permission from the main office, by about 1992 we had usable resources that were accessible from anywhere in the world. Then one of the people at Andrews also told me of the Gutenberg Project, which put significant books into electronic form and made them freely accessible on the internet. We got permission to submit some of Ellen White’s books (for which we now had electronic text) for inclusion, and they were accepted.

The next big development was the World Wide Web. Again, with prompting and help from tech-savvy people at Andrews, we developed the White Estate’s first web site, which went “live” in August, 1995, shortly after the GC session in Utrecht. With it we also created an email address for the White Estate, on the Andrews system. People began to use the web site, and soon they were sending questions to the email address, which came to me. Many of them I was unprepared to answer, but Tim Poirier helped me, and my own research skills improved, too. Before long some of the questions reflected challenges from Ellen White’s critics. Sometimes, when these questions came in, my heart would sink. “Oh, this charge is serious,” I found myself saying. “It really looks bad for Ellen White. What can we possibly say to this?” But when I began to look into the matter, seeing what else the context might reveal or what further light Ellen White might have written on the matter elsewhere, and examining the historical background where possible, the pieces would come together in a coherent way that put the issue in quite a different light from the way the critics cast it. I recognized how the critics simply don’t present everything you need to know to evaluate the situation properly, and my confidence in Ellen White and her prophetic gift increased greatly.

Answering questions about Ellen White turned into a major part of my work, both at Andrews and later at the main office. Over the years I estimate that I have answered more than 10,000 inquiries, most of them by email, and the figure may be closer to 15,000 by now. Darryl Thompson harvested these questions and replies along with some replies by other people, and students from Bogenhofen prepared them for searching on the Web (without the names of the inquirers and certain others who might be mentioned in the email exchange). These are now searchable in our Digital Resource Center, drc.ellenwhite.org. A book editor from Pacific Press found them there and decided that a selection of them would make a good book. 101 Questions About Ellen White and Her Writings came from the press in 2010.

Editorial work has been my distinctive task since coming to the main office in 2003. I had the privilege of working with Elder Kenneth Wood for a number of years. He was a consummate editor, and he was very helpful to me. He would make suggestions, and sometimes we would discuss the finer points of editing a particular piece. Yet right from the start, he gave me the responsibility to make the final decisions. Only rarely did I not adopt his suggestions—they were so good! The first couple of books in the adapted “Conflict of the Ages” series for teens were greatly improved by his touch.
In his 90s, he surprised me by suggesting that I be bolder than I had been in making needed adaptations so that a young readership would understand. Even after he was gone, this counsel resulted in a better outcome for the remaining books of the series. I appreciated not only the interchanges we had and his suggestions, but the confidence that he placed in me. I am touched and humbled by it still.

Jim and Tim and my other colleagues have been wonderful to work with. We have had a collegiality here that has been a joy. It is wonderful to work with pleasant, competent, dedicated people. That’s what we have, not only here at the main office, but in our extended network of White Estate facilities around the world. I have been privileged to visit many of these other locations in person and to become acquainted with the leadership and staff there.

In retirement, I will be living near Andrews University. (My wife has already moved there with the household goods, to be near the grandchildren and to start the garden!) I hope to stay active professionally, though probably on a more relaxed schedule.

As I look back now, I am reminded of two famous statements. One is a portion of Numbers 23:23 quoted by Samuel F. B. Morse as the first telegraph message, sent in a demonstration on May 24, 1844, from Washington, D. C., to Baltimore, Maryland: “What hath God wrought!” I feel that I can say that, too, as I look especially at the last three decades of White Estate progress. The other is Ellen White’s well-known statement, “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (Life Sketches, p. 196).

My best wishes go to each of you, and especially to my successor, Dwain Esmond, whom you will meet elsewhere in this issue. He is a man of experience and dedication, and I know that he and you and the work of the White Estate are in the best of Hands.

“Again the months have flown by filled with talks, seminars and writing work. I am very pleased that the book Understanding Ellen White edited by Merlin Burt is out and was honored to be able to contribute a chapter.

Our Pitcairn Game continues to grow. We now also have the game available in Danish, German, French, Spanish and by the time you read these news notes we hope to have added Portuguese, Russian and Ukrainian. We now also have apps for the game on IOS, Android and windows platforms. If you haven’t tried the game out yet, it can be downloaded by simply looking for Pitcairn at your app store. Although the game is aimed at Pathfinders (ages 10-14), we are hearing from many adults and even seniors who are using the game to keep their minds sharp! We are still looking for volunteers to help us translate the game into more languages. So if you could help in this area please let me know.

Our efforts to make ourselves more visible on social media are paying off. Our Facebook reach has shown remarkable growth. At the moment we are impacting thousands of people daily with our postings. A big thanks to all of our Branch Offices, Research Centers, and our Spirit of Prophecy Coordinators who have sent us information to post.

Many of you are active on Social Media and we would like to link with you and help provide more visibility for you so please send us your social media sites. Please continue to advertise your new initiatives, up coming seminars, special Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis days, books or study materials by sending me or Dwain Esmond an e-mail to post on our Facebook page.

‘Like’ the Ellen G. White Estate on Facebook today!
The centennial of Ellen White’s death is keeping all of us more than busy. My activities during the first semester of 2015 gravitated largely around some teaching and plenty of lecturing and writing.

My speaking appointments began on February 2 lecturing at the “Ellen G. White and Inspiration” Pastoral Conference that took place at Loma Linda University. Under the dynamic leadership of Ted Levterov, nearly 100 pastors attended the event. I presented three lectures—“Adventist Understanding of Inspiration: Historical Overview,” “Understanding Inspiration: An Adventist Perspective,” and “Divine Accommodation and Cultural Conditioning of the Inspired Writings.” Stanley Hickerson had an interesting presentation about his discoveries while working on volume 2 of The Ellen G. White Letters & Manuscripts with Annotations.

On February 9-13, I taught an intensive course on “Contemporary Issues in Seventh-day Adventist Theology” for the M.A. in Theology students of the Peruvian Union University. I enjoyed interacting with the 59 students that took my class, as well as spending time with Gluder Quisp, director of the Peruvian Ellen G. White Research Center. I was also impressed with the large replica of the Mosaic tabernacle displayed at the Center.

Following Peru, I attended the International Bible Conference (Theme: “Ecclesiology”), at the Colombia Adventist University, Medellin, Colombia, February 17-18. I presented a devotional on the “Prophetic Nature of Adventism” and two plenary lectures—“The Dilemma of the Delay” and “Justification by Faith: Five Theories.”


May the Lord bless each one of your during 2015 and beyond, till we meet together in the everlasting kingdom!
On the evening of June 16, 2015, a deranged gunman calmly walked into the Emanuel A.M.E Church in Charleston, South Carolina. A few members of the historic Black congregation had gathered to study the Word of God, as had been their custom for decades. The gunman was welcomed warmly, “worshiping” with the members for close to an hour before pulling out his gun and opening fire. When he stopped firing, nine innocent people lay dying and an entire city was plunged into mourning and deep soul-searching. Sadly in our culture, such violent acts have become routine and accepted. We have entered a “new normal” where crime and violence are expected and where balms for societies ills are few.

Are we doomed to live in this cycle of endless anarchy? You know instinctively that we are not—in no small part because you have been privileged to know Jesus Christ, the pardon of your sins, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, and the Great Controversy story. Those who do not know Jesus, or the hope embodied in our soon coming Savior, live lives of “quiet desperation.” This deep midnight of despair is no more evident than in America’s cities where nihilism rules the day. Men’s hearts are literally “failing them for fear” (Luke 21:26, KJV).

The prophet of the Lord believed that Seventh-day Adventists were called by God to respond to the lost in our cities. We are to reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ and help God build up His kingdom, “on earth” as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). Here are a few noteworthy quotations from Ellen G White regarding city evangelism:

**City Evangelism’s Mighty Results Not Yet Witnessed.**
—There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed...

As a people we are not half awake to a sense of our necessities and to the times in which we live. Wake up the watchmen. Our first work should be to search our hearts and to become reconverted. We have no time to lose upon unimportant issues.—Letter 46, 1910 (Medical Ministry, p. 304).

**Earnest Prayer and Effort Needed for Cities.**—We carry too light a burden in behalf of souls unsaved. There never was a time when the world needed us more than it needs us now. All about us are cities unawakened. Souls are perishing, and what are we doing? We need to have a burden for these souls, such as many of us have never experienced...

We do not half believe these truths. If we did, there would be seen more praying and more diligence in trying to carry these truths to the inhabitants of the cities of our land. God is now calling upon us to open up a strong work in the cities.—Manuscript 23, 1910.

**Lack of Encouragement and Support Displeases God.**
—Let us thank the Lord that there are a few laborers doing everything possible to raise up some memorials for God in our neglected cities. Let us remember that it is our duty to give these workers encouragement. God is displeased with the lack of appreciation and support shown our faithful workers in our large cities.—Manuscript, 154, 1902 (Evangelism, p. 42).

**Satan Tries to Discourage City Workers.**—As you look upon cities, so full of iniquity, Satan will tell you that it is impossible to do them any good. The cities are sadly neglected. You will never know the value of the pearl until you seek earnestly to find it.—Manuscript 13, 1895 (Manuscript Releases, vol. 10, p. 227).

**Many carry No Burden for Souls.**—The large cities should have been worked just as soon as the churches received the light, but many have carried no burden for souls, and Satan, finding them susceptible to his temptations, has spoiled their experience. God asks His people to repent, be converted, and to return to their first love, which they have lost by their failure to follow in the footsteps of the self-sacrificing Redeemer.—Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 140. (1909)

**Too Little Attention Given to Cities.**—Behold the cities, and their need of the gospel! The need of earnest laborers among the multitudes of the cities has been kept before me for more than twenty years. Who are carrying a burden for the large cities? A few have felt the burden, but in comparison with the great need and the many opportunities but little attention has been given to this work.—Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9. Pp. 97, 98 (1909).
MEGATRENDS IN CHRISTIANITY

Ellen White’s urgent messages concerning the evangelism of those in the city is facing some stiff headwinds today. In 2010 The Barna Group, widely considered the leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture, listed the six megatrends that influencing Christianity today:

1. The Christian Church is becoming less theologically literate.
2. Christians are becoming more ingrown and less outreach-oriented.
3. A growing number of Christians are jettisoning spiritual principles in favor of more pragmatic “solutions” to the challenges they face in life.
4. The postmodern insistence on tolerance is winning over the Christian church.
5. Participation in community action by Christians is escalating.
6. The influence of Christianity on culture and individual lives is largely invisible.

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

On the heels of this landmark report, here are some critical questions to consider:

- How are these trends influencing the work and ministry of Seventh-day Adventist believers?
- Are we as theologically literate as we used to be, and if we are not, how can we understand the biblical imperative to reach the cities for Christ?
- If tolerance of societal norms is growing, will members have the courage to share the truth as it is in Jesus when it bucks societal conventions?
- Finally, if Christianity’s impact on individual lives is waning, how will those who claim to be “salt” in the world perform Christ’s mandate found in Matthew 5:13-16?

I have received invitations to preach and lecture in many churches and institutions across our land. I have done so in an effort to help them build the Kingdom of God in the city, by building people. Today it saddens me to report that many clergy and congregations today are not carrying Ellen White’s burden for the city forward. There are pockets of city ministry happening, but this is the exception rather than the norm. Have we given up on the biblical, theological, and Spirit of Prophecy themes given to us by God to meet trends such as the ones reported by the The Barna Group?

We human beings are running out of air, time, water—and opportunities to share the Gospel with those trapped in the metropolises of our world. One way that we can jumpstart a recommitment to this sacred calling—in addition to careful prayer and study of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20—is to urge and encourage the careful reading of Ministry to the City, a compilation of Ellen G White’s writings on city evangelism and ministry. With God’s help and the consistent prompting of the Holy Spirit, we may yet witness a renewed emphasis on this largely neglected area of ministry.

CRITICAL SOLUTIONS

Using workshops and sermons, I have sought to raise awareness for this critical work. The response of membership is often positive and encouraging, but the challenge we face on the ground is how to keep the fires of city evangelism burning after the preaching/presentation moment is done. Here are three things we can do:

1. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send converted workers to serve in his vineyard. Jesus asked us to do this because He knew our great need (Matthew 9:38)! We must pray early and often!
2. Rehearse often the counsels of Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy with regard to the city evangelism. Each local church leader should possess a copy. Clergy should weave these counsels into the fabric of the church’s liturgy and practice.
3. Create opportunities for members to witness individually and corporately. Track attacks, health evangelism, friendship evangelism—use whatever means best fits the church’s ministry context.
4. Evaluate the process and progress and adjust accordingly. Churches unaccustomed to mixing and ministering to non-SDAs will find that they have much to learn in order to be effective witnesses. Plan regular “time-outs” to celebrate successes and implement new strategies.
In the first part of 2015, I found myself ministering in three African divisions (ECD, SID and WAD). It has been a very intense time period blessed with various speaking and teaching appointments, meetings, research and publication activities.

27 January – 14 March: The year started with teaching at the Adventist University of Africa (AUA) and Solusi University in Zimbabwe. The course was on church growth. In addition, I was invited to preach and give a two-days SOP seminar by the local chaplain.

22 February: Right after returning from Zimbabwe, the president of the Republic of Kenya visited the AUA Branch Office during a fundraising ceremony for the upcoming Health Science building. I was privileged to briefly share with him the purpose of the office and present to him two of the Ellen White’s books: *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages*.

10-18 March: My assistant, Mabel Owusu-Antwi, and I visited the Western African country of Ghana where we offered SOP seminars for the church leaders in North Ghana Union Mission in Kumasi, and youth leaders in Techiman. I was also invited to preach at the Techiman Denchemuoso SDA church. After this, we flew to Accra and presented another SOP seminar to pastors and workers of South Central Ghana Conference.

26 - 28 March: AUA was holding its Second Research Conference. Being a research and publishing committee member, I was fully involved in the preparation and running of the program. Also, I presented a paper, “The Body of Christ’ Figure and its Functional Significance for Seventh-Day Adventist Church Leadership.” During this Conference, Michael Sokupa from Helderberg College, South Africa, Beatrice Idowu from University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya and I found time to have a meeting. We shared our experiences and reviewed some plans for some future collaborative work.

10-24 April: My second teaching assignment for the year was on the main AUA campus in Nairobi, Kenya. It was a mission course for the ECD Pastoral Theology cohort.

12 May-3 June: This period of time I spent in Lagos, Nigeria, where I taught the WAD Pastoral Theology cohort on the campus of Babcock University. The subject was on church growth. While there, Adelowo Felix Adetunji and I had a meeting on which we shared our mutual desires and challenges of running the offices and spreading the SOP message. At the same time, I was invited to give two presentations to the AUA students and Babcock University students, faculty, staff and community.

June 5-7: AUA had its fourth graduation. The class 2015 chose me to be their sponsor.

11 - 14 June: These four days I spent in Juba, South Sudan. It was a very intensive and blessed time of presenting SOP materials to the church leaders, pastors, and church members of the Great Equatorial Field. In addition to seminars, the Field Women Ministries leader asked me to be their guest speaker in the Juba Central church on Sabbath morning.
16-25 June: The last planned trip for the first part of the year has been reserved for Ethiopia. The West Ethiopia Field in Gimbi and Central Ethiopia Field in Addis Ababa should be my destination where I was asked to lead out SOP seminars. Because the current report is being done before the travel to Ethiopia, I cannot provide here any account about this upcoming trip.

In addition to the above-mentioned ministry, there were other preaching appointments, office work, publishing of two newsletters, different committee meetings, grading of students’ papers and exams, advising doctoral dissertations and masters level projects, and numerous other tasks.

To conclude this report I want to emphasize one common trait that I have noticed in all three Divisions. At the time of an extensive church growth in Africa, there is a great need to educate people to read and interpret EGW writings so that their faith would increase, their lifestyle would reflect the principles of Christ’s disciples of the 21st century, and their walk with the Lord would become meaningful.

The past six months have brought multiple interesting developments to the Center for Adventist Research. Not only have there been several staff changes, but we’ve also had some significant facility improvements. Katy Wolfer, our Special Projects Manager, is leaving to move to Maryland with her husband Nick, where he will be director of production for the new North American Division studio. Heidi Magesa, our current administrative assistant, has moved to Katy’s old position. Heidi is trained in graphic design and has excellent project management skills. Finally, we welcome Tamara Karr as our new Administrative Assistant.

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“We are continually moving forward, and we are planning to launch this coming February.”

- Burt on the launch of the Adventist Digital Library.

We are working hard in anticipation of the launch of the Adventist Digital Library (ADL). I have reported on the various stages of this project in previous reports. We are continually moving forward, and we are planning to launch this coming February. In April of this year, Eric Koester joined our staff as the Digital Systems Manager. Eric has a strong background in managing digital resources and developing software solutions. He has been working aggressively with Julie Johnson, the Lead Manager, to develop the software plan for ADL and we are close to signing some important contracts. I expect to have a much larger report on ADL in the next issue of Newsnotes.

As a part of the growing emphasis on digital resources for education and ministry, the Center is restructuring to add a Digital Asset Coordinator position. This person will care for both CAR and ADL materials. Over the last few years, Adventist electronic periodicals have grown dramatically.
The malfunctioning moving shelves were converted into regular shelving and a new larger compact shelving unit has been added. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of my associate, Jim Ford, in managing the removal of books, the removal of old shelving, and the installation of the new system. Jim’s careful planning and organization of this project let us finish ahead of schedule and with a minimum of disruption.

Besides administrative responsibilities, I have been busy with several other projects. I am delighted to report the publication of Understanding Ellen White by Pacific Press. This book is a White Estate publication for which I served as editor. It has taken several years to complete, but should provide help and guidance on addressing issues relating to Ellen White. We have kept the length to a manageable 250 pages to facilitate translation. It will also be useful as an academic textbook or reader. The various capable authors give this volume a valuable basis for understanding the work and prophetic ministry of Ellen White.

Also, during the first half of this year, I travelled to both the Netherlands and England for conferences on Ellen White. These conferences were a blessing and I was able to meet for the first time or re-meet some excellent church workers and members.

My teaching schedule this past semester was challenging. I had 80 students in my Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology class and another eight in the distance learning class; I also had 39 students in my Issues in Ellen White class. I consider teaching for the seminary as one of my sacred responsibilities. I can think of nothing that is more important than equipping the next generation of church workers with a right understanding and orientation to Ellen White and the Seventh-day Adventist theological message and mission.

I want to take a few lines to promote the upcoming Gift of Prophecy Symposium to be held at Andrews University, October 15-18, 2015. There will be a Symposium publication produced which will contain the material given by the presenters and will be released at the Symposium. The lead editor is Alberto Timm, with partnership from myself and Jiri Moskala. You can register and learn more about the conference at www.giftofprophecy2015.org. This White Estate event is something that I believe will be helpful to each of you and I hope that many will be able to attend.

There are quite a few other matters I could write about if there were time and space available. I wish each of my colleagues at the branch offices and research centers, God’s richest blessing. I expect a number of us will meet each other at the General Conference session or, perhaps, at the Ellen White Symposium in October. ♦
Greetings from the White Estate Branch Office at Loma Linda University. My work during the first six months of the year was divided between teaching for the School of Religion, writing for various publication projects, and giving seminars devoted to the centennial of Ellen White’s death.

From January to March, I taught a seminar on the book *Ministry of Healing* for the School of Medicine. This class, as I have mentioned before, was initially experimental, but students who had taken the class before enjoyed it so much, and under their recommendation, the class has become a regular feature of the curriculum. This year, I had a very bright group of doctoral students who made each meeting a learning experience for all of us. The students had to read certain chapters of the book and the class sessions were devoted to discussions of issues related to the medical work and its missionary character. My role was simply to facilitate the class deliberations. It was rewarding to see students engaging with the writings of Ellen White and making them relevant to their professional careers. From June 15th to 26th I also taught an intensive class on the “History of the Seventh-day Adventism” for undergraduate and graduate students of La Sierra University.

When not actively teaching, I spend a major part of my time writing for various projects. My final copy with suggested revisions for the Ellen G. White’s Symposium at Andrews University (taking place in October, 2015) entitled “How Early Sabbath-keeping Adventists Accepted Ellen G. White as a True Prophet, 1844-1872” was finished by the end of January. I also wrote a couple of papers on the question of “ordination.” One was published in the spring issue of AUSS (Andrews University Seminary Studies, vol. 53, No. 1, pp. 5-13). I have titled it: “Principles of Ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1844-1900.” The other paper, “Ordained! Yet, Not-Ordained: Ellen G. White’s Ministerial Credentials” was accepted to be published in the *Ministry* magazine. I have not been informed which issues will carry the publication yet, but will let you know in our next issues of *Newsnotes*. I also wrote a chapter for a book devoted to Ellen White that will be published in Peru sometime this year, plus another article for *Berit Olam*, one of their scholarly periodicals.

In addition, I gave an extended interview for the *Portland Press Herald* newspaper about Ellen White and her contributions to vegetarianism. You can find part of my interview in the article: “Maine Woman Founded Church, converted followers to vegetarianism” published on May 13, 2015. But probably the best joy was to see my first book entitled, *The Development of the Seventh-day Adventist Understanding of Ellen G. White’s Prophetic Gift, 1844-1889*, published by Peter Lang Publishing. It is based on my dissertation research with some editorial changes. I am working on a shorter and more popular version that I hope to publish later this year as well.

I also gave several seminar presentations. In January I had a large group of Pathfinder leaders of the Southeast California Conference with whom I shared the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church. In February, I gave an afternoon seminar on the same topic at the Lake Perris Seventh-day Adventist Church. In March, I had a three-part presentation on the life and ministry of Ellen White at Tillamook Adventist Church in Oregon. And in May, I travelled to Sahmyook University in South Korea and participated in the “Ellen G. White Centennial Memorial Symposium” organized by Hyunsok John Doh, our E. G. White Research Center director there. (You can read more about the event in Doh’s report in this issue).

“It was rewarding to see students engaging with the writings of Ellen White and making them relevant to their professional careers.”

- Levterov reflecting on classes.
On Feb. 2, our Branch Office also organized and led the annual Pastoral Conference for the Southeast California and Southern California Conferences. The presenters included Dr. Alberto Timm, Associate Director of the E. G. White Estate Main Office, and Stan D. Hickerson, the Annotation Project Editor of the E. G. White Estate based at the Center for Adventist Research in Berrien Springs, Michigan. We had about 100 pastors attending the event and had a great day of learning and fellowship.

Yes, the first six months were busy and full of activities, but God has blessed our work here and we can only praise Him for that.

Report from the Department of Archives & Special Collections, Loma Linda University

Dr. Levterov likes to include a brief statement on what the other half of the Heritage Research Center here at Loma Linda University has been doing to help support the work of the White Estate Branch Office, beyond that of sharing an employee. We too will miss Paul Mwansa!

Respectfully submitted,
Lori N. Curtis, Chair
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East Central Africa Division
Kenya Research Center
No Report Received

Philip Gai
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This year between 15th to the 21st of March, the East Central Africa Division (ECD) Spirit of Prophecy department conducted seminars in the country of Burundi. These seminars took place at three different centers and focused on creating awareness on the importance of the Spirit of Prophecy in the Adventist Church giving certain historical information and encouraging church members to embrace the Spirit of Prophecy. The SOP Coordinator Philip Gai together with Beatrice Idowu, the Director of the Research Center at the University of Eastern Africa Baraton, conducted the Seminars.

For the past several years - and the first six months of this year have been no different - we have focused our collecting efforts around the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Adventist health care, vegetarianism and Biblical Prophecy. To these ends we have acquired many exciting items for the collections, including two vegetarian cookbooks, a letter from John Harvey Kellogg to a prospective student at the Battle Creek Medical and Surgical Sanitarium Training School for Nurses (1899), and approximately a dozen items related to Biblical Prophecy, including a rare item by Thomas Parker, The Visions and Prophecies of Daniel Expounded (1646), which L. E. Froom discusses for ten pages in his seminal work The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori N. Curtis, Chair
Department of Archives & Special Collections

Some Sabbath presentations have also been conducted in some Churches within Nairobi, with specific focus on handling dissidents within the Adventist Church. Somehow there appears to be some isolated cases of dissidents who still infiltrate the church with teachings that attack the church, usually based on misunderstandings on Spirit of Prophecy writings.

One item that has always been a big challenge within ECD, is lack of reading material. For this reason many people accept anything that falls into their hands or read it without knowing its source. The good news is that many Unions have been working hard to ensure that the writings of Ellen White are translated into local languages. A recent stocktaking has revealed that more than 70 different books have been translated into different languages within ECD territory.

This year this Division received subsidy funds to assist in translating the Great Controversy in Kirundi and Luganda. Some more requests have been forwarded to the GC to solicit for further funding to help in the production of more books. One great thing that has also happened is that for the very first time we have the Steps to Christ translated and printed in Somali Language.

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Dear friends of the White Estate and White Research Center around the world, please, receive our regards from the Ellen G. White Research Center of the Adventist University of Central America (UNADECA) in Costa Rica.

Training School in Guatemala

In January 16th to 18th, the West Conference of Guatemala inaugurated the first Training Program for their Leaders. Around 950 Lay persons attended the event presented by Dr. Franz Rios, Director of the Unadeca’s White Estate Center. The following topics were presented: 1) Principles of biblical interpretation drawn from the writings of Ellen White; 2) How to present the prophetic gift of Ellen White while giving Bible studies to interested people, and how to motivate church members to read her writings.

Laymen course in Panama

On April 25th and 26th we held a training program for the lay person in South East Mision of Panama. In this meetings we presented the following topics: 1) Lessons to preach the Word of God, according to the advice given by Ellen White; 2) How to present the prophetic gift of Ellen White while giving Bible studies to interested people, and how to motivate church members to read her writings.

Franz Rios
Director
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Inter-American Division

Revived By His Word and the Ellen G. White UNADECA

We are concluding successfully the reading of the Bible in the program "Revived By His Word". The Adventist station, “Radio Lira,” that has a coverage throughout Costa Rica’s territory, transmits three times a day a verse from the above publication. Then it is analyze and a quote from Ellen G. White writings is added to help listeners understand the selected verse. This is written by the director of the Ellen G. White office of UNADECA. With this method, brethren and all radio listeners get to know that Ellen White was inspired by God to write about the various issues that the Bible presents.

Pictures from Costa Rica. (Top) Laymen course in Panama; (Bottom) Training school in Guatemala
The day is coming when the battle will have been fought, and the victory won, but until then, the Centre in Jamaica through the influence of the third person of the Godhead has a singular purpose of achieving the mandate for which it was appointed. This report will be divided into three sections: a) Institutional (NCU); b) National (the Jamaica Union [JAMU]); and c) Divisional (IAD). It is noteworthy to note that for sometime during the first half of 2015 the Center operated without a Director. Ms. Manifa Riley (the Secretary of the Center at that time) rose to the occasion and served as the interim director and led its activities. I am grateful for her dedication and tenacious leadership.

Core: The Institutional

In seeking to collaboratively assist Northern Caribbean University (NCU) in remaining distinctly SDA in philosophy and practice, whilst making members of the constituency aware of the offerings of the Centre, the following activities were spearheaded during the period under review:

1. Daily noon-hour Prayer Sessions at the Centre called students and staff members to unite in prayer with a steadfast assurance that prayer and faith will do what no power on earth could accomplish.
2. On a weekly basis a thought entitled “Words of Counsel” from the writings of Mrs. White was submitted and published in the *NCU Weekender*. This is an e-newsletter published by the Office of the Vice President of Student Services and sent to all students and workers.
3. On the 5th of January, with the foreknowledge that Music forms a part of God's worship in the courts above, and that it is one of the means through which the adversary seeks to work, a presentation entitled “Music and the Christian” was made to a group of students who comprise the Student Association of Literature Evangelist.
4. On February 14th the Center welcomed members of the Children’s Department of NCU for a tour.
5. On February 28th we celebrated the “Publishing Day” at NCU. To commemorate this event, we had a booth on display which highlighted the work and ministry of Ellen White and our Pioneers.
6. NCU Annual Research Week Program was convened from March 11-12. The Centre participated by mounting a booth display. During the event approximately seventy (70) copies of the Great Controversy were distributed.
7. On March 17 the “Gift of Prophecy” class, led by Dr. Cameron, visited the Centre for a tour and watched a video presentation about the work and ministry of Ellen White.
8. On March 30th the Centre in collaboration with the Spirit of Prophecy club hosted a Chapel Worship on the campus of NCU.
9. On the 24th of April, the Centre bade farewell to Ms. Manifa Riley who gave seven (7) years of service punctuated by an exceptional dedication to duty. In the same breath, the Centre welcomed a new Director, Dr. Robert Wright and a new secretary, Miss Abigail Foster.
10. On Sabbath, May 9, 2015, the Centre welcomed over 30 members of the Clear Park S.D.A Church. Accompanying them were members of the Spirit of Prophecy Club. We had a full day program under the theme: “Preparation for the Final Crisis.”
11. On the 14th of May the Centre was visited by students and teachers of the Garlogie Primary & Junior High School who had an abridged tour of the facilities.

The Mantle: Jamaica Union

Currently, the Director is teaching the course RELB 01: Daniel. This course is a study of the book of Daniel with particular emphasis on the interpretation of the symbolic prophecies at the undergraduate level. This course spans from May 18th to June 30th. The students enrolled in this course representative of the conferences comprising the Jamaica Union.
From May 10th to July 15th the Director will be facilitating the course GSEM 534: The Writings of Ellen White. This course presents a historical and an analytical study of the life and contributions of Ellen G. White, and her impact on Seventh-day Adventist theology and thought.

In addition, the Director through the International Institute of Christian Ministry (IICM) under the auspices of Central Jamaica Conference taught the following courses:

- Speaking in the Power of the Holy Spirit
- How to understand the Bible & Writings of Ellen White

The Crust: Inter-American Division

The Spirit of Prophecy Newsletter which is dedicated to the promotion of the biblical truth concerning God’s revelation through Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit of Prophecy is circulated via email across the Division on a bi-monthly basis. The mailing list recipients are Jamaica Union (JAMU), Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU), CaribUC, the EG White Estate, the IAD, and other English-speaking Research Centers around the world.

During the first half of the year, the Research Center of the Inter-American Division located at the University of Montemorelos, Mexico, was actively involved in various activities. We participated in the “Spirit of Prophecy” seminars, organized by the Union and by local fields, in different areas of the country. Approximately 15,000 people attended these events. We also participated in a pastoral meeting of the Interoceanic Union where more than 400 pastors were trained about the Prophetic gift and the life of Ellen G. White.

At the beginning of the year we were visited by the White Estate Director, James Nix, and the Spirit of Prophecy Director of the Inter-American Division Leon Wellington. We had profitable administrative meetings. We also had a special program at the University Church, which was attended by many theology and other students. The topic was on the prophetic gift and the history of Seventh-day.

The Research Center saw the release of the Bible Study publication, Cómo Enseñar acerca del Don profético con la Biblia (translated: How to teach about the Prophetic gift of the Bible).

Members of Clear Park SDA and SOP Club listen attentively during Dr. Wright’s presentation during Sabbath Program at the Center.

Special program on the Prophetic gift and the life of Ellen G. White
“A course of obedience to God is the wisest course for us to pursue; for it brings peace, content, and happiness as a sure result”
- My Life Today, p. 180

During the past six months, the White Research Center gladly continues keeping alive the mission and the vision in our enchanted Island territory. After finishing a week of prophetic evangelism in Passaic, New Jersey, we began teaching two classes on the “Gift of Prophecy” at bachelor level, attended by approximately 45 students. Afterward, we began preparation for our annual, what we call “Hermandad” festival -- once a year members of the Seventh-day Adventist church from all over the Island gather together to celebrate our fraternity encounter.

Following the example of our headquarters in Washington, the White Research Center in Puerto Rico began to renovate our facility. For example, we had to opportunity to frame some of our photos related to our denominational history and our pioneers. We also updated and decorated the main entrance of the Center with a fountain surrounded with plants and flowers making it very attractive to our guests and also to our students.

The White Research Center opened its doors to a multitude of visitors coming from all around the Island on Sunday, April 26th. Our guests received not only our warmth greetings but also gifts such as Gift of Prophecy books, our White Center insignia sticker, the historical picture of Jesus, compact CDs of the Testimonies, posters and many other books. The visitors were also motivated to learn about our Center by participating in different games including a map to research the Treasures hidden in the White Center. This activity and celebration opened the interest of our members and visitors to visit and enjoyed our facilities again. We also acquired several posters and photos from the White Center in Washington DC that our visitors can buy at a very low and convenient price.

The activities of our center for the first part of 2015 concluded with two more weeks of “Prophetic Evangelism” meetings. One took place in the church of Dayton, Ohio. The other one was at the Hispanic church of Emmanuel in New York. There we had to privilege and joy to baptize four wonderful people for the salvation in the Glory of Jesus.

We are getting ready to attend the General Conference in San Antonio, Texas, where we will gather with brothers and sisters from all over the world praying and expecting of our Lord Jesus to take His church to its final destination. Meanwhile, we continue to “keep the vision alive.”
I am delighted to salute readers of this Newsnotes and my colleagues in this precious work of highlighting, upholding and promoting the Gift of Prophecy and the Ministry of Ellen White in our church at this time. It is by the enlightenment derived from this gift that our church is so distinct, and also gives us assurance and certitude of the message we carry. This semester has been an active one in many ways. Firstly, I was able to conduct Spirit of Prophecy seminars in the Islands of St. Maarten and Antigua in the Caribbean Union between February 13 - 21, 2015. In St Maarten, there were two days of meeting with the Pastors and Elders, where we were engaged in valuable discussions arising out of the seminars.

In Antigua, a similar two days of meeting was held with the Pastors. On Sabbath all day, all the Elders from across the Island gathered at the Parham S.D.A Church for seminars and interactions on the gift of prophecy and the ministry of Ellen White. There were over 300 Elders/leaders in attendance. Responses expressed by participants have been exceptionally positive.

It was a week of rich blessings and we are encouraged as we observe the keen interest displayed by these Elders and Leaders, as well as the outstanding support of the administration of St. Maarten and the St. Leeward Mission.

First, I would like to begin this report by honoring the memory of a talented musician Gisela Winandy, the wife of our colleague Pierre Winandy, formerly director of the Newbold Ellen G. White Center. Gisela died last February and I went to the funeral of our sister to represent the center and the campus.

In the previous months, the Lord allow me to work actively in the center and at the Faculty of Theology, where I teach part of my time. The other half of my time is split two ways, I am a member of the archives committee, also those of the library and the faculty of theology and lastly, I host a weekly show at a radio station. I recently had the opportunity to travel to several countries of the Inter-European Division in an effort to make the writings of Ellen White better known. While there, I visited many churches, preached and gave discussions and workshops in France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium. In addition, I took part in pastoral conventions, youth congress, conference meetings, and recently in a scholarly symposium. I also participated in meetings organized by the main evangelical convention in France. The next debate will be devoted to Ellen White.

The second very significant development in the region was the appointment of Dr. Robert Wright to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Gosnell Yorke, as Director of the Ellen G White Research Center on the campus of the Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica. The search committee interviewed three candidates for the position, and Dr. Wright who served as acting Director in the past, emerged as the one recommended to the Division Committee and White Estate Board.

Dr. Wright obtained a Masters of Arts degree in Religion from Andrews University and a Doctor of Ministry from the Inter-American Theological Seminary. He comes to the position with a wealth of experience as lecturer at the Northern Caribbean University and Church Pastor. Even though he was not carrying the portfolio of Research Center Director, Dr. Wright was called on many occasions to speak at churches and conventions on the work and ministry of Ellen White.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Robert Wright to the team, and wish him many years of fruitful ministry in the responsibility as Director of the Center, where he can influence more lives for the Kingdom of God.

More recently I gave a week of lectures in our Italian University of Firenze. In France, I regularly teach Adventist History and two courses on Ellen White. Three of my graduate students decided to write their Masters dissertations on subjects related to Adventist history and Ellen White. One of them made a comparative study between the last Great Controversy editions (1888 and 1911). Another worked on the use of the expression “Spirit of Prophecy” in Revelation 19 and in Ellen White’s published manuscript writings. The third one wrote on the issue of inspiration in a famous manuscript originally written in 1885 and known under the title “Objections to the Bible”. I consider these studies as being excellent pieces of research contributing to the better understanding of our history and Ellen White. And lastly, I had the opportunity to publish works among Adventists and non-Adventists publishers.

I conclude this report by sharing two other exciting news. The first is related to the historic church of Tramelan in the Swiss Jura, which was inaugurated by Ellen White while she was in Europe. I went there to lecture and was able to
photograph the site and other various places visited by Ellen White. The second issue concerns our website which has began to be visited by many none-Adventists. Several people have contacted me to ask me about Ellen White. Out of these contacts I have maintained an ongoing correspondence with a Catholic woman. She later invited me to give a presentation on the history of our church and Ellen White to an association, in which she is a very active member of. Interestingly, these nuns noted similarities between the writings of Ellen White and St. Francis of Sales (1567-1622), I went there with my wife and our plan is to go there again soon!

“Sometimes lay members have taken the initiative to help translate her [Ellen White] writings as they are much desired in their own language.”

- Maurer on outreach from the church

We are glad that more and more church members are discovering the high value of the messages presented in the books of Ellen G. White. With that being said, these books are the best sellers in our eleven publishing houses. Praise God for this experience!

In the EUD there have been many different activities connected to the Spirit of Prophecy. Seminars have been given, sermons presented, materials translated and posted online. The good news is that the church’s publishing houses have been continuously working to publish new E.G. White book translations and often they had to reprint books that were sold out. Sometimes lay members have taken the initiative to help translate her writings as they are much desired in their own language. So we are glad to report that in the eleven unions of the Inter-European Division, E.G. White books are available online in most of the spoken languages.

**Ellen G. White Book Distribution**

In the last year, church members have been motivated to share the books and writings of E.G. White with people around them. Some unions have made E.G. White books “missionary books of the year.” Members have been distributing copies of Steps to Christ, The Great Hope and the full text of the Great Controversy. It is interesting to observe members giving away full text books rather than books abbreviations, as they feels more comfortable in doing so. One of the great project books underway is the “Story of Hope,” a series produced by the Swiss and the Austrian publishing houses. The five books of the “Great Conflict Series” have been enriched by added pictures, study guides and additional information giving the reader an attractive, high quality book set reflecting high quality content of the five books.

*The Story of Hope* is a unique companion thought the entire Bible. Follow the biblical text of the Old & New Testaments in a clear, narrative form.
Ellen G. White Centers

A great step forward is the creation of new Ellen G. White study centers. **BULGARIA.** In January 2015 we saw the opening of an Ellen G. White research center at Bulgarian Adventist Seminary. Located in the library, the purpose was not only to make resources available to future pastors, but also to create awareness and motivate leaders and ministers to share the writings of Ellen G. White and the Lord's Message. **ROMANIA.** Preparations are also made for the opening of an Ellen G. White Study Center at the Romanian Adventist University. The Spirit of Prophecy books have proven to be a very helpful guide for spiritual growth and mission in Communist time and a pillar of success in the literature evangelists' outreach. **AUSTRIA.** Located at the Bogenhofen Theological Seminary, the Austrian Ellen G. White Study Center is very active introducing theology students and "Plant Academy" lay missionary students to the valuable messages of Ellen G. White. From time to time Frank Hasel, the center's Director, shares information through the center's newsletter. **FRANCE.** The division's Ellen G. White Research Center is located in Collonges, France, on the campus of the Adventist University of France. There students can do in-depth studies on the Spirit of Prophecy, and Jean-Luc Rolland, the center's Director, is traveling and presenting seminars around Europe.

**Ellen G. White Symposium**

In cooperation with the White Estate, the Austrian Ellen G. White Study Center is planning a symposium commemorating the "100 years of Ellen G. White's Life & Work". Since planning will take some time this symposium will be held on the campus of Bogenhofen Theological Seminary, Austria, July 17-19, 2016. Further information will be released as it becomes available. So stay tuned!

It is encouraging to see how the Spirit of Prophecy books are changing many lives, leading people to build up a personal relationship with Christ, connecting them to His remnant church and inviting fellow citizens to join the fellowship of believers. In the Inter-European Division we are happy to share, to promote and to encourage the valuable gift of prophecy. ♦

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**North America Division**

**Oakwood University**

**No Report Received**

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“Looking unto Jesus we are safe. Nothing can pluck us out of His hand.”

- Steps to Christ, p. 72
Three years since Tim Poirier sent us electronic versions of the addressee, biographical and topical indexes to Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts, Southwestern has completed their initial migration, integration and online publication. It has been quite a bit of work that had to be fit into busy schedules filled with competing priorities, but it has been satisfying to see the completion of this initial deployment.

Using the electronic indexes of Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts available at Loma Linda as a starting point, a great deal of effort has gone into linking them to the indexes provided by Tim Poirier. This process started by updating identifiers, dates, and other metadata in the letter and manuscript indexes from Loma Linda. That is an ongoing endeavor kicked in by the rare modification of the data (most often the date) related to a letter or manuscript.

Next, those files Tim Poirier sent had to be converted to a format that would be compatible with modern data management systems. This process had to be done separately for the addressee, biographical and topical index. Beginning with the latter one, all three files were cleaned of a lot of software gibberish and turned into comma-separated files that could be loaded into a relational database management system.

Once the file conversions were accomplished, with several start-from-the-beginning iterations, it did not take long to figure out that a long-term goal would be to correct spelling, typos, and inconsistencies as well as to normalize the data. While it would have been ideal to do all that before creating web applications to use the data, it would have taken substantially more time to make the indexes available online. So, knowing that the applications would have to be tweaked or rewritten over time, we are pleased to launch access to the data now rather than years down the road.

Our current implementation has gone through a series of modifications informed by users, and we expect to roll out more improvements as more people use the indexes and pick oddities, or suggest ways to make them better. Here’s a breakdown of how to access these indexes and what information is available in them. All indexes are available at egw.swau.edu.

**Letter and Manuscript Index**

This is very similar to the indexes available at Loma Linda. Improvements include the ability to search for letters and manuscripts in tandem, dates that include the day of the week, and links to the full text available in www.egwwritings.org (see figure 1). While this index is currently available without any access restrictions, the links to the full text only work if you are already logged into egwwritings.org. Likewise, links to more details, including summaries and biographical data currently require authentication. We hope to be allowed to remove that barrier once the full text of Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts is released in July.

![Figure 1. - Sample Letter and Manuscript Search. Letter and manuscript titles are hyperlinked to pages containing more details, such as summaries and biographical notes. The full-text icons on the left take users to the corresponding letter or manuscript in egwwritings.org. Local users can request to come to our research center to view specific records.](image)

“It has been quite a bit of work that had to be fit into busy schedules filled with competing priorities, but it has been satisfying to see the completion of this initial deployment.”

- Vergel on the electronic indexes of Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts.
Addressee Index

The addressee index provides summaries or highlights of many of Ellen White’s letters and a few of her manuscripts. It does not have a separate searching interface. Instead the summaries appear when you access the page containing the details for a specific letter (see figure 2). A lot of work will need to go into cleaning up these summaries, but we believe it is valuable to make them available even in their raw format. You can help us make them better by pointing to anything that may need correction. The same goes for the biographical and topical indexes described below.

Biographical Index

As with the addressee index, we have integrated the biographical index into the pages that provide further details on each letter and manuscript. Any biographical note dated within seven days before or after the letter or manuscript in question, or in the same month, would appear in the details. Differently from the addressee index, however, the biographical index can also be searched independently of the letters and manuscripts (see figure 3).

Topical Index

The topical index includes entries on people, organizations, places, doctrines, practices, etc., on which Ellen White wrote. It is similar to the index to her published writings, but it mainly references letters and manuscripts as opposed to books or periodicals. While there are no access restrictions for searching topical headings (see figure 4), reading the references (see figure 5) under a specific heading requires a login. Eventually, entries from this index should be provided alongside with the detailed record for pertinent letters and manuscripts, but it is currently only available as a standalone index.

As previously announced, we can set up access to these indexes for you personally or for your research center. Just send us an email at heritage@swau.edu to receive further instructions. Within the next year, we plan to also begin to make available an API so you can call the data and display it on your own web application.

“We should accustom ourselves to speak in pleasant tones, to use pure and correct language, and words that are kind and courteous.”

Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 366

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Figure 4. – Sample Topical Search. This search is currently set up to locate all occurrences of the keywords in the order provided, thus less words return more results.

Figure 5. – Sample Topical Entries. Most references are often from letters and manuscripts.

“[To every sincere prayer an answer will come.]

- Messages to Young People, p. 250

North America Division
Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator
No Report Received

Hyunsok John Doh
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I could have a deep breath now since the Ellen G. White Centennial Memorial Symposium Korea in May 20-23 is in the past. It went well with all my energies used up. I praised the Lord for His protection for all the movements in this Symposium. I am thankful I did not get sick. It was a huge blessing that God brought the four guest speakers to us: Dr. Alberto Timm of the White Estate, Dr. Clinton Wahlen of the BRI, Dr. Ted Leverov of the LLU and Dr. Larry Lichtenwalter of EUM in Lebanon. They have enlightened us in many ways how to read and understand the life, ministry and writings of Ellen G. White. We had other presenters from the region: Dr. Jong-Keun Lee, Dr. Kuk-Heon Lee, Dr. Dong Hye Kim, Dr. Keumyoung Ahn, Dr. Kye Sang Ha, Dr. Paul M Evans and myself. I will insert a schedule below.

[Schedule of events on following page]
I have enlisted a number of translators for the presentations: Dr. Unbae Kim, Dr. Donggee Lyu, Dr. Hyejong Je, Dr. Sung-Ik Kim, Dr. Il-mok Kim, and myself. We have extended this Symposium to include four churches not far away from our campus. Our guest speakers were able to visit local churches and share the gospel. During the Symposium the weather was excellent. It was in low 20s Celsius. As soon as the guest speakers left heat waves came in. Now we live in 30s Celsius. I thanked the Lord for the cool days. Since I have expected a low attendance, the program book which includes all the papers were prepared to be sent to all the churches in Korea so that pastors may learn something new and beneficial for the members in the churches.

Levterov during his presentation.
The Media Center of Korean Union Conference joined its efforts with us. The crew of the Center came out to record all the presentations to be uploaded on the webpage which has about six thousand regular visitors. Our RC will upload them on our website as well. Though our physical Symposium came to a close, our electronic and spiritual Symposium will continue in the printed pages and in virtual spaces. Overall KUM SOP Department, NSD SOP Department, Sahmyook University Church SOP Department joined hand in hand to make the project a success financially and morally.

In March we received a new staff his name is Sunki Song who is a certified librarian and well versed in many areas of administration. Soon as he joined us, he got very sick. He had heart problem, and we feared we would lose him, but the Lord was gracious to save his life.

In April we organized SOP Seminars in Seoul and in Daejun. I spoke at Yemoon church Friday night and Sabbath morning. In the afternoon people from several churches attended a seminar at Sahmyook Central Church. In Daejun Dr. Wong Young Bong conducted a seminar which was well attended. We also put a sliding glass door at the entrance of the Center to attract more visitors. It looks good you must come and see it.

Greetings from Argentina! It is a pleasure to share some highlights of our Argentina EGWRC with the Whites Estate family worldwide in this Ellen White Centennial Legacy Year!

In April I had the honor to be present in my first Argentina Union Plenary Board Meeting. My appointment as the Argentina EGWRC director last year came with a surprise! I was also expected to be Union Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.

“It is in a life of service only that true happiness is found.”

In Heavenly Places, p. 229
[Argentina Research Center report continued] This is why I was asked to speak at one of the worship services. I shared one of my favorite subjects: that the first Ellen White vision draws attention to the main themes she preached and wrote about throughout her life. These are: God’s love and care for his church, which he showed us as a people by giving us the Spirit of Prophecy, and the conviction that the SDA Church is a movement with a special message and mission for the end-time of our world’s history.

The month of May was a very active one. From April 30 to May 4 over 100 Theology and Religion teachers from nine Adventist Universities in South America gathered at the Brazil Adventist University in the São Paulo, Engenheiro Coelho campus, for the bi-annual South-American Biblical-Theological Symposium. This year, the main theme was “Ellen G. White as a Person, Writer, and Leader.” The presentations were first rate. Most of them related her writings and life to Adventist History, Biblical Theology or Contemporary Issues. Exceptionally, I left my specialty area of Adventist Studies to make an incursion on contemporary matters, presenting a paper on the Relevant Church Movement’s witnessing model through worship, comparing its principles to the writings of Ellen White on Church, Mission and Evangelism.

After the symposium, Jim Nix and Alberto Timm traveled to Argentina to visit our EGWRC. Besides taking time to guide me on my new responsibilities and dialoguing with the University and Union administrators they had two special meetings. In the first one, Jim Nix spoke to church members from the seven Seventh-day Adventist churches in Libertador San Martín, on Ellen G. White as a person, from the testimonies of her grand-children. These first-hand testimonies were very appreciated by the brethren present. The following day Alberto Timm spoke to the theology students, on the relevancy of Ellen G. White’s messages for the Twentieth First Century. He explained how the Spirit of Prophecy has important principles that help us face challenges from the secular world-view of our time. At the end of the meeting, a copy of *Life Sketches* was offered to each one of the students who attend.

In June and July we are planning to have a special exhibit of Ellen G. White’s photos, of her family and of her main books on the lobby of the university library, in commemoration of the Centennial of her passing away. The Argentina Union, with the help of the Publishing House, is selling a set of six Ellen White books at a reduced price this year. The target buyers for these books are the many new church members who have not had the occasion to know her writings first hand. The books are *Life Sketches, Last Day Events, Messages for Young People, The Adventist Home, Child Guidance and History of Redemption*. We believe they are a very good selection from her writings that will be a great blessing for our church members.

I have also been giving the Prophetic Guidance course for theology students this semester at the Seminary.

Warm regards to all of you and best wishes of blessings and success in your ministry during the second half of 2015!

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Jim Nix, Alberto Timm and Almir Marroni South-American Division Vice-President and Spirit of Prophecy coordinator for the Division, and the EGWRC-Argentina personnel.
The first semester of 2015 was marked by many blessings and achievements in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church (SDA) in Brazil. In the light of the 100 years of Ellen G. White's death, we have planned to mobilize and encourage the Church membership to know better her writings, life and ministry. Among the actions that have been taken we can point out the following:

**The Ellen White Center's Website UNASP** – On our website it is available a page with different contents such as sermons, children's story, programs for young people, videos, guidelines and suggestions to be used by the leaders of the churches and EGW Minicenters. See: [http://centrowhite.org.br/downloads/centenario/](http://centrowhite.org.br/downloads/centenario/)

**Spirit of Prophecy Seminars** – In this semester, it was conducted several Spirit of Prophecy seminars addressing the importance of Ellen White writings to the church growth in more than ten cities from different regions of Brazil. Some of them, were planned and carried out with the support of Pr. Almir Marroni, director of the Spirit of Prophecy in the South American Division.

**XI Biblical Theological South American Symposium** - Between April 30th to May 4th, the Brazilian SDA Theological Seminary with the support of South American Division and the White Estate, conducted a theological symposium with the theme "Ellen White: Life and Ministry" at UNASP. About 700 people (pastors, theologians, students and lay people) from seven different countries attended the event, with speakers from the White Estate, Andrews University, Southern Adventist University, UNASP and other SDA institutions from the South-American Division. We had special presentations from Prs. Jim Nix and Alberto Timm from the White Estate who spoke to the academic group as well as to the campus community.


**Ellen G. White Centennial Exhibit (1915 – 2015)** – The EGW Research from UNASP has launched an exhibit in remembrance of Ellen White’s death. It is divided into five tematic areas: Who was EGW?; EGW and her prophetic ministry; EGW and healthful lifestyle; EGW and the principles of education and EGW and family lifestyle. It’s purpose is to discuss who was EGW and what was the relevance of her writings for today, focusing her contribution to the origin and development of the SDA Church in Brazil. The exhibition will be opened up to the end of 2015 and we expect visitors from different ages such as kids, college students, lay people and non Adventists. The project was conducted by Janaina Xavier who is in charge of the historical files of the White Center - UNASP.
We thank God for being so generous with us, multiplying our efforts and resting His blessing on our projects. We pray that He may work with the Holy Spirit as these seeds grow and produce many fruits while the Gospel message is proclaimed to the whole world envisioning the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

God bless us all.

“The Lord is able to render futile every agency that works for the defeat of His chosen ones.”

Prophets and Kings, p. 487

Greetings from IAENE in the Northeast of Brazil. I would like to begin by saying “Ebenezer” and giving God the glory for all blessings poured on us during this semester.

This semester I taught “Adventist History and Doctrines” and “Theology of Prophetic Orientation” at our Theological Seminary. Besides that, I was also the advisor for several research papers that students are required to do in order to conclude their undergraduate theology program. The areas I advised were on the History of Adventism in the Northeast of Brazil and subjects related to Ellen White or the Gift of Prophecy. As I write this I have already graded all the exams and papers and I’m ready to travel to the General Conference Session in San Antonio.

This year our school has been involved in several projects regarding the prophetic gift due to the centenary of Ellen White’s death. We are taking this opportunity to emphasize the benefits of knowing and listening to the prophetic guidance in these final days. From May 10 to 14, we had our theological week and the theme was “The Gift of Prophecy in the 21st Century.” The lecturer for the week was Dr. Daniel Plenc. In the following week, May 18 to 22, I presented seminars on “Ellen White, Life and Ministry” for the daily worship of our school staff. In the middle of next month, July 18–19, after returning from San Antonio, I will present a paper for the IV Theological Society Symposium. This is an annual event of our school. This year’s theme is about the prophetic gift and ministry of Ellen White.

From April 30 to May 4, I had the opportunity to participate in the South American Biblical–Theological Symposium at our sister institution, UNASP, campus Engenheiro Coelho, São Paulo. This meeting occurs every two years. I made a presentation in conjunction with a colleague who has a doctorate in psychology, Dr. Demóstenes Silva, under the title “The Conjugal Experience of James and Ellen White: Meanings Build Up by the Couple.” It was a blessing to see and interact with colleagues, friends from all South American Division and meet people who came from other parts of the world.

During the two days following the symposium, May 4–5, I was a part of a group composed of theology and religious education professors, pastors, editors, and administrators who met to create the South America Society of Theology.

Throughout the semester I also travelled to several local churches on Sabbaths and presented seminars on Adventist doctrines, lifestyle, history, and the gift of prophecy.

I would like to finish with a word of thanks to our secretary Diana Molina who is going back home to the North American Division. She and her husband, Carlos Molina, served as missionaries in South American since 2012. Diana became the first administrative assistant of our Research Center. I pray that God may abundantly bless Diana and her husband, as they ministry in other parts of the world.

May the Lord bless us and keep us, and give us peace.
Our greeting from Peru to all of you ministers of Ellen G. White Research Centers around the World. I would like to divide this report in following four parts: Academic Activities, Personal Activities, Center Events, and Center achievements.

**Academic Activities**

In addition to leading the White Research Center, I have a position as the Dean of Graduate Studies of Theology at Peruvian Union University. In our summer time (January and February), we have 71 students in our Master program in Theology and 34 students in our Doctoral program with particular focus on missiology. It was a privilege to have as our guest lecturers Gerald Plendl (PhD), an Associate Director of BRI; Alberto Timm (PhD), an Associate Director of the White Estate main office; Ricardo Norton (PhD), Director of the Institute for Hispanic Ministry, Andrews University; Dioi Cruz (PhD), from Northern Conference, South Africa; Abraham Guerrero (PhD), Adjunct Professor of World Mission, Andrews University; and other professors of South America Division. It is also worth pointing that we had as one of our professor the famous preacher for the Hispanic people – Alejandro Bullón (Doctor honoris causa).

During this semester, I taught three courses to graduate students: “Doctoral Dissertation Seminar” and “History of missions” for the Doctoral program; and “Issues in Ellen G. White Writings” for our Master program. I also taught my favorite course, “Exegesis and Theology of the Apocalypse” for the undergraduate level.

In the month of June, I taught a master course for the Institute for Hispanic Ministry at Andrews University, where I am an adjunct professor. I had 50 student in the course title: CHIS680 History of Sabbath and Sunday.

As a part of the 2015 Centennial Commemoration of Ellen White’s Life and Ministry, I am writing monthly articles on the Spirit of Prophecy in the Revista Adventista (Adventist Review) for the South America Division.

**Personal Activities**

This semester for me was very busy (as for many of you) because of the Centennial Commemoration of Ellen G. White Legacy. The next semester does not look any different. Well, it is nice to share our knowledge not only with our brothers and sisters but also with those who may have never hear about the ministry of Ellen White. In the next lines, I will mention my presentations at different events: [Schedule of events follows on next page]

February 18-21: Lectures on the Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist History for 6,000 youth people in the Camporee of youth people of the Peruvian Union, Jayanca, Chiclayo.

March 6-8: Lectures on Spirit of Prophecy and the book of Revelation for 700 church leaders on the occasion of Stewardship Council of the South East Peruvian Conference, Cusco.

March 14: Lectures on Spirit of Prophecy and Work of the Center for Adventist Research-Peru in the “Assembly of students of the School of Theology”, on campus, Peruvian Union University (UPeU), Lima.

April 17, 18: Lectures on Adventist Education and Ellen G. White and the education for 200 leaders of Adventist elementary school and academies under the title: “1er Encuentro de Integración Educativa Adventista del Sur del Perú, Gilgal 1.0” (First Meeting of Adventist Educational Integration of Southern Peru, Gilgal 1.0) on campus of one branch of the Peruvian Union University, Juliaca.

April 20-25: Lectures on History of Adventist Education around the World for all the workers of the Peruvian Union University, Lima.


May 7-10: Lectures on Family ministry at Miraflores Church, the main church of South Peruvian Union, Lima.

May 17-24: Lectures on the life of David, spiritual week for near 1500 youth people on campus of one branch of Peruvian Union University, Tarapoto.

June 19, 20: Lectures on Spirit of Prophecy in the Symposium organized for the School of Theology under the title: “The Work and Life of Ellen White” at Peruvian Union University, Lima.

June 24-28: Lectures on Spirit of Prophecy and the Book of Revelation for pastors and 400 church leaders of South Ecuador Mission, Guayaquil and Cuenca, Ecuador.

Center Events

This semester, 1687 patrons have visited our Center. Most of them were undergraduate, master and doctoral students. We have also offered 36 tours of the Center for different groups. We have shown them the unpublished and historical materials of the Adventist Church in Peru and the Peruvian Union University. Moreover, we have shown them the furniture of the sanctuary that is displayed in our Center. The tours also included showings of the valuable materials that we have in the vault.

Among the activities of our center, the whole team was involved in the “La Feria del Libro Cristiano” (Christian Book Fair) organized by the Servicio Educatacional Hogar y Salud (SEHS), held on the campus of the Peruvian Union University. During the fair we provided information on the work that we do in the preservation of the history of our Peruvian church and the Peruvian Union University.

We have also participated in the annual meeting of all leaders of North Peruvian Union, where we presented through plays the life and work of Ellen White. It was part to commemorate the centennial of her life and ministry.

During this semester, we have collected and received donations from different schools and department of the UPeU for historical custodian. Among these materials there are valuable issues delivered by the office of the president of the university and the accreditation department of the university.

It is worthy of note that this semester we added two more important collections: Alejandro Bullón Collection and Wellesley Muir (1926-2012) Collection. Alejandro Bullón is an international evangelist for the Hispanic people.
Although being retired for about five years ago, he still continues to preach around the world. He provided us with many valuable artifacts such as his Bible that he used for his preaching during his 40 years of service, his ministerial licenses, awards that he had received throughout his career, and many others.

Wellesley Muir was born in California. After earning his degree in theology from Pacific Union College in 1947, he began a ministerial internship in Central California. Wellesley completed nice years of evangelism and pastoral work in Central California before he and Evelyn, his wife, accepted a call to the Lake Titicaca Mission where he became the mission president. During his sixteen years in Peru, Wellesley also served as a youth director for the Central Peru Mission and the Inca Union Mission (which at that time encompassed the countries of Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador). His daughter, Gail Muir, brought to us an important donation on behalf of the entire family including 8463 slides, 5640 photo negatives, around 2000 pictures, audio tapes, video tape, copies of books that he wrote, personal documents, and other personal belongings. These donations are related to the Adventist History during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Our whole team worked together with Gail Muir for a whole month to create this vast collection. We are very grateful to the Muir family for trusting us with their “family treasures.”

Center achievements

As a part of the refurbishment of our Center, we started to change all the furniture of the reading room. This includes the implementation of 10 new tables and 40 new chairs and 24 new bookshelves. Next months we are planning to have the renovation completed. Another achievement we have had is the publication of the book untitled La Locura de la Predicación by Alejandro Bullón. The content of this book is about the theology of preaching.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to my whole team, Rocio (administrative secretary) and students: Miguel, Jhonatan, Josep, Anderson, Diana y Juan Pablo (a new graphic designer). Miguel and Jhonatan, senior students of theology will be travelling on Tuesday July 28 to serve as a pastor assistants to Mountain View Conference (Virginia) for one year. May God bless both of them in this new responsibilities.

On May 31, 1875, James White wrote a reflective letter to Edson and Emma. It was a rather successful year with many positive developments in God’s work. In another letter, Ellen White expressed feelings of joyful peace and trust in God’s leading. “We are both in a very good health and cheerful in the Lord. We try to do all the labor we can and leave the results to he Lord” (Letter 23, 1875). So, while travelling from Missouri to Illinois, James wrote, “As we look from the car windows this lovely morning, all nature appears fresh and beautiful. Earth has put on her summer robes of green and is smiling in almost Edenic loveliness.” But it seems, that in his nostalgic moment, he realized that life’s journey is not always covered with bed of roses. “I think our enjoyment of the summer time is heightened by the memory of the long, cold month of winter, and on the other hand, the hope of summer helps us to endure more cheerfully the winter’s reign.” He, then, makes his point. “The Christian’s sojourn in this world may be fitly compared to the long cold winter. Here we experience trials, sorrows, and disappointments but we should not permit our minds to dwell upon these.”

I am sure you wonder, why I commenced this brief report in such a reflective mode? Firstly, the first six-month of this current year passed very quickly, and I am thankful to God for His guidance and care. This year, some my publications will appear in print as book chapters. These are as follow: “‘The Lord Has Ordained Me’: Ellen G. White’s Perspective” and “Identity, Faith, and Your Life.” In March, I presented a paper at the “Changing Attitudes to Science Within Adventist Health and Medical Practice from 1874-2015 Conference” at Avondale College. [Report continued on next page]
The title of my presentation was “John Harvey Kellogg: A Case Study of Transforming Health Science.” This study will also be published. Currently, I am working on a paper to be presented at the *Sharing Cultures Conference* in Portugal (September 2015), “A Search for New Meaning: Virtual Landscapes, Identity and the Cross-Cultural Nature of Intangible Heritage.”

Secondly, besides my involvement in the academic responsibilities on the Campus, I had the privilege to conduct workshops and seminars in South New Zealand, Victoria, Western Australia and Greater Sydney Conferences. I have been also invited to present a series on Ellen White at the Camp Meetings in Honiara, Solomon Islands (July 13-18). In my presentations, I explore the theme of God’s Movements both in history and in human life. In this context, I explain and mostly clarify the role and purpose of the prophetic gift and the ministry of Ellen White. Also, we have the privilege of leading many visitors through Sunnyside, Ellen White’s home during her stay in Australia (1891-1900). Just recently, with the general support of the South Pacific Division, we were able to improve the main driveway. It brought the site back to the period (see the attached pictures). Most of all, we endeavor to preserve the authenticity of Ellen White story. Not just of someone who lived here for a time, but someone who from down under shaped the vision of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, namely the vision of an implicit trust and confidence in God.

In all this, I can see God’s leading and guidance and as such be joyful and cheerful. At the same time, as I glance at life through the windows of the passing time, I see struggles, heartaches, disappointments, selfish-ambitions, demands for power and authority. In that sense, I feel surrounded by the spiritual winter of this life. It’s here where James White’s reflections become so encouraging. “We look forward in anticipation to the coming springtime...Had the Christian never experience the storms of affliction in this world, had his heart never been chilled by disappointment or oppressed by fear, we would scarcely know how to appreciate heaven. We will not be despondent, thought often weary, sad, and heart sick; the winter will not always last. The summer of peace, joy, and eternal gladness will come. Then Christ will dwell with us and will lead us to the fountain of living waters, and will wipe all tears from our eyes.” In my presentations, I share this picture as the main focus of the Great Controversy theme. I wonder, whether, in His great wisdom, God provided a prophetic voice to encourage our lives with a view of such springtime. More so, an anticipation of an eternal summer, even more so, a thirst and longing for the presence of the One, who made it all possible – Jesus.

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Church leaders have approved a completely new, Internet-centered encyclopedia to replace the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, first published in 1966. The new *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventism* will debut online next year and be overseen by the General Conference’s Office.
The year started with attendance, exhibition of resources and presentations at an SID leadership summit, in Beachwood hotel, Boksburg, South Africa on 4-6 February 2015. Pastor Super Moesi the SOP coordinator of SID and I shared the time allocated to us by the Division leadership. We shared the E.G. White centennial plans with the delegates from all the conferences, unions, and institutions of SID. We also discussed the importance of translating Ellen G. White writings into local languages. This is in preparation for the upcoming reading plan of the Bible and the writings of Ellen White.

On the same trip, I visited the newly established study center at the SAU offices in Bloemfontein. I had a fruitful meeting with the director and the secretary in charge of the center. They expressed a need for more resources and promotion of the center within the SAU territory. The last leg of the trip was spent at the first SDA church building in South Africa located in Kimberley. There is a lot of research that remains to be done around the pioneers in that area. I spent time in Bloemfontein searching for any records on one of the pioneers of the SDA church in South Africa, George van Druten, and I found nothing in the national archives. The focus of the research center is on the early beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist church in each union.

I had an opportunity to visit the Ellen G. White Branch Office located in the Library at AUA. The ECD research center director was also in attendance. We found time to discuss ways of working in collaboration on various projects. At the end of the conference I travelled to Baraton University, also located in Kenya, to visit the Ellen G. White Center for the first time. We discussed how we could work together as we contribute to E.G. White work in the continent.

I attended a number of events by invitation in the Southern African Union Conference. The first was the education convention held in Mossel Bay March 31 to April 01. There were hundreds of teachers representing various schools in the SAU territory. I emphasized the importance of school libraries, and promoted the accessibility of E.G. White books and materials to school children. The second event I attended in SAU was the pathfinder camporee, where among other honors that were promoted was the “messenger of the Lord” honor that was recently launched in Oshkosh in the USA. I also attended by invitation a youth convention June 12 to June 16. I presented in two sessions and took two preaching slots. I received a flood of e-mails from young people in appreciation and also requesting materials.

I had an opportunity to present the Spirit of Prophecy lessons to new members and Voice of Prophecy students in Zimbabwe on May 22 to May 24.

This program was requested by the West Zimbabwe Union in line with the crusades that were going on nationally. On June 1, I joined pastor Super Moesi at Rusangu University for a meeting with the Zambia Union representatives and the University to further discuss the establishment of a study center. The University expressed an interest in launching the study center in August 2015. During June 4 to June 7, I joined the ministerial department team from conferences, the union and Division in Beira Mozambique. I presented seminars to pastors and also visited the site of the envisaged study center. There was a keen interest in establishing the center there. I thank God for the opportunities, I had to serve this first half of the year that marks the end of the quinquenium.
Ongoing Projects

1. Establishing Study centers one for each union as a start. So far three have been established out of 9 unions and an attached field.
2. A book shop for local materials and essential resources. Started but needs more space.
3. Centennial plans are ongoing. The E.G. White board established a committee that will build on what has been done leading to a climax in November.
4. Identifying heritage sites, a number of locations have been listed the research center focuses on the very early beginnings and encourages the local study centers to further the task.
5. Translation of E.G. White book into local languages, as a research center we serve as a support for the division on this important initiative.

Spicer Adventist University Church has appointed me as the director of the youth Bible study/baptismal class. Since May 2015 I have been giving a series of lectures about the beginnings and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as the role of Ellen G White as a prophetess to the remnant Church.

The baptismal class which I am conducting has close to fifty youth in attendance. Last February five of these young people gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized.

I am currently teaching a course which is entitled: “Adventist Heritage.” It is a course that traces the roots of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and also gives emphasis to the prophetic ministry of Ellen G. White. In addition to this, I am also teaching five New Testament courses and two language (Greek) courses in the School of Religion.

I am also chairing the research committee for Masters students doing biblical-theological studies. Under my guidance, eight students, six in New Testament and two in Old Testament studies, defended their theses and projects in April 2015.

Spicer Church celebrated Women’s Ministries emphasis weekend in March, 2015. I was asked to be the speaker at the divine service and I spoke on the theme: “My Shepherd Leads.”

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First Church in South Africa was declared National Monument some years ago.

“We have no enemy without that we fear. Our greatest conflict is with unconsecrated self”

Review and Herald, March 05, 1908
If I try to sum up some of the key theological issues that I was dealing with in the year 2015 in my dialogues, lectures, sermons and presentations than they certainly may be encapsulated in the following sentences: ‘Is there any deeper meaning or structure in the events of human history or is there a mere cause and effect sequence within the framework of a closed continuum meaning the absence of any supernatural intervention? Moreover, should history be seen as the process of moving towards a future climax, the Second Coming of Christ, or as the cyclical repetition of events based on the seasonal pattern of nature as ancient and oriental civilizations claim? Some atheistic thinkers claim that there is no meaning in any one thing, or in everything put together. For them, the world is absurd, pointless, and hopeless and there is no meaningful future. To be human is to choose that absurdity and to accept the fact that the only meaningful existence is the one, which accepts the meaninglessness of the world.

However, in this time “of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations” we dare to hope, on the basis of the event of creation of the world, Christ’s resurrection, prophecies of end in the Book of Daniel and the promise of Jesus himself, that God is able and will transform this world of trouble and confusion into the Gateway of Hope. We, like the old desert warrior Joshua, are invited to fall facedown to the ground and to recognize that everything is dust, but by doing that we are going to express our faith that there is God who is able to transform that dust into the life. When everything in our world is being transformed into the dust, we must be firm in our conviction that “the life appeared” and that when He comes for the second time “he will wipe every tear from (our) eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

As it was the case in the past, my work had several focal points. I attended two theological conferences organized by the Biblical Research Institute: at Loma Linda University on April 21 and 22 as well as at Andrews University on October 20 and 21. I was also involved in an active research project: “Friedrich Nietzsche’s Assessment of Christianity: An Evaluation.” I published two theological articles: “Man’s Spiritual Thirst,” in Journeys to Wisdom: Festschrift in Honour of Michael Pearson, eds., Andreas Bochmann, Manuela Casti Yeagley and Jean-Claude Verrecchia (Bracknell: Newbold Academic Press, 2015) and “Psalm 27: On God’s Beauty,” in Faith: In Search of Depth and Relevancy: Festschrift in Honour of De Bertil Wiklander, Ed., Reinder Bruinsma (St. Albans, England: Trans European Division of Seventh-day Adventists, 2014). I was networking in the United Kingdom, Montenegro, Japan, United States, and Serbia.

Mentoring students on BD, MA and PhD level takes an enormous amount of time and is permeated with joys as well as disappointments. Sometimes there are rewards, which are remembered for the rest of life. Namely, one of my PhD candidate students was awarded PhD degree in Systematic Theology from the University of Wales. I thus witnessed that the new scholar was born and that, hopefully, he will make an important contribution to the church. What a joy it is!

Visiting churches in different countries of the Trans European Division, holding seminars on Ellen White and related topics, running evangelistic campaigns was also an important part of my work in the last year. On Sunday, January 11, I took part in the BBC television live debate on the issue whether or not scientific evidences undermine religion. Participants were, most of them, university lecturers, writers and church leaders. There were also representatives from other religions, such as Muslims and Buddhists. Although I do not think I made any major contribution it seems to me that it was important to take part in that discussion. Many Seventh-day Adventist church members from all around the world and Muslims as well wrote letters to me after the show for several weeks.

On January 17 I had the privilege to speak and dedicate the baby to the Lord in Newbold church. Although its parents come from different ethnic and racial background they were so happy and united by their faith in Christ. Next Sabbath, in the morning and afternoon, I spoke at Oxford Seventh-day Adventist church.
Research Center Reports Continued

[Research Center report continued] The burning issue for them on that Saturday was the Ellen White’s teaching on the Sunday law. Is this still relevant for the Adventist in 21st century in Europe?

On January 29 I travelled to Japan for the Bible conference in Tokyo. It was organized by the Biblical Research Institute and was a great blessing for ministers from all around Japan as well as for us presenters. Our colleagues in Japan have similar but also different challenges from us here in Europe, namely secularism, Shintoism and Buddhism. How to reach the world for Christ? There are no easy answers to this question.

On February 14 I had the opportunity to speak to Adventists in Welwyn Garden City Seventh-day Adventist church. During the worship service as well as in the afternoon we had fruitful discussion, among other things, about the issue of the last generation perfection. On February 21 I was asked to speak to the students and church members at Newbold Adventist church. A few weeks later I travelled to Hanwell Adventist church in London. The issue we discussed was the last great theological storm in Adventist theology, namely the question of Jesus entering behind the veil immediately after his resurrection (Heb 6: 19, 20).

One week later I went to Slough Central Adventist church and presented to them the message of justification by faith as it is presented in the Bible and the writings of Ellen White.

On April 4 I preached in Brixton Seventh-day Adventist church in London. The next weekend we celebrated the centenary of Ellen White’s death. For that occasion we have invited Merlin Burt from Andrews University. His topic on Friday evening was, “Ellen White and Seventh-day Adventist Doctrines,” on Sabbath morning, “Oh Jesus I Love You” and on Sabbath afternoon, “Reading and Understanding Ellen White.” After the presentations we had fruitful and constructive discussion. Next week I travelled to Loma Linda University for the Biblical Research Institute meetings and have preached at Valley Seventh-day Adventist church in Temecula area.

On April 23 Ellen White Research Centre at Newbold College had a visit of a large group of young people from Peckham Seventh-day Adventist church in London. The considerable group of young people crowed Ellen White Research Centre where we had serious study of the word of God, heated debates and warm prayers to God. Such enthusiasm, brutal honesty and sincerity emerging from the young people can hardly be found among the grownups. On May 9 I preached in Wokingham Adventist church.

On May 13 I travelled to Denmark to some kind of camp meeting. I shared with the young and adult Adventists subjects related to Ellen White. A special joy was waiting for me on May 23 because on that day I had the privilege to baptize a young girl, Martina, in the Riverway Adventist church in London.

We thank the Lord for another year for service as part of those graciously chosen to be co-labourers in His vineyard. We began the year trusting God as our hope and strength. Here is the summary of our efforts in the past six month in this year, 2015.

Outreach Programs

Weekly and Monthly Publications from the Research Centre are all in regular production. Our oldest publication, The News Flash, which consists of one to two paragraphs, featured “Holy Spirit” during the period under review. The second weekly publication, From the Pen of Inspiration with its short but powerful quotation from the writings of Ellen G. White featured “Holy Spirit Faithful Guide” and “Salvation”. In the last six months the monthly publication, The Pioneer of the Month came back more powerfully than ever and featured almost exclusively some of our great Pioneers from Ghana.

The weekly thirty-minutes-Sabbath radio program tagged, “Prophetic Guidance” is receiving a wider audience. The weekly presentations from the book, Adventist Home are serving as sources of inspiration for individual liners and families. We shall always be grateful to the Directors and workers of Babcock University Hope 89.1 FM Radio for the unique privilege to reach out.

The very trials that task out faith most severely and make it seem that God has forsaken us, are to lead us closer to Christ.”

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 149
As we promote the Ellen G. White CD-ROM through our weekly radio program and at every other available forum, many are getting the copies for personal and corporate uses. In addition to these, many of our students who went for summer canvassing, within and outside Nigeria, rushed for the available copies. Outside our campus, copies of the CD-ROM deposited in both Northern and Eastern Nigeria Unions are also receiving patronages.

The Director in charge of the White Estate Branch Office in Nairobi, Kenya, Dr. Anna Galeniece, held two programs during her visit to Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Nigeria. During the divine service in Heritage Seventh-day Adventist church, Babcock University, she preached a sermon titled, “Be Blessed and be a Blessing”. In it, she challenged the congregation to receive and become channels of blessings by developing interest in studying the writings of Ellen White (a lesser light) pointing people to the Bible (the greater light). Later in the day, she made another presentation during a special monthly program organized by the Siloam Valley SDA church tagged, “Adventist Forum”, which was also on Babcock University campus. At the forum, she taught the people how to study the writings of Ellen G. White. The two presentations from the special guest enriched our experiences and made the Sabbath of May 23, 2015, a memorable one.

SEMINARS AND PREACHING APPOINTMENTS FOR JANUARY—JUNE 2014

During the period under review, we were able to honour some requests from various quarters of our field. Although, due to some constraints, we were not able to fully follow our itinerary as planned with the WAD Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator, Pastor N.J. Enang, the Director and the Coordinator visited two additional Unions* in the Division. The table below shows some of the seminars and preaching appointments.

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Report of Other Activities

In the first semester of the year, I taught the course CRLS 216 – Studies in Prophetic Gifts and Ministry along with other courses assigned to me by the Department of Religious Studies. It was a special opportunity to discuss about the life and ministry of Ellen G. White in relation to the remnant church.

Early this year, precisely on February 2, 2015, the Secretary/Research Assistant for the Centre, Mrs. Abimbola Fagbe was transferred to another section of the University. She was replaced by Mrs. Comfort Chinwe Chinanu-Akpu.

Staff development has been part of our plans to make the Research Centre user friendly. As a result of this, the new Secretary/Research Assistant received a training from the Central University Library (Laz Ottis Memorial Library) which equipped her with the techniques and procedures for processing manuscripts and other information resources. We have no doubt, that the skills will enable us to serve our patrons better than ever before. In the same vein, the Centre’s Administrative officer, Mr. ‘Wale Akintunde is also undergoing training in Archival Management in the same Library. His own training is geared toward the skillful management of the Heritage Unit of the centre when we finally relocate to our new site. For all these skilled acquisitions, we are appreciative of the cooperation of the University Librarian, Professor Clara C. Okoro and are loving staff.

Constructions are going on around the Heritage Building that will soon house the Research Centre. When completed, the Research Centre shall be strategically located in an area that is specially designed as the Campus Square. The Centre is closely working with the Physical Planning Unit to adjust our initial designs as everything is set to swing into action. We are highly favored by the University administration to have such a place on campus.

Comparative Statistical Updates

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Thus far, the Lord has helped us. With our hands clasped unto His, we can confidently say, FORWARD EVER, BACKWARD NEVER! With faith in God, we join every other unit of the world church in prayer for a successful 2015 General Conference session.

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Statement of Consensus

GOD’S END-TIME PROPHETIC MESSENGER

We, the attendees at the 11th South-American Biblical-Theological Symposium, with full confidence in the end-time prophetic guidance through the ministry of Ellen G. White (1827-1915), adopt the following Statement of Consensus:

1. We reaffirm our full commitment to the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, recognizing that the Bible itself lists the prophetic gift among the gifts of the Spirit intended to build up the Christian church toward “the unity of the faith” and “the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:11-14).

2. We reaffirm our confidence that God has blessed His end-time remnant church with the gift of prophecy (Rev 12:17; 19:10) in the life, ministry, and writings of Ellen White, to keep His children faithful to the Bible and its teachings.

3. We reaffirm that the inspired writings of Ellen White are as authoritative today as they were during the formative years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

4. We reaffirm that when interpreting Ellen White’s writings, we should seek their natural meaning, considering all her writings within their historical and literary contexts, without imposing on them any critical hermeneutics that would subordinate those writings to human reason.

5. We reaffirm that the writings of Ellen White contribute to the prophetic stability of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, pointing to and clarifying Bible truth, reproving departures from it, and applying biblical principles for God’s end-time remnant people.

6. We reaffirm that the principles found in Ellen White’s writings dealing with the practical aspects of Christian life and behavior are still relevant and necessary for us today.

7. We reaffirm our need, individually and at all Church levels, to seek and follow the guidance of the Scriptures, as well as of Ellen White’s writings, in our policies, decisions, and practices.

8. We reaffirm that the mission of the Church and all its outreach methods should be informed and guided by sound Bible principles and the writings of Ellen White.

9. As Seventh-day Adventist church members, we reaffirm our commitment to read devotionally and study, in addition to the Bible, Ellen White’s writings also, as well as to encourage others to do so.

10. As Seventh-day Adventist theologians, editors, pastors, and teachers, we reaffirm our unconditional commitment to the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and to the theological guidelines and ecclesiastical practices taught in Ellen White’s writings.
Appendix A
Statement of Consensus “God’s End-time Prophetic Messenger”

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Statement of Consensus

MESSENGER OF GOD FOR THE END-TIME CHURCH

We, the attendees at the Ellen G. White (1827-1915) Centennial Memorial Symposium Korea, with full confidence in the end-time prophetic guidance through the ministry of Ellen G. White, adopt the following Statement of Consensus:

1. We reaffirm our full commitment to the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, recognizing that the Bible itself lists the prophetic gift among the gifts of the Spirit intended to build up the Christian church toward “the unity of the faith” and “the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:11-14).

2. We reaffirm our confidence that God has blessed His end-time remnant church with the gift of prophecy (Rev 12:17; 19:10) in the life, ministry, and writings of Ellen White, to keep His children faithful to the Bible and its teachings for the prophetic stability of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in its unity, message and mission.

3. We reaffirm that the inspired writings of Ellen White are as authoritative and relevant today as they were during the formative years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for guiding us toward biblically consistent views of theology and the practical aspects of Christian life and behavior.

4. We reaffirm that when interpreting Ellen White’s writings, we should seek their natural meaning, considering all her writings within their historical and literary contexts, recognizing the need for human reason to be aided by the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

5. We reaffirm our need, individually and at all Church levels, to seek and follow the guidance of the Scriptures, as well as of Ellen White’s writings, in our policies, decisions, and practices regarding the mission of the Church and all its outreach methods.

6. As Seventh-day Adventist church members, we reaffirm our commitment to read and study the Bible and Ellen White’s writings, as well as to encourage others to do so.

7. As Seventh-day Adventist theologians, editors, pastors, and teachers, we reaffirm our unconditional commitment to the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and to the theological and practical guidance and end-time applications given in Ellen White’s writings.

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Statement of Consensus “Messenger of God for the End-time Church”

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