YLC Egypt was possibly the best YLC to date. On 23 August, ninety-three youth leaders, assistants and youth team members (each of whom paid for the package tour) left Gatwick Airport, bound for Luxor. Included among the keynote speakers were Pastor Timothy Gillespie, the Young Adult pastor from the Loma Linda University church, and Pastor Eddie Heinrich, who is the Youth director for the Northern California Conference. Danish Cafe Church Pastor Bobby Bovell also addressed the group, and all three preached and taught the youth leaders as we learnt lessons from the biblical leader, Moses.

Once the plane touched down in Luxor, Egypt, we soon realised that the heat (40-50˚C) was just about bearable. Most of the group had never experienced this kind of heat before; even those with Caribbean roots were struggling to cope with the scorching temperatures. This Youth Leadership Conference again took place on a boat and it truly lived up to its billing. As soon as we entered the boat we were taken to our cabins. After a welcome reception and an evening meal, the meeting followed. The meal was included in the package deal, so nobody went hungry!

Evening worship and daytime seminars took place in the boat’s spacious lounge area, which accommodated all of us comfortably. Everyone looked forward to worship time and Pastor Eddie Hypolite led the praise, with Clive Shepherd on the keyboard. This was a lively affair and all the speakers
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Smells, bells, incense and loud organ bursts don’t do a thing for me. Nor do high altars, red vestments and frequent references to the apostolic succession. Nevertheless, it all made for great theatre (spoiled, for me, by the fact that the principal players, far from memorising their parts, had to read from cue cards held immediately in front of their faces). However, I have no doubt that British Catholics and some Anglicans were hugely encouraged. I also applaud the fact that protestors were listened to and sorrow was expressed for the vile prevalence of child abuse in the priesthood.

Older readers will remember that twenty-eight years ago we greeted the last Pope with a special FOCUS, in which we exposed the errors in Catholic theology. The Pope's visit.

12:6, 7) and Revelation (12:6) had both prophesied that a political and religious despotism would work to the detriment of God's true believers for exactly that system in the prophetic schema. A hundred thousand copies of that issue of FOCUS were distributed by Adventists in Britain and Ireland. One went to Lambeth Palace, home of Robert Runcie, then Archbishop of Canterbury. And it resulted in a gracious telephoned rebuke delivered to me by the Archbishop's chaplain, who felt that we had 'overstepped the ecumenical line.'

While we cannot ignore the sexual abuse and extravagance inherent in the papal system, the issues Adventists have with the papacy continue to relate to its theology. It turns the Gospel upside down, thrusting its ramshackle self between the souls of the faithful and their Saviour. Salvation comes through Christ alone. No one can forgive sin but God. No one can buy his way to heaven or in any way prepare himself for eternal life.

The victory in the conflict of the ages was won on Calvary. The win was decisive and irreversible. Nothing, but nothing – churches, priests, popes – can stand between your soul and your Saviour. No one can forgive sin but God. No one can buy his way to heaven or any other source of truth except by the penitent's confession of faith.
How do we accomplish the Gospel Commission in light of the fact that Christians are forbidden from reaching two billion people in the world?  

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eventy-ﬁfth Adventists are people of prophecy. The pioneers were called to warn people of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Their message was interpreted and promulgated. They revealed aspects of prophecy, foretold the end of all things, and the role of nations. Like the USA, Turkey, and Palestine in the religious world was also considered. References were made to the prophecies concerning the physical, spiritual, and social world. Christ warned that the day might be upon us. They foretold the destruction of Jerusalem, the coming of the Antichrist, and the end of the world. However, these extensive activities have not met the biblical goal. They can report that there have been results in witnessing to Christians in other denominations. Fewer results have been reached in work with adherents of the various world religions. This means that roughly one-third of the world’s population is unreached, we are denied access to 2 billion people. In light of this, those who want to be useful to the in-vested work and the truth of the Gospel Commission will have a role to play.

Adventists to Christian denominations: 2.3 billion

References: 

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• Orthodox (various brands) 0.274
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• Jews 0.100

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Adventists to non-Christian religions: 4.579 billion

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• Islam (15 billion) 1.549
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The Great Commission and the Adventist mission

World mission is based on the Great Commission. 

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And sure you are with me always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18-20, NIV)

The commission gained a fresh sense of urgency when the pioneers became aware of their special call to proclaim the three angel’s messages. 

“Then I saw another angel flying high in the sky, having an olive tree on his shoulder and the golden bowl filled with an ointment made by the true, holy, and true word of God. He set the bowl on the woman’s breasts and told her: ‘Drink of its good news and prophesy to the nations.’” (Rev. 14:13-14, NIV)

Early Adventists interpreted the word “testimony” in Matthew 24:14 to mean the three angelic messages, and took seriously God’s given mission to prepare the world for Christ’s return.

Getting to grips

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n September the BBC Sunday programme explored the church’s birthdate. For those who may not know, Sunday is a religious news programme broadcast on Radio 4 each Saturday at 7.45 am. It is required reading for those who wish to keep up-to-date with developments in the religious world.

Originally its emphasis was on Christianity but, with 5.91 and other developments, it now covers all religious issues including Islam, fringe religions, Humanism, the main Protestant churches and the Roman Catholics. All things religious come under its umbrella.

There is a certain paradox on the world scale regarding religion. Europe is becoming more secular, as are Britain and Ireland, but this is not so in the rest of the world. In many of the African countries (with which I am familiar) we still live in extended families, clan ties, and tribes, though not as ideal. In modern Europe taboos in Africa and vice versa.

When Paul wrote that certain things should not be done by certain people, he meant to prevent the encroachment of world culture into Christianity. The world’s religions and their denominations are due to culture being allowed to creep in and prevail in Christianity — but we should be seeking the Holy Spirit’s guidance. If anything he thinks is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command. If the prophet is himself, this is the self-test. (1 Cor 14:29, NIV). Why did Paul say this? We normally say to the unbelievers, “I would prefer to take this issue as a commandment of God,” rather than religious instruction, only to find I was wrong when I heard it.

A spiritual person is someone with the Spirit of Christ. The Spirit bacterium, one of the main bacteria of God (Gal 5:22). Some of the characteristics of love are that it does not envy and does not seek to dishonour others. For all three of its characteristics, we can only understand love if we were taken to be a commandment of God, rather than religious instruction, only to find I was wrong when I heard it.

The end, however, would come when the Gospel had been preached to the whole world. Matthew 24:14, NIV says, “But watch out for the yeast of the Galileans and the Sadducees!” The Bible was to be preached in all nations, “as a testimony to all nations,” as the whole truth (including the three angels’ messages) could be found in the Bible.

Later generations of Adventists found comfort in the fact that in the years 1812-1822, the Bible was being translated into 200 languages. This was a testimony to all nations, as the whole truth (including the three angels’ messages) could be found in the Bible.

In the interpretation of Matthew 24:14, Adventists found comfort in the fact that in the “ecumenical movement.” In their opinion, for example, the French government was惠准 many missionaries and missionaries from other churches who had shared the Bible.

One out of every 2.07 US residents is an Adventist (population 63,000,000 with 30,000 Adventists)

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Pastor Geoff Smith recommends appropriate clothing at Brecon

Appropriate clothing is always important when you go camping, and at the Welsh Mission’s autumn camp in Brecon it was particularly important. As the camp began, on Friday 10 September, it began to rain – not unusual for Brecon and something stonily endured, or almost enjoyed, by the more seasoned campers. Wellington boots, umbrellas, leggings and full waterproofs, the activities continued uninterrupted.

However the waters of the river Usk, which flows immediately adjacent to the tents, rose alarmingly during the evening and night, threatening to flood the whole field. A large bonfire which had been carefully constructed beside the water ready to be enjoyed on the Saturday night, was completely swept away – hindling, logs, pellets, covering tarpsaul, the lot! Pastor Geoff Smith and his wife Rose are new to Brecon, though not to camping. As pastor of the Wilmslow and Stockport churches, Geoff is regularly involved in the May camp at Aberdaron. Armed with this experience, he brought advice on what the Brecon campers should wear. Basing his talks on Colossians 3:12 – clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (NIV) – Geoff brought a suitcase full of clothes and extracted them one at a time to illustrate each of the qualities that God’s chosen people should strive for.

Shoes, and the importance of walking in shoes belonging to someone else – at least metaphorically – demonstrated compassion. A short blanket illustrated cheerfulness – a cheerful people learn to draw up their knees and thus enjoy a comfortable night. Trousers with a broken zip provided us with a lesson on patience.

Broadening his illustrations somewhat, Geoff also talked of the way pyjamas make us think of rest (particularly the rest of a spiritual retreat), of the way deodorant and antiperspirant can be used to show others we are not impressed by the Holy Spirit. Since then I haven’t been too active in church but I would like to do more. There are some discussions going on right now to see if I can help around the church in some way, which would be nice. I am happy. I would like to thank the Balham members for their support and help. I lost my job but found the church. God really does work in mysterious ways.

Angela Best: Balham was recommended to me by my sister, and I had been visiting for over a year when I just felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to make a commitment and give my life to the Lord. I struggled a little bit with the transition from the baptismal class to the regular Sabbath School class, which was difficult at first, but this was overcome by participating in the class discussions. I like being involved and have recently joined the Women’s Ministries department. I would like to do more and would say to everyone reading this that the Adventist Church is the place to be, as it follows all the teachings of the Bible.

Sonia Bernard-Anderson: I used to attend church as a teenager, as I was brought by my mother, but I had no real interest in the services or what was going on. I used to enjoy going to eat lunch with my grandmother but when she left the country I would drift in and out without purpose. After a while I started listening to the services and felt the urgings of both the Holy Spirit and my mother, and felt there was more to life than what I was doing. I then wanted to be saved. I am now very active in the church and am part of Family ministries and Women’s ministries, and have recently joined the team that visits hospitals to witness to the patients. My message to all readers would be to keep the faith and, no matter how dark the waters become, stay in the boat!

Greg and Nina Deguzman: We have been attending Brecon for over a year now. Nina started to visit first, as she was invited by her manager at work, Olive Griffiths. After a while Greg started to attend with her. The children do visit occasionally. The Bible studies with Daphne and Beverly were encouraging, significant and informative. We felt near to God and were filled with the Holy Spirit. In the past I used to feel lucky, but now I don’t feel lucky, I feel blessed. Now we are members, we would like to become more active in the church and help out. We feel the pastor and the elders do a great job. They have been very supportive and patient. We are truly thankful for this, and for the members of the church. They are true friends.
Dear Christian Stars!

Have you driven through the countryside lately? If so, have you noticed how busy the farmers are at the moment? They have just finished harvesting and are preparing the fields for the winter crops.

One day, while Jesus was teaching by the lake, he noticed a farmer busily scattering seeds onto his hillside field. Jesus pointed to the man sowing by hand, and then started to tell the people listening to him a story about such a farmer sowing seed. You can read this in Mark 4.

Today most farmers use a tractor and special seed-sowing tools. Farmers have to plant many more seeds today because there are so many more people to feed. We can all be very thankful that the farmers work so hard to make sure we can have food to eat. Just think about the different ingredients that are grown to make your favourite dinner.

Tell the story of the sower and the seeds:
Can you work out the missing words from the story?

Told this story to teach an important lesson: ‘Once there was a farmer. He planted seeds all around. Some seeds fell on good ground, some on ground, and some along the .’

Ate the seeds that fell on the . The seeds that fell on the rocks couldn’t grow at all. Only the seeds that fell on good ground were able to grow.

‘My words are like seeds,’ explained. ‘The people who do not are like the ground where nothing will grow, or the , where eat the seeds before they can grow.

But when people my words and believe, my love grows in their like a beautiful garden.’

Growing for the Lord – make a vegetable-mesh stitchery
You will need:
Mesh vegetable (or fruit) bag, scissors, masking tape, wool in different colours, some sticky tape.
To make:
1. Cut the mesh vegetable bag to make a square.
2. Cut pieces of wool into 60cm lengths and wrap one end of the wool with sticky tape. (This will make it easier to thread through the mesh.)
3. Use the different colours of wool to sew different vegetable or fruit shapes on the mesh.
4. Tie a loop to the top of the picture, and hang it up as a reminder of the delicious food God has made for us to enjoy.

Find the text in the farmer’s seed bag:

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The ‘Keep the Change’ campaign by Garry Gordon

The smiling faces and expressions of deep reflection said it all, as members and visitors were encouraged, uplifted and seriously challenged throughout the recent ‘Keep the Change’ evangelistic series, which took place at the Handsworth church, Birmingham, on the nights of 31 July-21 August. The church was filled to capacity on weekdays and weekends as guest speaker Pastor Roger Morris (a graduate of the University of the Southern Caribbean, formerly Caribbean Union College) spoke to the congregation.

With a direct yet humble style, Pastor Morris’ topics included ‘Don’t forget your change’, ‘Adaptation, disfigurement or salvation?’ and ‘Sweat – you got to go!’ The nightly messages spoke so pointedly to peoples’ experiences that community church members were heard saying God had used the evangelist to ‘speak to their lives’ and that there would need to be changes.

During the series, the Handsworth church registered over one hundred and eighty local community visitors, proving that even in today’s widely secular society, there are still those who hunger and thirst for the Word. Visitors were given free books and DVDs for first time attendances and were rewarded with a special-edition combined Bible and hymnal after attending seven or more nights. Unusually, every sermon in the series concluded with an altar call. Pastor Morris told us that he had never done this in previous campaigns, but he felt impressed by God to do so during this series. The power of the Holy Spirit was evident every night, members of the community responded to the appeal – some coming for only the first time. One of the many moving highlights of the series was the powerful sermon, ‘What’s a sin too get done with it?’, which ended with many young people committing themselves to live pure lives in Christ. The campaign also incorporated a number of special feature presentations on health and religious literature, and a social event was greatly enhanced by the variety of musical items from Handsworth’s gifted singers and others from around the West Midlands.

On the morning of 21 August the campaign climaxed with the baptism of five individuals: Karl Sylvester, Anthony Flash, Dalia Miller, Shanelle Dupe and Davia Williams. When asked why he had decided to be baptised, Karl, a farmer soldier, commented, ‘I’ve been sitting on the fence too long.’ Anthony, who travels from Handsworth to fellowshipping at Handsworth began his journey to the Seventh-day Adventist Church when he came across the Amazing Facts website. Anthony was particularly convicted by the truth about the Sabbath and lapsed churchmen that he needed to join a congregation that kept this day holy. The issue of the Sabbath was also central to Dalia’s decision to be baptised, as she had found that leaders at her previous church were unable to answer her questions on this and other issues. Shanelle, who attends the Manchester Sixth church, was spending time with relatives in Birmingham when she seized the opportunity to be baptised after receiving approval from her family and local pastor. God is still in the business of orchestrating circumstances to save souls!

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Commenting on the success, Pastor Garry Gordon thanked the members for their hard work in making the series such a success. ‘Every so often the moving of the Holy Spirit in the work of evangelism is so palpable you can feel it; when you witness people being deeply affected by the preached Word it is so palpable you can feel it; when you witness people being deeply affected by the preached Word it is so palpable you can feel it.’

Oxford Street’s Community Day Centre, Wolverhampton

The Seventh-day Adventist Oxford Street Community Day Centre was set up twenty-five years ago, by a group of ten local residents who identified a need in their community. It is a purpose-built centre located in the heart of the community, easily accessible by public transport and with its own car parking facilities. The centre is equipped with a large hall, an industrially fitted kitchen and an IT training room, which has fifteen computers, a printer and internet access. The centre also has disabled access and disabled toilet facilities.

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The centre offers health-oriented activities that include keep fit sessions, gentle exercise sessions for the elderly, measured walks, aromatherapy and massage sessions and aerobics. Other activities include seminars, multicultural celebration events and conferences. The day centre has developed an excellent working rapport with the local community and voluntary organisations, statutory agencies, training providers and donors.

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Lynda celebrates her doctorate

On 12 July Lynda Ince, a member of the St Albans church, graduated from the University of Birmingham with a Doctorate in Philosophy, having successfully defended her thesis in July 2009.

Dr Ince studied in the Department of Social Policy, and completed her thesis on kinship patterns among families of African descent. Over a period of eight years she had studied on a part-time basis while continuing to work as a consultant and freelance trainer. Dr Ince says that it was with the help of God, and support from her family and friends, that she was able to achieve her goal.

The findings of her study show that kinship care is a survival strategy with historical significance for people of African descent, because it is linked to a tradition of help and a broad base of support. The study found that, while children benefited immensely from being placed with their relatives when their parents were unable to look after them, there was a distinct lack of policy development to support it as a welfare service. The absence of clearly identified support structures (including tools for assessment, training and monitoring) increased the risk for vulnerable children. Lynda’s study concluded that while families were attempting to bridge the gap, they lacked critical support. Therefore, her research has wide-ranging implications for policy makers and grandparents.

She has dedicated this work to her son, Dr Michael Ince, and to her siblings. It is also dedicated posthumously to her mother, Mrs Edith Ince, and her brother, Daryl Ince, both of whom were significant influences in her life during the time of her studies.

Youth Sexuality Conference

Are there any issues that we should not address in the Seventh-day Adventist Church? This seems to be a question that runs aum, especially in modern-day Britain. Though we may play a hit-and-miss approach to these issues, what is certain is that our members are not immune to the afflictions of wider society, and perhaps this means the Church should address even those issues we try to avoid. In the month of August, the Milton Keynes and West Bletchley church community organised a weekend conference addressing aspects of youth and sexuality. Surprisingly, the beneficiary of this conference included adults as well as young people.

The conference came at the right time. Illit behaviors among young people are on the increase in the Church, as they are in the rest of the population. The speaker for the conference was Dr Curtis Fox from Loma Linda University in the United States, who spoke at length on the need to listen to and respect the commands that God has given us. His command that can be expressed as “God’s highest ideal.” A range of issues was addressed, including sexual addictions, the role of sex within marriage, and guidelines for parents wishing to talk to their children about issues of sex.

The local pastor, Augustine Lawrence, was ecstatic at the end of the conference, and felt that they had set the ball rolling for the discussion of bigger issues in our Church and society. One of the attendees, Shania Grant, also expressed her joy at the conference.

I have learnt so much from the conference, she said. There is no question that the body is the temple of God and its needs to be respected. We should be committed to Christ. It is the Church that is God’s highest ideal. A range of issues was addressed, including sexual addictions, the role of sex within marriage, and guidelines for parents wishing to talk to their children about issues of sex.

Malawian Day of Fellowship, Manchester

Salabirath 31 July found Malawian Adventists in the UK flocking to Manchester for their yearly ‘Big Sabbath’. Though the sun wasn’t shining as brightly as in their home-land, the warmth in the air and in their hearts was enough to heat up a beautiful worship service through music, prayer, fellowship and the Word. Smiles were shared from all over the UK – England, Wales and Scotland – Manchester didn’t seem too far to travel.

The service started with a prayer session, and the morning swiftly went by as the children, youth and adults enjoyed Sabbath fellowship.

The whole church was invited to stay for a fellowship lunch, and many members wore their national dress and costumes, which were very easy on the eye – it all made for an extremely colourful day.

Heritage from the Ghana Central church. Our own Brother Kelly also rendered an item. A re-enactment of Pathfinders, with flags, accompanied by the national anthem of each country. A re-enactment of Pathfinders, with flags, accompanied by the national anthem of each country.

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sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection the first Chair of the London Laymen’s Forum, which advocated change for blacks in the Church, and also petitioned for more ... J. A. McMillan, represented the Seventh-day Adventist Church on an ITV programme about the denomination’s work and beliefs.

Looking for better opportunities for her young family, Frances migrated to London and became a faithful member of the Brixton church. There she became renowned for her beautiful, soaring soprano – singing solos such as, ‘How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings’ and ‘The Holy City’ and even directing the Brixton Senior Church Choir. She was also a choirmember, deaconess and Sabbath School teacher. Frances enjoyed taking holidays; and

Frances Coke (1912-2010) d. 27 May.

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International Day in Telford

by Clive Moore

Under the theme ‘New Life in Christ’, St. Peter’s Church hosted an International Day of Prayer and worship, and, at a cultural evening, join- ed by people from Ghana, Germany, UK and France. The evening also featured a performance by the West Indian Church Choir, which sang a medley of songs in various languages. The choir was led by Pastor Barry Stokes, who comforted the congregation that our differences are not all that different after all, and I have learnt a lot today.’

The day ended with a social at the Calverts Community Centre.
YLC Egypt 2010

rose to the challenge of addressing the youth leaders every night. Eddie Heinrich reminded us of the story of Jacob and ‘being alone, being alive, being altered, being blessed, and being branded’, while Tim Gillespie reminded us that we need to make Christ the centre of our leadership. He encouraged us to ‘stay in the centre’. It’s where Christ is. Pastor Bobby, on the other hand, opened up the story of Naaman, and challenged us to follow God’s directions even when the instructions may be hard or doubtful. Every meeting was well attended; the youth leaders represented their churches and areas very well, and a great spirit was felt over the whole convention.

Free time was spent on the top deck, which was a great area for general socialising. The best sights could be seen from this deck and truly the experience came alive when we passed by the local towns and witnessed the children greeting us excitedly from the shore.

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