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All Adventist Theological Society Members/Subscribers:

I trust that 2013 is proving to be a blessed year for you in service for our Lord. We are excited about the upcoming ATS Spring Symposium on the Atonement that will be held at the Campus Hill Church on the campus of Loma Linda University, Thursday, April 18 through Sabbath, April 20.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening with a keynote address by Dr. Jiri Moskala, Chair of the Old Testament Department at Andrews University. He will set the stage for the discussion, covering the main theories of the atonement and their impact on the understanding of the character of God.

On Friday we have a whole bank of presentations dealing with historical, theological, and biblical perspectives on this important doctrine. The day starts off at 8:30 a.m. with a devotional by Dr. Clinton Wahlen, Associate Director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference, followed by three papers dealing with the topics of methodological implications of the moral influence theory, the complex understanding of atonement of Peter Abelard, and how the atonement doctrine can impact communal societies.

On Friday afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. we have three more papers dealing with biblical issues including Joseph Bates’ view of the biblical atonement, a study of Jesus in Gethsemane in Matthew 26, and another on the famous story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22.

Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. we have Dr. Richard Davidson, J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Andrews University, presenting on assurance in the anti-typical day of Atonement.

On Sabbath we have four more papers dealing with the atonement in the Apocalypse, the atonement in 2 Thessalonians 2, typology in Leviticus, and the atonement in the book of Hebrews. This all begins with Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. and in the afternoon we will conclude with a panel discussion.
You,” a look at atonement in 1 Peter 2 with practical implications for our Christian life.

I hope you will be able to join us in Loma Linda. We will soon have up on the ATS website information about travel, lodging, and meals. We will have ATS materials available at the meetings as well as membership applications. Bring a friend along and be part of the discussion.

See you in Loma Linda,

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