I’ve been intrigued for some time by the way various airlines collaborate. For example, sometimes when I think I’m flying on Northwest Airlines, I actually end up on a Continental airplane—their flights are often cross-listed. And when I fly on Delta, I collect miles on Northwest!

Recently, I flew on LAN airlines in South America. LAN-Chile, LAN-Peru, LAN-Ecuador, LAN-Argentina, etc. are united but separate. The motto of the company is “One World,” and when checking in, I was greeted with, “Welcome, and thank you for flying with LAN alliance!” Each airline uses the same in-flight magazine, the same online check-in and frequent flyer system, the same blankets, and the same menu. Yet it was obvious that each country maintained its unique identity through individual routing, advertising, and new initiatives.

Collaboration and individual needs are always in tension. That is why the 2007 AVLN Conference will feature “courageous conversations” about how we are collaborating in the Adventist system of education. Plan to participate, and bring your stories of hope, success, and possibility.

**When:** Sunday, June 24, 2007: 4 – 7 p.m. Pacific, 7 – 10 p.m. Eastern, 12 – 2 a.m. Greenwich time.

**Where:** ONLINE – using various technologies: video, audio, chat, and discussion boards.

**Topic:** Collaborating in Adventist Education

**Cost:** Free—thanks to a Versacare grant!

Please encourage others in your institution to participate. For past conferences we’ve had excellent group attendance from Montemorelos University, AIIAS in the Philippines, and UPeU in Peru.

“See” you soon—or maybe you’ll be busy flying your own airline!

More information about the conference can be found at [http://www.avln.org](http://www.avln.org).

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