Thinking Past the Traditional Means of Giving

Adventist Giving enables people to return and give offerings securely online. It makes giving available during a business trip, vacation, or even if an individual is unable to attend church due to an illness. David Greene, assistant minister and director of technology ministries at the North American Division says, “Because so many people today do all of their banking online and a large proportion of our population doesn’t even own a checkbook, Adventist Giving brings the act of giving into the 21st century. This is not only a generation trend or a matter of convenience. Adventist Giving makes it easy for those who do their banking online a literal step.

Adventist Giving is available for churches in the United States and Canada for free. Seventy percent of Adventist Giving expenses are covered by the United States Conference—unions, divisions and the General Conference. The remaining 30 percent, the tax-deductible receipt, is made available through the local church.

Because the receipt comes from the local church, Adventist Giving is accessed through the church’s website. To enroll your church, visit adventistgiving.org.

To learn more about Adventist Giving, click on the frequently asked questions link.

ACS Reception

From Action

Kellologg’s

On Wednesday, February 23rd, a representative from Kellologg’s presented Adventist Community Services with a check for $37,018.
The donation represented $0.01 for every $10 spent in United States in 2010. A more detailed story will be published in an upcoming edition of News Points.

About the picture: from left to right Patricia Horse, NAD treasurer; Elder G. Alexander Bryant, NAD secretary; Elder Sunghoon Seo, ACS executive director; Jim AuSman, ACS business manager; Deborah Brill, ACS national executive director; and Wyndelle Stevens, ACS senior office assistant. Photo courtesy of George Brill.

Adventists Respond to New Zealand Quake
Source: Adventist News Network
In the wake of devastation and death spawned by an earthquake that struck Christchurch, New Zealand, adventists in the South Pacific are responding with material and spiritual support.

At least 65 people are known to have been killed and another 100 are trapped in collapsed buildings, the New Zealand Herald reported.

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The Adventists Win Telly Award
T he A D V E N T I S T S , the documentary film airing on PBS stations, has won a Telly Award for film in the category of religious/spiritual. The film tells the story of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s unique approach to healthcare and healing. Its impressive longevity is testament to its impact on the earth. To purchase a copy of the film click here.

NET 2010 Focuses on Happy Home; Results in Baptisms
Brooklyn, NY — Constructions down on Happy Home (building a Happy Home) on October 15–21, 2010, from the Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, California. The speaker is Adley Cummings, the first Seventh-day Adventist to ever serve as a speaker for North American Division’s NET evangelism series.

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Elder R. Ernest Castillo, a vice president of the North American Division, states that although there is no formal account of a baptism, those who were baptized as a result of the NET. "We praise God for what He has done through the technology," said Castillo.

Construction is underway in Hogar Frei, which will be broadcast April 17-24 at 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. EST on Esperanza TV via satellite on G-18.

Gone but not forgotten

Elder Oliver J. McKinney died in his sleep Thursday, February 24. McKinney served as director of stewardship, prayer ministries, and children's. He was also executive secretary/treasurer of the ASI Southern Union Chapter.

Loma Linda Conference to Study Food's Toll on Ourselves and Our Planet

An upcoming conference at Loma Linda University will examine the question of how food affects the economy, and the environment in addition to individual and public health. LLU School of Public Health's 2011 conference will study food from all these angles with an eye toward convening March 8 and 9. Experts in agriculture, advertising, nutrition, agriculture, and more.

View Adventist World Online

Check out the February 2011 online edition of Adventist World stories include:

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Note: Reaching Out in Love describes the important evangelism aspect of REACH North America, the new five-year plan for the North American Division. The most effective way to REACH OUT is to do it with LOVE. People respond to love and compassion. Jesus’ compassion for lost souls is now our mission. The challenge is our privilege. Read on for ideas to REACH OUT in Love.

Have you registered as a host for REACH North American evangelism opportunities this year?

If not, click here immediately and it will be necessary to register for the event. One cannot do without registering, and the process of holding a scheduled conference for print items such as handbills will be delayed and other resources.

Early birds (Those who register by April 1) will receive:

- Dr. Clouzet’s latest book, Adventism’s Greatest Need: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism
- A weekend training seminar in Nashville that includes training in biblical message, prayer warrior, and much more. Your church can have the best of the field school training in its own facilities.
- A holistic approach to community outreach reach to everyone in your area and gather new registrations, as they will be coming part of the 360 approach to evangelism that lasts all year round and beyond.

Pre-NET Seminars

- The Greatest Show on Earth: Making Sense of the Creation and Evolution Debate, May 4–8
- Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible, September 14–18

NET Event

Prophecies Decoded: Can the Past Reveal Your Future? September 29, 2011 to...
Dr. Ronald Clouzet, Dr. Timothy Standish, Dr. Michael Hasel and the North American Division Evangelism Institute team invite you to join them in reaching out to the community out in love to your community friends and family.

Have you thought about what it would take to bring new life to your church? Have you pondered what it would take to build a vibrant community?

Become a host site for 2011 NET Evangelism.

Adventist-Laism Services & Industries

The ASI Update includes news and inspirational stories about what ASI members are doing around the world to support the gospel of Seventh-day Adventist Church. Click here to subscribe.

Church Resource Center

Best Practices for Adventist Worship inspire and equip local church worship ministry leaders with editorial content, description of upcoming conferences, links to the Verve online resource center, and resources and reviews. Click here to subscribe.

Best Practices for Adventist Ministry offers challenging and inspiring content from pastors to other pastors. Click here to subscribe.

Community Services

CSE News offers stories of how local community service centers are reaching out to the community and keep opportunities for non-profit leadership and Reach Out sessions. Click here to subscribe.

Philanthropic Services for Institutions

The Dollar shares news, tips, techniques, and networking opportunities for philanthropic services at Adventist Institutions. Contact
Devotional

Pastor Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division presents a mini-devotional entitled, "What's in Your Hand?"