On September 7-10, in Dallas, Tex., North America Division’s Adult Ministries department will host its 3rd Festival of the Laity. This year’s festival, themed “Our Portion of the Power: Equipping to Finish the Work,” will feature all of the ministry areas of the local church. “Our mission is to unite with our ministry colleagues (all people) in the facilitation of the movement of our people from membership to discipleship,” said J. Alfred Johnson II, director of Adult Ministries for NAD.

Some of the general session speakers include Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, Pastor Daniel Jackson, president of the North American Division, Pastor Mark Finley, assistant to the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and Carlton Byrd, speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries.

NAD Adult Ministries focuses on three ministry areas: prison, personal, and Sabbath School. “The relational approach with adult ministries is everything. People will not be willing to listen to your message unless you present yourself in a way that is accepting whereby they understand that you are fully accepting of them,” said Johnson. “People will want to be around you if you show that you are interested in having a positive relationship with them,” he added.

As part of the North American Division Adult Ministries department, Prison Ministries, reaches out to inmates during and after incarceration. According to Dr. Cleveland Houser, North American Division Prison Ministry consultant, currently there are about 2.3 million incarcerated individuals in correction facilities in the United States and almost 7 million are under supervision, such as parole.

“The two biggest challenges that inmates face once they get out of prison is becoming part of society and finding housing. Our challenge as a church is to help keep them focused on being free and being a positive influence in society,” says Houser.

There are several things that church members can do to help inmates and their families. Churches can have support groups for inmates’ families and sponsor summer camps for inmates’ children. A simple way of helping inmates is to provide toiletries for those who cannot afford them.

To learn how you can enhance your prison ministries opportunities and other ministries at your local church, plan to come to the Festival of the Laity.

Click here to visit the Adult Ministries website.

Click here to visit the Festival’s site.
Memorial Service for Past President Neal Wilson to Air Live on Hope Church Channel

The memorial service for Pastor Neal C. Wilson, a past president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will be broadcast live on Hope Church Channel and streamed live at www.HopeChurchChannel.org on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 2 p.m. ET, from the auditorium of the church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Wilson, 90, who was known widely for his administrative skill, jovial spirit, and phenomenal memory of people he’d met, died December 14, 2010 in Dayton, Maryland, not far from the church headquarters building he helped construct. He was the son of a Seventh-day Adventist leader and the father of another, Pastor Ted N.C. Wilson, who is the current world president of the denomination.

During 24 years in leadership of the church’s North American Division and later the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, Neal Wilson led the denomination through a period of dynamic growth.

As world church president (1979-1990), Neal Wilson was responsible for the creation of the Adventist World Radio shortwave service, the adoption of a revised statement of the church’s “Fundamental Beliefs” by delegates to the denomination’s world session in 1980, and the relocation of the church’s world headquarters from Takoma Park, Maryland, where it had been for 85 years, to its current location in Silver Spring. World church membership doubled from 3 million to 6 million during his presidency.

"Revival for Mission"

If you missed the special program entitled "Revival for Mission" aired on the Hope Channel this past Christmas, you can now view it online. The show featured a New Year’s message from Seventh-day Adventist world church President Ted Wilson and the presidents of the church’s 13 administrative regions. Click here to view the program.

Benefit to Commemorate Anniversary of Haitian Earthquakes

The Andrews University Community & International Development Program in collaboration with the Haitian Adventist Graduate Student Association and Parlé Club is making a difference in Haiti this semester. The public and campus community is invited to “We Remember Haiti” on Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 4:30–6 p.m. This benefit will raise awareness and funds for a scholarship program at the Adventist University of Haiti. A $10 suggested donation will be collected at the door (cash only) and $15 “We Remember Haiti” T-shirts will be available for purchase. The live program will take place at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University. It will be recorded and rebroadcast on The Hope Channel at a later date.

The January 12 event will mark the one-year anniversary of the devastating 2010 Haiti earthquake. The 7.0 earthquake took the lives of an estimated 250,000-300,000 people and left millions homeless.
The program will feature musical performances by Deliverance Mass Choir, an interview with the president of the Adventist University of Haiti and a documentary film highlighting Adventist organizations, relief efforts and the needs that still exist. A silent art auction of student work will also take place. Program coordinators hope to raise $10,000 during the event to put towards their $100,000 overall fundraising goal.

To learn more about the benefit event, contact Tyler Cantrell, the event coordinator at cantrelt@andrews.edu or 805-657-1363

**Announcements**

**NAD Year-end Meetings Audio Available**

Order your copy of the North American Division’s Year-end Meetings audio CD online at [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org). To order a specific devotional message, type the catalog number (listed on the order form) in the search bar at the top of the website.

Speakers include Elder Mark Johnson, president, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada; Elizabeth Talbot, co-host, Voice of Prophecy; Elder Dan Jackson, president, North American Division; Roscoe Howard III, vice president, Adventist Health; and Jose V. Rojas, director, Volunteer Ministries.

**Day of Prayer and Reformation**

January 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – Noon ET
4:30-6:00 p.m. ET
Hope Church Channel

The first nationwide NET 2011 related event will be held January 8, at 11:00 a.m. The live event, Jesus in Your Church, will feature NET 11 speaker Ron Clouzet, director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI), with two biblical, inspirational, and practical messages. Fred Kinsey, Director/Speaker of the Voice of Prophecy, will be the telecast's MC. It will also introduce a new musical talent, Rob Folkenberg III, and provide lively interviews with Judith Miranda, soul winner extraordinaire, and Pastor Pavel Goia, subject

Please join us for this revival opportunity as we look for the Holy Spirit to make a never-before-seen impact in the North American Division.

Please share this information with your church family, sister churches and anyone who is seeking a renewed experience with the Lord in the coming year.

This one hour broadcast will be produced live from the Adventist Media Center in order to serve all of North America with a worship service and an afternoon program aimed to bring revival, reformation and preparation for a new year of evangelism and outreach activities.

**Worship (11:00 a.m.-Noon)**
Ministry of music, Robert Folkenberg III
Sermon: *How to Love God with All Your Heart*, Ron E. M. Clouzet

**Afternoon Session (4:30-6:00 p.m.)**
Ministry of music, Robert Folkenberg III
Interviews: Judith Miranda, Pavel Goia, Ruthie Jacobsen
Sermon: *How to Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*, Ron E. M. Clouzet

NET 2011 website: host.propheciesdecoded.com
Ron Clouzet's NET prayer blog: www.Pray4NET.blogspot.com

**Sabbath School**
Established as a major setting for religious education in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath school exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its website provides tools for Sabbath School programs in local churches. Click here to visit the website. To visit the NAD Adult Ministries website click here.

To download adult Sabbath School materials click here and look under "Adult Sabbath School Materials" and click and save the compressed file.

**Hope Channel**
Hope Channel is the global television network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Its website provides programming schedules and links to Hope Channel broadcasting in English and other languages. Click here to visit the network’s site.

Click here to view schedules for Hope Channel and Hope Church Channel.

**NAD Education Webinars**
Two exciting and useful webinar series have been designed for Seventh-day Adventist Educators, the Pathways Series and the Technology Series.

The Pathways Series (held 1st Tuesday of each month - through April, 7–8p EST ) focuses specifically on the different components of the Pathways program. The upcoming topics are Multi-grade 5-8 Strategies, Principles of Classroom Assessment, and Literacy Records/Progress Reports.
The Technology Series (held the 3rd Thursday of each month through May, 7–8p EST) features a variety of topics of interest to educators with all levels of technological expertise including topics such as Visual Thesaurus, Marketing Your School's Website and more.

To register, go to the NAD Education website, and click on “EDUCATOR TOOLBOX” (if you don't already have an account, you will need to create one and request a guest password) then “TDEC TECHNOLOGY.”

147th Annual Statistical Report—2009

The 147th Annual Statistical Report—2009 is a report that provides a detailed statistical summary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the current year, as well as summary tables of past years. It gives 41 items of information about church membership, tithe and offering contributions, and church workers, for each conference, mission, union, and division. There are departmental statistics, and summary tables. Click here to view the report.

2011 Camp Meeting Schedule

For more than 100 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been conducting camp meetings. These convocations, held annually, are spiritual renewal gatherings for members of the Church and their guests. Each conference in the North American Division plans a ten-day or weekend camp meeting filled with seminars and sermons that teach about biblical principles, healthier lifestyles, practical living principles, and more. Please check your local conference website for additional information on your camp meeting.

Click here to view the calendar.

Photo taken at the Washington Conference Camp Meeting.

Calendar of Special Days and Special Offerings

The purpose of the annual North American Division Year-end Meeting is to consider budget requests, make appropriations, as well as adopt policies that are necessary for the operation of the church in North America.

Click here to view the calendar of special offerings.

Click here to view the calendar of special days.

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries in the North American Division exists to encourage, equip, promote, and challenge Adventist women in their journey as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His Church and to bring women's unique perspectives to the issues facing the Church. Click here to view the NAD Women's Ministries website.

Women's Ministries now offers a bible study series. "Journey of Joy: Healthy Emotions and Holy Hearts" is an 11-part DVD Bible study series especially for women. DVD lessons were by Carla Gober, PhD, MS, MPH. Director, Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness, Loma Linda University.
Discover how you can experience joy even during life’s darkest moments. Examine the connection between a woman’s emotions and her spirituality. Uncover new ways to study Scripture. For more information click here.

Click here to view the NAD Women's Ministries website.

"The heart is the seat of motivation that gives birth to actions," said Gregory J. Allen, Th.D., at the NAD Officer’s and Director’s Retreat in Bedford, PA., on December 11, 2010.

"We resist change because we embrace complacency. We put our arms around that which is the same. It is so easy for us to rely more on our training, our experience, the latest technology, and the finest programs rather than the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and connection with God through prayer. Rather than being deeply prayerful, holy men and women anointed by the Spirit of God we depend on positive thinking and leadership skills – and we fail," said Pastor Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, at the Thompsonville (Ill.) Seventh-day Adventist Church, on December 18, 2010. Jackson’s sermon was entitled "The Magnificent God.”

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CALENDAR OF OFFERINGS
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION – 2011

JANUARY

Local Church Budget ...................................................... January 1  LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................. January 8  LocConf
Local Church Budget ...................................................... January 15 LocCh
Religious Liberty ............................................................. January 22  * NAD
Union Designated ........................................................... January 29  Union Conf

FEBRUARY

Local Church Budget ...................................................... February 5  LocCh
Adventist Television Ministries ......................................... February 12 * NAD/WB
Local Church Budget ...................................................... February 19 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................... February 26 LocConf

MARCH

Local Church Budget ...................................................... March 5  LocCh
Adventist World Radio ................................................... March 12  * WB
Local Church Budget ...................................................... March 19 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................... March 26 LocConf

APRIL

Local Church Budget ...................................................... April 2  LocCh
Christian Record Services ............................................. April 9  * WB
Local Church Budget ...................................................... April 16 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................... April 23 LocConf
NAD Outreach Project .................................................... April 30 NAD

MAY

Local Church Budget ...................................................... May 7  LocCh
Disaster & Famine Relief ................................................. May 14  * WB
Local Church Budget ...................................................... May 21 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................... May 28 LocConf

JUNE

Local Church Budget ...................................................... June 4  LocCh
Multilingual Ministries/Chaplaincy Ministries ...................... June 11  * NAD/WB
Local Church Budget ...................................................... June 18 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................... June 25 LocConf
JULY

Local Church Budget ......................................................... July 2 LocCh
Women’s Ministries ......................................................... July 9 * NAD
Local Church Budget ......................................................... July 16 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................. July 23 LocConf
Union Conference Designated ........................................ July 30 UnionConf

AUGUST

Local Church Budget ......................................................... August 6 LocCh
Oakwood College/Andrews University/Loma Linda University ........ August 13 * WB
Local Church Budget ......................................................... August 20 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................. August 27 LocConf

SEPTEMBER

Local Church Budget ......................................................... September 3 LocCh
Fall Mission Appeal ......................................................... September 10 * WB
Local Church Budget ......................................................... September 17 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................. September 24 LocConf

OCTOBER

Local Church Budget ......................................................... October 1 LocCh
Voice of Prophecy .............................................................. October 8 * NAD/WB
Local Church Budget ......................................................... October 15 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................. October 22 LocConf
NAD Evangelism .............................................................. October 29 NAD

NOVEMBER

Local Church Budget ......................................................... November 5 LocCh
Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission) ...................................... November 12 * WBLoc
Church Budget ............................................................... November 19 LocCh
Local Conference Advance ............................................. November 26 LocConf

DECEMBER

Local Church Budget ......................................................... December 3 LocCh
Adventist Community Services ...................................... December 10 * NAD/WB
Local Church Budget ......................................................... December 17 LocCh
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DECEMBER (Contd)

Local Conference Advance...............................................................December 24   LocConf
NAD Outreach Project .................................................................December 31   NAD

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS—2011

Southern Asia Division .................................................................March 2   +
Euro-Asia Division .................................................................June 25   +
Inter-American Division .................................................. September 24   +
North American Division .................................................. December 24   +

MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS—2011

Canadian Union .................................................................   +
Southwestern Union .................................................................   +

*Special Materials Provided   +Special Project Development

WB = Designates an offering for NAD that is part of the World Budget
CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION – 2011

JANUARY

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Friendship Evangelism+
Day of Prayer .......................................................... January 1
Religious Liberty Week .................................................. January 16-22 *

FEBRUARY

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Family Life+
Black History Month .................................................. February 5-26
Christian Home and Marriage Week ......................... February 6-12 *
Health Ministries Sabbath ............................................ February 19 *

MARCH

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Women in the Church+
Women's Day of Prayer ................................................... March 5
Adventist Youth Week of Prayer .................................... March 6-12 *
Disabilities Awareness Sabbath .................................... March 19

APRIL

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Stewardship+
Missionary Magazines (Signs, Message, El Centinela, Priorities) ................... April 2 *
Stewardship Sabbath .............................................. April 9
Literature Evangelism Sabbath ................................... April 16 *
Education Sabbath ............................................. April 23 *

MAY

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Community Services+
Community Services Sabbath ...................................... May 7
Youth Sabbath ........................................................ May 14
Single Adults Sabbath .......................................... May 21

JUNE

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Church Growth and Evangelism+
Women's Ministries Emphasis Day ..................................... June 11
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JULY

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Adventist Lifestyle+
Home Study International Promotional Day..........................................................July 9

AUGUST

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Spiritual Gifts+
Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day........................................................................August 27

SEPTEMBER

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Family Life+
Men's Day of Prayer .......................................................................................... September 3
Nurture Periodicals (Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend) .................................................................September 4-10
Family Togetherness Week.................................................................................. September 11-17 *
Hispanic Heritage Week ..................................................................................... September 18-24

OCTOBER

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Adventist Heritage+
Children's Sabbath ............................................................................................ October 1
Health Education Week (Vibrant Life) ................................................................ October 2-8 *
Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath ................................................................................ October 15 *
Pathfinder Sabbath ............................................................................................. October 22 *

NOVEMBER

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Health+
Native Heritage Month ..................................................................................... November 5-26
Stewardship Sabbath .......................................................................................... November 5
Week of Prayer .................................................................................................. November 6-12
Human Relations Sabbath .................................................................................. November 19
Welcome Home Sabbath ..................................................................................... November 26 *

DECEMBER

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Christian Hospitality+
Bible Sabbath ....................................................................................................... December 3 *
+Curriculum resource materials are published in NAD church resource journals — Sabbath School Leadership, Celebración, Célébration, Kids’ Ministry Ideas, and Cornerstone Youth Resource Journal.

* Special Materials Provided