Lundquist Commissioned to Gospel Ministry

Stephen Lundquist, Oregon Conference pastor and Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) Bible teacher, was commissioned as a minister during a special service held Sabbath, Sept. 12, at PAA. Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, led out in the commissioning service. Lundquist had requested to receive the same “commissioned” credentials provided to women pastors within the conference, an accommodation allowed and granted under current church policy.
**It's Constitution Day!**

Today, Sept. 17, is Constitution Day. It’s an opportunity to review our stance on the separation of church and state, which is critical to religious freedom. During the political campaigns of the coming months Adventists should carefully examine candidates’ philosophies on legislating religion. World history proves that efforts to mandate religious views and practices are coercive and counterproductive. Read an interesting article from the Baptist Joint Committee on the [Top Five Myths of the Separation of Church and State online](#). And … test your constitutional savvy with a short quiz.

**WA Conference Hosts Nonprofit Leadership Training**

Forty-five Adventist Community Services (ACS) leaders from Washington, Oregon, Upper Columbia, California, Hawaii, Lake Region, and Central States conferences (and even a representative from Myanmar!) are wrapping up a three-day seminar at the Washington Conference office in Federal Way, Wash. They have been learning about human resources, risk management, marketing and communication, and budgeting as part of the North American Division ACS Nonprofit Leaders hip Certification Program. The program is designed to equip pastors, church administration and nonprofit leaders with strategies and professional skills to successfully lead.

**Celebrating a Gift**

During this 100th year since the death of Ellen G. White, her life and ministry will be highlighted Nov. 13–14 at the Walla Walla University Church in College Place, Wash. Presenters Cindy Tutsch and Jonathan Thompson will discuss topics such as: 21st century application of her counsels, the role of behavior in salvation, social justice and the roles of women. Presentations will be given for Friday evening vespers, Sabbath divine services and Sabbath afternoon. Divine services will be streamed live at
wwwuchurch.org. This special weekend is being co-sponsored by the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla University.

AUC is Back in Action

Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., began classes again in late August. It had been closed while facing growing debt and loss of accreditation in 2011. Currently the class options are limited, with degree programs offered in health sciences, biology, religion and theology. Certification programs will begin later this month in bookkeeping, information technology, culinary arts, office management and evangelism.

God’s Hands and Feet

MaKayla Hample, Walla Walla University student missionary, wrote these thoughts during her year in Micronesia. “‘God, what are you up to?’ is becoming less of a question and more of a reassurance … that He is guiding me through this year as a student missionary, and that I can rely on Him each and every step of the way. He has a purpose for me here in Kosrae. I’m here to be His hands and feet. There is no greater feeling.” Read more from MaKayla’s thoughts and those of other student missionaries at wallawalla.edu online.

Auburn Rejoices in a Rebound

After a year of uncertainty, faculty, staff and students at Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash., are experiencing a resurgence of optimism. Enrollment is up, a new leadership team is in place, and the current freshman class will become the academy’s 100th graduating class in four years. Read more about this Adventist secondary school with new hopes and dreams online at GleanerNow.com.
Seven Lifestyle Habits for a Healthy Brain

How healthy is your brain? You might not think about it much, but over time your lifestyle habits can have an impact on your brain. What you eat and drink and the activities you engage in make a difference. We have eight lifestyle habits, things you can do regularly to keep your brain healthy. If you don’t consciously make a decision to live according to these good rules, you may be jeopardizing your long-term mental health. Take a look at these eight tips now.

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- Sept. 18: [Wenatchee Camp Meeting, Wenatchee, WA](#)
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The diversity of the Seventh-day Adventist world church was on dramatic display at this summer’s General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas. Read a Northwest report on the session and link to an extensive gallery of images via the September Gleaner at GleanerNow.com.