This Week: Paul Richardson to Lead Positive Life Radio; Adventists Reflect on ‘I Have a Dream’ Legacy; and more!

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Walla Walla University (WWU) has named Paul Richardson the new general manager for Positive Life Radio Network and KGTS. Richardson will begin his management duties in early September. For the past 19 years, Paul Richardson has been the North American Division reconnecting ministries coordinator, seeking creative ways to re-engage with former members. He has also been the director of the Center for Creative Ministry. Richardson, a 1984 communication, religion, and sociology graduate of WWU, lives in College Place, Wash., with his wife, Teri. With this new role, he replaces former general manager Kevin Krueger, who recently left for the leadership role at WGTS in Takoma Park, Md. Read more about Paul Richardson at the WWU website.

Adventists Reflect on ‘I Have a Dream’ Legacy

People throughout America and beyond commemorated this week the momentous speech given by Martin Luther King Jr. 50 years ago on Aug. 28, 1963. King had shared elements of his theme during a previous presentation at Oakwood College. What has since happened to King’s dream? What role have Adventists played in either helping or hindering its fulfillment? Read several perspectives on this watershed moment in history, including an Adventist Review editorial from Bill Knott, and an intriguing memoir from the British Union.
John Bradshaw Receives Treatment for Tumor

It Is Written (IIW) announced last week that John Bradshaw, their speaker/director, recently underwent surgery to remove a small cancerous tumor on his tongue. Bradshaw will be undergoing precautionary follow up treatment. His doctors say the tumor was likely caused by chronic irritation from a dental issue. IIW is reporting that the cancer is very treatable. Bradshaw expects to be fully recovered by January. In the meantime, his appointments are being filled by guest speakers. Read the full story from ItisWritten.com.

Rosario Holds Groundbreaking for New Cabins

Walla Walla University (WWU) leadership met Aug. 24 at the Rosario Marine Laboratory near Anacortes, Wash., to initiate a new improvement project on the WWU satellite campus. They participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for two new cabins to accommodate students who attend summer classes. When completed, the cabins will help address increased summer enrollments, which in recent years have required temporary student housing. Gifts from WWU alumni are covering the cost for the new cabins. The Class of 1962 funded one cabin as its 50th anniversary gift. Alumni Carmen and Richard Graham provided funding for the other cabin. Maranatha Volunteers International will construct the cabins in October. View pictures from the event from the WWU Alumni Association.

PCA Unveils Lobby Artwork

With the opening of a new school year, Palisades Christian Academy (PCA) in Spokane, Wash., unveiled a new painting entitled "Jesus, Lover of Children." The work by local artist Michele Davis took more than four-years to create. All the kids depicted in the painting are former or current PCA students. The unveiling happened on the first day of the new school year at an assembly with the student body in the lobby where the painting hangs. At the assembly, Davis reminded students that Jesus "could never love you more than He does now, and He could never love you less than He does now." Read more about the event at UCCSDA.org.

August 31 is Alaska Conference Offering

Alaska is a vast land filled with many remote mountains and wilderness areas. But it's also dotted with many villages filled with people who have yet to hear about Jesus. Each year churches in the North Pacific Union Conference take up an offering to support the mission work in Alaska. This year's focus for the Alaska Conference is a project to place low-powered radio stations in hundreds of villages across the state. Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, has prepared a brief promotional video for churches to show this weekend to highlight this project and the vast needs in the conference. View and download the video at GleanerOnline.org.

New Collegiate Alliance May Slow Rising Costs
Three Adventist colleges and universities plan this fall to begin Adventist Educational Alliance, a collaborative effort to help strengthen and economize their programs. Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn.; Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; and Union College in Lincoln, Neb., hope these efficiencies will help slow the rising cost of tuition. While the three institutions currently serve just 15 percent of Adventist higher education students, more colleges and universities may join. Read more about this new direction from the Adventist Review.

**Montana Conference Opening**

Looking for work? The Montana Conference is currently accepting resumes for a full-time position of Administrative Assistant. Candidates should have an ability to multi-task. Responsibilities include receptionist, executive secretary, trust services and treasury support. Please send resumes and six references, to merlin.knowles@mc.npuc.org by Wednesday, Sept. 11.

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Looking Ahead

**September**

- 7–8: *Walla Walla University Church Camp Meeting*
- 13–15: *Bellevue Church 50th Anniversary*
- 27–29: *Montana Men's Summit*
- 27–29: *DiscipleShip*
- 27–28: *Native American Camp Meeting*

*More Events*

A new General Conference-sponsored project will communicate principles of *The Great Controversy* through social media. The Record Keeper, a web-based video series, is scheduled to be made public by early 2014. Go behind the scenes in an exclusive interview with series producers in the September GLEANER.
Paul Richardson to Lead Positive Life Radio Network

By: Rosa Jimenez

Walla Walla University has named Paul Richardson the new general manager for Positive Life Radio Network and KGTS 91.3. Richardson will begin his management duties in early September.

“I am delighted to be given the opportunity to lead the Positive Life Radio Network,” says Richardson. “Over the past five decades our previous general managers have led this ministry to its place of prominence in the Inland Northwest, and our current PLR staff are amazing media professionals. Together, we can continue programming that presents a winsome view of God and encourages enduring friendships at home and around the world.”

As the general manager of WWU’s Christian radio station, Richardson will continue his professional work as a ministry leader.

For the past 19 years, Paul Richardson has been the reconnecting ministries coordinator for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Through Richardson’s interviews with missing members he has gained insights into ways to reconnect with them and prepare congregations to receive former members effectively.

Richardson is also the director of the Center for Creative Ministry. The center has conducted research, developed Web content, hosted television programs, produced videos and print material and has also provided seminars across Bermuda, Canada and the United States for the past 25 years.

Richardson will serve as the radio station’s fourth general manager in the 50 years it has been in operation. KGTS 91.3 was founded as a training ground for students in communications and other academic areas. From a single local station, it has grown into a regional radio network with 120,000 listeners. Stations in the Positive Life Radio network are based in 15 cities in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Richardson is a 1984 communication, religion, and sociology graduate of WWU. He and his wife, Teri, live in College Place.

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I was a six-year old White boy living in a segregated Southern state on that Wednesday 50 years ago when Martin stirred the world.

Even if the Dallas television stations had broadcast live coverage of the March on Washington and the speeches from the Lincoln Memorial, I almost certainly wouldn’t have seen it.

“It doesn’t look like something I’m supposed to watch,” I would have solemnly intoned if one of my rare non-Adventist neighbors in Keene, Texas, had invited me to watch the live television coverage that never happened.

To be six, White, and living in Texas—and Adventist—50 years ago meant to be oblivious to the issues of race and justice and national reconciliation that Martin Luther King, Jr. so memorably addressed in the one Wednesday sermon I have always regretted that I missed.

Years later and thousands of miles away, I listened, fascinated, as one of my religion teachers at Newbold College in England told of standing just 20 feet from King on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that hot August day in 1963. White, Australian, and cut from unconventional cloth, he relished the memory of hearing in person the words the world can never forget.

I envied him then. I still do.

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood."

Some words, once spoken, may never be un-said, even when they cut against the grain of long-established habit. Some truths, once voiced, reframe the pillars of our understanding and what we dream of for our children. So King’s words have ineradicably reshaped the thinking of the modern world, and with it, how Seventh-day Adventists of all races and ethnicities now think of what it means to serve and follow Jesus in our culture.

Fifty years ago, many White Adventist leaders would have dismissed the words that shook the world as “politics.” But King’s eloquent 10-minute sermon gave everyone, Adventists included, a wake-up call to sleeping consciences and inherited prejudices.

They pounded on the doors of Adventist schools—like the one I then attended—still shut to children of color. They hammered on the church doors still being slammed in the faces of Black men and women who thought it only biblical that they should worship with White brothers and sisters. And King’s words, like the gospel from which they were drawn, helped challenge this Advent people to regain the unabashed commitment to human freedom for which Seventh-day Adventists were well-known 100 years earlier when this denomination was birthed.

We needed King, a Baptist minister, to give us back our birthright as believers unafraid to challenge social convention in the name of the biblical imperatives “to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4: 18-19, NKJV).

John L. Lewis, one of King’s colleagues and the leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in 1963, recalls the day when the speech we today cannot forget was not proceeding famously. Lewis, now a long-serving Congressmen from the red hills of Georgia, recalls that King was struggling in his delivery, and great orator that he was, not connecting with his audience.
Suddenly a woman’s voice rang out from fifty feet below the podium. “Tell ’em about the dream, Martin,” gospel singer Mahalia Jackson urged King. “Tell ’em about the dream!”

Jackson, whose moving rendition of the Black spiritual “How I Got Over” had moments earlier stirred the crowd, was reminding King of a phrase she had heard him use in recent days and at other rallies. Sensing that something powerful was needed in the moment, she prompted King with a phrase he had not planned to use.

“He moves the text of the speech to the left side of the lectern, grabs the lectern, looks out on those more than 250,000 people assembled and thereafter begins to speak completely spontaneously and extemporaneously,” confirms King aide Clarence Jones, who had prepared part of the text of the King speech.

What followed next as King remembered his own dream were four of the most electrifying minutes of visioning that America and the world have ever experienced. And I submit that in those four minutes, the trajectory of King’s words caused many Adventists to remember the dream that had once been a vital part of our denominational discourse decades earlier.

Idealist that he was, King had no illusions about how hard it would be to create a society re-founded on racial reconciliation:

“With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together; to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.”

Fifty years later, Seventh-day Adventists in the United States and around the world are still in the business of trying to remember the dream. At times—too often—we still succumb to old lines and practiced traditions. But in our better moments—in the moments when we listen to the same Spirit who called this Advent movement to life—we hear the echo of the words that remind us of our duty and our privilege.

So go out now, and “tell ’em about the dream.” Tell the rising generation of Seventh-day Adventists that the day King envisioned still requires sweat and struggle and solidarity and sincere commitment to racial reconciliation. Let the words that once stirred the world still stir a remnant people to redouble their commitment to hear—truly hear—the gospel’s clarion call to equality, compassion, and racial harmony.

“Tell ’em about the dream.”


___________ Bill Knott is editor of the Adventist Review. This article was posted August 27, 2013.
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[A personal reflection from Dr Richard de Lisser as he looks back fifty years to the historic 'I have a dream' speech of Dr Martin Luther King Jnr.]

I was born on 29 March 1963 fifty years ago. I was just five months old on 28 August 1963 when Dr Martin Luther King Jnr delivered what one commentator describes as, 'one of the three greatest speeches in American history'. Delivered in front of an estimated crowd of 250,000 people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC and broadcasted around the world, Dr King outlined his dream for an end to racism, and for equality, justice and freedom for all. The speech drew on lessons of the past; The Declaration of Independence, The Emancipation Proclamation, The American Constitution, and Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Elements of the speech delivered on that famous day were not necessarily new. Dr King had beta-tested it on 19 March, 1962, at Oakwood College, (now Oakwood University) an Adventist owned and operated educational institution. Dr Mervyn Warren Snr, Dean of the School of Religion and Theology at Oakwood, remembers the occasion well. "To see him, to hear him in person, was one of the highlights of my life", Dr Warren says. He has saved mementoes, including a programme signed by King, that he considers "an heirloom, something so historical and so important that it means forever – that the name of Dr Martin Luther King and Oakwood University would forever be married together."

But what does Dr King's dream mean to us as Adventists here in Britain fifty years on? Has his dream become a reality or is it still a dream deferred?

Dr King's dream had more of an impact upon British Adventism than some might think. The late 1940s, 50s and 60s saw mass migration on an unprecedented scale to these shores from the British Commonwealth. The British government at the time sought labourers to fill job vacancies in the newly established National Health Service (NHS), British Rail, London Transport and the General Post Office (GPO).
Beginning with the West Indies, adverts were taken out in local newspapers inviting those who could afford the boat trip to come! According to Trevor and Mike Phillips in their book, *Windrush: The Irresistible Rise of Multi-Racial Britain*, this invitation was 'an important landmark in the history of modern Britain'.

On 22 June 1948 the Empire Windrush pulled alongside the quayside at the Tilbury Docks with its 493 passengers principally from Jamaica on board. What these new migrants met was racism as cold as the snow on a December morning.

"No dogs! No Irish! No Blacks!"

These were the notices posted on boarding houses. Not a welcoming sign for those who were invited here, but perhaps the Adventist Church they had come to meet would be different.

During the 1960s the struggle of the Civil Rights Movement in America had echoes in British Adventism as the new immigrants demanded of the Church administration the right for their own young men to be allowed to train as pastors as well as inviting 'top draw' pastors from the West Indies to pastor in the United Kingdom to help cater for their needs, and allow them to be a part of the Church administration at both Union and Conference level as well as proportional representation on major committees. A stand-off ensued between the Church administration and the laity namely the London Laymen's Forum who had persuaded a number of churches to withhold tithe until all demands were met.

There was a real danger that this rift would result in the separation of the Conferences down racial lines, as had been the case in America in 1944 with the establishment of Regional Conferences. However, with the voice of Dr King echoing the cries of the masses for equality, freedom and justice for all, the 'I have a dream' speech provided the foundation for Church harmony and unity here in Britain.

It took the intervention of the General Conference President Robert H Pierson, who had served as the President of the then British West Indies Union (1944-47), and who knew the context from which the new migrants came, to help heal the rift by introducing what is now known as the 'Pierson Package'. Over the years, and with modification over time, it helped deliver a dream of equality, freedom and justice for all.

This accords with what the Apostle Paul says in 3:28, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus'.

I am a product of that dream, the son of immigrants from Jamaica now serving the Adventist Church as a pastor and Conference director. I am grateful to God for one man's dream that could become my reality. Today I am part of a multicultural, multinational Church that continues to welcome the diversity that makes up British Adventism.

Perhaps the Church might have looked much different than it looks today if the dream had been deferred!
Dr Richard de Lisser is Stewardship director for the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and pastor of the Edmonton Central church. He takes a keen interest in church governance, the history of the 'Windrush Era' and its impact on Adventism in the British Isles.
Jesus, Lover of Children

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by Kathy Marson

Models for this work of art are former students except Ashley Cox, who is currently in 4th grade at PCA.

Following the unveiling, Michele Davis, is sharing with the students at PCA.

The first day of school is keeping Kathy Craft and Kathy Stratte busy.

New principal to PCA is Mr. Wister who is standing next to Michele Davis, the artist who created, "Jesus Lover of Children."

Spokane, Wash., August 26, 2013 -

A new large work of art was unveiled at Palisades Christian Academy on the first day of school. A general assembly for the students convened at 9 a.m. where Mr. Dan Wister, the new principal, introduced the artist, Michele Davis.

The new artwork is entitled, "Jesus, Lover of Children" and is a large print on sailcloth of an original work of art that took Davis 4-years to create. The art covers a large, formerly vacant, wall in the spacious two-story foyer of PCA. During the assembly it was covered with a large black cloth until the unveiling.

The children sat with rapt attention as the black cloth slowly came down and the painting was revealed. Davis said, "Jesus not only loves you, He likes you. He wants to spend time with you. He could never love you more than he does now, and he could never love you less than he does now."

Davis created this artwork specifically for the students at PCA to remind them and all who enter the doors of this Christian school of this simple but powerful message.

The school gave Davis a plaque that reads, "Thank you, Michele, for countless hours of painting to create this beautiful artwork. God worked His hand through yours. With our gratitude, the students and staff of PCA, and all who are inspired and touched by your labor of love."

PCA currently has an enrollment of 130 students in K-10 with six students on a waiting list for third- and fourth-grade.

PCA is a K-10th grade Seventh-day Adventist school in Spokane Washington where students learn unconditional love, grace and truth. A place where they can receive assurance of salvation and learn to make great decisions. For more information on Palisades Christian Academy visit their web site at: http://www.pcasda.org/

The new principal, Dan Wister, has taught in Indonesia,
Hawaii, Northern California and the state of Washington. His goal is to help students achieve their highest academic potential as life-long learners and get to know Jesus as their best friend.
Three Adventist Colleges Weigh
Alliance, Some Joint Operations
Idea is to find efficiencies, strengthen Adventist education (Posted August 27, 2013)

BY MARK A. KELLNER, News Editor

Three Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities – Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn.; Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; and Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska – are planning a collaborative arrangement to save money and strengthen Adventist education, officials say. The venture, called the Adventist Educational Alliance, will begin cooperative moves this fall, they added.

“We believe we can achieve some efficiencies that in turn will help us keep the cost of tuition from rising as rapidly,” said John Wagner, Union College president. “We sincerely believe that; [but] we’ve got a lot of work to do.”

Gordon Bietz, Southern Adventist University president, noted the rapid-fire changes the higher education world has endured in the past few years, including the establishment of MOOCs, or Massive Open Online Courses, available for free from leading universities around the world. These MOOCs do not usually, in and of themselves, lead to a degree, but their availability is changing the landscape, he said.

“We understand that there is a significant change in higher education, because of the establishment of MOOCs, and proprietary, for-profit schools that are using the online campus, and we want to make sure that we’re not left behind in the changing world of higher education,” Bietz explained.

At present the consortium effort is among the three schools; other North American Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities may join, Bietz said. The question of whether Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, will participate is a bit more complicated, he noted, since those two schools are institutions owned by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Among the steps contemplated is using one recruiter to represent the three schools when visiting Adventist academy college fairs, along with finding a way to merge some “back office” administrative functions. Both would be seen as cost-saving measures, and Bietz said Southern is aligning its school year calendar with the other two schools in order to allow students to take online and other courses from the related institutions where desirable. Some of the cost savings, he added, would help keep tuition costs low at the three schools.

Together, the three institutions serve roughly 15 percent of the Adventist college and university population in North America, which was about 28,300 last year. Of that number, nearly 2,700 were at Southern Adventist University, while Union College enrolled nearly 800 and Southwestern Adventist University enrolled nearly 700. Registration is currently underway at all three schools and 2013 numbers are not yet available.

Bietz emphasized that providing a solid financial base for the institutions is a priority.

“We’re not seeking to lose institutional identity, but simply build a stable financial base for each institution, enrich our curriculums, and have a better experience for our students in a changing world of higher education,” he said.

Larry Blackmer, education vice president for the North American Division, voiced his approval of the move.

"The future of Adventist higher education lies in finding ways to collaborate and work together to enhance the instructional value to students and to facilitate the mission-driven focus of Adventist education," Blackmer said in comments via e-mail. "The alliance that is being developed and fostered by these three colleges and universities is exciting and at the same time challenging. Anytime change is in the wind, it is always unsettling. These administrations need to be supported and encouraged to build the best higher educational system we can for our young people."