ADRA-UK has launched an appeal to support the people of Darfur, western Sudan. More than one million villagers have abandoned their homes as warring militia wreak destruction and terror. Many families are now living in overcrowded camps and are desperately in need of aid. Hundreds of thousands of desperate men, women and children face continued violence, starvation, malaria and other fatal diseases.

This is Sudan’s latest agony after twenty-two years of war. Internally displaced persons are sleeping in the open. They are running out of food, and drinking water is scarce. Floodwater from recent rains is washing human and animal waste into water sources, raising fears of outbreaks of disease such as cholera. The United Nations is calling the Darfur crisis ‘the worst humanitarian disaster of the decade’.

The people of Darfur urgently need our support and prayers. Despite the challenges with security and transportation of aid, ADRA-UK is committed to responding to the immediate need to save lives, as well as to longer-term recovery. So far, ADRA has airlifted 35 tonnes of relief aid, including blankets, tents, therapeutic food, and medicine to 45,000 people. 12,000 more are receiving clothing and seeds. Additionally, ADRA donor offices are seeking millions of pounds’ worth of funding from government partners worldwide for immediate and long-term health, sanitation, and food security programmes.

Money raised by the ADRA-UK Darfur Sudan Appeal is needed to provide emergency aid to two areas in West Darfur, Geneina and Mukjar. The aid items include shelter, food, clean water, sanitation, kitchen utensils, mosquito nets, seeds, tools, clothing, plastic sheeting, blankets and water containers.

From past experience we know that Adventist church members, when they know something can be done, are hugely generous and will respond massively. Tremendous resources are needed right now and we are asking members to support this appeal and donate now. To give you an idea of what can be done, here are some examples: £14 will buy plastic sheeting, a water container and purification tablets for one family. £42 will provide emergency food supplies for a family of five for two months. £85 will buy two entire household kits including a mosquito net, blanket, water container and kitchen utensils.

What can you do? Please send your donations to ADRA-UK, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, WD25 9JZ. Make your cheques payable to ‘ADRA-UK’ and if possible, Gift Aid your donation by including a signed note saying ‘Please Gift Aid this donation.’ Alternatively, you can send your gift through regular church channels. In all cases, please indicate that the gift is for ‘ADRA-UK Darfur Sudan Appeal’.

Thank you on behalf of the men, women, and children of Darfur, Sudan.

(In keeping with accepted charitable practices in the UK, up to 5% of donations will be retained to help with administrative expenses and to generate further funds).
An ordination with a difference

For most ordinands, joining the ‘brotherhood’ is a daunting experience: surrounded by the presence of their ministers and clergy. But there was also another atmosphere of ‘family’ in this smaller gathering. United and with one purpose, we came to witness a service that was a place across millennia—the setting apart of a man to serve as a shepherd of God’s flock. Jon Gendle returned to St Albans, where he was first introduced to the Church and where he eventually accepted Christ. On the day of his baptism he received a calling and he followed this by becoming a student at Newbold College, where he successfully completed an MA in Theology. After graduation, Jon served as an intern before taking up his current pastorate at the Hutton and Waltham Abbey churches.

Pastors Dalbert Elias and Ron Clemow spoke of Jon’s intense compassion and love and his deep desire to serve God. In his address to Jon and those who had come to support him, Pastor Don Lowe shared many insights into sheep and shepherds, reminding us that, unlike today’s society, God’s sheep are not clients, constituents, patients or numbers. Rather, they are all brothers and sisters in Christ. He used this allegory of sheep and shepherds to look at the life and role of today’s pastor. Pastor Cecil Perry praised as Jon felt the hands of his fellow clergy on his shoulders. This was a particularly moving moment with a deep sense of God’s presence. Pastor Don McFarlane then charged Jon to minister as a servant to spend time with God in prayer, meditation and study and to be ‘an example to the believers’. In his response, Jon, obviously touched by the events of the day, expressed the deep sense of the moment and the awesome responsibility of being set apart for God’s service. He said, ‘This is not my day, it is God’s day.’


The major underlying cause for the spread of these diseases is the climate change. Some conditions flourish in dry, drought, others through the heavy rains occurring when drought is broken. During dry periods, this increases in quantity and predators (such as owls or snakes) are reduced. Thus the balance in nature which would control the circumstances surrounding the spread of disease is upset.

Other conditions occur as a result of flooding and subsequently unsafe drinking water; contaminated with sewage and various pathogens. An increase in the mosquito-borne Ross River Virus in Australia has been shown to be linked with rainfall patterns in the area. It should also be kept in mind that travelling to distant and exotic places has also increased; hence there is a greater prospect of exposure to diseases previously encountered only by the few who ventured that far. With the UK weather being so unpredictable more people are heading for warmer climates. So the weather is to blame in more than one sense. It is wise to prepare for most eventualities and to observe strict hygiene principles at all times. The preparation should include adequate travel insurance. Treatment can be quite expensive, especially if it includes hospitalisation. However, by taking simple precautions in most cases the worst can be avoided. Do not let fear put you off travelling. It’s the weather for it!
The President’s overview
Cecil L. Lowe
Executive Secretary

The theme “United by the Word” for the 2003 British Union Conference Session was both an invitation and a challenge to the church to measure its mission by God’s vision and mission to the world.

The goal was to involve the majority of the membership in seeing the millions of unchurched through the eyes of Jesus – making friends with them and building families of faith together.

LIFEdevelopmentInfo
As part of our evangelistic strategy for the quinquennium the LIFEdevelopmentInfo outreach was launched nationally. Phase 1 of this project included the promotion, production and launch of the Evidence series, 29 February to 11 March 2004. The second stage, “Wind the Gap”, will deal with basic Christian teachings and is scheduled for transmission on 7 and 14 April 2004.

The LIFEInfo magazine that accompanies the LIFEdevelopment Info series has now stood for 20,000 person per issue and a average reader count of 60,000. Feedback on the public’s acceptability of the magazine has been encouraging.

The Union and Conferences have invested in a long-term evangelistic strategy designed especially for the second post-modern generation. The results will be long-term and, in essence, dependent on the united effort of the whole Church.

Membership
Our membership has grown from 20,637 to 23,247 for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 March 2004. This build-up in membership is attributable to several factors:

- ongoing public evangelism
- Church Planting
- Bible Study Groups/Seminars
- Personal Evangelism
- Transfer growth
- Biological growth etc.

Our 12.6% growth below the target of 20%

- Although numerical growth must be balanced against spiritual growth, nonetheless there is the potential for reaching thousands more.

Non-Religious of Church Planting and Small Groups
There has been a renewed emphasis over the past years in raising up new church plants as an intentional strategy to target different people groups. In the last five years about twenty-five new church plants have been established, likewise there are many small groups which are in different stages of development.

Under the General Conference general policy, “Hope for the Big Cities,” twenty new churches are to be planted in London covering many unreached people groups. The South England Conference is currently laying down its strategy for these under these guidelines.

The divine intent is for the Church to make disciples for the kingdom. If the majority of our members had a divine compassion for the lost there would be a hundred souls saved where there is none now.

The traditional and personal forms of evangelism accounted for the bulk of numerical growth, especially in the urban areas. The contemporary and traditional complement each other. Technology may enhance the presentation scope and speed of the good news but it is different without our committed involvement as saving agents in our families, churches and communities.

The recent session reports of the Conferences and Missions have demonstrated the intent of our leaders to make evangelism and church nurture their number one priority.

I have chosen to highlight in this report what I perceive as the reason for the Church’s existence and witness. The danger is to think of the church to carry out its God-given mission effectively it must be energized and empowered by the Spirit. Unquestionably, this remains our greatest need! God is waiting to pour out His Spirit in its fullness. Some are already experiencing the blessings, why not all of us?

The Church as a Public Place
Adventist churches are classified as public places, therefore they need to adhere to UK and EU legislation governing health, safety and related issues. Non-compliance with these regulations could result in the Church being held liable under law. It is incumbent on us to select the right personnel for the protection of our children and vulnerable adults. This means that we are called upon to provide adequate background checks for staff and other facilities for those with special needs. Churches have to be aware of those measures that ensure the health and wellbeing of all the people of the church. An in-depth assessment, appertaining to safety in each church and institution, becomes a necessity.

In a litigious and compensation-hungry culture it is also important to be aware of the ever increasing cost of legal compliance. The costs will be incurred in the building of a compensation fund, which are in different stages of development.

The Church in the Republic of Ireland
In addition, since 1995 the Church has benefited from a net transfer growth which has continued to accelerate during the past 3 years. Visitors who have been away for a year or two, or who have recently attended churches around the British Union Conference, would be struck by the increasing diversity of its membership. The church has benefited from a significant influx of members from overseas including such areas as the Philippines, Republic of Ireland, Zimbabwe and South Africa, to mention just a few.

Net transfer growth pattern since 1995 is reflected in the following graph:

Perhaps it is more widely understood that statistics demonstrate. We know that there are many more overseas members who are currently attending our congregations on a weekly basis who, for one reason or another, have not been able to effect the transfer of their membership.

This presents an exciting challenge as the Church seeks to extend an open and warm welcome to these new members and seize the opportunity provided by this development. As we rest God’s Word and as we take the message of the Church into communities, we can see the hope that God has in the ages, how God has overruled in the message and the search to send people around the globe to advance the spread of His Gospel.

Unfortunately, our journey with those members, by whom the Church is pleased to receive, is only temporarily benefited by the temporary sadness of saying a temporary goodbye to those other members who passed to their rest. We give thanks for their faithful lives and witness and convey our sincere condolences to the families that have experienced the pain and loss that is part of their life’s train.

Even greater pain arises from the report that a large 374 members decided to sever their relationship with the church and the leaders of their fellowship. We are most saddened by their departure. In this day and age, we are not only saddened, but are also deeply concerned.

The Great movement of people across the face of the earth is due to the forces of changing economic and political conditions has enriched our churches in the British Union Conference. As a result several multi-cultural congregations have developed in our towns and cities. There are at least ten groups currently meeting in London. The challenge of diversity is cultivating Christian harmony to benefit the community of God. How we harness the richness of this diversity will define the inclusiveness of the Gospel we preach.

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Education
Dr Keith Davidson
Education Director
It is useful to preface this report with a mention of the importance of education. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is engaged in the work of education throughout the world. For this purpose we draw on the famous statement made by Ellen White: ‘Education is a most essential and an essential aspect of the Church’s work in the 21st century. Thus, I am happy to report that our educational work in the British Union is making a significant contribution to the promotion of Seventh-day Adventism in Britain and Ireland. Since the last Union Session held in York (29-30 July 2011) the focus of the Education Department has been on:

- Considerating Voluntary Aid (VA) status as a route to the establishment of a funded secondary school in the West Midlands.
- Working with our schools in developing systematic pastoral care, and building leadership capacities through training and support.
- Ongoing teaching development.

In addition, there have been other developments such as the purchase of a property in Dulwich (London) for Theodore McLachlan School, the redevelopment of the Education Website, the creation of the new Education Consultancy, and the beginning of a review of Hyland House School. Educational Leadership Awards have also been given to Mrs L. Osei, and the building of external links with the Teacher Education Website.

Proposed Secondary School for the West Midlands
As a result of the growth and educational success of the Harper Bell Adventist School over the last 15 years, local church members have been growing greater interest and appreciation for the work of Adventist education.

Thus, there is an increasing demand for the establish-
ment of a new school in the area to bridge the gap between 11 and 19 years. The North England Conference, with the support of the Education depart-
ment, has secured support in the context of the current situation, and is considering the issue with church members and church leaders in the area for the past year, but we are aware of the fact that the NEC would not be in a position to support financially the establishment of a privately operated secondary school. Therefore, the process of consultation, that the NEC should actively pursue, the route of ‘Voluntary Aid’ status as a mechanism for achieving this objective. As a conse-
quently, the recent NEC Session, held in York in June, supported the church in the process to pursue this proposition.

The Education Department will now be working closely with the NEC Executive Committee in implementing this action.

School Development Improvement Strategies
The purpose of the Education Department has been in the work of developing coherent and systematic School Development Improvement Strategies (SDIS) for our schools, in order to lead our young people to the advancement in the education of their potential. As well as those, school boards and headteachers have been supported with on-site in-service training programmes, led by the director, in the following areas: lesson planning, teacher appraisal, target setting, and assessment. In total, to date over 220 visits were made by the director to schools, with a total of 500 headteachers and headteachers attending.

Building Leadership Capacity
The department strives in investing in the development of existing school leaders and in nurturing and building the potential of emerging school leaders. Therefore, through its School Leadership Development Programme, the department has provided training for headteachers and other school leaders. Recent training covered aspects such as a survey of current developments in educational leadership and management principles, approaches to school self-evaluation, an introduction to the BUC education framework, curriculum and learning and legal updating.

in-service Training
Regular in-service training programmes have been con-
ducted by our schools in meeting the staff development needs of our schools. These are improvements in teaching and learning. In addition, the Education Department has conducted Union-wide training for pri-
ty school headteachers and subject lead teachers in team teaching.

The set included twelve episodes of ‘Chasing Utopia’, a series developed especially for young, secular adults, and twenty-four programmes in the Lifestyle magazine with the following themes: family issues, the environment, self help and social well being. In addition, a ‘Taking Charge’ resource pack was also made available, which included sample les-
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Ministerial
Alan Hodges
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LifeDevinfo.org
The Ministerial Association was voted in the form of a resolution at the British Union Session in York in July 2001

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**BUC Mid-term Reports**

**ADRA-UK**

### RAFAAT KAMAL ADRA-UK Director

ADRA-UK is the humanitarian agency of the British Union of Christian Endeavor, serving the poorest communities around the world. ADRA-UK supports projects that contribute to the eradication of poverty, the development of human potential and the enhancement of community life by: **Meeting Basic Needs** - addressing food insecurity and eradicating hunger; **Health & Nutrition**; **Education**; **Emergency preparedness and response**; **Economic Development**; **Water & Sanitation**; and **Environment**.

**ADRA-UK's Activities**

The ADRA-UK activities include: providing assistance in the form of emergency relief; long-term development projects; providing training and capacity building; and promoting sustainable development.

**Funding**

The majority of ADRA-UK's funding is generated by the support of church members in the British Union Church. Through door-to-door collections and donations, ADRA-UK is able to provide much-needed education and relief to the poorest communities around the world.**

#### Personal Ministries

**David Cox**

**Personal Ministries Director**

**Holy Duty?**

Are you satisfied with the life we are living? Is it good? Is it healthy? Do we have what we need? Do we have the love of our family or a friend? To this my answer is yes, and that is it. And would anyone disagree with that?

**Every member a minister**

The department of Personal Ministries exists for the purpose of enabling everyone to make full potential in their life and work. Since every believer is close to ministry (i.e., service), and every believer has been given at least one spiritual gift for the building up of his church (Romans 12:7), the focus of the department is to train and equip team members for God’s task.

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#### Training

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Adventist Discovery Centre
Eric Low
Executive Secretary

The period under review has been a challenging one for the Adventist Discovery Centre. Nevertheless, God has continued to use this resource as a means of reaching out to touch people’s lives with His Word.

The table at the end of this report provides the bare statistical results. As you can see from these figures, over fourteen thousand (14,030) applications for the various courses were received between January 2001 and June 2004. From these initial applications approximately thousand six hundred students (9,632) were enrolled in nearly fifty-five thousand (55,186) test papers. Two thousand six hundred and forty eight (2,648) students were requested to work right through to their graduation.

Some have continued to experiment with the use of the ADC cards as a means of connecting with people. In the granite city of Aberdeen the church has covered the whole of the city with 80,525 cards and the members now have 30 contacts, some of whom are well into the programme. In the west of something similar is used in County Clare and Limerick. One of the challenges with this form of operation is that these members develop in widely scattered locations which make the future sourcing of such far flung students a difficult task.

Nineteen churches are running some form of locally-operated Discover Bible Schools, using material pur- chased from the Adventist Discovery Centre, and we have shown separate figures for this operation in the concluding table. However, we recently received the following favourable testimonial from one of them:

Dear Kindly, my immediate contact and guide who always assisted with the study and explanations in areas where I had difficulties, collecting and returning worksheets. He motivated me to start the course and I became too lazy to continue with the study. I really benefited from this interaction and I see that this is only the beginning and I have just started scratching the surface.

Sometimes it is a very small world. A lady who was taking the Discovering lessons in Cardiff was treated earli- est this year after a weekend as a wedding guest at The Balmoral Hotel in St Albans. Traveling by Green Line coach from Heathrow to St Albans she passed by our Watford office and wrote to say:

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Mission Statement
The department of Children's Ministries will guide the children in developing a biblical foundation for a lifelong commitment to their relationship with God through the various avenues of service for each child within the home, church and community.

The Mission Statement has been implemented by:
Building a team of trainers, volunteer Conference and mission sponsors.

A special word of thanks should also be given to those who have been a part of the Children's Ministries team: Mrs. P. Allcott; Mrs. S. Froude; Miss K. Dalton; Mr. G. Benjamin; Mrs. E. Manham; Miss B. Roberton; Miss J. Martin; Mrs. D. S. Cyr; Mrs. A. Mozer; Mr. & Mrs. King; Mrs. A. McCormac; Mrs. H. Lockham; Mrs. L. Green; Mrs. P. Burral; Mr. & Mrs. L. Taylor; Mr. & Mrs. R. Runham; Rev. G. Benjamin; Richard Golden (Jackson) and Ellen Bryant.

Introducing the new curriculum for 0 – 14s
The GraceLink Bible Study Guides were piloted in the BUC. The comments from parents, teachers and children resulted in the new curriculum having a number of new features:

- The story or passage and memory verses are presented first at Sabbath School.
- The Cornerstone lessons for children feedback to the class leader what they found during the week by studying and living out the Bible story principle.
- There is a choice of activities, which help to connect the Bible stories to life. These incorporate the students' learning styles and modes.
- Monthly themes are based on the dynamics of a Christian Life:
  - Grace - Jesus loves me.
  - Worship - I love Jesus, I want to be like Jesus.
  - Jesus' Community - We live in a world with pain and illness (inreach).
- Service -Jesus loves you (outreach).

The most exciting feature is that at the end of the programme each child should know how to put into practice during the week what they have learnt from the Bible.

New age groupings have been suggested:
- Beginners 0 – 2 2 year cycle
- Kindergarten 3 – 5 2 year cycle
- Primary 6 – 9 3 year cycle
- Junior (6-9) 10 – 14 4 year cycle
- Earlen (Rea-Time Faith) 12 – 14 year cycle

The Cornerstone lessons are for 15 – 18 year olds.

Future Development for this Ministry
Build up resources for: Bringing a child to accept Jesus (in all its different personal situations) into a new prayer ministry: Making church more child friendly.

Encouraging more: Encouraging more: Encouraging making church more child friendly. Continuing the one day conferences as well as the area Sabbath workshops. Implementing ‘Keeping the Church Family Safe’. Promoting ADRA events; Introducing ‘Real-Time Faith’; 12 + quarterly.

Ultimate Aim
The Church will set out the words of Deut. 6:4-7 by actively teaching the children to love the Lord with all their hearts, souls and strength.

Youth

Des Bolden Youth Director

Vision Statement:
The BUC youth department exists to facilitate a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ and disinterested youth.

To package the Gospel for the youth culture and, in so doing, make Christianity real, exciting and relevant for twenty-first century young people.

Mission statement:
The BUC youth department is encapsulated in 1 Cor. 9:20-27. This is summed up in the expression ‘all things to all men, in order that I might save some’.

This summer saw a concentration of activities intended for, and by, the young people of the Union territory.

Ghana Mission Project 24 June - 11 July
The BUC took a team of forty-five volunteers to participate in a building project to support the local Church in Tamale, North Ghana. A wing of a proposed hospital was completed within 18 days by a team computing directors, nurses, drivers, mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, plasterers, electricians and a host of individuals responsible for the building and implementation of a team of preachers who participated in a two week evangelistic campaign resulting in the baptism of 35 young people. In addition, the local church was established.

Each individual raised in excess of £500, but there was a substantial donation from ADRA and the Ghanaian church to help fund the purpose.

The task entailed the following: Monthly planning meetings to provide an overview of events. Weekly visits to community, visiting events and church promotions for pastoral purposes; Camp meetings; Raising the awareness of the project on radio; Meetings with ADRA-UK and visiting the Ghanaian Union Conference/ADRA-Ghana: Travelling to the site to assess feasibility and cost of project; Working with local architect: Working out the strategy for completing the project with medical building and maintenance team.

Pathfinders
This year, the theme was the Union to organise the Camporee, which took place at the Northern Ireland Pathfinders Home, Knock, North Down, Belfast between 23 July and 1st August.

We had 780 club leaders and Pathfinders and staff on site and this was our biggest camp meeting ever. We donated all the proceeds from the market day to the Methodist Pathfinders in Malawi. We also benefited from camp padre Clive O'Brien, youth Director for the Caribbean Union Conference, who were well received by the majority of those present.

The team of volunteer staff of about 65 worked hard and long, and heartful thanks are extended to them for their support and understanding.

This year, the Pathfinders have experienced a dramatic change within the last year. Both the SEC and NCE have changed leadership. The Pathfinders are facing the current issues of the youth ministry and must be adaptable for the investment they are making for and on behalf of the young people.

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Anniversaries at Aberdaron

The annual Aberdaron Family Camp ran from Friday 23 July to Sunday 8 August, and was officially opened at the site of the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales, after being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme song for Camporee, ‘Real to Me’, was written by Christine Burt. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end, and so to Sabbath evening the Pathfinders gathered for one last time. The flag of each of the countries represented, those of the scouts and of the Pathfinders, were lowered and presented to representatives of the various groups. The Pathfinders showed off their drillskilling, as their service of thanks brought everything to a final close.

During the market day each of the groups had sold foods, craft, merchandise and services. This raised over £3,000. Shona Kendrick was presented with a cheque and she shared her delight in receiving this gift and exclaimed that the money was to be used to assist the other groups.

This year’s Camporee was split into activities required to make the Camporee fit for the Pathfinders through the Camporee. In the presentation to the Family Camp group Malcolm outlined some of the possibilities that exist for the future of the site. These range from keeping it as it is, to demolishing the main hall and rebuilding a two-storey building with integral accommodation. The land ownership and management committee for the camporee is still open to suggestions and any question can be sent by any interested people to:

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LECTURER IN NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

The successful applicant will be expected to teach a variety of modules in NT Studies, to supervise and examine students in the area, to work with the department, and to be in close contact with the college library and students in a number of different countries. Salary according to qualifications. Call for an examination of applications. Letters of application with current CV and names of referees should be sent to the: The Vicar, Principal, Newstead College, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 4AE. Fax 1344 144 6474. Email nwmd@btconnect.com. Full description from above address on Newstead website www.newstead.ac.uk

Deadline for applications: 15 September.

PEACE ANTHONY DOTTIN

(1926-2004)

25 August

Pall: Anthony Dottin, former Director of the Caribbean Union, died in the Hospital in Margate at the age of 78 on 20 August. Anthony was born inpost Second World War Negroes in Barbados, where he studied. Following this, he worked for several years in Jamaica, and later in the USA. He and Zilpha fell in love and decided to accept the invitation of the British government to come to this country. Anthony was married to Zilpha, and they had six children together.

The family moved to Battersea. Later they moved to Wimbledon, and there they settled down.

As Anthony had a love for writing and music, he spent much energy on promotion. He spent much energy on writing and music, and this led to him doing the music for the Pathfinders and for the local churches. He was a great inspiration to the Pathfinders, and used his vast knowledge to help the children and the Pathfinders.

As Anthony was a very hardworking man, he had enjoyed a very successful career. He was known for his patience, his kindness, and his caring nature. Anthony and his wife, Rosemary, were the backbone of the family.

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Jan Paulsen to meet young people via Global Telecast

Better communication between Adventist young people and church administration is the goal of two initiatives from the office of Pastor Jan Paulsen, president of the world church.

On 13 September, Dr Paulsen will meet with students on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for what is being described as an ‘open, no-holds-barred discussion of issues of concern to Adventist young people’. The one-hour conversation, called ‘Let’s Talk – Again’, is a follow-up to last year’s ‘Let’s Talk’ telecast that included teenage members of the church. It will be broadcast live by the Hope Channel to the Americas, and will be rebroadcast later in Europe, the South Pacific and Africa.

During the satellite event, Dr Paulsen will also launch the ‘Let’s Talk’ website, designed to continue the dialogue between his office and Adventist young people. This website is specifically for the young people in our church. It will allow them to send questions directly to the office of the president, on issues ranging from family to Adventist belief, relationships to social issues. It will also allow them to comment on discussion topics and to see what other young people around the world are saying on the same topic. This website will also provide international links to publications, Adventist youth groups, and colleges. The website is being described as an exciting way for the young people of the Adventist Church to make their voices heard by their church leaders.

I recognise that many, many of our young people feel distanced from the church – they feel as if they don’t have a voice, they don’t feel that they have been heard, they don’t feel that they have been understood,’ says Pastor Paulsen, adding ‘We want them to be heard – what they feel, and what they would like to say to their church. And I want them to know that it is our intention to take their comments seriously.’

The ‘Let’s Talk’ website will be launched 13 September and will be found at www.letstalk.adventist.org.

A bouquet for Pat

Watford’s Emergency Furniture Unit was started by the late Alf Kelly in 1971 in response to local need. This became one of the first local organisations to come under the umbrella of the Watford Council for Voluntary Services when it was set up in 1974. (Alf was a member of the Steering Committee that set it up and was at one time its chairman.) Alf continued to run the service until his death in 1996, just after he received the MBE for his services to the community. The service was much appreciated by local organisations, so his daughter Pat Walton continued to run it, supported by her husband Peter and members of Stanborough Park church who acted as volunteer drivers.

Last year it was decided to expand the service into one requiring a greater commitment than Pat was able to give. From January this year it became a charitable trust called ‘Nine Lives’ based in neighbouring Rickmansworth with a paid organiser and EU funding. Pat is philosophical at relinquishing her direct role with the furniture service which was essentially part of the Stanborough Park church’s outreach programme. However, she has retained her links with the work by becoming a trustee of the new organisation, which enables her to pass on her valuable experience.

This being the thirtieth anniversary of the Watford Council for Voluntary Services, its Annual General Meeting on 15 July 2004 was extended to include lunch and a review of its past, present and future roles in the community. It was attended by the local MP and by the Mayor of Watford, who both gave speeches of support for its future roles in the community. It was attended by the local MP and by the Mayor of Watford, who both gave speeches of support for its work.

A special presentation of a bouquet was made to Pat during the meeting, in recognition of her voluntary work to the community through the Emergency Furniture Unit.

Judy Coomes

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