The attached article, the wording of which is shown below will appear in the next issue of the Madison Survey due to be published in mid March. I send this advance copy to my e-mailing list so that you may hear of this need now rather than when the issue is mailed. The EASEA needs immediate funding so it is important that the alumni become aware of this request as quickly as possible. Several of us are sending in our checks now and I ask those of you who will be willing to contribute to do so as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the homecoming, June 22 to the 24th. The Madison College Academy Class of 1962 will hold their 50th reunion with us and we hope that many of you will be at the reunion so that we can enjoy remembering “old times”.

Sincerely, Henry

The Laymen Foundation was a very active part of the Madison College program when we were students. It was begun in 1924 with a founding grant from Lida Funk Scott, a generous benefactor. The Foundation provided assistance to the new self supporting organizations that were developed as an outgrowth of Madison. They own the land on which most of the existing self supporting academies and grade schools are located.

In the 1970’s, after the college closed in 1964, they relocated to the Collegedale area near Southern Adventist University where they have purchased a 19 acre property. They have built a 14,000 sq ft building which is fully leased and provides income to cover the cost of the building. Ten years ago they set up the E.A. Sutherland Education Association (EASEA), a not for profit 501 (c) (3) Tennessee Corporation. EASEA is a Tennessee approved private school accrediting agency. It serves as the accrediting agency for all self supporting academies and grade schools in Tennessee as the SDA Church does not accredit non-denominational schools.

They are currently experiencing a severe cash flow problem and funding EASEA for the current year is seemingly impossible. They will be selling 15 of the 19 acre property which is quite valuable and will alleviate the problem for future years. A plan to meet the current year’s cash flow needs has been approved by the Laymen Foundation Board and the Madison College Alumni Association has been invited to help. The plan is to seek 100 donors who will each donate $500 this year. This $50,000 will fund the EASEA. The donation may be made as a one-time payment or as quarterly payments. Obviously, smaller donations will be welcomed.

Your MCAA Board has agreed to participate in this worthy project and we will be making our personal contributions to the E. A. Sutherland Education Association. To help them process your gift, please inform them of what you plan to contribute and when they may expect your gift.

Your prayers and interest are appreciated as The Layman Foundation continues its efforts to preserves and helps grow the educational philosophy promulgated at Madison College.

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