UCC Extends Invitation to Thurber for President

The Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) Executive and Nominating Committees extended a call earlier this week to Gary Thurber to serve as the next UCC president. Thurber is currently serving as Rocky Mountain Conference president. Paul Rasmussen, a committee member said, "I felt the Holy Spirit's leading throughout the selection process. I feel confident the conference will be in good hands under Thurber's leadership." The position has been open since the beginning of the year when Bob Folkenberg Jr. began his new role as the China Union Mission president. Please keep Thurber and his wife, Diane, in prayer as they seek God's leading.

Read more at UCCSDA.org.
Idaho Pastor Sworn in as Senate Chaplain

Jim Wibberding, Cloverdale (Idaho) Church pastor, was officially sworn in Jan. 9 as the Idaho Senate Chaplain for the 2013–14 legislative session. Idaho Senator Grant Ipsen and the Northwest Religious Liberty Association staff directed by Greg Hamilton facilitated Wibberding’s ultimate selection. This important post puts an Adventist pastor at the forefront of each daily session, in a position to help counsel legislators in their spiritual journey. Read a transcript of his first prayer online.

Adventist Health Features New Cancer Treatment

Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., is the first clinical facility in the Northwest to provide the Agility technology system for cancer patient radiation therapy. This complex system allows a radiation beam to be directed with extreme accuracy to a tumor. The more accurate the treatment, the less potential for damage to surrounding tissues, allowing higher dose rates and improved patient outcomes with reduced side effects. Learn more about this new cancer treatment option.

Pray for World Church Ordination Study Committee

Looking Ahead

January

9-19: Ten Days of Prayer
12: Organ Vespers, Sunnyside Church, Portland, OR

Current Issue

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For the past 50 years, KGTS-FM has been broadcasting in the Walla Walla Valley and training students for service. This month the GLEANER takes a look back at the last 50 years and how God has led in this radio ministry. Download the issue today!
World church representatives on the Theology of Ordination Study Committee are expected to convene their first meeting next week in Silver Spring, Md. Northwest members are invited to pray for the committee members and this important process as they begin. The committee chairman is Artur Stele, world church vice president and Biblical Research Institute director. A list of the committee members and summary of the guidelines that will instruct the process are available online (PDF). Additional documents pertaining to the ordination discussion are available at gleaneronline.org.

NPUC Summit to Address Issues of Same-Sex Attraction

The North Pacific Union Conference Family Life department has announced plans to hold an open meeting to discuss how Northwest members can best relate to issues of same-sex attraction within their families and churches. The weekend seminar is scheduled for April 5–6 at the Holden Convention Center (Gladstone Campgrounds) in Gladstone, Ore. Watch for the back page ad in the February GLEANER with an announced web address for more information.
Registration Swells at Seattle Prophecy Seminars

When thousands of Adventist young people gathered in Seattle for the annual Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC) convention over New Years weekend, they didn't just spend their time listening, but also put some of what they learned into action. On Sabbath afternoon, thousands of volunteers went door-to-door in metro Seattle to invite people to one of six Bible seminars, distributing over 25,000 invitations. Facing swelling numbers of pre-registered attendees, a Puyallup, Wash., area church plant is having to relocate their up coming meetings. So far, 441 people have pre-registered for seminars. Please keep these people in prayer as the meetings start this weekend.

Charitable Giving Window for 2012 Still Open

Individuals who were 70 ½ by Dec. 31, 2012, are eligible to make tax-free charitable contributions up to $100,000 from a traditional IRA. The IRA charitable rollover gift must be post marked no later than Jan. 31, 2013, for a 2012 income tax exemption. The transfer may qualify for part of the required minimum distribution for 2012 or 2013. Contact your local conference planned giving department to see how you can benefit the church.
Presidential Call Extended to Thurber

by Jay Wintermeyer

SPOKANE, Wash., January 8, 2013 – The Upper Columbia Conference Executive and Nominating Committees extended a call to Elder Gary Thurber to serve as the next president of Upper Columbia Conference. Thurber would fill the position previously held by Elder Bob Folkenberg, Jr., China Union Mission President.

Thurber is currently serving as president for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Paul Rasmussen, a committee member said, "I felt the Holy Spirit's leading throughout the selection process. I feel confident the conference will be in good hands under Thurber's leadership."

Please keep Gary and his wife, Diane, in prayer as they consider this call to service.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013

Senate Prayer - American Liberty

Offered at the Idaho State Senate

Preamble:

In a 1791 letter to Archibald Stuart (ME 8:276), Thomas Jefferson wrote, “I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.”

I do not presume to suggest the proper balance between liberty and restriction. That is your purview. Instead, I cite Jefferson because I observe that liberty complicates your job. You manage what Jefferson called the “inconveniences attending” it. You lead not by the simplicity of autocracy but by the complexity of democracy. Yet, the very presence of your hardship is the assurance that liberty prevails.

Because every citizen has a voice, you must manage the tension of conflicting voices.

Because each person has value, you work toward acceptable compromise.

Because you do what you do, liberty prevails in our State.

The American experiment was never meant to be the easiest path for government leaders. It does, however, through your inconvenience, assure the easiest path for your fellow citizens.

As a citizen, I thank you for accepting the demands of liberty. As your chaplain, I pray for your strength.

Prayer:

Almighty God,

These senators stand here burdened with the preservation and progress of liberty in Idaho. Bless them in their task.

As they swim in the murky waters of details, uncertainties, and nuance, inspire them with the bright, clear purpose they serve.

As they weigh complexities where others see simplicity, lead them to answers that strengthen our shared ideals.

They are here because they care about the people who make their homes in Idaho. I know that You care too. In this, You and they share purpose. So, guide them as they deliberate the issues at hand; that, through them, all the people of this State may be blessed.

In the Name of Jesus I pray,
Amen
Adventist Medical Center is taking cancer treatment to new levels with the only technology in the Northwest designed to provide complex radiation therapy delivered with extreme accuracy. The Agility technology system promises cancer patients a new level of precision and delivery speed in radiation therapy treatments. This new technology is allowing Adventist Medical Center clinicians the ability to provide sophisticated cancer treatment solutions for patients, with a lower risk of side effects.

“As a physician, it is imperative that we have the safest and most accurate technology to treat those battling cancer,” says Aaron Hicks, MD., Radiation Oncologist at Adventist Medical Center. “We are using this potentially life-saving technology because we believe patients deserve the very best options to treat cancer.”

Agility supports Adventist Medical Center’s commitment to offer patients the most advanced cancer treatment possible, keeping pace with rapidly accelerating advancements in disease understanding and approaches.

**Details of the Advanced Cancer Treatment**

Agility allows sophisticated customization of the radiation beam that is directed to the cancer patient’s tumor. External beam radiation is delivered by a device called a linear accelerator, also known as a linac. The head of the linac holds a multi-leaf collimator (MLC) that employs multiple moving tungsten leaves to block
portions of the radiation beam, shaping it as it exits the device. The more the shape of the beam conforms to
the shape of the tumor, the more accurately it targets the tumor.

The more accurate the treatment, the less existing potential for damage to surrounding tissues. The rapid,
highly accurate technology, enables higher treatment dose rates and improved beam shaping, resulting in
improved patient outcomes with reduced side effects.

About Adventist Medical Center (AMC)

Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility,
offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver
metropolitan area. It is home to Adventist Health-Portland, which includes more than 30 primary care and
specialty clinics in the metro area.

Adventist Health-Portland is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care
delivery system serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Our workforce of 28,700
includes more than 21,000 employees; 4,500 medical staff physicians; and 3,000
volunteers. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care
in 19 hospitals, more than 150 clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care
agencies, six hospice agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. We invite you to visit our website at
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INTRODUCTION AND GUIDELINES

The Theology of Ordination Study Committee is the result of a request made from the floor by a delegate at the 2010 General Conference Session. The General Conference administration later took that request to the General Conference Administrative Committee for approval of the theology of ordination study process on September 20, 2011.

The objective of the Theology of Ordination Study Committee should be to carefully and prayerfully follow the terms of reference with an aim of reaching consensus on as many points as possible.

The Theology of Ordination Study Committee will provide for a committee membership with a broad base of perspectives to allow the Holy Spirit to help bring about consensus as much as possible.

Since this is to be a “study committee,” the normal “voting” process will not be used to place positions or representatives against each other. Rather, the study approach will provide opportunity for one consensus report on items accepted by consensus. On items on which it will be impossible to reach consensus, various reports should be prepared which present the different viewpoints and their appropriate responses. Through strong prayer sessions, study of the Bible, study of the Spirit of Prophecy, and the resulting careful discussion, the Theology of Ordination Study Committee should focus on solutions that would support the message, mission, and unity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In its study, the Theology of Ordination Study Committee will collaborate with the established division Biblical Research Committees (BRCs) and provide assistance to the BRCs with the comprehensive agenda to be reviewed. The Theology of Ordination Study Committee will receive reports from the division BRCs and can assign research papers and presentations to committee members and nonmembers to be reviewed by the Theology of Ordination Study Committee.

The Theology of Ordination Study Committee will meet approximately four times, concluding its work in June 2014. A Theology of Ordination Study Committee Steering Committee will provide for supervision of the process. The work of the study committee will be to provide as much complete information on its assigned topic as is possible to be reviewed by General Conference administration in June 2014, and then the complete report provided to the General Conference Executive Committee to be reviewed and discussed at the 2014 Annual Council. The 2014 Annual Council will decide on any items to be referred to the 2015 General Conference Session.
## TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Supervise the worldwide study of the theology of ordination and its implications, reviewing and analyzing data from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

2. Review the history of the study of ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. Develop a comprehensive agenda on the subject of theology of ordination and its implications for practices in the Seventh-day Adventist Church including the subject of ordination of women to the gospel ministry.

4. Receive (not later than December 31, 2013) and discuss reports from the division Biblical Research Committees concerning their division-wide studies and conclusions ensuring that division Biblical Research Committees address the comprehensive study agenda.

5. Request studies or solicit papers from committee members and/or non-members when further study is deemed necessary.

6. Develop a Seventh-day Adventist theology of ordination to recommend to the 2014 Annual Council for consideration.

## AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Power to act.

2. Power to act.

3. Power to act.

4. Power to act in consultation with division Biblical Research Committees.

5. Power to act.

6. Power to act.
7. Submit to the 2014 Annual Council, through General Conference administration, the full report of the worldwide study indicating areas of consensus and areas where consensus has not been obtained with respect to the theology of ordination and its implications for practices in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

8. In areas of disagreement, focus on potential solutions that support the message, mission, and unity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

7. Power to act.

8. Recommend to the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) (GCC-S).

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