Changes Recommended for Adventist Media

During its meeting on Monday, April 29, the Adventist Media Center (AMC) board reviewed a proposal regarding the future operation of the center as well as media ministries and other services housed there. The proposal calls for the sale of the present AMC property in Simi Valley, Calif., and provides present media ministries such as Voice of Prophecy and It Is Written a 12- to 18-month window to relocate. While this would negate the cost of operating the AMC complex, continued funding from the North American Division (NAD) for the individual media ministries is part of the proposal, as is a commitment to explore new media development possibilities. The AMC board will forward the recommended proposal to the NAD executive committee. Read additional information about this proposal at Adventist News Network.

Jensen Accepts Alaska Conference Treasury Post

James W. Jensen has accepted the invitation of the Alaska Conference to become its new treasurer. Currently he is the associate treasurer for the Rocky Mountain Conference in Colorado. He will fill the position left vacant by Sharon Staddon, who became Montana Conference treasurer in January. A Washington Adventist University graduate, Jensen has also served in the Potomac Conference and Columbia Union Conference. He and his wife, Teresa, have two grown sons and three younger children adopted several years ago from the Ukraine. Jenson hopes to begin his new role in Alaska on June 25.

Voice of Prophecy Names Shawn Boonstra
Speaker/Director

The Voice of Prophecy (VOP) named Shawn Boonstra as their next speaker/director. Boonstra, who has been serving as an associate director in the North American Division (NAD) ministerial department, is the former speaker/director for It Is Written, an international television ministry. He will replace Fred Kinsey, who served the VOP for five years. “Shawn has clearly demonstrated that he has a heart for evangelism and for reaching those who need to hear the messages of Christ’s love and redemptive power,” said Dan Jackson, NAD president and VOP board president. Read more at NADAdventist.org.

PAA New Principal

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) has announced the hiring of Dan Nicola as the new principal for the coming school year, replacing Gale Crosby who accepted the position of Oregon Conference vice president of education. Nicola comes to PAA from Escondido Adventist Academy, in Escondido, Calif., where he served as vice principal and teacher. He will be joined by his wife Jane and two daughters. "I always thought it would take something pretty special to tear me away from my ancestral home," says Nicola, who grew up in southern California. "Well, PAA, you are just that special, and I am thrilled to become a part of such a fantastic school." Learn more about Portland Adventist Academy at paasda.org.

The Record Keeper Teaser

May 1 marked the release of the teaser trailer for The Record Keeper. Produced in Portland, Ore., by Walla Walla University alumnus Jason Satterlund, this 11-part web series is being created for The Great Hope project, to tell the story of the great controversy from a fresh perspective. The main character, Raina, is an angel tasked with recording the story of the fall of Lucifer and the story is told through the eyes of Caden and Larus, two friends caught on different sides. Watch the teaser trailer and follow the project on Facebook.
National Day of Prayer an Opportunity

Whether you are conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat, rich or poor, young or old, prayer is essential to the fabric of Christian living. Greater than any political agenda which may co-opt some events, this year's National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2, is an opportunity for Adventist Christians throughout the Northwest and beyond to pray on behalf of their country. It is an opportunity to individually echo the familiar words, “America, America, God shed His grace on thee.” More information about the national event is available online at nationaldayofprayer.org.

Looking Ahead

May
2–5: ASI Northwest Convention
4: PAA Alumni Weekend
16–19: 37th Annual NPUC Regional Convocation
16–19: SAGE Sprint Work Bee at MiVoden

More Events

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May

Twenty years ago, a small group of people started dreaming and praying about a way to reach their Grants Pass, Ore., neighbors through TV. Today that small dream has grown to a TV network that reaches nearly 80% of Oregon homes, broadcasts into parts of California and Washington, and has plans to expand in the near future. Read more about it in the May GLEANER!

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North America’s media center recommends its own closure

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The board of the Simi Valley, California–based Adventist Media Center (AMC), which is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s North American Division, will recommend a proposal to the division that includes a call for its six media ministries to relocate and a sale of the property.

The North American Division's Adventist Media Center will be sold if its board April 29 proposal is accepted by the division. The Simi Valley, California–based center is home to six media ministries, as well as master control and satellite uplink services for Hope Channel. [photo: AMC file photo]

The April 29 decision comes after two years of research, meetings and interviews with stakeholders of media ministries. Monday's AMC board meeting was chaired by Dan Jackson, who also serves as president of the North American Division.

“This proposal will put the division on a trajectory that serves our overarching vision of how God wants to use media in these end times,” Jackson said in a news release.

Still unclear is when the proposal will be brought to the North American Division Committee or what the division’s future plans are regarding media.

The media ministries that operate at AMC are Breath of Life Ministries, Faith For Today, It Is Written, Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, La Voz de la Esperanza, and The Voice of Prophecy.

The division’s news release stated that the proposal would allow 12 to 18 months for ministries to relocate.

The release also said that levels of funding from the division would be identified for each media ministry to allow them to fulfill their mission. It also stated that the division has a
“commitment to explore new possibilities for media development,” including creating studio facilities at the division headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

“The media ministries’ mission and messages of hope and wholeness have helped to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout North America and beyond,” Jackson said. “We appreciate the tireless efforts of the many media center employees and ministry staff members. We expect the media ministries to continue to maintain and provide the level of programs and services which will meet the future needs of the division.”

According to the AMC website, the center was established by the Adventist world church headquarters in 1972 in Newbury Park, California, as the “Seventh-day Adventist Radio, Television and Film Center. In 1993, the center became the “Adventist Media Center. In 1995, the property was sold and the center moved to its present location. A year later, ownership of the center was transferred from the Adventist Church world headquarters to the North American Division.

AMC also provides broadcast scheduling, master control and satellite uplink services for six of the 14 channels of Hope Channel Global Network, the world church’s television network. In a separate release yesterday, Hope Channel said broadcast service and programming would not be interrupted if the AMC proposal moves forward.

**North America**

Membership of about 1.1 million among a population of about 345 million.

**Countries**

Bermuda, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, the French possession of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Guam, Johnston Island, Marshall Islands, Midway Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and the United States of America.

**Recent Photos**
The Voice of Prophecy Board met Tuesday, April 30 in Simi Valley, Calif., and elected Pastor Shawn Boonstra the new speaker/director of The Voice of Prophecy. “Shawn has clearly demonstrated that he has a heart for evangelism and for reaching those who need to hear the messages of Christ’s love and redemptive power,” said Dan Jackson, president of the Voice of Prophecy Board and of the North American Division.

Recently, Pastor Boonstra served as an associate ministerial director at the North American Division. His role in the Ministerial Department was to inspire, train, and equip pastors and churches for evangelism.
Prior to this assignment, he served for seven years as the speaker/director of *It Is Written*, an international Christian television ministry dedicated to sharing insights from God’s Word with people around the world. While serving as speaker/director for *It Is Written*, Pastor Boonstra appeared weekly on its main television program (and podcast), which was broadcast to more than 140 countries in 11 languages. He also served as speaker/director for *It Is Written Canada* and pastored a number of churches in British Columbia.

Pastor Boonstra has also authored more than 15 outreach-oriented books. He and his wife Jean have two daughters.

Pastor Boonstra replaces Pastor Fred Kinsey who served The Voice of Prophecy for five years. Pastor Kinsey was named interim speaker/director of The Voice of Prophecy after Pastor Lonnie Melashenko, former speaker/director, accepted a ministry call to the Kettering Health Network in Ohio in July 2008. In 2009, Pastor Kinsey was named speaker/director, while still serving as the assistant to the president for communication for the North American Division. In August 2010, Kinsey was asked to serve with The Voice of Prophecy full time.

Under Kinsey’s leadership, The Voice of Prophecy expanded the voices heard on the 15-minute daily and 30-minute weekly radio programs by Mike Tucker, Elizabeth Talbot and Willa Sandmeyer. He also led the ministry to become involved with social media including the introduction of The Voice of Prophecy iPhone app.

“We are grateful for Fred’s ability to bring a diversity of programming to The Voice of Prophecy which allowed this ministry to continue to win souls for Christ,” said Jackson. “We also applaud his commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the role he played in communication ministry at the Division for many years,” he said.

**About The Voice of Prophecy**

The Voice of Prophecy is a long-running religious radio broadcast founded in 1929 by H.M.S. Richards, Sr. Initially aired on a single radio station in Los Angeles, it has since grown to numerous stations throughout the United States and Canada.