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**Mission to Costa Rica Surpasses Goal**

More than 40 individuals from around the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) have completed a successful mission project to the city of Alajuela in Costa Rica. Nearly 40 short term missionaries, including twelve students from Auburn Adventist Academy, Portland Adventist Academy and Walla Walla University, conducted evangelistic meetings at 21 sites throughout the city. Women's ministry leaders from the six Northwest local conferences each preached at a different site and also spent a day presenting seminars on women's ministries within the North Costa Rica Mission. The project goal of 100 baptisms was surpassed with a total of 135 individuals accepting Jesus as Savior. Plans will be announced soon for the 2014 NPUC evangelistic project.

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**Auburn Academy Announces New Principal**

On Monday morning at Auburn Adventist Academy, Edward T. Decker Jr., announced to the school in a Skype call that he will become the new principal by early August. Decker, who is currently working on a Ph.D. in leadership from Andrews University, is a respected and well-known leader in the Northwest. Says Decker, "By God's grace and strength, I desire to demonstrate integrity and compassion as I proceed, with excellence, in the goals God puts before me." Decker will be joined by his wife Gladys, who used to teach English at Auburn. Their son, Trei, graduated from Auburn in 2012 and daughter, Alexi, is currently a student there. [Watch the recorded Skype call on Facebook](#) and [read the complete story from AuburnAcademy.org](#).

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**UCC Teen Mission Adventure**
Spring break saw 94 teen Pathfinders from around Upper Columbia Conference converge on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy to participate in Teen Mission Adventure. The teens spent the week doing service projects around Cheney, Airway Heights and Spokane, Wash., communities. Projects included building a nature trail and greenhouse for a ladies shelter, and reroofing a house. This is the 17th year of the Adventure which is held each year at various locations around the conference. Read more at UCCSDA.org.

Dining Commons Taking Shape
After years of planning and fundraising, the new dining commons at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) is taking shape. This new building will offer a larger dining room, modern kitchen, conference room and outdoor dining area. The old cafeteria is uninsurable because it is located on a flood plain and is in need of repair and updating after several recent floods. The project, which is being funded through donations, has seen the cost of materials rise. The school is looking for volunteer labor in certain areas to help lower the expenses. Bricks, 57,000 of them, will arrive the first of May and UCA is currently looking for help to lay those bricks as well as help with insulation, drywall and painting. If you are interested in volunteering your time or donating materials, please contact Linnea Torkelsen, Alumni director and volunteer coordinator, by email or by calling 509-981-9318. Read more about the project at UCAA.org and see a live webcam of the building.

WWU Installs Satellite System to Track Student Flights
In an effort to increase the safety of students in flight training, Walla Walla University (WWU) has implemented a new system to monitor student flights by satellite. After experiencing the system in use while working in Alaska last summer, Anthony Remboldt, director of training for WWU’s aviation program, returned to the school determined to deploy a similar system. With a small device in the aircraft, the dispatch office can see exactly where each plane is and instructors can analyze flight paths as the students practice. “Students depend on a safe and comfortable atmosphere in which to learn,” says Remboldt. “The satellite tracking is one more asset to continue our strong safety record in aviation.” Learn more about this new system at WallaWalla.edu.

Adventist Retention Study
The Adventist church in North America is loosing young adults at an alarming rate. Recognizing that, the General Conference has commissioned Southern Adventist University’s (SAU) Robert H. Pierson Institute of Evangelism and World Missions to conduct a study on why young people are leaving and what the church can do to make a difference. The first phase of the study involved focus groups of recent SAU and Oakwood University graduates. The second phase, an online survey, has recently been released and researchers are looking for young people willing to fill out a 20-minute survey. To learn more about the study, visit their Facebook page.
Looking Ahead

April
4–6: SONscreen 2013
5–6: CAA Alumni Homecoming Weekend
5–6: Gays in the Family
5–7: Gem State Alumni Weekend
12–14: Health Ministries Training Symposium
21–25: SAGE Sunset Lake Workbee

May
2–5: ASI Northwest Convention

More Events

April
Project Patch not only features its youth ranch in rural Idaho, a stable, caring environment for troubled teens, but also the expanded outreach of a family life center in Goldendale, Wash., where families are equipped to thrive in the midst of life's challenges. Read more about it in the April GLEANER!
Auburn Adventist Academy Auburn WA: AAA Board of Trustees Announces Tom Decker as Principal


April 5, 2013
AUBURN, Wash. (April 1, 2013) – The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Edward T. Decker Jr. as the new principal of Auburn Adventist Academy. "Tom Decker is a well-known and respected leader in the Pacific Northwest," says John Freedman, Washington Conference president and chair of the Board of Trustees. "He has a great vision for Adventist Christian Education and we are excited to welcome him as principal of Auburn." Decker, who is a product of Adventist Christian Education and brings a mix of experience as a pastor, chaplain, educator and missionary, says of Adventist Christian Education: "Nothing in Christian Education must supersede Christ. If it does, it is no longer Christian Education." He goes on to say: "Christian Education is an incubator for young people to mature in their understanding and experience of what it means to be a Christian. The goal when they finish Auburn is that they have genuinely experienced God as He is. I believe they will therefore be irresistibly drawn to Him for life." In his most recent experience, Decker served for four years as a missionary principal where enrollment reached capacity (with 50–100 students being turned away each year), campus infrastructure improved, a master plan was developed and a sponsorship program was launched among other achievements. Prior to this, he served as a senior pastor for Transformation Life Center in Olympia for eight years and as associate and youth pastor, respectively, at Auburn City Church and Puyallup Adventist Church. He also has pastoral experience in Maryland and Virginia. His chaplain and educational experience includes serving as chaplain and Bible teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy, his alma mater, in New Market, Vir., for five years In this position, he was responsible for spiritual programming for 300 boarding students. He established small groups and a prayer leadership team that lead out in prayer conferences all across North America. He also served as pastor and chaplain at Highland View Academy Church in Hagerstown, Md., where he was responsible for spiritual programming for 150 students. Decker is currently working on a Ph.D. in leadership from Andrews University. He has a Masters of Divinity from Andrews University and a Bachelor of Arts in religion from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). At Columbia Union College, Decker served as a student leader for "metro ministries," a city student outreach program, and as a student chaplain for Washington Adventist Hospital in Tacoma Park, Md. The Deckers are no strangers to Auburn Adventist Academy. Gladys Decker used to teach English
classes at Auburn. The Decker's son, Trei, graduated from Auburn in 2012, and their daughter, Alexi, is a current student. "I am excited to come back to Washington Conference and work with the team at Auburn Adventist Academy," says Decker. "By God's grace and strength, I desire to demonstrate integrity and compassion as I proceed, with excellence, in the goals God puts before me." Decker will be working with the academy's seasoned teachers to continue a strong academic program. He will also be working with his team to build community, reconnect with alumni, update infrastructure, address school debt, invest in teachers, and continuing to develop a spiritually-strong campus. The Deckers will be transitioning back from mission service and plan to be on campus full time at the end of July or early August. They hope to be on campus for Alumni Weekend and plan to be at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting to start connecting with people. Decker will be working with the Board of Trustees in the next few weeks to select a vice principal. "Our students [at Auburn] must be convinced that we respect them and that we have confidence for them in their future," says Decker. "Auburn's method of doing that must involve its leadership, teachers, and students demonstrating, as Jesus did, respect for who they are and hope for who they can become in Christ."

Send a note of welcome to principal@auburn.org!
Teen Mission Adventure

http://uccsda.org/News/news2013-03-26

April 5, 2013

by Kathy Marson

Teens working on one of the projects, which is to build a walking trail for a women's shelter.

Sorting clothing at Cleone's is a fun way to serve, according to the teens who were there.

Spangle, Wash., March 26, 2013 – The first Sunday of spring break Teen Pathfinders convened at Upper Columbia Academy to begin a week of service to Cheney, Airway Heights and the Spokane community.

Monday morning found ten teams of teens traveling to many locations. Their projects are to reroof a house; sort and give out food and clothing at a Cleone's Closet in Airway Heights; build a greenhouse and a walking trail for a ladies shelter; build three raised garden beds for the seniors of Harvard Park, as well as a trail from Harvard Park’s sidewalk into the beautiful wooded area that neighbors the community.

Some of the teen Pathfinders come every year but for some it was a new adventure. At Cleone’s Thrift Story one of the workers said the teens did such a great job. She asked the kids how long they had known each other because they had such a good camaraderie. When they told her they had just met the night before, she was amazed.

This is the 17th year for the Teen Mission Adventure and 94 teens are participating this year. In one week they hope to accomplish an amazing amount of “good” for the community. Multiply that by 17 and imagine the miracles God has done through these teens.
Teen Mission Adventure is an outreach of the Pathfinder clubs in Upper Columbia Conference.
More Information

UCA is gearing up for its first capital campaign in 16 years. The project at hand is a new Dining Commons connected to a wonderful open plaza near the center of the campus. Our current cafeteria has been deemed to be on a flood plain which means we cannot insure remodels or changes made after a flooding incident – at least 3 in the last 20 years. So, we're kind of “stuck in the mud.”

Our goal is $3,000,050. In the last 6 months, during a silent fund raising campaign, the Lord has blessed us with a little over $2,100,000!
We have a special matching grant for young professionals, and one for young alumni in business. With your help, the Dining commons can be a reality within 12 months of the time we “dig in.” You may donate by check, online here at the UCA web site. Donations of stocks, bonds, property or vehicles are also welcomed.

More details are in the Alumni Echoes newsletter which can be found here or in your mailbox. If you did not get a copy in the mail, please update your address here on the website. Thank you in advance, for helping to keep UCA strong!

Construction Updates!

November 27, 2012
Cafeteria Building Plans
Satellite System to Track Aviation Flights

By: Camlynne Waring

"Safety is our No. 1 priority in flight training," says Anthony Remboldt, director of training for Walla Walla University’s aviation program. To bolster safety precautions even more, Remboldt has implemented a new system to monitor student flights by satellite.

Through the newly purchased Spidertracks system, the aviation program can now track movements of the entire training fleet, which means that there is a reduced risk of students getting lost when flying university aircraft.

“Students depend on a safe and comfortable atmosphere in which to learn,” Remboldt says. “The satellite tracking is one more asset to continue our strong safety record in aviation.”

Remboldt recognized the need for the system during the summer when working for Northwestern Aviation, an air taxi service in northern Alaska, that specializes in off-airport operations. Because of the tracking system’s reliability and features, the company uses it for tracking all their flights, including government charters.

Remboldt returned to WWU in the fall, determined to implement a tracking system for the aviation program. He wrote a proposal for capital funding, which was granted in December.

The system effectively eliminates the risk of losing students and aircraft. It takes an average of 40 hours to locate downed aircraft operating on a Visual Flight Rules flight plan. After 24 hours, the chance of death from serious injury rises significantly. The Spidertracks system eliminates the 40-hour search, so students can be rescued almost immediately.

“In the aviation program, we are constantly striving to provide the safest and most modern aircraft training experience possible,” says Remboldt. “This will be an invaluable item of safety if there is ever an accident or mishap.”

A small device installed in the aircraft monitors flight information such as time, speed, altitude, heading, and GPS position in real time. The data is sent via satellite to the tracking
system and is used to analyze student flights, practice approaches, and track flights for safety and efficiency.

The system also makes it possible to give better estimates for arrival times. Before the system was in place, the dispatch office had limited communication with aircraft out of the local radius. Student pilots are now able to easily contact their instructors if they are experiencing difficulty.

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Adventist Connection Survey

Consent page

You are invited to participate in a study conducted in partnership with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and several North American Seventh-day Adventist universities and colleges. Through your participation, we hope to learn about local church connection or disconnection among recent Adventist university graduates.

The survey should take 20-30 minutes to complete. Your responses are anonymized; any individually identifiable responses will be securely stored and will be available only to researchers directly involved in this study. We ask that you try to answer all questions. However, if there are any questions that you would prefer to skip, simply leave the answer blank. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. If you are not 18 or older, please exit this online survey and do not complete it. If you need to exit the survey before you complete it, you may return at a later time to finish it using the same computer.

Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your future relations with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists or the university or college you attended. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

If you have any questions, you may contact Douglas Jacobs at <jacobs@southern.edu>

ई1. By clicking yes below, I am stating that I am at least 18 years old and agree to participate in this study based on the terms stated above.

Yes, I agree to participate

No, I do not wish to participate.

Next
Tell us about your religious experiences

2. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

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I've never really questioned my parents' religion.
I haven't found any religion that I really identify with.
I've considered and reconsidered my religious beliefs and know what I believe.
I'm not sure what religion means to me.
I keep changing my religious views.
I haven't felt the need to examine the beliefs I've grown up with.
I don't give religion much thought.
I am very clear on what I believe as an individual.

Comments:

3. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible's inspiration?

The writers of the Bible wrote down exactly what God said.

God revealed His will to the writers of the Bible, and they wrote it down in words of their own choosing.

The writers of the Bible had a personal experience with God, which helped them explain God's will using their own ideas.

God more directly inspired some parts of the Bible but was less involved in other parts.

The writers of the Bible were not inspired by God.
4. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible's authority?

When the Bible instructs us on a specific issue, we should obey it.

When the Bible instructs us on a specific issue, we must figure out the principles involved and apply them to our own situations.

The Bible records the experiences of godly people, and their experiences will often be helpful to us as we deal with specific issues.

Different parts of the Bible speak with varying degrees of authority, so we must treat each part of the Bible differently.

The Bible is illustrative of God's relationship with human beings over many centuries, but is not authoritative.

5. How often do you practice the following religious activities?

- Read the Bible outside of religious services
- Pray (other than at church or before meals)
- Read books by Christian authors
- Read the writings of Ellen White
- Talk outside of church with others on spiritual topics
- Family worship

6. How often do you participate in the following?
Tithing on income

Contributing money to church offerings besides regular tithe

Evangelistic outreach programs

Volunteering in the community

Volunteering within the church

Prayer meetings/small groups

Leading, planning, or assisting in congregational services

Sabbath School

Church social activities

Music ministry

Church-sponsored mission trips

Holding a church position

Comments:

Never  Rarely  Sometimes  Often  Very often
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Tell us about your religious experiences

7. Which description most closely matches the church you usually attend?

- I do not attend church.
- House church or small group
- Church plant
- Church via the Internet
- Small church that functions like a family group
- Small to medium-sized church that shares pastor with other churches in a district
- Medium-sized church which is led by a single pastor and team of elders
- Large church with one or two assistant pastors
- Megachurch with a team of pastors and elders to take care of the church needs
- Other (please specify)
Adventist Connection Survey

About your church

8. How often do you experience the following during worship services at your congregation?

- A sense of God's presence
- Boredom
- Awe or mystery
- Dissatisfaction
- Motivation to serve
- Joy
- Hope
- Genuineness
- A sense of fellowship

Comments:

9. Please select the areas of your church where you connect most. (Mark all that apply.)

- Activities outside of worship service
- Adventurers or Pathfinders
- Children's programs
- Church members
- Community outreach efforts
- Family programs
- Music
- Pastor
- Potlucks
- Sabbath School
- Sermons
- Small groups
- Worship service
- Young adult ministries
10. How important are the following factors in attracting you to connect with a certain church congregation?

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Tell us about your religious experiences

11. At what age were you first baptized?

Comments:
Adventist Connection Survey

Tell us about your religious experiences

12. Have you been rebaptized?
   No
   Yes (At what age?)

13. Please indicate what level of influence the following had during the time LEADING UP TO your baptism.

   Very negative  Negative  Neutral/No influence  Positive  Very positive  Not applicable

   Mentoring by pastor or other church leader
   Baptism of friends
   Encouragement from parents
   Attending evangelistic meetings
   Attending a baptismal class
   Studying the fundamental beliefs

Comments:

14. Please indicate what level of influence the following had during the time IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING your baptism.

   Very negative  Negative  Neutral/No influence  Positive  Very positive  Not applicable

   Mentoring by pastor or other church leader
   Studying the fundamental beliefs
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**Comments:**

- Participating in Bible study or small group
- Attending evangelistic meetings
- Participating in church activities

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Adventist Connection Survey

About your spiritual experiences

15. Have you had a conversion experience?
   Yes
   No
   I'm not sure

Comments:

16. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements based on your spiritual experiences.

   I have a vibrant, personal relationship with Christ.
   Agreed  Disagree  Neither agree nor disagree  Agree  Strongly agree
   God is actively working in my life.
   I have assurance that I will make it to heaven by the grace of God and my faith in Jesus.
   I feel comfortable skipping church as long as I do something that is spiritual or uplifting.
   I enjoy worshiping God.
   I have experienced God's love and grace.
   God loves everyone, and I should be all right in the end if I am a morally good person.
   Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life.
   Serving God makes me feel more anxious than happy.
I cannot earn my way into heaven by trying to be good or by doing good works.

It feels pointless to pray.

I realize I can't repent without God's help.

I feel like I can never live up to God's expectations.

Comments:
Adventist Connection Survey

About your educational background

17. Please give us an overall picture of the types of schools you attended for elementary school. (Mark all that apply.)

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19. Please give us an overall picture of the types of schools you attended during your college experience. (Mark all that apply.)
20. Where did you receive your undergraduate degree?

- Pacific Union College
- Oakwood University
- Southern Adventist University
- Other (please specify)

21. What year did you complete your undergraduate degree?

22. What was your major(s)?

Comments:
Advendist Connection Survey

About your college experience

23. Think back to your experiences at Andrews University. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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Comments:

24. Outside of class requirements, how often did you participate in the following during your college experience?

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25. Outside of class requirements, how often did you participate in the following during your college experience?

Evangelistic outreach programs
Volunteering in the community
Volunteering within the church
Small groups
Leading, planning, or assisting in worship services
Sabbath School
Music ministry

Comments:

26. Which of the following types of mission work have you been involved in? (Mark all that apply.)

Summer camp worker
Short-term mission trips
Student missionary
Task force worker
Full-time missionary
Colporteur
None
Other
About your beliefs

27. How strongly do you agree with each of these statements?

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God created the world.

God created the world in exactly six 24-hour days in the relatively recent past.

There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons.

Without Jesus' death on the cross, all of humanity would be lost.

Humanity has inherited sin, along with all its consequences, from the first man and woman, Adam and Eve.

The Old Testament sanctuary illustrated the work of God in heaven.

Since 1844, Jesus has been conducting a pre-advent judgment while He continues His work of forgiving sins.

The pre-advent judgment defends the character of God against Satan's accusations.

When people die, they cease to exist; their bodies remain in the grave until the resurrection. There is no immortal soul.

The Ten Commandments still apply today.

The true Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day of the week.

There is a real unseen battle taking place between God and Satan regarding God's sovereignty, law, and character.

God gave Ellen White the gift of prophecy.

Marriage is a loving union that should be entered into only by people who share the same beliefs.

Marriage was established in Eden by God to be a lifelong, loving union between a man and a woman.
The Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's last-day church with a message to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ.

Comments:
28. Based on your own personal standards, please tell us whether the following are always acceptable, never acceptable, or somewhere in between.

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<td>Using illegal drugs or narcotics</td>
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<td>Premarital sex</td>
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Comments:

29. Based on your own personal standards, please tell us whether the following are always acceptable, never acceptable, or somewhere in between.

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Cohabitating unmarried couple as church leaders
Non-practicing homosexuals as church members
Non-practicing homosexuals as church leaders
Practicing homosexuals as church members
Practicing homosexuals as church leaders

Comments:

30. Read the following statements carefully, and mark which statement comes closest to your view of women in ministry.

I do not believe in female pastors.
I believe women should be pastors but not ordained.
I believe women should be commissioned as pastors but not ordained.
I believe women should be ordained as pastors.
I'm not sure.

Comments:

31. Read the following statements carefully; then mark next to the one that is closest to your understanding of the writings of Ellen G. White.

I don't know who Ellen G. White is.
Ellen G. White's writings contain no more truth or wisdom than do the religious works written by leaders of other denominations.
Ellen G. White was a person who created stories of supernatural guidance in order to explain the mysteries of life. Her writings contain a great deal of wisdom about the human experience.
Ellen G. White was inspired by God and presented God's message in terms of her own place and time.
Ellen G. White copied what God told her word for word, and wrote without being influenced by her own place and time.

Comments:
32. What is your attitude toward the following Adventist standards?

- I don't accept it
- I have major doubts about it
- I have some questions about it
- I accept it because the church teaches it
- I embrace it wholeheartedly
- This question is not important to me

Adventist teachings regarding healthful living.

Adventist teaching discouraging the wearing of jewelry.

Adventist interpretation of modesty and simplicity in dress.

Comments:
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About your media consumption

33. On an average day, how much time do you spend engaging in the following forms of media?

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Comments: 

34. How often do you engage with these media outlets?

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<th>Media</th>
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About Adventism

35. Based on the Adventists you know, how do you feel about the following statements?

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<th>Statement</th>
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<td>They have a good reputation with the general public.</td>
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<td>They are current with today's culture.</td>
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<td>They live in a way that reflects what they believe.</td>
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<td>They are genuine.</td>
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<td>They know the Bible.</td>
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<td>They are open-minded.</td>
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<td>I can talk to them about sensitive topics.</td>
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<td>They are people I respect and look up to.</td>
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<td>They encourage me to ask questions.</td>
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Comments:

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About your family

36. How has your family been involved in the Adventist Church? (Mark all that apply.)

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<th>Active church leader</th>
<th>Attends church regularly</th>
<th>Attends church irregularly</th>
<th>Left the church</th>
<th>Employed by the church</th>
<th>Pastor or missionary or evangelist</th>
<th>Never was Adventist</th>
<th>I don't know/not applicable</th>
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My spouse
My mother
My father
My maternal grandmother
My maternal grandfather
My paternal grandmother
My paternal grandfather

Comments:

37. Please indicate what level of influence the following individuals have had on your spiritual life.

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<th>Very negative</th>
<th>Negative</th>
<th>Neutral/no influence</th>
<th>Positive</th>
<th>Very positive</th>
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My spouse
My mother
My father
### 38. Reflect on the predominant parenting style used in your home during your adolescent years. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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My parent(s) didn't care what I believed.
My parent(s) wanted me to believe as they did but didn't push their religion on me.
My parent(s) required me to follow their beliefs as long as I was in their home.
My parent(s) were supportive of my questions about their beliefs.
My parent(s) were inflexible about their religious beliefs and how they expected me to fit in with their religion.
I appreciate my parent(s)' parenting style.

Comments:
39. Your parents' marital status?
   - Single
   - Married
   - Separated
   - Divorced

Comments
40. What is your religious affiliation?
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About Adventism

41. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements on Adventism?

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I am proud to tell people I am an Adventist.
I share my Adventist beliefs with strangers.
I share my Adventist beliefs with my non-Adventist friends.
I invite my non-Adventist friends to church events.

Comments:

42. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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It is more important to be a Christian than to be an Adventist.
If I leave the Adventist Church, I probably won't go to heaven.
If I met a group of non-Adventists who were more open and accepting than my church group, I would join them.
I may not agree with church politics, but I still believe in the Adventist doctrines.
I keep the Sabbath as a holy day and refrain from secular activities.
My Adventist beliefs give me hope and comfort.
I feel that I have a clear understanding of the sanctuary doctrine.

The sanctuary doctrine helps me understand God's love better.

The writings of Ellen White have been a positive influence in my life.

Comments:

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Tell us about yourself

43. I am (or was) a ____ generation Adventist.
   
   First
   Second
   Third
   Fourth
   Fifth or more

   Comments:

44. Which of the following statement(s) do you best identify with? (Mark all that apply.)

   I am connected to a local Adventist church.
   I am connected to a local church of another denomination.
   I still identify as an Adventist, but I do not feel connected to a local church.
   My connection to Adventists is mainly social.
   Adventism is a special part of my life but only because I was raised in the tradition.
   I was once an Adventist, but I have few connections to the Adventist faith today.

   Other (please specify) or Comments:

45. Where is your official church membership?

   The church I currently attend
   A church I previously attended
   The church I grew up in
   My university church
   The conference church
I no longer hold membership in a Seventh-day Adventist church.

I don't know.

Other (please specify)
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Tell us about yourself

46. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

47. What is your age?

48. Which of the following categories best describes your current occupation?

49. Are you employed by the Adventist Church?

- Yes
- No

50. What is your approximate household income?

51. Which political party do you usually identify with?

- Democratic
- Republican
- Libertarian
- Tea Party
- Independent
- Apolitical
- Other (please specify)
52. Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Black or African American (non-Hispanic)
- Hispanic
- White / Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
- Two or more races
- Other (please specify)

53. Where do you live?

54. What is your marital status?

- Single
- Married
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Separated
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55. What is your spouse's religious affiliation?

56. How many children do you have?
   None
   One
   Two
   Three
   Four
   Five or more

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57. Do you plan to have children?

Yes

No
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About your family

58. In what religion do you plan to raise your children?
   I will raise my children to be Adventist.
   I will raise my children to be Christian, not necessarily Adventist.
   I will raise my children in another type of religion.
   I will allow my children to choose what religion they'd like to follow.

Comments:

59. How will you pass on your religious values to your children? (Mark all that apply.)
   I do not (or will not) share my religious values with my children.
   I believe in sharing what I believe but letting my children make up their own minds.
   I will carefully guide my children as they develop their religious values.
   I will require my children to follow my religious values as long as they are in my home.

Comments:

60. Which of the following methods do you use (or plan to use) in passing on religious beliefs to your children? (Mark all that apply.)

- Frequent conversations on spiritual topics
- Family worship
- Family time in nature
- Reading the Bible together
- Memorizing Bible passages
- Reading from Ellen White’s writings
- Reading Christian books and magazines together
- Involving children in early leadership opportunities at church
- Participating in church music programs
- Adventurers and Pathfinders
- Mission trips
- Adventist elementary church school
- Christian church school
Doing family service activities in the community together
Socializing with other Adventist families
Socializing with Christian (non-Adventist) families
Attending Sabbath School together
Attending church together

Comments:

Homeschool
Adventist academy (day school)
Adventist academy (boarding school)
Christian (non-Adventist) high school
Adventist college
61. Please answer the following questions based on future preferences.

I will be involved with a local church ten years from now.

I will be an Adventist ten years from now.

62. What recommendations do you have for the Seventh-day Adventist Church? (Please distinguish whether you are talking about local churches or the larger organization.)

63. Why do you think people connect with or disconnect from the church?

64. What additional comments do you have? If all of your comments do not fit in the box, please email adventistconnectionsurvey@piersoninstitute.org to dialogue further.
65. **OPTIONAL** If you would like to be contacted, please give us your name and phone number or email address. This information will be kept separate from your survey answers.
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! Your input will greatly contribute to the research. Please share this link with your friends. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YoungAlumniAdventistConnection

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