Energize for Ministry
Letters

Sharpen without pointing

I enjoyed Chad McComas' article "Sharpen Your Church's Image" (October, 1984). Most of his suggestions were excellent. One, however, was not so great. If you're trying to make visitors feel comfortable, never make them stand and tell where they're from! One of the most widespread fears is the fear of public speaking. Standing up in a crowd of strangers and giving your name is very nearly as bad. On the other hand, the suggestion that we should "explain" ourselves rather than use denominational jargon was excellent. In fact, a pastor should always talk as if half the congregation is made up of non-Adventists. That way visitors will always feel comfortable, and a lot of Adventists will learn for the first time what we're talking about.—Ron Graybill, Columbia, Maryland.

Help for getting on base

I am a veteran pastor and have a few battle scars. Your magazine is one of the most incisive and helpful tools that comes to my desk.

Your September issue with the article on "The Nonproductive Pastor" was especially encouraging to me. I was able to understand where I am, and shared the magazine with another.

A pastor does not always get on base or hit the home run, and there are times when he strikes out. This article showed me some good batting techniques.—Pastor, Temperance, Michigan.

Pastoral poverty

Having read through the November issue, I noted several excellent articles.

In appreciation for your fine magazine, I wish to share some thoughts inspired by the letter to the editor on how to live on a pastor's salary. We started out in 1932 and my income in my first church was $15 per week plus use of the parsonage. We received no help on utilities, car mileage, health insurance, pension, or extra study. I am aware that $15 was worth ten times as much as it is now, but the point is that we managed financially with the help of two Bible texts. The first one concerns tithing and the second concerns saving ahead. That text is Genesis 41:34: "Let him . . . take up the fifth part." Which means setting aside 20 percent of every dollar you earn.—Retired pastor, West Bend, Wisconsin.

The plight of the former Texas pastor got to me—the one whose parishioners looked askance at an aged overcoat and car. Poor they might have been in the eyes of status-seeking people, but rich no doubt in the eyes of the Lord.—Pastor, Pawcatuck, Connecticut.

Hurry up!

I don't know if you are "dragging your feet" or what. I received my November issue today—December 15. I would like to December now if I could. I like your help to/for ministers.—David Moseley, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Our apologies for issues that have arrived late. A number of factors, including staff changes, have contributed to our tardiness. We think we have it all under control now, and will be back on track soon!—Editors.

Forgiveness or punishment?

I am replying to an article in the April, 1984, issue, in the department Parson to Parson. After many months of soul-searching, I would like to voice what is in my heart.

Sometimes I get the feeling that our churches and our Church Manual have become pharisaic in nature and in response. In the case of the woman who had a child out of wedlock, many of the pastors responded with what the Church Manual called for. Some said the action of censuring should be done in love. I searched each pastor's response for just one question: What would Jesus have done?

Jesus would not have held a repentant sinner up to public ridicule or shame. Jesus revealed His attitude toward such a sinner in John 8. Jesus did not censure the woman of John 8, nor did He tell her she had to have a repentant period of three months. Forgiveness was freely given, and if we expect to receive forgiveness each day, we are told to freely forgive.

When a person is forgiven, then that person is supposed to know he or she is forgiven, not suffer a punishment for any period of time.—Donald D. Gilbert, Westland, Michigan.

Censure serves not only to discipline but to clarify to the watching world that the church accepts scriptural standards. Church membership involves an individual, God, and a community. Forgiveness and discipline are not incompatible; repentance doesn't necessarily obviate the latter.—Editors.

Let's dream!

Gordon Bietz must be credited with unusual insight and clarity of vision regarding the present status of our beloved church ("Dream or Die!" October, 1984). Would that all our workers and laity could catch a vision of a loving and merciful God seeking desperately to save a dying world. A dream of a finished work and a world filled with the glory of God would be an exciting experience for all of us.—Clarence Kohler, Alpena, Arkansas.

A wholehearted thank-you for the excellent articles published by Ministry. Many, such as "Dream or Die!" by Gordon Bietz, are not only timely and intellectually challenging, but also spiritually refreshing.—Joe A. Blevins, Montgomery, Alabama.

Thank you!

I really appreciate receiving Ministry that you kindly send me. Thank you very much. I have been greatly blessed and benefited, for which I am grateful to God and to your good self.—Bible Society, Singapore.

While I do not always agree with the theology of some articles in your journal, I inevitably find them thought-provoking. Being a numismatist myself, I particularly enjoyed "The Money of the Jewish Temple" (September, 1984). Such historical-theological articles enrich Ministry.—Pastor, Citrus Heights, California.
Continuing Education/4. In a changing world, every professional must work at keeping knowledge and skills up-to-date. In an interview with MINISTRY, Dr. Floyd Bresee explains how the Center of Continuing Education for Ministry makes this training available.

Wholistic Giving—A Spiritual Necessity/7. How does stewardship relate to the church’s and the individual member’s spiritual life? In our continuing stewardship series, Paul G. Smith shows that, far from being peripheral, stewardship lies at the very heart of our religious experience.

1985 World Ministers Council/9. We’ve been announcing it for months. In this issue, MINISTRY describes the ministerial presession fully, particularly detailing the seminars. Here you’ll find the information you need to select the seminars that will be most helpful to you. And we’ve included information as to how you can arrange for meals and lodging.

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Marshmallows and Motherhood/28. Miriam Tumangday. Important guests would arrive soon, and she was to entertain them. Then she discovered that her children had eaten a key ingredient for the dessert she had planned—and there was no time to buy more. Her anger flaring, the author—well, read the article and discover how she reordered her priorities following this incident.

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Continuing Education for Ministry

If you've ever wished for an inexpensive course to help you grow professionally and spiritually, the Center of Continuing Education for Ministry may have just what you want.

An Interview With Dr. Floyd Bresee

Ministry: Dr. Bresee, what is the Center of Continuing Education for Ministry (CCEM)? When was it started, and what is its purpose?

Bresee: The purpose of CCEM is to encourage and provide continuing education for ministers and their spouses. Functionally it is a joint program involving the Ministerial/Stewardship Association of the General Conference and Andrews University. For example, the chairman of both our executive committee and our advisory council is Elder J. Robert Spangler, secretary of the Ministerial Association. The director is Dr. Raoul Dederen, of Andrews University. The program was first started through an Annual Council action in 1981. There had been previous attempts to start continuing education in North America and other parts of the world, but until that time there had never been any salary designated for it. I was brought here to the Ministerial Association in the spring of 1982 to devote most of my time to Continuing Education for Ministry. The Ministerial Association is making its continuing education services available to the world field, although I presume that other divisions will probably develop continuing education centers of their own. In fact, some are doing so already.

Ministry: Why should a preacher have continuing education? Isn't his daily experience an education in itself?

Bresee: Well, the truth, of course, never changes. But the society in which we teach the truth is forever changing. I feel a minister must keep studying to keep growing. Experience is a very helpful but terribly imperfect teacher. Practice doesn't really make perfect; it only makes permanent. When a person out on his own does a thing the wrong way enough times he eventually comes to the place where the wrong way is the only way that feels right. It is good to sit down with other individuals and have some organized program of keeping current in the ministry.

Ministry: Are continuing education units really good for anything?

Bresee: Your question, I think, deserves a two-pronged answer. Some continuing education gives academic credit. This includes the Doctor of Ministry program and the new Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program at the Seminary. The latter is for those who do not have a Master of Divinity degree but have been in the ministry for many years and desire a higher degree.

The other form of continuing education is recorded as what we call CEUs—continuing education units. This usually involves practicing professionals. It's on-the-job training, generally highly specialized. Continuing education tends to be problem centered. A pastor wants to sit down and have somebody help him answer questions about how to get the church growing. It is also skill oriented. The goal of continuing education is not so much improved knowledge as improved work performance.

Ministry: So we are talking about practical value rather than purely academic value?

Bresee: Yes, and of course some ministers are interested in the academic, and we surely encourage this in granting further degrees. But even if a person has a doctor's degree, he ought to continue with some form of continuing education. Continuing education, you know, is
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required in many professions. The physician must do it. The nurse must do it, the accountant, the attorney, must have some continuing education. Continuing education is actually the fastest-growing segment of education. We have come to the place now in the Seventh-day Adventist Church where the 1983 Annual Council voted that we urgently request each Adventist minister to take at least twenty clock hours of continuing education each year. That is the present official program in the church.

Ministry: Are many conferences sponsoring continuing education programs for their workers?

Bresee: Yes. Continuing education units can be received in two ways. Continuing education can come in the form of an event. To us as Adventists, this typically means a workers’ meeting. A conference president who wants to plan a workers’ meeting as a continuing education event must meet the requirements in the booklet Continuing Education Guidelines for Seventh-day Adventist Ministers. All administrators in the North American Division are supplied with yearly updates of this booklet. The president fills out a form in the booklet and sends it to CCEM to get approval to grant CEUs for the course.

The other type of continuing education is home-based. Generally these are courses that we prepare at the CCEM.

Ministry: I believe you have about seven of these home-based courses available right now.

Bresee: We have seven available and many more in the offing. The group events, presented mostly at workers’ meetings, comprise the bulk of our courses thus far. We have approved about a hundred such courses. We hope that conferences will begin to plan most workers’ meetings to include a continuing education event.

Now we do make some stipulations—conference business cannot be included. The course must be at least a five-hour segment on one subject so that a person can say that he has mastered, to some degree, one area of learning.

Ministry: Which home-based course have you found to be the most popular?

Bresee: Probably the first two that we put out. The first one, called Decisions, was made up of a book written by Mark Finley plus a study guide. We asked conference presidents to purchase this course as a gift for the ministers in their field to introduce them to continuing education for ministry. Our local conferences were most cooperative. We have sold out the first printing of five thousand and have now printed five thousand more of the same course. Our second course was on preaching. It appeared in MINISTRY throughout 1984.

Ministry: Are you getting quite a few of the certificates indicating that ministers have completed courses they have taken?

Bresee: Not very many are sending in for the credit yet, but we have had the machinery for that in gear for only a few weeks. So it still remains to be seen how many will actually finish their courses. And, of course, only a percentage of those who do finish will consider it important to send for the CEU credit. But I think that as time goes by and as people realize that the church is keeping track of CEUs there will be more and more interest in acquiring CEUs.

Ministry: It was recently voted to have a copy of a worker’s continuing education record included in the same file with the service record. Do you think that administrators looking for someone to fill a specific position will begin to pay close attention to what a person has studied since graduation?

Bresee: That is not the only purpose we have in mind for filing the continuing education record along with the employee’s service record. We hope that providing this permanent record of continuing education will encourage employers to regard it as significant—and also will inform them of any previous training that a minister may have received that could be utilized. The president can glance through the record and say, “Now here’s a fellow who has had some training in giving marriage-counseling seminars. We could use him in our field to do that sort of thing.”

Another reason that we are so pleased that the Annual Council has voted this means of keeping track of continuing education is that it says to the individual minister that the church is serious about continuing education. Every minister knows that his retirement depends upon his record as an employee. Now his continuing education record will be linked right with his service record. Both will follow him all his life.

Incidentally, that continuing education record blank was patterned purposely after the employee’s record. It says at the top “Minister/Spouse Continuing Education Record.” In other words, if the spouse of the minister is interested in having continuing education recorded too, it will show how the two of them have studied together or how they are prepared to complement each other in the ministry.

Ministry: Do you believe this type of information will ever be included in the centralized personnel information data base
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that is currently being developed at the General Conference?

Bresee: During the 1984 Annual Council our Continuing Education Administrative Council met and voted to recommend that this be done.

Ministry: What sort of new courses do you have on tap at this time?

Bresee: We have several authors working on courses. Perhaps the most exciting thing right now is the upcoming World Ministers Council, which will meet just before the General Conference session in New Orleans. Our present plan is that some of the thirty-six seminars that we are offering there will be made into continuing education courses. Tapes of the seminar lectures will form part of the courses.

Ministry: What about ministers' spouses—are you planning any courses for them?

Bresee: We have finished our first course designed for spouses. It is called Transitions. The study guide was written by Dr. Donna Webb, from Walla Walla College. We asked the conference presidents if they would like to introduce this to the wives just as they did our continuing education courses for the ministers. The conferences again have been cooperative and have purchased this as a Christmas gift for the wives of the workers in the field. We have sold approximately three thousand of these.

The other course designed especially for wives is Care-Fronting, written by Betty Lou Hartlein, from Andrews University.

Ministry: What do you see in the future of CCEM?

Bresee: One of the emphases right now is to encourage more continuing education outside North America. There is probably greater need and more interest in many overseas divisions than here in the United States. Our Administrative Council has suggested that the guidelines we prepared for North America be studied by the overseas divisions with the idea that they adapt our basic concepts to fit their fields. One of our immediate projects is to encourage every division to develop a guidelines booklet as we have now done here in North America.

Ministry: MINISTRY ran a continuing education course last year and currently carries another one. What sort of response have you gotten? Can you tell whether most of the people who started the course are carrying through to the finish?

Bresee: We have just finished our 1984 preaching course, so it is impossible to know how many are going to apply for continuing education units yet. But we were pleased that about twelve hundred clergy sent for that course and have been learning about preaching from MINISTRY magazine. For 1985 we are doing something similar on the subject of keeping church finance Christian.

Ministry: It sounds as though CCEM has a growing program that's going to keep on expanding.

Bresee: Continuing education is here to stay. Workers' meetings are going to include continuing education. Ministers are going to be taking home-based courses—often along with their spouses. Our prayer is that all this activity will keep our ministers alive, growing, and ever more effective in winning souls for the kingdom.
Wholistic giving—a spiritual necessity

Operating a church—indeed, propagating the gospel—requires money or at least some kind of material support. And so the raising of money becomes a legitimate concern of the church’s leaders. But what role does stewardship play in the members’ spiritual life? To what motivation should a responsible pastor appeal in leading members to meet the financial needs of their church?

Keeping Church Finance Christian □ 2  Paul G. Smith

Every human being is a steward of God. A person’s stewardship responsibility does not depend upon the quantity or quality of his or her material possessions. Nor does it make any difference whether one is a Christian, Moslem, Jew, or atheist. God has a prior claim upon every human being simply because He has given man life. Man’s stewardship, then, began before the existence of money. Stewardship involves the wise and unselfish use of life—managing life according to God’s guidelines for living. As such, it involves all that man is and has.

The effectiveness in our individual lives of the plan of salvation rests upon whether or not we recognize our dependence on and responsibility to God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. A personal relationship to the Life-giver ultimately results in eternal life. Therefore, stewardship is of vital importance to each of us.

Along with the other contributions it makes to the life of the church, wholistic stewardship education helps broaden our comprehension of stewardship. It teaches that stewardship involves responsibility to manage, use, and share wisely what God has entrusted to us. And what has God shared with every living being? Life! God calls for faithfulness in our sharing, whether it be sharing our possessions or our knowledge of the grace and “mystery of God.”

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (1 Cor. 4:2). Faithful in what? Faithful in sharing time, talents, body temple, treasure, knowledge, influence—all that comprises the context and substance of human life. This is wholistic giving. It is a spiritual necessity to give wholistically because Jesus Christ came to restore and save the whole man. He did not come to earth to provide salvation for money.

Because He loves us, God gave a whole and complete gift—Jesus Christ—for our salvation. He seeks a whole and complete gift of ourselves in return, motivated by our love for Him.

Wholistic giving in its truest sense is not an isolated activity. It is a spiritual necessity because it demonstrates the extent and completeness of our gift, helping us pinpoint any areas of life we have reserved for ourselves rather than given to God. As such, it touches upon every aspect of our lives. As we respond to the revelations of our continuing need.
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to surrender we will draw closer to the Lord. Our relationship with God is directly related to our stewardship.

An example of wholistic giving

The early Macedonian Christians responded liberally with their finances. "Their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:2). In view of their deep poverty, why were their material gifts so generous? Because they "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (verse 5). This is an excellent example of wholistic giving and illustrates its spiritual necessity.

By their gifts the Macedonians demonstrated they had already given their lives "to the Lord." The gifts simply revealed what had already taken place in their relationships with Jesus Christ.

In 1969 I spent a week sharing stewardship principles with pastors and church administrators in an Asian country. As the days passed we became very good friends. Brotherly love, respect, and appreciation for one another was evident. The standard of living in that country at that time would have been considered very low by any standard in the world. Many of the church members were in real poverty. The pastors found it difficult to provide adequately for their families. In short, they had no money to spare.

I was there, in part, to help them comprehend the spiritual and financial potential of a partnership with God based on the Biblical principles of wholistic stewardship. Their churches must develop financial self-sufficiency. It was a new idea to them. They faced an extreme shortage of money. We discussed the problem openly, considering also their members' need to give more of their time and talents to help share the gospel.

As we approached the final days of our seminar I perceived some covert activity among my fellow pastors. I gave little thought to this until the final day, when after a brief break in our seminar program, one of the leaders called me to the podium. He stated that all the pastors had participated in purchasing a gift. He presented it to me as a demonstration of their love and of their appreciation for my ministry to them.

As I unwrapped a beautiful, intricately embroidered, and rather expensive shirt I was surprised and, strange as it may seem, on the verge of annoyance. Numerous thoughts raced through my mind. They are too poor. They need all the money they have. I don't need this shirt. I'm trying to help them become financially self-supporting. They should have used the money to share the gospel.

How could I accept such a gift under these circumstances?

The expression of my surprise for their gift and their joyful response provided the moments I needed to put my thoughts back into perspective. This was a gift of love. The visible gift was a shirt. But it was simply a vehicle by which the pastors gave themselves. To reject their gift would be to reject them. I accepted the gift and rejoiced with them in it. And with that shirt I received a fuller comprehension of wholistic giving as a spiritual necessity and a grace of God.

A grace of God

Words cannot adequately describe God's gracious dealings with humans as exemplified in the giving of Jesus Christ.

God's Gift was given with no restrictions. It must only be accepted. Those who would accept it would internalize it—that is, the receivers would take on the characteristics of the Giver.

Grace describes both the Gift and the Giver. The Greek word charis occurs about 150 times in the New Testament. It is translated "grace" 130 times. In the other instances it is rendered by such words as "liberality," "benefit," "delight," "thanks," and "joy." These words attempt to describe the wholistic Gift of God, and the spirit in which the Gift of heaven was given. It is, in every aspect, a complete gift.

This understanding of grace adds fuller meaning to the 2 Corinthians 8:1 reference to "the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia." The members of the Macedonian churches gave in such a manner as to reflect the characteristics of God's gift, that is, Jesus. Paul was speaking of this kind of giving when he stated, "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (verse 7).

Such giving, whether God's or ours, proves the sincerity of love (see verse 8).

Wholistic giving and gospel sharing

The Biblical principle states, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee" (Deut. 16:17). Local church spiritual and financial plans provide opportunities for members to do so.

We can give only as God enables us to give, whether it be of time, talents, money, or knowledge. All that we share we originally received from God. Sharing the gospel is simply sharing "as we are able." When we share the gospel, we are sharing our spiritual experience, our relationship with God. And we use the "gifts" of life in the process of sharing. This, first of all, blesses us and then benefits those with whom we share. In this manner we demonstrate the truth that wholistic giving is a spiritual necessity. Wholistic giving reveals that love and faith are growing in us, that our characters are being reshaped after the character of the great Giver of all.

Propagating the gospel requires money. But financial contributions are a by-product rather than the primary objective of wholistic giving. Individual Christians need to understand the stewardship of the total life. This means not just the stewardship of money, but consecrating all the resources of life, and ultimately life itself, to God.

In essence, the blessings we have received should be shared as a result of a partnership, a living experience with Jesus Christ. Our financial gifts are important. They are urgently needed in the cause of God. However, the living experience and personal relationship are the critical, primary necessities.

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## Seminar Instructions

The following pages describe each of the thirty-six seminars and introduce the seminar leaders. Each seminar is complete in four and one-half hours (i.e., one afternoon or morning session), and most are offered more than once. You may select seminars to fill the time slots you have available (a maximum of four). Please note that two seminars are being taught in Spanish.

* With the exception of the Caring Church and Holding and Reclaiming Members seminars. These each occupy two seminar periods and so, of course, fill two of the four "slots" available to you.
Bible Study Evangelism

 COURSE BRIEF: A carefully selected team of men and women presently successfully engaged in giving Bible studies share their expertise. They will demonstrate different methods and display materials you can use.

 YOU WILL LEARN: Part 1: How to utilize existing Bible studies and materials and how to develop your own Bible studies. Part 2: What advantages and disadvantages different methods of giving Bible studies offer you. Part 3: What Bible studies are designed for men and women of the 1980s, and how to meet current issues such as the rapture, the charismatic movement, dispensationalism, and others. Part 4: How to bring Bible study interests to decision for Christ and His church. Part 5: Lessons from the Master Teacher.

 SEMINAR LEADER: George Knowles is director of the General Conference Lay Activities Department. He has spent most of his ministry in personal and public evangelism and has conducted many field schools of evangelism for Andrews University. In addition, he has authored and edited several series of Bible lessons. He will be assisted by his wife, Lillian Knowles, S. F. Monnier, and Don and Marjorie Gray.

 Coordinator: W. C. Scales, Jr.

The Art of Gaining More Decisions

 COURSE BRIEF: A practical seminar designed to blend scriptural principles with updated scientific research, psychological insights, and practical approaches to gain the maximum number of decisions for Christ and His church.

 YOU WILL LEARN: Part 1: The “Jesus model.” Discover three dynamic principles used by Jesus that will immediately increase your results in soul winning. Part 2: How to unlock the mysteries of the mind. Gain amazing insights as to how the mind functions in making decisions and how to translate information into action. Part 3: How to fan the flame of desire. Discover seven Biblical keys to increase the individual’s desire to respond to information he already has. Part 4: How to increase your effectiveness in public appeals. Learn a basic method to significantly increase the power of your evangelistic sermon appeals. More evangelistic campaigns fail on this point than any other.

 SEMINAR LEADER: A graduate of Atlantic Union College, Mark Finley has been a church pastor for seven years and a conference evangelist for five years. He founded and directs the North American Division Evangelism Institute, and in the past ten years has conducted thirty evangelistic campaigns, which have yielded two thousand baptisms.

 Coordinator: Rex D. Edwards

Electronic Evangelism Resources

 COURSE BRIEF: Presents a wide variety of resource people who are using various types of electronic equipment in public and personal evangelism. They will demonstrate the latest in video and multimedia equipment and supplies, and show how these can be used in preaching and witnessing. You will preview different videotapes, audiotapes, slide programs, overhead transparencies, etc., currently available to Adventist soul winners. And you will have opportunity for professional counsel on individual problems in using electronics in evangelism.

 YOU WILL LEARN: □ How to use state-of-the-art electronics hardware and software in public and personal evangelism. □ What is the latest electronic and audiovisual equipment available—from the simple to the complex. □ How to know “what really works”
in modern electronic evangelism.

☐ How a broad spectrum of individuals use a wide variety of electronic equipment in public and personal evangelism.

☐ About a diversity of electronic software available for Adventist witnessing.

☐ About resources for electronic equipment and software.

☐ How to understand and how to plan to use electronic resources in the future.

**SEMINAR LEADER:**

Jere Wallack is an administrator in the Potomac Conference whose responsibilities lie in the area of planning. He has served the Adventist Church as pastor-evangelist for seven years and as a local conference and union conference communication director for twelve years. He has produced many audiovisual and multimedia programs and was the executive producer of the N.A.D. multi-image report at the 1982 Annual Council in Manila, the Philippines.

Coordinator: Don Crane

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**SEMINAR NUMBER GWM7039:** 
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**

**Reaching Non-Christian Religions**

**COURSE BRIEF:**

Examines how people of non-Christian religious backgrounds actually are being won to Christianity. Ministers and teachers involved in this kind of outreach will share with you their methodological approaches, and these will be followed by a critical evaluation. Special emphasis will be placed on Islam, Buddhism, and the new religions (with separate sections devoted to each one).

**YOU WILL LEARN:**

☐ What has been done in years past in attempting to reach people of non-Christian religious backgrounds.

☐ What is being done today, both by the SDA Church and other Christian bodies, in different areas of the world.

☐ Methods that appear to work best with Islam and Buddhism.

☐ The challenge and opportunities of the new religions.

☐ The significance and urgency of this work in the context of the mission of the SDA church.

**SEMINAR LEADER:**

Werner Vyhmeister is president/dean of the SDA Theological Seminary Far East (Philippines). Until the summer of 1984 he was associate dean of the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and professor of mission.

Coordinator: Kenneth R. Wade

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**SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7040:**
**MONDAY, JUNE 24; TUESDAY, JUNE 25; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**

**Health Evangelism**

**COURSE BRIEF:**

An update of current information regarding smoking, nutrition, exercise, alcohol, health promotion, and mental health. You will participate in an exchange of successful health evangelism methods. You will learn how to enter industry and corporations with health programs and how to use the Abundant Living health series. And you'll be introduced to new health materials and programs.

**YOU WILL LEARN:**

☐ How to use health as an "ice breaker."

☐ About current research regarding:
  a. diet and cardiovascular disease.
  b. diet and cancer.
  c. smoking and health—both the smoker's and his/her family's.
  d. calories and health: more than fat or thin.
  e. exercise—Is it all it claims to be?

☐ Whether health education just makes healthier sinners.

☐ Successful techniques in bridging from health to religion.

☐ Why some seminars fail.

**SEMINAR LEADER:** James Crawford, dean of Loma Linda University's School of Health, received his M.P.H. from Harvard University in 1969.

Coordinator: David C. James
Evangelismo Latinoamericano

(Este curso se dictará en Español)

DESCRIPCIÓN:
Presentación de las técnicas evangélicas más modernas que están siendo usadas con éxito en países de habla hispana.

VD. APRENDERÁ:
☐ La teología del evangelismo.
☐ Formas modernas de campañas evangélicas.
☐ Campañas de evangelización metropolitanas.
☐ Campañas nacionales de evangelización.
☐ Neuvas ideas para evangelizar.
☐ Metodología del evangelismo para ganar el máximo de almas.
☐ Como desarrollar campañas en áreas inexploradas.
☐ Como usar el hogar como centro de evangelización.
☐ Seminario de evangelización.
☐ Como usar las relaciones públicas en evangelización.
☐ El uso de audiovisuales.
☐ Evangelismo en radio y TV.
☐ Como unir obreros y laicos.

LÍDER DEL SEMINARIO:
Carlos E. Aeschlimann, Secretario Ministerial de la División Interamericana. Además dictarán charlas, otros de los más distinguidos evangelistas de habla hispana del momento.

Coordinator: Kenneth R. Wade

Seminar Evangelism

COURSE BRIEF:
Presents an overview of how to reach the community with a sequence of seminars that follow in logical sequence. This seminar offers a year-round approach that can utilize lay members, an examination of seven full-length seminar programs, and a program-by-program presentation of a specific evangelistic seminar appropriate for any number from seven to seven hundred.

YOU WILL LEARN:
☐ The sequence of year-round evangelistic seminars.
☐ The psychology of reaching people where they are.
☐ The methodology of bringing people from a seminar into the eleven-o'clock worship service.
☐ The science of gaining decisions in a specific sequence that culminates in church membership.
☐ The steps to organizing and presenting a full-length evangelistic seminar.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Roy Naden is associate professor of religious education at Andrews University. He has written four diverse evangelistic seminars widely used both in America and overseas. He is also well known as a film and television producer; his credits including such features as Westbrook Hospital, Huss, No Limit, and in 1984, Seedtime and Harvest.

Coordinator: Kenneth R. Wade

Evangelism: The Urban Dilemma

COURSE BRIEF:
A workshop dealing with the treatment of practical problems in the city that is intended to benefit at least three major groups: (1) the city pastor who desires practical guidance in coping with problems; (2) denominational executives who wish to start new congregations and to develop a citywide or long-range strategy of work; (3) the evangelist who has a burden to work with and for the winning of our cities to Christ and His church. The urban crisis is, as Ralph Covell puts it, "God's provision to the church to test our integrity, to force us to be honest, and to keep us from congratulating ourselves for a ministry abroad that we are loathe to practice at home."

SEMINAR LEADER:
Robert C. Connor is the Ministerial secretary of the Lake Union and a successful urban evangelist.

Coordinator: William C. Scales, Jr.
SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7044:
TUESDAY, JUNE 25; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Organizing Home Bible Fellowship Groups

COURSE BRIEF:
Covers the anatomy of providing tools for starting Home Bible Fellowship groups. The course will discuss the need for Home Bible Fellowship (HBF) groups and teach how to organize them. You'll participate in a model HBF group.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: What an HBF group is.
- Biblical model
- Time schedule

Part 2: What an HBF group does.
- Builds relationships
- Develops leadership
- Fulfills the Great Commission
- Provides supportive fellowship

Part 3: The elements of the weekly group meeting.
- Bible study
- Sharing
- Outreach planning
- Conversational prayer
- Consistent support process

SEMINAR LEADERS:
Norman Versteeg is pastor of the Irvine, California, Seventh-day Adventist church and has been director of conference lay training seminars while pastoring the Garden Grove church.
Dorothy Versteeg is involved in group ministry in her local church and is employed by the Southeastern California Conference for nurture and care of pastors' wives.
Coordinator: David C. Jarnes

SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7045:
MONDAY, JUNE 24

Issues in Conference Administration

COURSE BRIEF:
This seminar, designed for mission, conference, union conference, and division presidents, secretaries, and treasurers (and others interested in developing these leadership skills), will provide a forum for working toward solutions to administrative concerns in the five major areas listed below. The seminar leader will suggest directions and teach skills. Participants will share insights, experience, and creativity in moving toward solutions to the problems.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Skills to strengthen your leadership in these areas:
1. Dealing with intergroup tensions (clergy-lay, pastor-administrator, etc.).
   a. Creative listening
   b. Negotiating roles
   c. Effecting change
2. Utilizing buildings, equipment, and staff to achieve mission.
   a. Dealing with office versus field staff ratios
   b. Using office equipment to serve the field
   c. Keeping materials (bulletins, etc.) and services relevant
d. Sharing church and school facilities
   a. Locating available personnel
   b. Interviewing prospective employees
   c. Matching the employee to the job
4. Planning and budgeting techniques.
   a. Involving "the grass roots" in planning processes
   b. Budgeting to maximize accomplishment of mission
   c. Evaluating effectiveness
5. Helping church employees to succeed.
   a. Identifying and rewarding success
   b. Dealing with employee burnout
   c. Negotiating conflicting pastoral expectations (church, conference, family)

SEMINAR LEADER:
Philip S. Follett is president of the Northern California Conference. His background as pastor, departmental leader, and administrator has given him a perspective upon all of these levels of church leadership. In his home conference and as a guest in many other conferences, he and his wife, Berni, have presented seminars on church leadership, family life, Sabbath school, and church growth.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
Bring samples of outlines, surveys, or other materials you use in dealing with the listed administrative concerns.
Coordinator: David C. Jarnes
Problem Solving and Conflict Management

COURSE BRIEF:
Provides concepts, experiences, processes, and effective tools for church leaders who desire to manage conflict with the objective of seeing solutions that will move persons or the church toward the fulfillment of the mission of the church. You will see that conflict, if correctly managed, can be an opportunity for a church to grow. All who attend will receive worksheets and other printed material. Presentations will include overhead projection material, films, and group dynamics. (You can apply the concepts presented not only to church conflicts but to other conflicts in interpersonal relations.)

YOU WILL LEARN:
- The meaning of conflict and how to identify it.
- The types of conflict (intrapersonal conflict, interpersonal conflict, substantive conflict) and how to identify them.
- The stages in conflict and what problem-solving strategies or methods are best for conflict resolution.
- The importance of consensus and nonconsensus decision making.

New Frontiers in Church Finance

COURSE BRIEF:
Describes how holistic principles of stewardship impact upon church spiritual and financial plans. This course presents techniques, methods, and procedures based on proven stewardship principles you can use to operate a conference or church program.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 3: How to make systematic benevolence a part of every member’s stewardship commitment (The Spiritual and Financial Purpose of Systematic Benevolence). Presented by Fred K. Wangai.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Don Reynolds is the president of the Upper Columbia Conference. He has conducted many leadership and management seminars across the North American Division and in five countries overseas. His pastoral experience in small and large churches and his having served as president of three conferences gives him a background for dealing effectively with conflict resolution.

Coordinator: David C. James

The society in which we teach truth is forever changing.
I feel a minister must keep studying to keep growing.
It is good to sit down and have some organized program of keeping current in the ministry.—Floyd Bresee.
Caring Church Seminar

COURSE BRIEF:
The Caring Church is the North American Division model for coordinating and implementing all facets of ministry. You will study concepts and methods for reaching your community, winning converts, and nurturing and training them, with an emphasis on moving the church into action. The Caring Church model is grounded in understanding the people-flow process and focuses on the local church.

YOU WILL LEARN:
- Part 1: Caring Church concepts.
  - The Jesus model
  - The Open Cathedral
  - Christ’s method
- Part 2: The Caring Church model.
  - Reaching the community
  - Winning converts
  - Nurture and training
- Part 3: How to move the Caring Church into action.
  - Sequential evangelism

SEMINAR LEADERS:
Robert Dale, assistant to the GC vice president for North America; W. C. Scales, Jr., Ministerial Association director for North America; and Mark Finley, director, NAD Evangelism Institute.

Coordinator: William C. Scales, Jr.

Understanding Children

COURSE BRIEF:
Teaches how to promote positive parent/child and teacher/child relationships by focusing on children’s needs, individual characteristics, emotions, discipline, and self-worth.

YOU WILL LEARN:
- Part 1: Understanding children’s needs.
  - How to meet a child’s need for love
  - How to encourage independence through trust
  - How to challenge children to reach their potential
  - How to encourage motor skills
  - Characteristics of effective teachers
- Part 2: Understanding individual differences.
  - The nine different temperaments
  - How adult behavior encourages defiance
  - How to mold children into having desirable characteristics
  - Part 3: Understanding emotions.
  - The causes and remedies for troublesome emotions
  - The effect of emotions on behavior
  - How to promote positive attitudes
  - Strategies for preventive discipline
  - The pros and cons of corporal punishment
  - The importance of example
  - Self-worth vs. pride
  - How self-worth is developed
  - A dozen ways parents can promote self-worth

SEMINAR LEADER:
Kay Kuzma, currently associate professor of health promotion and education at Loma Linda University, is a noted child development specialist. She has taught for more than 20 years in the fields of child development and family health services, and written more than a dozen books. She received her doctorate in early childhood education from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Coordinator: Ellen Bresee

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
A complete set of teaching materials is available for those wishing to present their own Understanding Children Seminar.

Understanding Youth

COURSE BRIEF:
Teaches how to promote positive parent/youth and teacher/youth relationships by focusing on the major issues faced by today’s young person:

devolving independence; effective communication; sexuality; moral decision making; and developing a saving relationship with Christ.

YOU WILL LEARN:
- Part 1: Understanding independence.
  - Stages of development
  - Authoritarian vs. permissive parenting
  - Influencing vs. manipulating
  - Steps toward becoming independently mobile
  - Teaching responsibility
- Part 2: Understanding communication.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Robert Dale, W. C. Scales, Jr.
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Kay Kuzma, currently associate professor of health promotion and education at Loma Linda University, is a noted child development specialist. She has taught for more than 20 years in the fields of child development and family health services and written more than a dozen books. She received her doctorate in early childhood education from the University of California, Los Angeles. Coordinator: Ellen Bresee

SEMINARY NUMBER GCM7051:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; OR TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Church Planting: You Can Activate Your Church

COURSE BRIEF:
Covers not only the benefits to a congregation of planting a new church, but also the means of discovering the right time and place, finding the resources, and the procedures that will lead to success.

YOU WILL LEARN:
WHO AND WHERE? Target People/Places.
□ New churches appeal to people not yet reached.
□ More churches means more church visibility means more awareness means more people baptized.
□ New churches increase denominational growth.

□ How to find and identify receptive people.
□ How to discover the needs of receptive people.
WHEN? Developing a Climate for Church Planting.
□ Communicating to the congregation the need for church planting.
□ Developing a support group for church planting.
□ Meeting a congregation’s objections to church planting.
□ Building a strategy for church planting.

HOW? Steps in Church Planting.
□ The initial procedures in planting churches.
□ Selecting a site for the new church.
□ What kind of leadership for the new church.
□ How to prevent a plateau in the new church.

SEMINARY LEADER:
Clarence Gruesbeck is director of field education for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Coordinator: J. David Newman

Computers in the Church

COURSE BRIEF:
Covers specific applications of the computer for the local pastor—how you can use the computer for finance, visitation, membership records, room reservations, and equally important, when you should not use the computer. This course does not recommend hardware; it will not specify which computer your church should purchase.

YOU WILL LEARN:
□ How to select software.
□ How to develop your own unique software.
□ What you can do with the new program for reporting finances developed by the General Conference.
□ How to make the computer help you be more personal in your ministry.
□ How to use your computer in...
developing stewardship programs that really work.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Lynn Mallery is a senior pastor of the La Sierra Collegiate church, Riverside, California. He is trained in Applied Theology, D. Min., and S.T.D., San Francisco Theological Seminary. His real interest is the work of the pastor. From this has come an interest in what the computer can and cannot do to help the pastor minister to his congregation.
Coordinator: Kenneth R. Wade

SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7053:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; TUESDAY, JUNE 25; OR THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Counseling Techniques

COURSE BRIEF:
A practical, how-to-do-it model of Christian counseling that identifies and capitalizes on resources available to the Christian and covers topics such as developing client self-responsibility, identifying client's perceptions and motives, identifying strengths and weaknesses in client's personality structure, counseling for client's conversion or growth experience, sharing of specific strategies helpful in producing change, and applying the principles of maintaining and changing a client's motives, attitudes, feelings, and behaviors. Ethical issues covered include confidentiality and the abundance of manipulative techniques.

YOU WILL LEARN:
- How Christian counseling differs from secular counseling.
- The ethical issues of maintaining confidentiality and avoiding manipulative techniques.
- How to identify quickly a client's strengths and weaknesses, using the instructor's clustering techniques.
- How to tune in to your client's real problems.
- How to help clients objectify their goals.
- How to develop client-self-responsibility and eliminate the "clinging-vine" syndrome.
- How to share tested client strategies for self-help and change.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Until his recent retirement, Elden Chalmers served as professor of pastoral care and nurture for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Tennessee.
Coordinator: Don Crane

SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7054:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; AND TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Holding and Reclaiming Members

COURSE BRIEF:
Teaches specific communication skills: paraphrase, perception check, creative questions, behavior description, fogging, and story listening.

YOU WILL LEARN:
- Step-by-step procedures for calling on the inactive member.
- Common mistakes to avoid.
- How to develop a calling ministry for your church.
- An effective model for renegotiating a relationship with an inactive member.
- How to listen to the pain of another.
- How to effectively intervene in stopping the dropout cycle of your congregation.

SEMINAR LEADER:
J. Lynn Martell has been a teacher, pastor, and evangelist. He has been in his current position as Columbia Union ministerial secretary for six years.
Coordinator: William C. Scales, Jr.
Managing for Mission

COURSE BRIEF:
A church-management seminar that teaches leadership that controls events rather than reacts to them. It also features the DARE implementation system, which facilitates your putting your plans into action.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: Insights into the megatrends that will affect church leadership.
Part 2: How to create a responsive organization that will lead the future instead of reacting to it. Discover a “characterized” learning that maximizes relationships and meets felt needs in a rapidly changing culture.
Part 3: The DARE implementation System. Learn how to put your plans into action through the four steps of implementation that will speed decision making and prepare you and your church for the future.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Des Cummings, Jr., now a vice president of Florida Hospital, served until recently as assistant professor of youth ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.
Coordinator: J. David Newman

Loss, Grief, and the Church

COURSE BRIEF:
An examination of the broad spectrum of loss and the many reactions to loss. Teaches specific principles for supporting those who grieve in the home, in the church, and in the community.

YOU WILL LEARN:
How losses of all kinds affect the forward motion of life.
- How to prevent unresolved grief from diminishing the ministry of the church.
- Principles of ministering to the sick.
- Principles of ministering to those who lose an important relationship.
- How to minister to those in your community who grieve.
- The concepts of preventive ministry.
- How to avoid “burnout” while supporting those who grieve.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Larry Yeagley is the chaplain of Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the author of the book Grief Recovery and the director of a bereavement support program called Grief Recovery, now in its ninth year. He has written magazine articles on pastoral care and a continuing education course for Andrews University’s Center of Continuing Education for Ministry.
Coordinator: Don Crane

Motivating Volunteers

COURSE BRIEF:
Presents the basic principles of motivating, enlisting, and keeping volunteer help in the church. This seminar shows how to help members find where they best fit and can be happiest in service for the church and for their Lord.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: What a volunteer really is.
- The ambivalent voices that motivate people toward or against volunteering
- Methods of recruitment
- Potential of the senior citizen
- How volunteerism meets self-actualization
- The principles of training volunteers

Part 2: Sample job descriptions for elders, deacons, and deaconesses.
Part 3: How spiritual gifts and volunteerism mesh.

SEMINAR LEADER:
The part of the supervisor
- Support theories
- Match and mismatch
- The value of praise

Coordinator: Don Crane
discover their gifts
☐ A spiritual-gifts test that has been "Adventized"
☐ Movie-How to Discover Your Gift

SEMINAR LEADER:
Dr. John Rhodes has for 14 years served as a conference ministerial director and has for the last three years also served as ministerial coordinator and director of continuing education for the Pacific Union Conference. He has had 27 years of pastoral experience in small and large churches, in which he successfully enlisted laitymen to assist in the work of the church. Dr. Rhodes authored the book Success Secrets for Pastors. His M.A., and D.Min., are in the area of applied theology. He has taught church administration on the campuses of Loma Linda University and Andrews University and is currently an adjunct professor at Andrews University.
Coordinator: J. David Newman

SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7058:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; TUESDAY, JUNE 25; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Improve Your Preaching

COURSE BRIEF:
A working seminar on the preaching process: from idea through design to delivery. Building on existing skills, the seminar will open up new possibilities and strategies in sermon preparation to enrich and diversify your preaching ministry.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: The process of Biblical exegesis.
☐ A theology of the Word
☐ Listening to the Word
☐ Building on the Word
☐ Giving priority to the Word
Part 2: How to find and develop sermon ideas and illustrations.
☐ Meeting human needs
☐ Exploring varied sermon forms
Part 3: Methods of sermon preparation.
☐ Reviewing the basics
☐ Surveying new approaches in sermon design
☐ Developing clear structure
Part 4: How to maximize sermon delivery.
☐ Fear filled or fear free
☐ Sermon notes that serve
☐ Pulpit presence
☐ How a good listener helps
Part 5: Holistic pastoral preaching ministry.
☐ Evangelistic preaching
☐ Pastoral preaching
☐ Preaching as story
☐ Narrative views

SEMINAR LEADER:
Benjamin Reaves is chairman of the department of religion and theology, and professor of preaching and urban ministry at Oakwood College. Louis Venden, pastor of the Loma Linda University church, and James Melanie, professor of religion at Oakwood College, will share in the presentations.
Coordinator: Rex D. Edwards

SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7059:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; OR TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Discovering and Developing Spiritual Gifts

COURSE BRIEF:
Analyzes the Biblical and philosophical roots of church growth by building up of the church body. The process of identifying the individual parts of the body is discussed in detail. You will enjoy developing techniques that lead to motivation in service for yourself and others.

YOU WILL LEARN:
1. The Biblical basis for spiritual gifts. Key New Testament chapters reveal:
☐ How your God concept can affect the discovery of gifts.
☐ The church body and its function.
☐ The true priesthood of all believers.
2. How to build smaller group communities.
☐ Principles of smaller group interaction.
☐ The relationship between concepts and gift awareness.
☐ Developing skills to assist others’ self-awareness.
☐ Interdependence and creativity.
3. How to identify individual gifts.
☐ Developing your gifts.
☐ Functioning at individual and cor-
SEMINAR LEADER:
Bill Liversidge serves the Columbia Union Conference as church growth institute director. His expertise in church growth principles comes not only from his present position and an equivalent one in the Southwestern Union Conference but also D.Min. studies in church growth at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Coordinator: Rex D. Edwards

PERSONAL LIFE

SEMINAR NUMBER GGS7060:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26; OR THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Clergy Marriage

COURSE BRIEF:
Covers special needs of clergy marriage; the dilemma of meeting the needs of a congregation and those of your own marriage and family. Looks at priorities; financial planning, budgeting, retirement; techniques of communication and problem solving. Deals with problems of spouse loneliness; ministerial burnout; increasing clergy marriage satisfaction. Techniques and "how tos" are emphasized.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: Unique stresses and opportunities of clergy marriage.

Part 2: Priorities and time for two.
Part 3: Techniques for communication and conflict resolution.
Part 4: Hints for budgeting and financial planning.
Part 5: Your temperament and your use of emotional energy.
Part 6: Burnout; ways of increasing professional and marital satisfaction.
Part 7: Preacher's kids—effects on the marriage.
Part 8: Putting romance back into the marriage.
Part 9: Spiritual growth as a couple.
Part 10: Commitment—united in a couple ministry.

SEMINAR LEADERS:
John and Millie Youngberg are founders and directors of Marriage Commitment Seminars, Family Worship Seminars, and the Family Life Workshop held annually since 1975. They are professors of education at Andrews University. Their latest book is a guide to family worship and strengthening family relationships entitled Heart Tuning (Review and Herald, in press).

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
Spouses are encouraged to come.
Coordinator: Ellen Bresee

SEMINAR NUMBER GCM7061:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; TUESDAY, JUNE 25; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Team Ministry for Pastoral Couples

COURSE BRIEF:
A comprehensive examination of the basis for and "how-to" of pastor-spouse team ministry. This seminar will direct you and your spouse into a complementary team ministry that builds on your individual strengths.

YOU WILL LEARN:
1. The theological basis for pastor-spouse team ministry.
2. How to merge abilities deriving from different backgrounds and professions into a united ministry for God's people.
3. How to manage time and family responsibilities so that both spouses can contribute to ministry. The discussion will include two-career families interested in team ministry.
4. How to understand people's felt needs and how to select the best "team" approach for meeting problems and opportunities.
5. How to analyze your individual value systems and leadership styles in order to complement each other's service capabilities. NOTE: Self-scoring diagnostic evaluation tools will be administered for each participant.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
Seminar participants also will have the opportunity to meet and question several pastor/spouse couples currently involved in team ministry.

Coordinator: Ellen Bresee
SEMINAR LEADERS:
Jim and Sharon Cress serve the Mid-America Union, where he is the ministerial secretary and she is a credentialed Bible Instructor. From the beginning of their ministry, Jim and Sharon have modeled and fostered pastor-spouse team ministry. Together, they conduct soul-winning workshops for pastoral couples, lead retreats in team ministry concepts, and serve as consultants on team ministry for conferences, congregations, and couples. Coordinator: Ellen Bressee

SEMINAR NUMBER GGS7062:
TUESDAY, JUNE 25; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Roles of the Minister's Wife

COURSE BRIEF:
A potpourri of miniworkshops that will help you deal with expectations and stereotypes, variables which affect your roles, and strategies to help you grow beyond your feelings of isolation and loneliness. The course aims to enhance your God-given self-worth, helping you to become all that He intended you to be.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: Wives in the 80's.
Part 2: Miriam Wood's history of expectations and stereotypes.
Part 3: Growing beyond feelings of isolation and loneliness.
Part 4: Family, personality, and other variables.
Part 5: Support resources for pastors' and administrators' wives.

SEMINAR LEADERS:
Carole Kilcher is a pastor's wife living in Wenatchee, Washington.
Sue Patzer is an administrator's wife living in Spokane, Washington.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
Send questions and concerns in advance to the seminar leaders at 1816 Garnet Place, Wenatchee, Washington 98801.
Coordinator: Marie Spangler

THEOLOGY

SEMINAR NUMBER GTH7063:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

The Shape of the Church to Come

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
This seminar intends to investigate several major issues related to the identity and role of the church in the contemporary world and in the years ahead.
In a time of overwhelming intellectual, technological, and social change, how can a Seventh-day Adventist continue to make sense of his belief in the relevancy of the church, local as well as universal? How can the church continue to mediate God's message of salvation to the world?

If we are not merely to adopt the generally accepted ideas of our time, what is our understanding of the specific role of the church today? What are the function and implications of ministry, the raison d'être of ordination? Where does authority lie in the church?
Each issue will be investigated from the perspective of the Biblical teachings and in the context of the contemporary world. The leader will attempt in each case to draw practical applications for the task of ministry.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Raoul Dederen is professor of theology and chairman of the department of theology and Christian philosophy at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University. He is also director of the Center of Continuing Education for Ministry and a contributing editor to MINISTRY.

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION:
Bring your Bible along.
Coordinator: E. Edward Zinke

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SEMINAR NUMBER GTH7064:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; OR TUESDAY, JUNE 25

The Minister and Medical-ethical Issues

COURSE BRIEF:
This course will study some of the challenging moral issues in medicine today: abortion, euthanasia, and the termination of life-supporting medical treatments, new reproductive technologies, and the allocation of scarce medical resources. Each of these issues will be discussed from the perspective of Christian ethics. Individual cases will be studied, and in each case Christian principles derived from Scripture and the writings of Ellen White will be stated and applied.

YOU WILL LEARN:
1. About the new developments in health care that have brought with them a challenging set of new moral issues.
2. About the response of other Christian groups to the moral issues in medicine.
3. About the legal developments (in the Anglo-American system of law) that currently affect decision making.
4. About ministering to people who must face difficult moral decisions for themselves, for their family members, or for those in their care.
5. About an Adventist Christian perspective, grounded in inspired sources, and the principles that should guide decision-making for the Christian who faces moral issues in today's medicine.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Dr. Gerald Winslow is a professor of religion at Walla Walla College. His doctoral studies were in the area of Christian ethics, with a special emphasis in biomedical ethics. He is the author of one book in the area of biomedical ethics, *Triage and Justice* (University of California Press, 1982). He has also authored articles for the *Western Journal of Medicine*, *The Hastings Center Report*, *Seminary Studies*, and a number of other journals. He is currently at work on a book on the ethics of medical decision making at the end of life.

Coordinator: Rex D. Edwards

SEMINAR NUMBER GTH7065:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; OR TUESDAY, JUNE 25

The Sanctuary in Daniel: Recent Developments

COURSE BRIEF:
A study in Daniel 7 and 8 in relation to its contribution to the sanctuary doctrine, including such questions as the place of the pre-Advent (investigative) judgment in Daniel 7:9, 10, the "cleansing" of the sanctuary in Daniel 8:14, the identifications of the little horn in Daniel 7 and 8, and the importance of the sanctuary message in relation to the Sabbath, righteousness by faith, and Christian living.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Gerhard F. Hasel has taught for the Theological Seminary at Andrews University for many years and now functions as its dean. He has done much original research on the book of Daniel and the sanctuary questions. He is also known for his substantial writings and books on this and other subjects.

Coordinator: E. Edward Zinke

SEMINAR NUMBER GTH7066:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; OR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Current Issues and Revelation-Inspiration

COURSE BRIEF:
This seminar will present a historical survey of Seventh-day Adventist concepts of the nature of the Bible. It will develop the Biblical view of revelation-inspiration and show the implications of various views of revelation-inspiration for the future of Adventist theology.
It will trace the history of recent issues in the church and relate them to the authority of Scripture. The leaders will review the current proposals for revelation-inspiration and their implications for theology and will contrast humanistic presuppositions with Christian presuppositions.

YOU WILL LEARN:
1. How to determine the nature of Scripture.
2. The manner by which revelation-inspiration works.
3. The role of the Holy Spirit in the work of the prophet.
4. The role of tradition in the development of the Bible.
5. The role of the community in the work of the prophet.
6. On what basis the Bible should be accepted.
7. The role of the Bible in the church.
8. The authority of the Bible.
9. What happens when the church accepts the authority of the Word of God rather than the theories of men.
10. What happens to theology when the Bible is not its authority.

SEMINAR LEADERS:
George W. Reid is director of the Biblical Research Institute. He has been associate editor of the *Adventist Review* and prior to that served for 15 years as the chairman of the Southwestern Adventist College religion department.

Herbert Kiesler is an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute. He has been a pastor and chairman of the division of humanities of Canadian Union College.

E. Edward Zinke is an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute and previously served as pastor in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Coordinator: E. Edward Zinke

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SEMINAR NUMBER GWM7067:
TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Reaching the Secular Mind

COURSE BRIEF:
The seminar will review the process of secularization and the concept of secularism, analyzing current trends around the world. It will also describe and evaluate several strategies that are producing results in reaching secular man with the Adventist message. Speakers and participants will interact, exploring new ways of responding to the challenge of secularism.

YOU WILL LEARN:
☐ What secularism is and how it affects our mission in North America and abroad.
☐ How secular man can be reached (1) through the media, (2) through preventive health and counseling services, (3) through personal missionary contacts, and (4) through secular campus ministry.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Humberto M. Rasi, Ph.D., is vice president for international editorial development at Pacific Press and secretary of the General Conference committee on secularism. He has been involved in editorial work and in higher education both in the United States and in Latin America.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:
Other speakers in the seminar include Dan Matthews, director of *Faith for Today*; Juanita Kretchmar, specialist in urban outreach; Mark Finley, director of the North American Division Soul-winning Institute; Paul Jensen, specialist in secular campus ministry; and Mario Veloso, Th.D., president of the Latin American Theological Seminary.

Participants will view special video programs and will have access to a published selection of papers presented to the GC Committee on Secularism.

Coordinator: E. Edward Zinke

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Our present plan is that some of the thirty-six seminars that we are offering will be made into continuing education courses. Tapes of the seminar lectures will form part of the courses.—Floyd Bresee.
SEMINAR NUMBER GTH7068:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Current Issues in Science and the Bible

COURSE BRIEF:
By the use of simple illustrations, accompanied by photography from the most scenic parts of the world, you will be introduced to scientific evidence that supports the Bible. An update on and evaluation of current conflicts between scientific interpretations and Genesis will be considered, with special emphasis upon the significance of these issues to the fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventism.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 1: What the scientific evidence for the worldwide flood described in Genesis is—Ariel Roth.
- Have scientists been able to create life?
- What is the original Genesis kind?
- How valid are the claims for the missing links of evolution?
- Current trends in evolutionary biology.
Part 2: The relation of extremely widespread geological deposits to the Genesis flood—Ariel Roth.
- Evidence for very rapid deposition of sediments as expected during the Genesis flood.
- The significance of the trend toward catastrophism in geological thought.
Part 3: An evaluation of radiometric time clocks—Clyde Webster.
- Are Carbon-14 dates reliable?
- The significance of other age-dating techniques.
- Are millions of years required for the formation of uranium ore deposits?
Part 4: The significance of the compromise between Creation and evolution—Ariel Roth.
- What are the various models between Creation and evolution?
- The relation of these models to scientific and Biblical data.
- Significance of these models to drifting patterns of thought and to trends in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
Part 5: Study materials and how to get further information on the Bible-sci-ence controversy.

SEMINAR LEADER:
Ariel A. Roth, Ph.D., is director of the Geoscience Research Institute. He has pursued research on coral reefs in many parts of the world. He has published about 20 articles in scientific journals and over 30 less technical articles dealing with the evolution-Creation issue. He has been active in this latter area in both the public and legislative domains. He is also the editor of the journal Origins. Other seminar speakers:
Harold G. Coffin, Ph.D., is a senior research scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute. He has studied the petrified fossil forests of Yellowstone for many years. He is the author of several books on Creation.
Clyde L. Webster, Jr., Ph.D., is a senior research scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute. He is conducting research on time factors related to volcanism using trace-element analysis. He is the editor of Geoscience Reports.
Coordinator: E. Edward Zinke

SEMINAR NUMBER GGS7069:
MONDAY, JUNE 24; AND THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Ellen G. White: Authority and Inspiration

COURSE BRIEF:
A comprehensive discussion of contemporary problems and controversial issues relating to Ellen G. White's inspiration and authority. This seminar will examine the policies, practices, and current activities of the White Estate, the "literary borrowing" charge, the "integrity" issue, and doctrinal development vis-à-vis Ellen G. White's doctrinal authority.

YOU WILL LEARN:
Part 2: The Ellen G. White biography. How the project came to be, research methodologies employed, the writing task, and the projected volume 7 on backgrounds. Question period. Arthur L. White.

Kenneth H. Wood

COORDINATOR: E. Edward Zinke
Part 4: The “integrity” issue: Was Ellen White an honest and honorable person? The legal, ethical, and integrity issues implicit in the plagiarism charge. Did Ellen White attempt to hide, or deny publicly, her practice of “literary borrowing”? Was she hypocritical in mandating vegetarianism for her church (1863) while secretly continuing to eat flesh foods (and unclean ones at that!) for the next thirty-one years? Question period. Roger W. Coon.


SEMINAR LEADERS:
Kenneth H. Wood is chairman of the Ellen G. White Estate Board of Trustees; Arthur L. White has been with the White Estate for 55 years, most of that time serving as executive secretary; Robert W. Olson is the current secretary; and Roger W. Coon and Paul A. Gordon are both associate secretaries of the White Estate. Coordinator: Kenneth R. Wade

SEMINAR NUMBER GGS7070:
TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Elena G. de White: Autoridad e Inspiración.

SINOPSIS:
2. Autoridad en doctrina. Relación entre autoridad bíblica y la de EGW—E. Pereyra.
3. El uso de otras fuentes. Estado actual de las investigaciones; las citas “problemas” de EGW; función del escriba y secretario del profeta—R. W. Olson.
4. Inspiración. Realidades de la inspiración bíblica comparadas con la de EGW—E. Pereyra.
5. Período de preguntas y respuestas.

DIRECTORES DEL SEMINARIO:
K. H. Wood preside el grupo de depositarios del Patrimonio White. A. L. White, nieto de EGW, ha servido a la institución por 55 años, mayormente como secretario ejecutivo. R. W. Olson es, actualmente, el secretario ejecutivo y E. Pereyra ejerce funciones de secretario asociado. Coordinator: Kenneth R. Wade

SEMINAR NUMBER GTH7071:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26; OR THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Current Issues in Prophetic Interpretation

COURSE BRIEF:
Among the topics addressed are the following: Is every prophecy of the Bible fulfilled once, twice, or more times? Does the Bible predict times spans reaching into the present, or is its view limited to the first century A.D.? Is the dispensational system of a gap in prophecy supportable from Scripture? What is conditional prophecy? Are all prophecies conditional, even those speaking of the second coming of Christ?

SEMINAR LEADER:
Gerhard F. Hasel is dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, a Bible scholar and theologian, and a popular lecturer at workers’ meetings and camp meetings. He is also known for his substantial writings and books on prophetic interpretation and other subjects. Coordinator: E. Edward Zinke.
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*Only the Caring Church and Holding and Reclaiming Members seminars extend through two days. All others are complete in one day in a 4 1/2-hour session.*

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Marshmallows and Motherhood

Setting proper priorities at home is always a problem. Children’s needs can almost seem like a distraction. These experiences, shared by a busy educator/mother, may cause you to reexamine or reaffirm your priorities.

What home has not been touched by the changes taking place in society today? Is it possible for the Christian home to meet the challenges confronting it in today’s world of confusion, pressures, and changing lifestyles?

During the women’s meetings at the 1983 General Conference Annual Council in Manila, Philippines, Miriam Tumangday presented this excellent material, which we feel should be shared with those of you who were not present. She points out important factors that are threatening our homes today and challenges us as workers and Christians to demonstrate that there is hope for the modern home.—Marie Spangler.

My husband and I started our new home on the campus of Mountain View College in the Philippines, three and a half hours by air from Manila. The campus is beautiful, but very isolated. In the early 1960s we ventured more than 125 miles of precarious roads to the nearest city only once a month, so provision for entertaining visitors had to be made far ahead of time. One day I received notice that we were going to have distinguished company. The desert I wanted to fix required marshmallows, a commodity very difficult to secure in that part of the world. Fortunately I had some left from my last shopping, so I put these up in the pantry, supposedly out of reach of our three little children.

But when I went to the shelf three days before the company was expected, I discovered that the marshmallows were half gone. “Oh, no!” I gasped, almost frantic. “What shall I do for dessert now?”

Turning to the living room where our three children were playing, I began my domestic investigation. “Who took the marshmallows from here?” I blasted. The children quit playing, but no one dared answer me.

“Who ate the marshmallows?” I demanded, my voice tinged with sarcasm and heat. The children kept still, almost petrified with fear, but I could not get an answer from them.

That night the children went to their bedroom unusually early. When time came for me to go to bed, I opened the closet to change into my nightwear. Taking it out, I found a slip of paper pinned to the seam. Fired with curiosity, I hastily detached the paper from my gown. In big grade-school scrawls, the note read:

Dear Mommy:

I’m sorry I ate the marshmallows, but I couldn’t tell you the truth because you were angry and I was afraid.

Now I’m telling you the truth because I want to see Jesus.

“Oh, Lord, forgive me!” I cried as I darted toward the children’s bedroom. My unbecoming behavior stared me in the face, and I wanted to tell my little girl how sorry I was, but I found her fast asleep. My apology had to wait for the morning.

Sleep eluded me that night, and every minute became a precious opportunity for heart-searching. That little note was all I needed to jolt me into self-awareness, into a new perspective of my accountability as a parent.

As I look back to that lesson-filled episode in our home I still seem to hear the unspoken queries from our three children, now in their teens: “Are marshmallows and company more valuable to you than we are? Are they worth the heat of your temper and the bruising of our feelings? Why do you make it so difficult for us to do right?”

These questions may well come from your children too. When a parent considers these questions thoughtfully, a new dimension of accountability dawns upon him. I can assure you that I have never been the same since the slip-of-paper encounter.

We find ourselves in an apathetic, materialistic, fast, bewildering, depersonalized, and treacherous world. What challenges such a situation presents to modern homes, to Seventh-day Adventist workers’ homes! Isn’t it time that we showed our children and our spouses that Christ in the home makes a difference? Isn’t it time that our homes radiated Christian concern and love rather than

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Isn’t it time that we workers led out in demonstrating before the world that there’s a glimmer of hope in the little fortresses called our homes? Sometimes we need to be jolted out of our apathetic and depersonalizing complacencies.
Neither MINISTRY nor the General Conference Ministerial/Stewardship Association are handling lodging or meals during the presession. For your convenience we list below the organizations you may contact to arrange for these necessities. Any inquiries you may wish to make should go directly to them.

**LODGING:** The Travel Lite travel agency has reserved a large number of hotel rooms in New Orleans during the presession and the General Conference session. Hotel reservations may be arranged through them. Contact:

**Travel Lite,** 541 Lincoln Rd., No. 401, Miami Beach, Florida 33139 U.S.A., Phone: (800) 327-8338

**MEALS:** The General Conference has requested Clinton A. Wall, R.D., corporate dietary consultant for Adventist Health System/EMA, to provide meal service in the Superdome for delegates and guests. He and his staff of selected leadership personnel from Seventh-day Adventist institutions across the United States are actively planning a service to provide attractive, nourishing meals at maximum speed and an affordable price.

A main dining service with eight fast-serve lines will provide a nonselect menu for noon and evening meals consisting of one each of the following: entrée, side dish (i.e., vegetable, rice, etcetera), salad, specialty bread, fresh fruit and/or simple dessert, and beverage. These meals will be available beginning with the noon meal on Monday, June 24.

There will also be a limited-service cafeteria and quick food stands with à la carte pricing that will function throughout the day.

Food preparation facilities at the Superdome are very limited. Therefore, extensive preplanning is required for each meal. In order to participate in the main dining service, delegates and guests must preorder meals.

Complete the form below and return with check or money order to Adventist Health System/EMA before May 1 to receive the $4.50 price. Meals ordered after May 1 will cost $5.50.

General Conference session delegates: Note that you need not order tickets for the noon meals during either the presession or the General Conference session for yourself or your spouse. You will receive noon meal tickets in your registration packet for the time of your stay. But you should indicate on the form below the first meal for which you will want tickets.

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apathy? Deeds of service and selflessness rather than materialism? Respect, understanding, and human treatment for the individual, rather than depersonalization? Isn’t it time that we concretized to our families the abstract Christian virtues and standards that are very dear to us? Isn’t it time that we workers led out in demonstrating before the world that there’s a glimmer of hope in the little fortresses called our homes? Sometimes we need to be jolted out of our apathetic and depersonalizing complacencies.

As a counselor at Philippine Union College, I listen to various problems of Filipino young people. One of the most common heartaches of youth is the loneliness owing to mismanaged homes, to parents being away in a foreign land in pursuit of dollars, to incon siderate and authoritarian fathers and mothers. All of these echo the prevailing climate of modern times. The cry of many children today is aptly couched in these lines scribbled on an ink blotter found on an empty desk at Wheaton College:

Out in the cold I stand,
Looking on at the world sitting tight,
With its people in their nice little worlds,
And the friends who don’t even know me.
It makes no difference to their world where I am.
If I’m there, it keeps going.
If I’m not, it goes on.

While I walk around, wandering, wondering,
My mind a mass of mixed-up machinery,
Clashing with conflicts and unanswered questions.
I don’t ask if the world is real.

I’m alone in a world full of people,
A part, shut up inside myself,
Cold, unfreeing, in a cold, unfreeing world.*

Sociologists point to six causes of the widening communication gap in families today. The mobility that goes on as a way of life of many families is certainly threatening to the security and stability of domestic life. The hurried pace of life in a technological age creates emotional vacuums in the home, resulting in frustration and despair, anxiety and loneliness. Another deadly foe of the Christian home is the sexual revolution, the utter disregard for the sanctity of marriage. Then there is the feverish reaching out for affluence, which debilitates or does away with interpersonal relationships. Onto this already shaky foundation is added the growing permissiveness in child training and teenage education. Such laxness and neglect doom human beings to unsuccessful and unhappy marriages. And, of course, we have the media—television and radio especially—which pull the young and the old into a life of fantasy.

At the dinner table one day my husband and I shared with our three children the problem of some young people in our community—their desire to link with youth of unlike faith in the name of brotherhood and to pledge their loyalty to this group above their loyalty to truth. As I asked them what they perceived must be the reasons for the choice such young people were making, our son piped up, “Oh, I guess those guys are really missing something.” Then he went on, “They just don’t have a home like mine.”

My eyes became misty, and in humility I thanked the Lord that in spite of my imperfections, He has made our home an instrument to stay the onrushing tide of evil for our children.

In this age our challenge is for us to keep the lights of Christian virtues and values burning in our homes. Our children and our spouses need to feel our love and concern in this apathetic and unfeeling world. They need to know that service and caring have more priority in our lives than the pursuit of fortune and fame. In this world of depersonalization they must experience, as we treat them with respect and dignity, what it means to be a human being created and redeemed by God.

Our strength in meeting the buffettings our modern homes face is proportionate to the strength of our hearts, for it is appropriately said that the heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart. We can be equal to these challenges only as our own hearts are warmed and lighted by the heavenly fire.


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**Prayers from the parsonage**

Mrs. X, wife of well-known Pastor X, is a successful real-estate saleswoman, accomplished community hostess, and author of four books. She is the devoted mother of four children and offers gourmet cooking classes in her home.

Mrs. Y, wife of Dr. Y, is a TV personality, recording artist, and composer of five musicals. She has written three books and is nationally recognized for her seminars. The Y's have two children.

Lord, it’s easy to feel like a nobody compared to Mrs. X and Mrs. Y. They have accomplished so much! Depressed, I wonder why I’m not more successful or better known. What’s wrong with me, anyway?

Or I rationalize: Obviously they were in the right place at the right time. Maybe they already had connections for influence and prestige. They’ve just had the lucky breaks.

“The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands” (Ps. 138:8).

I cling to that promise! I am important because You made me. I needn’t be a celebrity to be a contributing person.

You gave me abilities and talents to use within my personal sphere of influence. Challenge me, I pray, with opportunities for growth and service. As I am faithful in lesser responsibilities trust me with something greater so that I will reach my highest potential.

And thank You, Lord, for women who inspire me: Mrs. X and Mrs. Y as well as my neighbor, the perfect hostess; my friend, the creative homemaker; my colleague, the confident career-woman. They set high standards and give a powerful testimony of commitment and self-discipline.

Cherry B. Habenicht
**New England tour**

A special tour of denominational history sites in New England is planned for overseas delegates to the 1985 General Conference session in New Orleans. Those wishing to join the tour should plan with their respective divisions, and applications should be sent through the division offices to the White Estate.

The tour will begin in New York City on Monday, July 8, and will continue through Sunday, July 14. Travel will be by bus, and all expenses including lodging, food, and special attractions are included in the price.

The tour will visit Ellen White’s home in Portland, Maine; the site of her birth; the home where her first vision was given; William Miller’s home, chapel, and grave; Joseph Bates’s home; Plymouth Rock; the Statue of Liberty, and many other places.

All inquiries regarding the tour should be addressed to Paul Gordon, Ellen G. White Estate, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C., 20012.

**Church advantages**

“This Church Has a Real Advantage” is the title of an attractive eight-page pamphlet produced by Bruce Fox, pastor of the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Intended as an introduction to the church, its facilities, services, and teachings, the pamphlet touches on each area of the church’s life to show just what the “real advantage” is.

The pamphlet includes a summary of the church’s message in easy-to-understand terminology and a mail-in card for those wishing more information.

For a free copy, send 22 cents postage to Elder Bruce Fox, Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 100 Sheldon Boulevard SE., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

**Reaching 2 billion people**

Broadcasting the three angels’ messages to more than 2 billion people—half the world’s population—is the goal of Adventist World Radio-Asia, a $5 million project that will benefit from the General Conference Session Offering, taken on March 9 and May 25. The General Conference has secured an option to buy land on the island of Guam in the Central Pacific for the site of the shortwave station, which will use four 100-kilowatt transmitters to broadcast in an arc from Indonesia in the south, through India, Southeast Asia, China, and the Soviet Union, to Japan and the Koreas in the north. Programming will reach many areas where it is difficult or impossible for local Adventists to conduct public evangelism.

**Write for Ministry**

Have any good ideas you would like to share with Ministry readers? Always thought you’d sit down and write an article, but just never got around to it? We just revised our Writer’s Guidelines, and we’d like to send you a copy. You’ll find good suggestions on just what we’re looking for and how to produce it for us.

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**Wholistic**

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Money never has been the basic problem God’s cause has faced through the centuries. The problem lies in the defective spiritual experience of the recipients of God’s gift of life.

Raising money for sharing the gospel should not be the paramount concern of pastors and other church leaders. Their challenge lies in satisfying the poverty of soul of their members, in leading them into an enriched experience with Jesus Christ, and in seeing that each member develops a living faith experience.

Wholistic stewardship education and wholistic giving should aim not merely to raise money for erecting buildings or for keeping the system operating. Fundraising must be done. But money should flow in rather naturally and easily as a result of the members’ consecration. Wholistic stewardship’s primary purpose is to help build Christian characters that will operate under all circumstances to the glory of God and that will find their fulfillment in salvation, the gift of eternity. Then we all will have unlimited health, unlimited abilities, unlimited resources—unlimited life.

To help fulfill these spiritual and financial objectives, wholistic stewardship seeks to emphasize individual participation in sharing the gospel through personal effort and financial support. Stewardship education seeks to help members view the spiritual and financial objectives the church adopts as opportunities to help share the gospel, opportunities to draw individuals close to God. Even a building program should be looked upon as an opportunity to share the gospel. Giving, of whatever kind, should grow out of each member’s relationship with Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

Proper wholistic stewardship education will help organize and simplify church spiritual and financial plans. Then they will not detract from, but will actually enhance, the role of giving in the church’s worship.

Those who manage God’s goods in this way will understand the joy of Jesus, expressed in Hebrews 12:2: “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Giving becomes a joy as individuals enter into this more complete partnership with Jesus Christ.

Wholistic giving is a spiritual necessity. Individuals who understand this will develop a living faith experience, a relationship of partnership with God that “endures all things” and surpasses understanding. Theirs is eternity!
**Surviving Difficult Church Members**

Robert D. Dale, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1984, 125 pages, $6.95, paper. Reviewed by J. David Newman, executive editor, MINISTRY.

Everyone knows at least one difficult person. In this book, the fourth title in the Creative Leadership Series, Robert Dale discusses six different personality types: the traditionalist, the hostile, the lonely, the apathetic, the cliquish, and the "noncommunicating crazymaker." A chapter is devoted to describing each type, and an additional chapter to suggesting solutions for each problem.

While many books are available on this subject, this is one of the best and should be in every minister's library.

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**The Art of Biblical Narrative**


Robert Alter, professor of Hebrew and comparative literature at the University of California, has written a book that will make you want to read your Bible all over again. Proceeding as the scholar he is, Alter carefully considers the components of Bible stories, pointing out the means used to construct unfinishingly honest documentary—artistically. Against the background of dynamic tension between divine purpose and human freedom, the skillful Hebrew writers ply four general techniques: words, action, dialogue, and narration. They weave accounts that tell only relevant facts, and move to a carefully orchestrated plan of allusion, foreshadowing, and discreet interpretation.

Alter concentrates on the preexilic writings, but his approach illumines the entire Bible. I blinked at the infrequent use of words like *fairy tale* or *myth,* but he uses these terms to identify narrative style, not to detract from the authority of the Bible.

Alter saves us from the modern fallacy that "if it is ancient, it must be simple" and points out the austere Oriental artistry in the book that is our manual of belief.

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**New Visions for the Long Pastorate.**

Roy M. Oswald, Gail D. Hinard, William Christ Hobgood, and Barton M. Lloyd, The Alban Institute, Mt. St. Alban, Washington, D.C. 20016; 1983, 108 pages, $10.25, paper. A study of pastors who have had long pastorates, what made them successful, what skills are necessary, what skills should be developed. Most of the suggestions would be valuable to any pastor seeking better interpersonal relations.

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**Recently Published**

**Illustrating Paul's Letter to the Romans.**

James E. Hightower, Jr., Compiler, Broadman Press, 1984, 121 pages, $4.95, paper. If you're planning to preach a sermon on Romans, this small book of illustrations will help bring theology to life. Organized for easy use—illustrations follow along in textual order with the book of Romans.

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**Wycliffe Biographical Dictionary of the Church.**

Elgin Moyer, revised and enlarged by Earle E. Cairns, Moody Press, Chicago, 1982, 449 pages, $19.95. If you knew that Cyrus Hall McCormick invented a reaping machine but didn't know that he was a devoutly religious man whose contributions helped found McCormick Theological Seminary, or if you didn't know that Francis Scott Key was influential in the beginning of the American Sunday School Union, you'll find fascinating reading here. If you can't remember who Carpocrates was or would like to know how Dwight L. Moody got his start in church work, you'll find this a valuable ready reference. More than 2,000 religious leaders and others connected with the church are included. A twenty-four-page chronological index and outline of church history in the front matter is a helpful bonus.

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**Harper's World of the New Testament.**


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**Church and Family Growing Together.**

John C. Howell, Broadman, 1984, 168 pages, $5.95, paper. Numerous specialized bibliographies help make this a valuable guide.