Publishing Houses Asked to Consider Merger

According to a report issued today through the Adventist News Network, the boards of Pacific Press Publishing Association in Nampa, Idaho, and Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., have agreed this week to consider a yet-to-be-developed proposal toward a merger. This action is in response to a request from General Conference (GC) and North American Division (NAD) administrators following analysis of the current publishing setting and related distribution systems. It builds upon work already done by study groups throughout the past several years. The request also suggests a potential transfer of identity of North American-wide publishing work from GC-sponsorship to NAD-sponsorship. Each publishing house board this week authorized its chair and president to represent the institution on a taskforce assigned to develop a detailed merger proposal for future consideration by the boards and constituents. Read more about the proposal from the Adventist News Network.

Montana Conference Leaders Elected

Montana Conference delegates gathered June 16 at Mt. Ellis Academy in Bozeman for the conference constituency session. The 223 registered delegates elected officers Merlin Knowles (center), president; and Sharon Staddon (right), vice-president for administration and finance. They also elected Barry Taylor (back right) to direct the ministerial, church ministries, and planned giving and trust services departments. Phil Hudema (left) was elected as director of education, youth, communication and health. Read more about the Montana constituency session at GleanerOnline.org.

No Injuries in Alaska WWU Plane Accident
A Walla Walla University staff member and student are safe and uninjured following an airplane accident June 19 near Dillingham, Alaska. Kerry Straub, director of aircraft maintenance for the WWU aviation program, was piloting WWU-owned plane, when he made an emergency landing due to mechanical difficulties. Straub, and freshman aviation student Brianna Eckler, were transported to Dillingham where they will join other WWU students working in a commercial fishing camp for a brief period this summer. Special tracking systems installed in all WWU-owned planes alerted both university aviation personnel and Alaska emergency teams, allowing for such quick and safe response.

Holocaust Survivor Speaks at NPUC Office

Holocaust survivor Alter Weiner spoke at the North Pacific Union Conference office this week. In an hour and a half presentation, Weiner shared his story of being arrested in his native Poland when the Nazi army invaded. He spent the rest of the war in five different prison camps, eventually being freed by the Soviets. For years afterward, Weiner never spoke publicly about his time as a prisoner. It was only after he retired to Hillsboro, Ore., that he was encouraged to speak and write about his ordeal. He says his motivation for speaking is to share what has happened in the past and ensure it doesn't happen again. Watch the video of his presentation at GleanerOnline.org.

Camp Meetings Are Under Way with Live Streaming Options

Upper Columbia Conference and Washington Conference camp meetings are underway this week at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash., and Auburn Academy in Auburn, Wash. While not everyone can make it in person to the meetings, both Upper Columbia (all the Big Tent meetings) and Washington (all 11 a.m. meetings, evening meetings, and church services) are offering live streaming options for those who would like to join online. Upper Columbia's camp meeting goes through June 22, while Washington's is running through June 29. For more information about all the camp meetings, visit GleanerOnline.org.

Transition Manager Named for Adventist Media Center

The North American Division (NAD) has named Max Treviño as transition manager for the Adventist Media Center (AMC). Treviño, retired Southwestern Union Conference president, was appointed to this position after the April 29 vote of the AMC board to allow the media ministries to relocate from Simi Valley, Calif. In this position, he will work on behalf of the NAD to oversee all matters relating to the transition at the AMC. “Max brings to the table specific management and leadership qualities that are needed to carry us through this major venture as we seek to strengthen media in the North American Division,” said Dan Jackson, NAD president. Read more about this appointment in NAD NewsPoints.

NAD Appoints New Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director

The North American Division (NAD) recently appointed Orlan Johnson, an attorney and former partner at Saul Ewing, to lead the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
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[Image]

department. In 2009, Johnson was appointed chair of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. In that role, he successfully recovered $7.2 billion for investors of the Bernie Madoff scam. Greg Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association president, says Johnson "will bring that same type of savvy in endeavoring to restore Religious Freedom Ministry in the local church, and particularly in the vital public arenas of government and public relations..." Read a 2010 interview with Johnson from the Washington Post and learn more about the work of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department.

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20–29: Washington Camp Meeting

July

2–7: AHA Cowboy Camp Meeting
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16–20: Oregon Gladstone Camp Meeting
23–27: Alaska Camp Meeting

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North American Adventist publishing house boards asked to consider merger

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General Conference Administration

On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, the General Conference and North American Division administrations forwarded to the boards of Pacific Press Publishing Association and Review and Herald Publishing Association a request for the two organizations to consider a merger in the near future.

The proposal comes in response to church administrators’ analysis of the current publishing mission setting along with related distribution systems. It builds upon the work of several commissions and groups that over the past several years have studied the challenges and opportunities arising from rapid technology changes in publishing as well as changes in how society accesses information.

The boards of both institutions met separately Wednesday evening, and each, by overwhelming majority votes, expressed agreement to consider a yet-to-be-developed merger proposal. In addition, each board authorized its chair and president to represent the institution on a taskforce whose assignment will be to develop a detailed merger proposal for future consideration by the boards and constituents.

Pacific Press Publishing Association is located in Nampa, Idaho.

Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, affirmed that “publishing and distributing materials to advance the proclamation of the gospel remains a vital and integral part of the church’s worldwide evangelistic and witnessing program. We believe that restructuring the two General Conference institutions could serve even more effectively the future needs of the church especially, in North America as well as for more general assistance to the world for print and digital content that correlates with information in other media platforms.”

Review and Herald Publishing Association, located in Hagerstown, Maryland, and the Pacific Press Publishing Association, located in Nampa, Idaho, have been operating as General Conference institutions. The two publishing houses serve the General Conference, the global Seventh-day Adventist Church, and, more specifically the North American Division, as they derive the large majority of their operating resources from services to church members and denominational organizations in North America.

The proposal forwarded to the respective boards, through the board chairs, requests not only consideration of a merger of the two institutions but also a transfer of identity for these entities from being General Conference-sponsored institutions to that of being North American Division-sponsored.

The combination of restructuring envisaged in the request placed before the boards therefore involve two principal concepts with the expectation that both would be considered as a package and implemented together. The proposal envisions:
• Placing both Pacific Press Publishing Association and Review and Herald Publishing Association on the pathway to merger as one publishing house to serve the North American Division territory as well as the needs of the General Conference office.

• Restructuring the publishing house governance model from a General Conference-based constituency and board of directors to a North American Division-based constituency and board of directors.

Over the past two years, the North American Division has been developing a comprehensive approach to all forms of media ministry. “The preparation and use of literature by church members, by local church-sponsored witnessing initiatives, and as an adjunct to programs in other media platforms is a prominent component of this strategy,” said Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division. “A publishing house closely linked to church infrastructure and intimately involved with planning, implementation and coordination of witnessing and nurture programs is a key component in accomplishing our mission objectives.”

Review and Herald Publishing Association is located in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Neither publishing house receives financial appropriations from the General Conference or from the North American Division. Both publishing houses currently enjoy operating gains. Historically, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has operated several publishing houses in North America. Each must make important decisions regarding its vision for the future and the investment of capital to maintain efficiencies in publishing and printing processes. Such decisions will have far-reaching impact. In light of present surplus manufacturing capacity it is believed advantageous for the two organizations to plan for the future as one unit rather than separately and to be directly connected to a North American Division mission-driven distribution system.

A case statement presented to the two boards outlines a design for a positive, mission-oriented future for the church’s publishing ministry in North America. “It is a strategy in response to 21st century realities,” said Dale Galusha, president of Pacific Press Publishing Association. Mark Thomas, president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, added, “Commercial and private publishing houses today are finding it necessary to redesign their business plans. We need to be proactive in addressing a rapidly changing publishing environment.”

The next step will be for a taskforce with representation from the General Conference, the North American Division and each publishing house to prepare a blueprint for merger. It is expected that a report from the taskforce would be presented to the boards by late September of this year. Each board will then have the opportunity to determine its response to the merger proposal.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates 63 publishing houses worldwide, each operating under its own board of governance. Review and Herald Publishing Association is the successor to the first publishing house, The Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, incorporated in 1861. The Pacific Adventist Publishing Association, established in California, was organized in 1875. It was renamed as the Pacific Press Publishing Association in 1904. A third General Conference-sponsored publishing house, Southern Publishing Association, merged with the Review and Herald Publishing Association in 1980.

General Conference administration asks that church members pray for God’s guidance upon church leaders and publishing
house boards so that what is done in this matter will result in the most effective evangelistic print and digital publishing program to proclaim the three angels’ messages, advance God’s work through His power and hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ.
Montana Conference 2013 Constituency Report

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Montana Conference delegates gathered June 16 at Mt. Ellis Academy in Bozeman for the conference constituency session. The 223 delegates officially registered were well above the legal quorum requirement of 163 delegates. They elected officers Merlin Knowles (second from left), president; and Sharon Staddon (right), vice-president for administration and finance. They also elected Barry Taylor (second from right) to direct the ministerial, church ministries, and planned giving and trust services departments. Phil Hudema (left) was elected as director of education, youth, communication and health. Knowles joined the conference nearly three years ago to replace John Loor Jr., who became North Pacific Union Conference executive secretary. Staddon has been “on the job” for just a few months, coming from the Alaska Conference to replace Ray Jimenez who took a position with the General Conference. Taylor has been serving in the ministerial and planned giving role prior to this current election. Hudema is the newest team member, still in transition from his most recent educational role in Southern California.

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With school getting out and summer just around the corner, many people are looking forward to another part of summer: camp meeting! Whether north in Alaska, to the south in Oregon, to the east in Montana, or anywhere in-between, the North Pacific Union conferences offer a variety of camp meetings in some of the most beautiful locations in the United States! Make plans now to experience one of these events. Hear inspiring speakers, attend classes and workshops to strengthen your faith and join in fellowship with friends from around the Northwest. If you haven’t been to a camp meeting, why don’t you make plans this year to attend one near you?

Alaska Conference

The theme for this year’s Southcentral Alaska camp meeting in Palmer, Alaska, July 23–27, is “Treasure from God’s Heart” and features speakers Elizabeth Talbot, Ken Denslow, Gordon Pifher, Landon & Karen Ritchey, Troy Fitzgerald and Jeromy Anderson as well as the King’s Heralds in concert on Sabbath. Find more information at the Alaska Conference website.

Additionally:

- Southeast (Vank Island, Wrangell): Aug. 2–4, 2013

Idaho Conference
Idaho Conference’s camp meeting is held at Gem State Academy June 11–15, 2013, and titled “iBelieve – A Future You Can Count On.” The format for this year’s meetings has been changed a little and will feature evangelistic meetings each evening designed to invite your friends and neighbors to. The featured speaker is Dwight Nelson with additional workshops and meetings from Jason Worf, Marvin Moore, Dr. DeRose and Mike Jones. The full schedule can be found at Idaho Conference’s website.

Montana Conference

Campmeeting in Montana this year is titled “Sharing His Marvelous Grace” and features Dick Duerksen, Richard & JoAnn Davidson, Barry Mosier, Kevin Wilfley and Manny Cruz. The meetings are held at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Mont., June 12–15, 2013. Download the full schedule from the conference’s website.

Oregon Conference

This year’s Oregon Conference camp meeting theme is “Come Unto Me.” Held July 16–20 at Gladstone Park campgrounds in Gladstone, Ore., the meeting features meetings from John McVay, John Bradshaw, Alexander Bryant, Gordon Pifher and Russell Burrill. Find more information as well as register for the event at the Oregon Conference camp meeting website.

Additionally:

- Western Deaf Camp Meeting (Milo Academy, Days Creek, Ore.): July 7–14, 2013
Hispanic (Gladstone Park campgrounds): July 11–13, 2013

Motorcycle Camp Meeting (Gladstone Park campgrounds): Aug. 23–25, 2013

Central Oregon Convocation (Gladstone Park campgrounds): Oct. 4–5, 2013

Upper Columbia Conference

**LIVING**

**DEVOTED**

Camp Meeting

June 19–22, 2013

Upper Columbia Academy

The theme for this year’s camp meeting at Upper Columbia Conference is “Living Devoted.” The meetings are held June 19–22 at Upper Columbia Academy, in Spangle, Wash. The featured speakers include Jerry Page, David Asscherick, Leslie Pollard, Paul Hoover and Lee Venden. Additionally, there will be workshops on a variety of topics. More information can be found at Upper Columbia Conference’s website.

**Additionally:**

- North Idaho (Bonners Ferry, Idaho): June 5–8, 2013
- Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting (Republic, Wash.): July 9–13, 2013
- Wenatchee (Wenatchee, Wash.): Sept. 27–28, 2013
- Native American (Wapato, Wash.): Sept. 27–29, 2013

Washington Conference

**Revived to Serve**

Washington Adventist Camp Meeting

June 20–29, 2013

This year’s camp meeting theme is “Revived to Serve” and features speakers Ty Gibson, Kevin Wilfley, Elizabeth Talbot and Jon Paulien. The meeting is held at Auburn Academy, in Auburn, Wash., June 20–29, 2013. In addition to the main meetings, the Auburn camp meeting also features many workshop and training classes, on a variety of topics. Additionally there will be a full day of ministry training on June 23. Visit the Washington Conference’s website for more information.

**Additionally:**

- Campestre Hispano (Auburn Academy, Auburn, Wash.): June 14–15, 2013

Virtual Campmeetings

Can’t make it to one of the camp meetings above but still want to take part? Join one of the conferences below for live streaming of the main meetings.
Other Campmeetings

- Better Life Broadcasting Camp Meeting, Milo Adventist Academy, Days Creek, Ore.: June 14 – 15, 2013.
- Adventist Horsemen’s Association Cowboy Campmeeting, Conconnully, Wash.: July 2 – 6, 2013.

Outside the Northwest

If you are looking to attend a meeting beyond of the Northwest, the North American Division has put together a listing of all the camp meetings this year.
Transition Manager Appointed for Adventist Media Center

Retired Southwestern Union Conference President Max Treviño, has been appointed by the North American Division administration to serve as the Transition Manager of the Adventist Media Center (AMC) in Simi Valley, Calif. The appointment was also ratified by the Union President's Cabinet, which is comprised of the nine union presidents of the North American Division.

This decision comes after the April 29 vote by the AMC Board to allow the media ministries to relocate from Simi Valley and to recommend to the NAD Executive Committee the closure and sale of the Adventist Media Center.

As Transition Manager, Treviño will direct on behalf of the North American Division and AMC entities in all matters relating to the transition. In this role, he will report directly to NAD President Dan Jackson and the NAD administration team. “Max brings to the table specific management and leadership qualities that are needed to carry us through this major venture as we seek to strengthen media in the North American Division,” said Jackson. Warren Judd, who has been serving as the Interim AMC Manager, will continue to manage the day to day operations of the AMC.
What It Takes: Saul Ewing partner Orlan Johnson has learned from, worked with and taught the best

By Avis Thomas-Lester
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Orlan Johnson has forged a reputation as an under-the-radar dealmaker in a town that runs on deals. Johnson, now a partner in the Saul Ewing law firm, cut his teeth on the law interning on Wall Street for the late power broker Reginald F. Lewis, the Baltimore-born philanthropist and former chief executive of Beatrice International, the Fortune 500’s first black-owned company. He worked at the Securities Exchange Commission and for Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy.

In 2006, he met then-Sen. Barack Obama and soon after signed on as a supporter at a time when many believed Obama's chances of getting to the White House were slim. He served as a member of Obama's national finance team, bringing the candidate to Prince George's County in October 2008 in a move that raised the profile of the nation's wealthiest black jurisdiction and cemented its support for the Chicagoan. Last year, Obama appointed him chair of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, an entity responsible for ensuring investors get their money back when a brokerage firm collapses.

Johnson, 48, has been married for 20 years to Zina Johnson, a gospel musician. They have three children -- Nia, Adam and Jair -- and live in Bowie.

WHY HE’S SUCCESSFUL

"I think the most important thing is meeting as many people as you can. I try to network in as many circles as I can so that I can meet people and learn how to engage in business from many points of view. I also attribute my success to my religious convictions. I just always have faith that the Lord is going to put me in the right place at the right time and he's always been there to lead and direct me."

BIGGEST OBSTACLE

"Having access to enough knowledge to be the best. So many things revolve around who you know and what you know, and having access to information at all levels was the most difficult task. For example, wanting to go to law school is one thing, but having the opportunity to meet someone like Vernon Jordan and having him explain what it was like to get to law school and be successful really helped give me a perspective on how I should approach law school. When I worked for Reginald Lewis, he explained why the proper balance between business and politics gives you the best opportunity to be successful in your career, no matter what it might be."

FIRST JOB

Johnson was born one of three children in Costa Rica to a human resources administrator and teacher/administrator and he was raised a devout Seventh-day Adventist. He attended religious schools in Long Island after the family emigrated and a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school as a teenager.

"My first job, when I was 9 years old, was going out on painting jobs with an individual named Mr. Ralph Harris. I got paid by the project, sometimes $20, sometimes $30. I used to cut lawns for $5, then I realized I could work for Mr. Harris and make a whole lot more."
WORST JOB

"My first year of college, in France, I had a job working in a greenhouse. Every day, I had to pull dead leaves off about 1,000 plants, then water them. That was the worst. I got paid $500 for the school year. It was on campus at Collonges, in Saint-Julien, right outside Geneva. I wanted to learn to speak French fluently and I had heard that immersion was the best and fastest way, so I went to France."

BEST JOB

Johnson transferred to Andersonville College, then to Howard University Law School. To give back, he has served as an adjunct professor there since 1994. "Teaching at Howard has been my best job. I enjoy the interaction with students and sharing practical experience with them ... My [former] students include the current mayor of Atlanta, Kasim Reed, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty and a number of businessmen and women and politicians at all levels."

SMARTEST MOVE

Interning for Lewis. "I really learned to love securities work, transactional work and corporate work. It helped set the tone for the kind of practice I would engage in for the rest of my career. Now I am a transactional lawyer specializing in corporate securities work. I do deals ... I'm a guy who negotiates transactions and papers those transactions so the deals will close."

WHAT INSPIRES HIM

His family. "That's what inspires me the most to get up and do what I do every day. I'm also inspired to hopefully influence young people to understand the importance of every choice they make in life and to make the right choices."

THINGS FOR WHICH HE IS GRATEFUL

"I'm grateful to have family and friends who allow me to have a life where I can have peace of mind. To me, there is nothing more important than the ability to have a restful mind ... It's more important than money. It's more important than power."

WHAT'S NEXT

"Maybe, at some point, running my own business, something completely different from the law. I'm not sure what yet."

ADVICE TO THE ASPIRING

"Meet as many people as you can and never treat any of them poorly because you never know where you might see them in the future."

BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION

"Probably working on President Obama's campaign and to be one of the original members of his finance committee. Early on, I had the opportunity to meet a guy I thought would someday do something very special. Little did I know he would someday be president of the United States."

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