This Week: The Record Keeper Wins Geekie Award; NPUC Shows Tithe Increase; and more!

The Record Keeper Wins Geekie Award

*The Record Keeper*, a new web series being produced by the Adventist Church, won the award for the “Best Trailer” at the Geekie Awards film festival. The honor was accepted by Director Jason Satterlund and Executive Producer Garrett Caldwell. “We are excited to receive this response on a series that isn’t even out yet,” says Satterlund. *The Record Keeper* is being produced as a unique take on *The Great Controversy* theme of the struggle between good and evil. The series is expected to debut this early in 2014 along with study guides to explore the themes presented in the series. The September issue of the *GLEANER* includes an in-depth interview with the show’s creators. Read more coverage of the event from Adventist News Network.

NPUC Shows Tithe Increase

A significant bump in tithe during July helped increase member giving for 2013 by nearly 3 percent more year-to-date than the same period in 2012. The largest gains for the month were shown by Idaho, Montana and Upper Columbia conferences. Tithe provides the means for Adventist Church pastors and ministry-oriented services throughout the world church. While a small amount is retained at the union conference and world church levels for ministry support, most tithe funds revert back to local conferences and churches for front-line outreach. So this recent increase is good news for ministry efforts throughout the Northwest.

Unite In Prayer for Seattle

Joining an overall strategy in North America to reach the largest metropolitan areas with the Adventist message, this year’s emphasis in the Northwest will be an effort called “Reach Seattle.” More than 70 evangelistic meetings throughout the city will kick off simultaneously on Oct. 4, reaching out to an area where more than 80 percent of the state’s population lives. Sabbath, Sept. 28, has been designated as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for this unique and focused outreach. Members all across the Northwest...
are encouraged to join together, seeking God’s powerful blessing on the upcoming effort in Seattle.

Camp Ida-Haven Reports Summer Success

Camp Ida-Haven, operated by the Idaho Conference near McCall, Idaho, may not be the largest camp in the Northwest, but it is celebrating a successful summer of ministry. Camp staff ministered to 633 campers during the six weeks camp was offered. Of those campers, 230 came for the first time; 165 were Catholic, 124 non-denominational and 68 listed no church affiliation. Adventist summer camps throughout the North Pacific Union Conference continue to provide a great opportunity to reach children for Christ. Learn more about the programs offered at Camp Ida-Haven from their website.

Cairo Adventist School Protected by Local Muslims

On Sunday, Aug. 18, Egyptian protesters marching near the Adventist church in Cairo were blocked from nearing the church. Local Muslims with locked arms surrounded the property to protect it from an attack. The gesture comes as many Coptic Christian and Protestant churches, homes and business have been attacked by extremists. Six adults volunteers, along with two children, were evacuated from Nile Union Academy in Cairo ahead of the planned protest marches. While not all Adventist churches have been spared damage, Llewellyn Edwards, Egypt-Sudan Field president, says that despite the growing turmoil, there is a solidarity among Egyptians. “There are local Muslims here who contact the academy staff each day to assure them of their safety,” Edwards said. Read more from the Adventist News Network.

SOULS Northwest moving to Sunset Lake

SOULS Northwest, the personal evangelism training school operated by the North Pacific Union Conference, will be moving this fall to Sunset Lake Camp, in Wilkeson, Wash. Formally known
as Northwest Mission Institute, the school is transitioning from a six-month training program to a two-year program focused on training students in personal evangelism. The new location in Western Washington will accommodate the expanded program and offer students easy-access to large metro areas that can be incorporated as part of the training program. The new program, which is modeled after SOULS West, in the Pacific Union Conference, starts Sept. 8, 2013. Learn more about SOULS Northwest from their website.

Taylor Assumes WWU Head Dean Role

Walla Walla University (WWU) has appointed Kristen Taylor as the new head dean of women. Taylor, formerly associate dean of women, says “Becoming dean of women has always been a dream of mine.” Graduating from WWU, she has worked as a taskforce dean at Gem State Academy, in Caldwell, Idaho, as well as positions at WWU, Southern Adventist University and Indiana Academy. As dean, she will oversee Foreman and Conrad Halls, both of which are nearing capacity for this coming year. Learn more about Taylor at WallaWalla.edu.

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13–15: Bellevue Church 50th Anniversary
27–29: Montana Men’s Summit
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27–28: Native American Camp Meeting

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Aug 22: The Record Keeper Wins Geekie Award
Adventist Web series depicting ‘The Great Controversy’ wins ‘Geekie Award’

Aug 19, 2013 Hollywood, California, United States

ANN staff

The trailer for a Steampunk Web series produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church made headlines last night at the 1st Annual Geekie Awards in Hollywood, California, United States.

Director Jason Satterlund, center, speaks after “The Record Keeper” Web series he directed was recognized at the 1st Annual Geekie Awards in Hollywood, California. Executive Producer Garrett Caldwell, right, and actor Jelynn Sophia also accepted the award for “Best One-Shot.” [photos: Mariesha Richard]

“The Record Keeper,” which dramatizes the epic struggle between good and evil, won the award in the “Best One-Shot” category for “Best Trailer.” The “One-Shot” category recognizes episodes still in the final stages of post-production.

Director Jason Satterlund and Executive Producer Garrett Caldwell accepted the award, accompanied by cast members Aris Juson and Jelynn Sophia. The award show was live-streamed from the Avalon, a historic landmark in Hollywood.

“I feel so honored to be here,” Satterlund said. “We are excited to receive this response on a series that isn’t even out yet.”

Advanced screenings of “The Record Keeper” are expected to begin in October, producers said.

“We can’t wait to show you the rest of the series,” Caldwell said, acknowledging the role of co-creator Rajeev Sigamoney and the two other executive producers, Ben Schoun and Delbert Baker, both general vice presidents for the Adventist world church.

“The Record Keeper” follows the story of Cadan (JuneSoo Ham) and Larus (Dennis Hill), two angels who struggle to maintain their friendship after universal civil war breaks out. Meanwhile, another angel, Raina (Lindsay Frame), pursues an accurate record of events while trying to make sense of the chaos.

The trailer for “The Record Keeper” shows the angel Raina (Lindsay Frame) reacting as rebellion spreads to Earth. The Adventist Web series based on “The Great Controversy” is scheduled for release in October.

The web series echoes major themes from “The Great Controversy,” a touchstone book by Adventist Church co-founder Ellen G. White that chronicles God’s guidance throughout history.

Church leaders said “The Record Keeper” will resonate with people who may not otherwise come into contact with “The Great Controversy” or even the Bible.

“The inspired insights that Ellen White provides in 'The Great Controversy' make the compelling narratives of scripture even more relevant,” Caldwell said. “So many people are expressing interest in [White] as an individual and in her writings as a result of 'The Record Keeper' project. We simply must consider continuing to tell these stories in this manner.”
“The Record Keeper” is set in a Steampunk universe. A sub-genre of science fiction, Steampunk features steam-powered machinery, often in an alternate world or fantasy setting.

The 1st Annual Geekie Awards is the first live-streamed geek-genre award show recognizing the best indie comic books, graphic novels, short films, web series and more.

Watch the winning trailer for “The Record Keeper” HERE.
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In Egypt, mob burns Adventist Church in Assiut

Aug 15, 2013 Cairo, Egypt

ANN staff

The burning of a Seventh-day Adventist Church in the city of Assiut during rioting last night was not part of a wider, organized political movement, local church officials said.

The Adventist Church in Assiut, Egypt, was burned by extremist attackers on August 14. Adventist Church officials stressed that the attack was not part of a wider political movement. The government has pledged to pay for the repairs of the extensive damage of many Christian churches in the region.

The Assiut Adventist Church, located approximately 220 miles south of Cairo, was attacked by a mob and heavily damaged after it was set on fire. The pastor and his wife hid in their upstairs apartment and were not found by the attackers, who set the building on fire. The pastor and his wife were rescued from the burning building by Muslim neighbors.

“This was a small group of people bent on doing harm. This event was not representative of Egypt or the people of Egypt,” said Llewellyn R. Edwards, president the Adventist Church’s Egypt-Sudan Field, based in Heliopolis.

“As Adventists we want our relationships to be strong with Egyptians of all faiths in the country,” Edwards said.

Muslim neighbors rescuing the Adventist couple shows “the true picture of most people in Egypt,” Edwards said.

Edwards said the government has announced it will pay for the rebuilding of all churches destroyed last night during rioting in several cities.

Several other Christian churches were also attacked in Assiut, as well as the shop of the Egypt Bible Society, Edwards said.

The Adventist Church operates two schools in Egypt – Nile Union Academy northeast of Cairo, and Zeitoun Adventist School. Both institutions have positive relationships with their communities, Edwards said.

**Middle East Territory**

The denomination's Greater Middle East Union and Israel Field are both directly attached to the General Conference world headquarters.

**Greater Middle East Union**

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, North Cyprus, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Western Sahara, Yemen.

**Israel Field**

The Israel Field has about 900 Adventist Church members in a country of about 7.6 million.

**Upcoming Events**

**Family Emphasis Sabbath**
Jun 23, 2012

Family Emphasis Sabbath

Jun 30, 2012

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Nile Union Academy volunteers evacuated ahead of protest marches

Aug 21, 2013 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

ANN staff

Six adults and two children were evacuated August 16 from the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Nile Union Academy in Cairo ahead of nearby protest marches.

Local Muslims lock hands and surround the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Heliopolis to protect the property on Sunday, August 18, as approximately 300 protesters march by. This photo was taken by photojournalist Mohammed Abdel Moneim and is used with the permission of the Al Akhbar newspaper.

The evacuation of the volunteers was strictly precautionary, local church leaders said. The group is currently staying in Beirut, Lebanon, on the campus of the church’s Middle East University.

“We knew there were a couple of major demonstrations planned and decided to evacuate [the volunteers] in case these marches created a dangerous situation,” said Llewellyn Edwards, president of the Adventist Church in Egypt and Sudan.

The marches, however, did not threaten the safety of the academy or the surrounding area. When protesters passed the nearby Adventist Church in Cairo, Edwards said local Muslims locked arms and surrounded the property to protect it from attack. The gesture, he said, demonstrated continued solidarity among Egyptians, despite growing turmoil in the country.

Egypt’s military-backed government is cracking down on protesters loyal to former President Mohamed Morsi, who was ousted in July. Extremists have targeted Coptic Christians and other Protestants in the country in recent weeks, burning churches, homes and businesses.

The United States’ Department of State released a warning last week urging U.S. citizens living in Egypt to depart immediately due to “continuing political and social unrest.” Members of the Crisis Anticipation and Management Committee at Adventist world church headquarters met to discuss the situation and concurred.

The volunteers had arrived at Nile Union Academy about a month ahead of the autumn semester.

Edwards is hopeful that the area surrounding church property in Cairo will remain safe. “There are local Muslims here who contact the academy staff each day to assure them of their safety,” Edwards said.

Religious Liberty

Adventists believe that religious liberty is a God-given universal human right, and they work to make the free expression and practice of religion a universal reality. Adventist religious liberty advocates are active in promoting and protecting religious freedom through the church’s department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty. They represent the church’s priorities to national leaders and policy-makers worldwide.

Areas of representation:

- United States Government in Washington, D.C.
- United Nations in New York City and Geneva

Recent Photos
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Recently the administration of the North Pacific Union voted to expand the training offered by SOULS Northwest to a two year program. SOULS Northwest has been searching for a new facility to accommodate this expansion and recently our board voted to accept a proposal from the Washington conference to share the Sunset Lake Camp. SOULS staff are excited about this opportunity for synergy and believe that it will be an ideal location for this important training program.

SOULS is anticipating a full class for the session starting September 8th, 2013. As the school begins its first year of the new two-year program that models SOULS West of the Pacific Union, SOULS Northwest will be experiencing a lot of growing and changing. While the methods of training, the curriculum and the schedule have all been tested and proven in the Pacific Union SOULS program, there are always new and exciting challenges to face when you’re starting something new. Please pray for this new venture of the North Pacific Union, and pray for the 15 or so students that are joining us this fall.

If you are part of a church in the Northwest and would like to find out how SOULS students can impact your community, call our staff at (360) 857-7062, or email us at info@soulsnorthwest.org.
Kristen Taylor to Lead WWU Women's Residence Halls

Taylor Chosen as Head Dean of Women

By: Rachel Wood

Kristen Taylor, formerly the associate dean of women at Walla Walla University, has been named the new head dean of women. She began her new position July 1.

“Becoming dean of women has always been a dream of mine,” Taylor says, reflecting on her new leadership position.

Taylor knew as a college student that she wanted to be a dean. While a WWU student, Taylor became a student missionary and served as a taskforce dean at her alma mater, Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. During her year there, she sensed the Lord’s call to become a leader in campus residential life.

Bringing nine years of deaning experience to her new role, Taylor draws from previous work in residence hall life at WWU, Southern Adventist University, and Indiana Academy. Because of her 14 summers of involvement at Camp Ida-Haven, she has learned the value of hands-on learning and training as well as appreciates the ability to maintain connections and relationships outside of the residence hall. She encourages students to become involved in the summer camp ministry. “My goal this year is to be a resource for students, faculty, and staff alike while helping to create a residence hall program that residents and staff will be proud to be a part of,” she says. Taylor’s enthusiasm for being a part of the WWU residence hall community is something that she hopes to share with the residents.

As dean of women, Taylor will oversee the residents of Foreman and Conard halls, which are almost at capacity for next school year. Currently, 437 students have reserved their rooms. She will also lead in facility management, implementing residence hall programming, and supervising the resident assistants program. Taylor enjoys working with the resident assistants and students on planning events, especially when the women’s dorms collaborates and organizes activities with the men’s residence halls, the Associated Students of Walla Walla University, and other campus organizations.

Since dorm students spend most of their time in the residence hall, Taylor wants to make sure that they feel comfortable and at home during their stay, while also having many opportunities to participate in events and activities on campus.

When she’s not working, Taylor enjoys reading, traveling, board games, and spending time with friends. She has two dogs, Bailey and Pepper.

Taylor is a 2005 WWU graduate where she earned her bachelor of arts degree with a major in speech communication and minors in drama and religion. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in organizational leadership.

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