NPUC Plans Action on Women in Church Leadership

In response to a North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Executive Committee vote on May 16, NPUC administration will appoint an ad hoc committee to help resolve issues of women in Adventist ministry. This ad hoc committee will be tasked with creating specific recommendations on how to fully integrate committed and called Adventist women into all levels of church leadership within the NPUC territory. The recommendations will be presented to the NPUC Executive Committee at the next scheduled meeting on Nov. 14, 2012.

Back to Square One for WWU President Search

David E. Thomas, Walla Walla University (WWU) School of Theology dean, has withdrawn his name from consideration as WWU president. On May 4, the Presidential Search Committee voted to recommend Thomas and intended to bring his name to the May 14 WWU Board of Trustees meeting. On May 11, Thomas informed Max Torkelsen, WWU board chair, of his decision to withdraw. The committee has initiated a new look at current candidates including additional names. "Please keep this process in your prayers, that the Lord will guide us to the right individual He has chosen for this important leadership position," says Torkelsen.

Lock in Your Plans for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School programs in your local church are a great way to meet the children and parents within your neighborhood circle of influence. Parents, even non-attending and non-Adventist, will often bring their children to a church-sponsored program that is especially for them. In some towns, there are very few quality children's events provided that are safe, educational and fun. A well planned, VBS fills that billing. This year there are four VBS programs available: "Kid's in the Kitchen," "Castles and Crowns," "KGCN" (Kid's and God's Communication Network), and "Go Fishin' Mission Adventure." For more ideas and resources, go to www.KidsMinistryIdeas.com.

Looking Ahead

May
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
23: King's Heralds Concert

July
17–21: Ore. Camp Meeting

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**WWU Happy Feet Team Travels the Northwest**

Members of Walla Walla University's (WWU) Happy Feet ministry are happily meeting members and students throughout the Northwest. Happy Feet, a student team sponsored by the WWU marketing and enrollment services, the chaplain's office, and student missions, travels to churches and academies in the Northwest to assist them with ministry. The team's name comes from Isaiah 52:7 … "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things." One of the program coordinators, Macy McVay, sophomore theology and math major, says Happy Feet has been scheduled for five consecutive weekend this quarter. A portion of the team is pictured here at the Friday Harbor (Wash.) Church. Read more from the WWU website HERE.

**The Hope Channel Begins 'Cards for Mom and Dad' Series**

The Hope Channel has initiated a series of new relationship-boosting programs. *Cards for Mom and Dad*, a 10-part series of heart-touching interviews, gives insights to family relationships. In each of the "greeting card" episodes, each high-profile guest recalls moral and spiritual guidance shared by his or her parents. Guests include Mike and Gayle Tucker, Carlton Byrd, Fred Kinsey, Elizabeth Talbot, and pastors Phil White and Tim Garrison. Watch on-demand via The Adventist Channel HERE.

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Happy Feet Ministry Team Travels the Northwest

Students Serve Churches and Academies

By: Jenae Williams

Members of Walla Walla University’s Happy Feet ministry have had a busy spring quarter. Happy Feet, a student team sponsored by the Department of Marketing and Enrollment Services, the Chaplain’s Office, and Student Missions, travels to churches and academies in the Northwest to assist them with ministry.

Although the team’s name sounds like it might have originated from the popular animated movie, it actually comes from a Bible verse. Isaiah 52:7 reads, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”

One of the program coordinators, Macy McVay, sophomore theology and math major, says Happy Feet has been scheduled for five consecutive weekend programs this quarter. The team most recently went to the Connections Church in Yakima, Wash., where they participated in the church’s Sabbath worship service. In the afternoon, the team led out in an outreach program for the youth. “We went out, read a Bible verse, and chatted a little bit about it. Then we would go do a service activity. It was about connecting the head, heart, and hands in service,” says McVay.

Before that, they visited the Friday Harbor, Wash., church. This coming weekend, the team will travel to Upper Columbia Academy to conduct an entire Weekend of Worship.

Happy Feet invites WWU students who are interested to join them in ministry. The team welcomes a range of talents as well. “If a student has something that they want to do that they’re passionate about, and they contact us, we can make it happen,” McVay says.

If you’d like to join other students in the Happy Feet ministry, email WWUHappyFeet(AT)wallawalla.edu.

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