Memorial service for Pastor Neal C. Wilson to air on Hope Church Channel

The memorial service for Pastor Neal C. Wilson, a past president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will be rebroadcast on Hope Church Channel on January 29 at 1pm ET (18h00 GMT) and on Sunday, January 30 at 8pm ET (January 31 at 01h00). This service was held in the auditorium of the church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Wilson, 90, who was known widely for his administrative skill, jovial spirit, and phenomenal memory of people he'd met, died December 14, 2010 in Dayton, Maryland, not far from the church headquarters building he helped construct. He was the son of a Seventh-day Adventist leader and the father of another, Pastor Ted N.C. Wilson, who is the current world president of the denomination.

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For more information on Pastor Neal C. Wilson, please visit:
http://www.adventistreview.org/article.php?id=4010

"We Remember Haiti" to air in February

Haitian students at Andrews University took time to pause on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, exactly a year later, to remember the thousands of lives that were lost when the 7.0 magnitude earthquake ravaged their country.

To mark the occasion, students attended a "We Remember Haiti" event to raise awareness and funds for a scholarship program for the Haiti Adventist University. Andrews University is home to 18 students with Haitian citizenship and dozens more who were originally from Haiti or have close friends or family there. Tyler Contrell, the coordinator of
the event, said Andrews was hoping to raise $100,000 for the university in Haiti over a long period to send students there back to school.

"We still need to remember what happened there and not forget the tragedy," Contrell said. "This is a long process, and we want to make sure we follow up on this."

This one hour program is scheduled on the following channels with dates and times listed below:

**Hope Channel**
Feb 5 - 6:00pm (Eastern Time)
Feb 6 - 12:00am, 8:00pm & 11:00pm (Eastern Time)

**Hope Church Channel**
Feb 4 - 10:00pm (Eastern Time)
Feb 5 - 5:00pm (Eastern Time)
Feb 7 - 1:00am (Eastern Time)

**Hope Channel Europe**
Feb 5 - 10h00 (GMT Time)
Feb 6 - 20h00 (GMT Time)

**Hope Channel International**
Feb 5 - 07h00, 19h00 (GMT Time)
Feb 6 - 13h00 (GMT Time)

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Neal C. Wilson, 90, Retired Adventist World Church President, Passes to His Rest

Led North American church, then world headquarters through times of growth and challenge

BY MARK A. KELLNER, News Editor, Adventist Review

Pastor Neal C. Wilson, 90, a past president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists known widely for his administrative skill, jovial spirit and phenomenal memory of people he’d met, died December 14, 2010 in Dayton, Maryland, at an assisted living facility, not far from the church headquarters building he helped construct. He was the son of a Seventh-day Adventist leader and the father of another, Pastor Ted N.C. Wilson, who is the current world president of the denomination, active in 203 countries.

During 24 years in leadership of the church’s North American Division and later the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, Neal Wilson led the denomination through a period of dynamic growth. World church membership doubled from 3 million to 6 million in the 11 and one-half years (1979-1990) of his presidency. (In 2010, baptized membership of the church stands at more than 16 million, and 30 million globally attend weekly Adventist worship services.)

As world church president, Neal Wilson was responsible for the creation of the Adventist World Radio shortwave service, the adoption of a revised statement of the church’s “Fundamental Beliefs” by delegates to the denomination’s world session in 1980, and the relocation of the church’s world headquarters from Takoma Park, Maryland, where it had been for 85 years, to its current location on a main highway in Silver Spring.

Perhaps the greatest evangelistic accomplishment of the Neal Wilson presidency was in creating a stronger presence for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in what is now the former Soviet Union.

Neal Clayton Wilson was born on July 5, 1920 in Lodi, California. His father was Nathaniel Carter Wilson; his mother was Hannah Myrtle (Wallin) Wilson; he had two brothers, Bruce and Donald Wilson; and two sisters, Clarice Woodward and Ruth Murrill. In 1942, after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree at church-owned Pacific Union College, he married Elinor Esther Neumann, who survives. The couple had two children, Ted N.C. Wilson and Shirley Wilson-Anderson, a professor...
of health at Walla Walla University in College Place, Washington, both of whom also survive, as do four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Neal Wilson’s parents spent their lives ministering for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indonesia, North America, Africa, Southern Asia, and the South Pacific. Neal and his four siblings early learned to serve God faithfully as they moved and travelled throughout the world during their childhood and teenage years. The three Wilson ministers, father (Nathaniel), son (Neal), and grandson (Ted), all served on the General Conference Committee, the denomination’s highest decision-making body. Each of the Wilsons has served as an officer of the General Conference and each has been president of a division of the world church – a unique circumstance in Adventist history.

A man of many interests, Neal Wilson particularly savored mountain climbing. One of his dreams for over 50 years became reality when he and several other church leaders reached the 19,341-foot summit of Tanzania’s Mount Kilimanjaro in 1988. At 68 years of age, he was noted as one of the oldest persons to have reached the top.

After retirement as General Conference president in 1990, Wilson remained a valued guest at church leadership events, taking to a microphone on the floor to offer comments and guidance based on his experiences. Both of his immediate successors, pastors Robert Folkenberg, Sr., and Jan Paulsen, often acknowledged Wilson’s expertise and helpful comments.

A private interment will be held this week. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the world headquarters building in Silver Spring, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Adventist Heritage Ministry, Adventist World Radio or Christian Record Services for the Blind.

--- With additional reporting by

Myrna Tetz
Neal C. Wilson, former Adventist Church president, dies at 90

Father of current church president led denomination from 1979-1990

14 Dec 2010, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
ANN staff

Neal C. Wilson served as president of the Adventist Church, overseeing the creation of the church's Fundamental Beliefs, as well as the relocation of its world headquarters. He also helped to further mission in the former Soviet Union by obtaining permission to establish a seminary near Moscow two years before the fall of communism in 1989. [photo courtesy GC Archives]

Neal C. Wilson, who served as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1979 to 1990, and was the father of the denomination's current president, died today at a care facility in Dayton, Maryland, United States. He was 90.

As president, Wilson furthered the church's mission in the former Soviet Union two years before the fall of communism there, helping obtain permission to establish an Adventist seminary and administrative headquarters near Moscow in 1987. He also oversaw the 1980 adoption of the church's Fundamental Beliefs, the creation of Adventist World Radio and Global Mission, and oversaw the relocation of the denomination's world headquarters from Takoma Park, Maryland to its current location in Silver Spring.

During his tenure, Wilson visited 170 countries where the church operated institutions of healthcare, education, evangelism and publishing. He was known to remember thousands of people, even after brief meetings.

"I regard him as one of the outstanding leaders in the history of this church," said Bill Johnsson, former editor of the Adventist Review. "I asked him once how he remembered people's names so well and he said he just made a point of it."

After retirement in 1990, Wilson served as an adviser to the denomination's Euro-Asia Division. The U.S. Department of State would periodically call him regarding situations in the Middle East based on his understanding of the region from a 15-year post in Egypt, Johnsson said.

"He could have been a statesman or a diplomat but he chose to give his talents to the church and we were all blessed by that," Johnsson said.

Neal Clayton Wilson was born in Lodi, California in 1920, the son of a missionary and church administrator. Wilson attended schools in Zambia, Malawi, South Africa and India before earning a bachelor's degree from the church-owned Pacific Union College in Angwin, California in 1942. In 1944, he earned a degree from the Adventist Theological Seminary, then located in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Wilson served the church in Egypt from 1944 to 1958, first as a pastor and evangelist and later as the regional administrative president. He then worked as an administrator in California and Maryland before his appointment as president of the church's North American Division in 1966. He served in the post until his appointment as president of the denomination.

Wilson's son, Ted N.C. Wilson, was elected president of the Adventist world church in June.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 19 in the Adventist Church world headquarters auditorium. The service will also be broadcast live on Hope Church Channel and hopechurchchannel.org.

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but because his mission is over and I believe God already gave him a new task to do, we must all remember that our journey doesn’t end with our earthly death, our spirit has more to do being on spiritual body, can travel and entered anywhere we want as long as God didn’t put a limit to our space we are free to explores the entire universe that God has created for every live and dead ones to see.

almost everyone of us believe there is life after death, for those doesn’t believe about life after death are those people only live for today, I wish to convince them that there is life after death, but its impossible to change their outlooks in life when their mind are already fixed to believes that way, like robots that are set to functions for what they were program for.

my heartfelt condolence for family of Wilson and many thanks for spending his entire life in service to the people thru the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God. Amen

_wally | December 14, 2010 11:38 PM | Reply_

Our prayers are at this moment with Pastor T. Wilson by that great lost. Much grater when we lost a father who has influence our life in such way. May God bless Pastor Wilson and his family.

O. Cabrera
Antillian Adventist University

_Otoniel Cabrera | December 15, 2010 3:48 AM | Reply_

In Elder Neal C Wilson the Seventh-day Adventist church had one of her ablest administrators and a fine Christian man. His kindly ways and his uncanny ability to recognize faces endeared him to many. I admired his patience and tenacity when facing the many challenges a church leader faces. I am privileged to call him my friend. May God comfort and sustain Elder Ted N.C Wilson and his family.

_Gerald Christo | December 15, 2010 5:30 AM | Reply_

With the loss of Elder Neal C. Wilson, the Seventh Day Adventist Church lost one of its most prominent leaders of the 20th century, and also a model Preacher's Kid. He was a visionary leader who was dedicated to Lord's work. My condolences to Elder and Mrs. Ted N.C. Wilson

-Pastor and Mrs Libny H.Dubreuze Sr
Paris, France

_Libny H. Dubreuze | December 15, 2010 11:28 AM | Reply_

Sorry for the loss of Elder Wilson. He completed his god given responsibilities by serving the World Church, especially, initiating and development of the church works in Russia.

_Mohan Vempa | December 15, 2010 12:24 PM | Reply_

I first met the Elder Wilson in 1979 on his first maiden trip after becoming president of the GC when Elder Pearson had retired. As a young man I listened to him intently at that meeting and still remember the first words of his prayer "my father which art in heaven". The Lord chose him, trained him, and used him in challenging times. "Glacier View-the challenge of the sanctuary message, restructuring new divisions, bringing on a diverse team of leaders, etc. He was like a Moses of the times, because there were winds of change around the globe that affected the church from 1980 onwards; and the church has never been the same.

Our condolences and sympathy go to the Wilson family and Elder Ted Wilson, who also has come aboard in challenging times as we near the end when soon the four angels will release the winds of change forever to prepare the way for the sounding of the seventh and last trumpet and the descend of King Jesus to take us home.

 BILL | December 15, 2010 7:26 PM | Reply_

Sorry to learn Pastor Neal C. Wilson has passed away at age 90. He served the church well for a long time. I recall my first personal visit with him in 1966. I remember him being very gentle, kind, and loving. He wasn't rushed or anything like that, but, took time to chat with people. My condolences to his son Pastor Ted Wilson our current GC President and the family. Come Lord
Jesus, quickly!

D. L. (Eb) Ebenezer | December 15, 2010 8:22 PM | Reply

It is so sad to the human mind to hear of the death of Elder N. Wilson. He was a man of principle, and I know that his son will follow him in that manner. I hope to see Elder Wilson again. May God continue to sustain his wife and family at this moment. He lived a good life, and he is just asleep waiting for his Lord's return. God bless our new president and his family as they funeralize Elder Wilson senior. Keep looking up Elder Wilson.

Claudette O. Frazier
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Mrs. Claudette O. Frazier | December 15, 2010 11:55 PM | Reply

Our deepest condolences for the Wilson family as they have lost a great person in their family. We are sure that his son will carry on with the torch and enlighten and inspire a lot of hearts as his father has done. His last visit to Cairo – Egypt was a blessed one as he visited my sick mother and boosted her moral. We will always remember him, my father and my mother. Our hope is that we will unit with our loved ones in heaven.

Mona Antar Yacoub | December 16, 2010 3:26 AM | Reply

People here in Cairo still remember Elder N.C. Wilson as a man of wisdom and vision. He certainly set an example for the younger generations of SDA leaders to follow.

We are certain that his name is written down in the Book of Life of the Lamb, let us make sure that our names are also there so that we meet Pastor Wilson when our Lord comes in glory.

May the Holy Spirit bring comfort and hope to the heart of Elder Ted Wilson and also grant him with the same wisdom, vision and commitment that characterized his father.

Maranatha!!

Pr Aneury Vargas | December 16, 2010 7:05 PM | Reply

sorry for the lose of elder wilson may Godcomfort his family

Elisha Kayanja | December 16, 2010 7:27 PM | Reply

My wife and I are so sorry to hear of your dear fathers passing.
I first met him February 2002 at the Mountain View church a wonderful man and a GOD fearing one.
Our hearts go out to his family and friends and we rest confedend that we will see him in heaven if we remain faithful to our LORD he served his LORD faithful.
Blessings to all,
Chaplain and Mrs. D. Forncrook
dforncrook@yahoo.com

Chaplain Don & Mrs. Forncrook | December 16, 2010 9:03 PM | Reply

I recall Elder Neal C Wilson from two occassions in northern Europe. He loved people and could meet his co-believers around the world. His charisma was composed of a calm and patient benevolence and a solid conviction of the imminent return of Christ.
The long leadership experience Elder Neal Wilson acquired was a gift to the SDA work. When I once could meet him during a nordic conference in Norway 1988 it was touching how he was interested in the community here in Scandinavia
May God, the Almighty, comfort and sustain Pres. Elder Ted N C Wilson and his family.

Risto J Raety | December 17, 2010 11:38 AM | Reply

Sorry for the loss of Pr Neal Wilson. I do not know him but I have heard good things about him.May the Lord comfort Pr. Ted Wilson and the family

Tringo
Tringo Dessie | December 19, 2010 3:31 PM | Reply

i do hope and believed elder Neal Clayton Wilson spirit is in good hand of the Lord.
my deepest sympathy for Wilson´s family.God gives life,task and destiny for each of us and as for elder Neal his mission on this planet earth is over but life didn´t end in earthly death,we will see him again comes resurrection day.I truly believes He will inherit everlasting life as He been a good leader for all of us.

Nancy Sieber | December 19, 2010 5:46 PM | Reply

I’d love to convey my heartfelt condolences to Pastor T. Wilson and family on the passing on of the Veteran Pastor Neal Wilson a man who served his God and the church diligently and in faithful. A man who executed his leadership skills with quality, meaning and purpose. may the God of heaven strengthen the first family and friends. We are with you in prayers.

Brian B. Chishimba Kokombwe | December 20, 2010 5:33 AM | Reply

To the moderator of these comments --
I see you only put up “positive” things about this leader who did some very controversial things. It makes me very glad that the Bible was written many years ago before political correctness was in vogue, as if only the good things were written about the Bible characters, very few people would be encouraged to attempt to follow God.

daniel | December 21, 2010 10:34 AM | Reply

In Haiti, we are sorry for the loss of this great God servant. In the name of the Haitian SDA I present the deepest sympathy to the Wilson family members. May the Lord continue to guide you until to the kingdom. President Ted: "Courage".

Theart | December 21, 2010 2:30 PM | Reply

It is sad that man like NC.Wilson are going to the grave, the work of God needs people like Neal,people that did every thing throu faith in God. We that are stil on earth now it is our call to finish the work so that christ will come soon to take us home.
For the famiry of mr wilson. I pray that your faith remains strong even when you are going through ahard time like this remember God is there.rest in the arms of God grany Wilson.

Erwin Mphande | December 21, 2010 10:22 PM | Reply

All of all God's chosen leaders from Moses to Elijah, etc were leaders in difficult periods. They made mistakes, but the Lord’s work went forward regardless. So was the late Elder Wilson. Leadership is never easy as you are well aware. In a time of mourning should it not be a time to consider that we have lost a leader who served the Lord in difficult times, carrying a burden for his work; and, should we not rather have sympathy to the family that has remained at this time? “Charity doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil”. 1Corinthians 13:5. "...Love will never needlessly expose the faults of others. It does not listen eagerly to unfavourable reports, but rather seeks to bring to mind some good qualities of the one defamed. ...He whose heart is imbued with love is filled with sorrow at the errors and weaknesses of others. STM169.

BILL | December 24, 2010 1:13 AM | Reply

Sad to have learnt about the passing on of our former GC Dad Elder Neal C. Wilson. May God continue to confort Elder Ted Wilson and the rest of the family members as they look forward for the resurrection morning. My prayers are with you.

Pr. Peter Aricha | December 24, 2010 8:39 AM | Reply

A hero for Christ, has slept, he will be remembered for his good leadership in the church."And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord
from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."(Re 14:13)Condolences to Dr. Wilson and his wife.

**Pastor Johan Siachibila, AUA student | December 24, 2010 1:41 PM | Reply**

Great loss. But we shall not all sleep! My prayers to the family.

**Fabian | December 24, 2010 10:51 PM | Reply**

I did not know him nor did I ever hear him speak but he came to my country (Papua New Guinea) when I was still a child and from what my parents told me upon hearing him preach, he was a great servant of The Lord.

May he rest peacefully from his labors until that great and wonderful morning.

My family's deepest condolences to Dr. Wilson and his family.

Job Magautu
Papua New Guinea

**Job Magautu | December 26, 2010 6:13 AM | Reply**

My sorrow to the family for our brothers passing and yet joy that his warfare is over and he is now awaiting a better resurrection. We will, if faithful, see him soon with the dear Jesus. May God give grace to our current president elder Wilson to carry the load of responsibility that now is hanging upon him as the visible leader of our beloved denomination. God bless them all in Jesus holy name, Amen!

**Shahin | December 27, 2010 2:54 PM | Reply**

I am so sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through as I lost my mother 11 years ago Saturday. I will pray for your family.

**Donna Young | December 27, 2010 8:30 PM | Reply**

A great man and a friend to Africa, including South Africa at a time when it was unpopular

**A N Nzimande | December 29, 2010 10:47 AM | Reply**

Dear Pastor Wilson and family, sincere condolences and prayers over your bereavement. Just a word: REMEMBER YOUR NAME! God be with you all through this painful moment.

Pastor Christian Ekoto
AIIAS, Philippines

**Christian Eugene Ekoto | December 30, 2010 2:49 AM | Reply**

I wish to join the rest of the world in mourning this great leader of our church. Elder Wilson is not dead but has rested to wait for the resurrection morning when we shall meet for eternal rest. I would have not liked to think about this; but if I may ask, "how many years has God given man to live on earth?" Elder Wilson has lived above that limit. We need to praise God for that.

**Mike Tinega | January 3, 2011 12:49 PM | Reply**

I thank God for a fulfilled life and legacies left by this great man of honour. I pray that God will grant him eternal rest.

**Erugo chigozie | January 4, 2011 9:04 AM | Reply**

Well is a sad thing to see someone die, because as we all know man was not created to die in the first place if not for sin. All the same we thank God for who he is for the grace of salvation given to...
man. And am happy that Neal C. Wilson is part of God's salvation, which is the most important thing in life. That shows that he is not really dead as in gone forever but sleeping, and he will resurrate again when christ shall come with his glory to take us home. Although I never knew him I would say from his profile that he was really a star of God and not of this selfish world. And his kind of life is one that I as a person would want to live (that is having a great positive influence on people lives). Thank GOD for Neal C. Wilson life. My condolences to his family and the SDA church.

Airihauodion Noel | January 6, 2011 5:16 AM | Reply

A person who God let show the people the way to the realness of God's love for all, who would listen....

Edwin G. Smith | January 8, 2011 5:00 PM | Reply

Losing someone like Wilson is not acceptable as for a church member of a church that he work so hard for in his time as the world president/missionary (of SDA). But that's not the end. Reading about his life, achievement, and work life it seems to tell me that he laid a significant foot print that we should learn from. I know we will not match what he did in his time as a missionary but at least to do the similar as he did. His passing away is so timely that God has to put him to rest in order for us to look back and see how He (God) has lead someone who wish to follow Him. Of all the achievement the blessings and what we sees in Wilson's history has shown us how God really cares about people who chose to follow Him (God). To the family and relatives of late Wilson the good Lord will always be with you in the absence of your father, brother and the LEADER. God bless.

Scott Wanebeni | January 9, 2011 6:43 PM | Reply

Niel we'll see soon. God Bless.

Agricio Balbi | January 13, 2011 11:38 PM | Reply

My heartfelt condolences to the family of this blessed man of God that has rested in the Lord. May we emulate him in our zeal to work for the Lord. May God comfort the family.

Alfred Oyioka | January 23, 2011 9:10 AM | Reply

I offer my sincere love to the family, church and world church families at a time such as this. We have experienced a tremendous loss in the person of President Neal C. Wilson.

I vividly remember him and his consistent leadership very well in the eighties and most certainly, I praise and thank God for such profound work. While Elder Wilson's death finds me, as many friends, grieving the loss and recent burial (1/20/2011) of our Dear Pastor Edwin James Humphrey, Sr. (Silver Springs, MD). We can yet say, "In all things, God is Good" He holds this bitter cup to your lips to drink, President Ted Wilson and family God allowed your Dad to witness this accomplishment). Drink deeply ever knowing that He cares for you. Praise God! He asleep, but only a little while.

We, the M. Jean Norris, Mineola D. Smiths and The Bethany and Maranatha SDA Church Families of Montgomery, AL. (Pastors Jeffery L. Watson and John E. Parker,) are Praying with you. Please Trust Him and Be encouraged. Allow Jesus' mighty Hand to hold your your feeble hands. Jean, PW

M. Jean Norris, PW | January 28, 2011 12:20 AM | Reply

Elder Ted Wilson „may the Lord comfort and strenghten you and you beloved family in the fulfillment of God’s mission, and let us remember we’re on our way to Jerusalem nor to Emmaus„, our journey is of happiness, we shall get together soon...our most sincere longing and hope.

Greetings from Sonora in Mexico

Israel Alarcón | February 19, 2011 11:00 AM | Reply

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- **Downlink Polarization:** Horizontal
- **Symbol Rate:** 27500 Msps
- **FEC:** 3/4

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But add a dose of 21st century “reality television” and a strong spiritual focus and what you get is something never done before. Vital Signs is a new 13-part series that materialized through a very close collaboration with the Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) and Hope Channel. Utilizing a moving magazine style format, Vital Signs engages nearly 120 current faculty and staff who provide a real-life look inside LLUSM.

The collaboration began in the spring of 2009 when Kandus Thorp, Hope Channel vice president of programming and international development, presented Dr. Roger Hadley, LLUSM dean, with an idea to share insight into medical student’s lives and the impact the school has had on thousands worldwide. Over the course of the ensuing year, and through the talents of two young and talented video producers, Tim and Jaymie de La Torre, Vital Signs came to life.

“I welcomed the unique offer to share our mission and vision with the church’s far-reaching television audience,” says Hadley who, along with Thorp, served as executive producer.

“A favorite part for me is the student story segment. The six students featured in the series seem to capture the essence of what it is to be a medical student,” says Hadley. “Watching their journeys play out on the screen brings to mind many memories of my own experiences, surprisingly similar to theirs: the seemingly endless sea of knowledge to be mastered, the importance of support from family and friends, and the camaraderie and lifelong bonds formed with classmates who share your experiences.”

Laura Hanson and Mark Warren of Colorado; Sylvester Paulasir, of Maryland; husband and wife Jaysson Brooks and Brittany Law Brooks also from Maryland; and Lindsay Bautista of California; graciously allowed the cameras an “up close and personal” look into their lives as medical students throughout the entire 2009-2010 school year.

“Through the episodes, viewers will become engaged with the personalities of these students and will be caught up in the dynamics and at times, the drama, of medical school life as each of the students gain knowledge and mature as individuals, scientists, professionals, and Christians,” explains Hadley.

The series is hosted by two LLUSM alumni and current faculty, Rhodes “Dusty” Rigsby and Bonnie Chi-Lum. In interviews with faculty and students they highlight the significance of whole person care, overseas missions, spiritual life, cutting edge technology, and LLUSM’s approach to ethics in medicine.

Vital Signs will premiere exclusively across the Hope Channel network on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. ET and PT. Officials from Hope Channel and LLUSM look forward to receiving your observations on the series. You can e-mail your comments to info(at)HopeTV(dot)org.

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