NAD Leadership Tours New Micronesian Territory

For the past two weeks, a delegation from the North American Division (NAD) of administration and department directors traveled around the Micronesian Islands, the territory officially added to the NAD on January 1. At the 2011 Annual Council, a motion was approved to shift oversight of the region from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division based in the Philippines to the NAD. “Over the years there has been discussion whether it would fit better elsewhere,” says Myron Iseminger, world church undersecretary. “Regulations are U.S.-oriented and many employees come from North America.” For reflections and photos of the NAD trip, check out the “Where in the World is Dan Jackson” blog site HERE.

New Member Sabbath School Resources

The New Members’ Bible Study Guide has been prepared to assist in the task of making disciples. It is a valuable resource for assisting recently baptized members in understanding how to follow God’s Word. All the fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church are covered several times during the year, reinforcing basic doctrines. Other special features include stories from people who grappled with learning truth, a glossary of key Bible terms, and frequent “Adventese” sidebars to acquaint new members with terminology and culture unique to the Adventist community. The series can be started with a new member’s class at any time and is not limited to the calendar year. Lessons for the first quarter entitled “The Journey Begins,” are now available through your local Adventist Book Center or online HERE.

Looking Ahead

March
11: SAGE (Wash.) St. Patrick’s Banquet
17: Ministry Fest South
22: May Ad/Article Deadline
24–25: Vegfest 2012
30–April 1: Ore. Conference Prayer Retreat

April
13–15: NW Prison Ministry Retreat
14: OAMC Spring Festival
19: June Ad/Article Deadline
26–29: ASI NW Convention

May
9–13: SAGE Creation Retreat
17: July Ad/Article Deadline
17–20: NPUC Regional Convocation
18–20: Tillamook (Ore.) Adv. School Alumni Weekend

June
9–16: Alaska Camp Meeting
12–16: Idaho Camp Meeting
13–16: Mont. Camp Meeting
13–16: UCC Camp Meeting
14–23: Wash. Camp Meeting

July
17–21: Ore. Camp Meeting

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publication last year, was the church’s public voice on drug and alcohol prevention, published in an era before cigarette packets carried warning labels. It was used in high-school classrooms around the country. Read more from the Adventist News Network HERE.

The Great Hope Project
The North American Division (NAD) is encouraging every member to read the full version of the Great Controversy by Ellen G. White during the first half of 2012 and share a contemporary version (11 chapters) entitled, The Great Hope, with friends and neighbors. Books, which will be available May 15, may be pre-ordered by churches or individuals directly from the local Adventist Book Center or online HERE. Read more about this project from the NAD website HERE. In addition, the Great Controversy DVD Project, produced by Myers Media in conjunction with the Paradise (Calif.) Church, is a visual resource to consider. Watch trailers of this three-part movie and read more information HERE.

March Video Features Sidewalk Kids Project
March GLEANER magazines feature the Sidewalk Kids ministry sponsored by the Orchards Church in Vancouver, Wash. Greg and Shelly Hillman have helped lead the youth-oriented outreach along with the active support of John Wesslen, Orchards Church pastor, and many others. While the adults may be the undergirding support, local youth have stepped to the front to plan and lead out in these summertime programs. Watch the video at gleaneronline.org HERE that highlights this important outreach which features Adventists who portray this year’s GLEANER theme “Salt in Our Communities.”

Motorcycles and Teddy Bears
The Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Facebook page highlights Adventist motorcyclists in western Washington State who recently participated in a Teddy Bear Run for Auburn Medical Center to collect hundreds of stuffed animals. Learn more about the Northwest chapter of the Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry on Facebook HERE.

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Remembrance: Soper edited temperance magazine Listen for 30 years

Feb. 24, 2012 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Ansel Oliver/ANN

Francis A. Soper was the longtime editor of Listen magazine, the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s temperance outreach that advocated a drug-free lifestyle for youth and profiled celebrities who promoted the cause.

Soper, who died January 17 at age 93, edited the magazine for 30 years, the longest-serving editor in the magazine’s history. As editor from 1954 to 1984, he interviewed and featured celebrity entertainers and athletes – from singer Johnny Cash to Olympic figure skater Peggy Fleming. He also landed interviews with United States first ladies Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan.

The magazine, which launched in 1948 and ceased publication last year, was the church’s public voice of drug and alcohol prevention in the community and published in an era before cigarette packets carried warning labels. Listen included teaching materials and was used in high school classrooms around the U.S.

As editor, Soper later held the title of Associate Director of what was then known as the Temperance department at the Adventist Church’s world headquarters.

Colleagues described Soper as a gentle personality but firm in his editorial requirements.

“He was iconic editor. Listen was Soper and Soper was Listen,” said Stoy Proctor, former associate director of the Adventist world church’s Health Ministries department. “He was dogged in trying to make it the best magazine.”

Soper grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. In 1942 he landed a job as a copy editor with the denomination’s Pacific Press Publishing Association, then located in Mountain View, California. He later became an assistant editor of several publications before becoming associate editor of Listen in 1952 and editor two years later.
“He really loved getting to know these professionals in music and sports who made a real effort to be an example to the teenage generation they were performing for,” said his daughter Lois Ford.

Soper was preceded in death by his daughter Lori in 2007 and his wife Eunice in 2009. Survivors include Lois Ford and grandsons Timothy and David Ford.
WHAT IS THE GREAT HOPE PROJECT?
An initiative led by the General Conference President, Ted N. C. Wilson. The challenge to the world field is to distribute massive quantities of *The Great Controversy* as part of the Church’s world-wide “Tell The World” emphasis, and a complement to the Revival and Reformation emphasis.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION THE GREAT HOPE PROJECT OBJECTIVE
Distribution of three million copies of the *Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White, to include one million copies of the Contemporary Version (eleven chapters) under the title, *The Great Hope*, in English, Spanish, and French.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION METHOD AND TIMELINE
January through May 2012 – Our Division members and families prayerfully READ the full version of *The Great Controversy*, while asking for guidance regarding with whom, as the result of a friendly, personal, person-to-person relationship, *The Great Hope* should be shared.
(Here are more reasons to read *The Great Controversy*)

June 2012 and Onward – Distribution of *The Great Hope* to family and friends throughout North America. Our emphasis is on distribution to those with whom we have developed a personal relationship!
(Click here for more information about *The Great Hope.*)

PRICING STRUCTURE
Now through April 15, 2012 – Pre-publication price of $0.49 per book (*Great Controversy*) plus shipping. The pre-publication price is available to any entity or individual.

ORDERING PROCESS
Conferences /Churches /Individuals place orders directly to Adventist Book Centers. Books will be printed on April 16, 2012 and available to everyone through the Adventist Book Centers beginning May 15, 2012.

IS THERE AN ONLINE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY* THAT I CAN READ?
Yes! A PDF file of *The Great Controversy* can be found HERE. There is also an iPhone / iPad App. Get it at http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/egw-free/id374790551?mt=8
Click here for online video and a peak at plans for a *Great Controversy* movie

THERE ARE ALSO CHILDREN’S VERSIONS AVAILABLE
1) *Michael Asks Why*; Ellen White’s Classic, *The Great Controversy*. Adapted for Children, by Sally Pierson Dillon, and
2) *War of the Invisibles*; The Amazing Story of *The Great Controversy*, by Sally Pierson Dillon
You can purchase these books through your local Adventist Book Center, or online.

I JUST DON’T HAVE TIME TO READ MUCH. WHERE COULD I DOWNLOAD AN AUDIO VERSION?
You can download individual chapters in MP3 format of *The Great Controversy* (and other books) from the Ellen G. White Estates website. (Specific direct link(s) will be provided soon.) You can download all the chapters in MP3 and Kindle HERE. Choose eBooks in the top menu and the format of your choice.
I WISH THERE WAS A STUDY GUIDE TO GO WITH *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY*
There is! You can download it at http://thegreathope.org/assets/files/StudyGuide.pdf. It would be great to form small groups to study *The Great Controversy*, using the Study Guide, but individuals can use it alone too. A study guide is also being prepared for *The Great Hope*, and will be available soon.

HOW CAN I PROMOTE THIS PROJECT TO MY CHURCH MEMBERS?
Here is a suggested bulletin insert in English; Spanish; French; Portuguese
Here is a short, 3-slide PowerPoint presentation. Others may be supplied soon.

THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS OF *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY* WILL BE INCLUDED IN *THE GREAT HOPE*:

Chapter 1, “Why Is There Suffering?” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 29
Chapter 2, “Hope For Triumph Over Evil” *The Great Controversy*, Chapters 30, 31
Chapter 3, “Dangerous Seductions” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 32
Chapter 4, “Everlasting Life” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 33
Chapter 5, “False Hope” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 34
Chapter 6, “True Peace” *The Great Controversy*, Chapters 7, 27
Chapter 7, “Our Only Safeguard” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 37
Chapter 8, “In Defense Of The Truth” *The Great Controversy*, Chapters 25, 26
Chapter 9, “Real Hope” *The Great Controversy*, Chapters 1, 17, 36, 38, 39
Chapter 10, “The Great Rescue” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 40
Chapter 11, “Victory Of Love” *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 42

A study guide and audio files for *The Great Hope* are being prepared and will be available soon.

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• travel in time from the day Jesus Christ left this earth until His promised return.
• discover what happened during the silent centuries of the Dark Ages
• watch reformers amidst persecution boldly rising with liberating truths
• understand why so many have become skeptical of organized religions
• sense God's interplay in the cosmic history and where you fit in
• catch a glimpse of the most glorious picture ever portrayed to the human mind – the end of the human experience as we know it and the beginning of ... (Oops! We shouldn't tell you how the book ends because with "holy curiosity" you can discover it for yourself!)
The Great Controversy DVD Project

The Great Controversy DVD project is a 3 Volume DVD series based on the book *The Great Controversy*. Spanning some two thousand years of Christian history, from the destruction of Jerusalem to the second coming of Jesus Christ and the end of earth's history, *The Great Controversy* DVD set portrays the epic battle between the forces of good and evil and their final conclusion.

*The Great Controversy* DVD Volume 1 is now available through the Adventist Book Center and Amazon. See the Preview below. *The Great Controversy* DVD Volume 2 will be distributed through the Adventist Book Center in March 2012. See the Trailer below.

Volume 3 is presently in production and will be released as a feature length movie portraying prophetic events from the present day to the return of Christ. See the Trailer below or the "GC3 The Movie" and "News Updates" Tabs for more information on - Volume 3 *The Great Controversy* - The Closing Scenes.