Christmas Specials and More

Christmas specials, new Christmas music, church services, children’s programs and more! Hope Channel has expanded its traditional Christmas programming line-up with NAD Christmas specials, concerts, church services and pageants, and special programs from our media ministries.

New this year is God’s Christmas Cards, in seven programs, with NAD President Dan Jackson hosting two, and speaker/directors of Breath of Life, Faith for Today, It Is Written, La Voz de la Esperanza, and Voice of Prophecy hosting the others. They will discuss the possibilities of what God would say this year if He sent a Christmas card to Casey Anthony, Tiger Woods, Bernie Madoff, John Edwards, Jaycee Dugard or U.S. President Barack Obama? What would He say to you? See the schedule under Upcoming Events.

Also new this year is a collection of Christmas music from artists who have appeared in previous My Story, My Song holiday programs, which will air December 11-15 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., December 18-22 at 6:00 p.m., and December 19-23 at 2:00 p.m. EST.

GC President Ted Wilson will present his annual inspirational Christmas message, Revival in Mission, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. EST, and December 24 at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. EST.

In addition, family favorites like past NAD Christmas specials All Is Bright, Love’s Pure Light, and Christmas at Cadillac Jack’s will be shown. Watch special episodes of Really Living, Naturally Gourmet, Parker’s Puzzle, Our Children First, Adventist Mission, concerts
from Fountain View Academy. An encore presentation of *My Story, My Song* will be shown, with a diverse collection of music, interviews with various artists, and heart-warming *Christmas in My Heart* stories read by author Joe Wheeler. Additional holiday specials from singers at Morning Song Music, and pastors from well-known ministries like It is Written, Amazing Facts, Voice of Prophecy, The Quiet Hour, and Faith For Today will be shown.

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### Does cookie evangelism work?

Volunteers from the Franktown, Colorado Adventist Church gave out more than 1,000 cookies with over 400 pieces of literature at the Castle Rock StarLighting Fair, and felt it was a great success. They had a new booth next to them from the Castlewood Christian School, and they gave away 1,000 candy canes with over 250 flyers. The cookies and candy canes weren’t the only draw. Many fairgoers enjoyed the heater between the two booths, which was graciously provided by a church family.

No expense to the church or school was incurred with this outreach. Private donors provided the cookies and King Soopers helped with the candy canes. Some literature was printed on the church copier. As for the school brochures, that may be an expense to the school.

All in all, the StarLighting non-profit street fair was a wonderful opportunity to reach thousands of people for Jesus. Please pray that all those pieces of literature touch the recipients in their hearts and that they will respond to the Holy Spirit.

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### The largest continuous gathering (34 years) in the world

of Adventist pastors for leadership and evangelism training, the Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Conference (PELC), was held December 4-6 at Oakwood University. Approximately 700 attended PELC, “Pentacost II: Walking in the Rain,” which provided powerful worship, incredible teaching, and transformational experiences for Adventist pastors all around the world.

A leadership component was added to the annual meetings in 2010. Approximately 15 workshops were offered this year, ranging in topics from church culture, bridging generational gaps, reaching the community, and more. Additional ministry tracks were offered for pastor’s spouses and Hispanic ministries. [MORE](#)

Learn more about PELC.
A marriage retreat “Love for a Lifetime” was conducted by Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, NAD Directors for Family Ministries, this past weekend in Rome, Ga. The venue sold out with seventy-seven couples in attendance. One couple in attendance had already filed all the paperwork for divorce. At the conclusion of the weekend they reported that they were headed to the court once again, but this time it was to withdraw the paperwork. Praise God for healed relationships and restored homes!

Florida Conference churches have been busy with successful evangelism series resulting in 71 baptisms at the Pine Hills Church, and 72 baptisms as a result of the South Palm Company’s mission trip to Peru. The South Palm Company, not yet organized into a full church, was inspired by a 2006 trip taken by Florida Conference employees.

Adventists in the News

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Women Clergy Conference, Apr. 23-26

NAD Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention, May 25-26

Mid-America Hispanic Youth Leadership Convention, May 25-27

Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program, Session I, June 3-7
Mid-America Camporee, July 25-28

NAD Teachers Convention, Aug. 5-8
ASI Annual International Convention, Aug. 8-11

Columbia Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 9-11

Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program, Session II, Sept. 23-27

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NAD Christmas Special: “God’s Christmas Cards,” Parts 1-7:
• Part 1: Dan Jackson, Dec 17, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. EST.
• Part 2: John Bradshaw, Dec. 18, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm EST.
• Part 3: Frank Gonzalez, Dec. 19, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec. 24 at 8:00 pm EST.
• Part 4: Fred Kinsey, Dec. 20, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec. 24 at 8:30 pm EST.
• Part 5: Mike Tucker, Dec. 21, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec.
Breath of Life’s Christmas Special, “The Present: Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas,” is a dazzling musical event featuring Grammy-winning TAKE6 and recording artists Jennifer LaMountain and Jamie Jorge. Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, speaker/director of Breath of Life telecast, will present the message to bring hope and encouragement through a new look at the gifts of the Wise Men and the ultimate “Present” of the Nativity. Filmed live at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. It will be presented by the National Council of Churches and shown on NBC affiliates across the U.S. on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day. It is produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and will be presented by the National Council of Churches.

Please plan to watch this special program and kindly invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to view it as well. Watch and share the promo video. Check local listings and Breath of Life website for times in your area. If you do not see your affiliate area listed and would like to view this program, please contact your local NBC affiliate directly and request, “The Present.”

Download the bulletin announcement/flier. Advertise in your church newsletter.

$200,000 for advancing the gospel will be lost if the Hope Channel cannot match that amount which is remaining in a special matching challenge of $500,000. That special donation will enable Hope Channel to continue broadcasting on our three new channels for China, the Middle East, and India. During December the match doubles every dollar given to Hope Channel to broadcast to these difficult areas of the world to evangelize.

Hope Channel supporters have helped secure nearly $300,000 of the matching funds. However, there is still $200,000 remaining that God’s work can’t afford to lose. For billions of spiritually hungry people living in the Middle East, India, or China, your generous contribution this will mean the difference between finding Bible truth or not.

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• Part 6: Carlton Byrd, Dec. 22, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec. 25 at 4:30 pm EST.
• Part 7: Dan Jackson, Dec. 23, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. EST; Dec. 25 at 9:30 pm EST.
• Reclaim Your Faith, Jan. 13-15, 7:30 p.m. ET

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• "Hospitality" in Women's Ministries Certification, Level 3
Choose Full Life, Tell the World: Equipping Health Leaders to Reach Out, will be presented by NAD Health Ministries at the Health Summit, January 12-15. "It will feature an amazing lineup of keynote speakers and a great array of seminars from fitness and lifestyle to mental and emotional health," says Katia Reinert, director of NAD Health Ministries. "Prepare to be inspired and to receive instruction from leaders in the faith and health movements."

This summit will be full of courses designed for people passionate about reaching out to their communities with evidence-based wholistic-health programs which will enable them to effectively present the life changing elements for abundant living. Pastors, educators, health professionals, youth leaders, children’s ministries leaders, and lay health leaders are invited to attend the 36-plus seminars. Mark Finley will share messages of health for the community entitled “Healthy 100” every evening. If you want your congregation’s health ministry to be relevant and able to address current health issues, you will want to attend.

Space is limited. People are coming from the Inter-American Division as well as other divisions. Register today at www.NADHealthSummit.org

Reclaim Your Faith, a four-part series by Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts, will air January 13-15, live from the GC, via Hope Channel and DirecTV. Reclaim Your Faith wants to reach out to former members of the Church to help them reaffirm their faith in the Bible and provide a strong foundation in Jesus for a lifetime of spiritual growth.

To learn more, visit www.faithreclaimed.com. The series will also be available by DVD for you to purchase. It is being planned as a lead-in to It Is Written’s upcoming four-week evangelistic series Revelation Today. The 90-minute presentations will include special music, testimonies of reclaimed members, and preaching by Pastor Batchelor.

Reclaim Your Faith will be marketed heavily with an extensive Facebook and Google Adwords campaign and a television and radio campaign. It will also be available as a DVD purchase shortly after the series concludes. MORE
The Florida MagaBook Program resulted in changed lives of 53 students participated in the 2011 summer MagaBook program in Florida. Representing nine countries, high school and university students canvassed Miami, Jacksonville, and Lady Lake.

Students contacted more than 250,000 people, sold 30,000 books, and received donations of $190,000 of which 70% went directly to scholarships. In addition, the young people prayed with customers and shared the gospel in homes, businesses, parking lots, and on street corners.

“You sold me this book last year,” said a customer as he looked through the book, *Foods That Heal*. “I followed everything in it and lost 50 pounds.” His purchase this year included health and message books.

The MagaBook programs are also a ministry to students as they are encouraged to develop a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. “I experienced Jesus in such a beautiful and powerful way as I canvassed for Him,” said Danielle McFazean, an Oakwood University education major, at her end-of-summer baptism.

To learn more about the MagaBook program, call 301-680-6480 or visit [www.publishing.gc.adventist.org](http://www.publishing.gc.adventist.org).

A 2-DVD set of devotionals presented at the North American Division’s Year-end Meetings 2011 is now available through AdventSource. The six presentations, recorded October 28 through November 1, are:

- **Deadly Conformity, Living Transformity**, Tom Lemon, president, Mid-America Union
- **What’s In Your Wallet**, Darriel Hoy, director, Community Ministries, Central States Conference and pastor of Highland Cress Church, Topeka, Ks.
- **Refuge**, Dan Jackson, president, North American Division
- **Renewal Through Education**, Larry Moore, president, Southwestern Union
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12-13-11 Largest Continuous Gathering for Adventist Pastors

Pastor’s conference uses evangelism and leadership for successful ministry

By George Johnson Jr., NAD communication director

Oakwood University serves as a training ground for many Seventh-day Adventist® clergy. For 34 years, hundreds of pastors have been gathering at Oakwood University for what is now known as the largest continuous gathering of Adventist pastors in the world for leadership and evangelism training – the Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Conference (PELC). Held December 4-6 with approximately 700 attendees, under the theme “Pentacost II: Walking in the Rain” this conference provided powerful worship, incredible teaching, and transformational experiences for Adventist pastors all around the world.

The history of PELC is very extensive. The very first meeting was held in 1977 in the C.T. Richards Chapel at Oakwood University comprised of pastors of the South Central and South Atlantic Conferences. “Evangelism Council,” as it was called then, was the brainchild of pastors E.E. Cleveland, Charles Dudley and R.L. Woodfork. Formed to focus on evangelism it also allowed African American Adventist pastors to speak about the issues that were common to them in ministry.

According to Charles Bradford, a retired president of the North American Division, minister, and the very first keynote address speaker in the history of the meetings, “evangelism councils allowed the brethren to come together and talk shop,” said Bradford. “Many times we are isolated in cities. Malachi 3:16 tells us ‘then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the Lord listened to what they said.’ These types of meetings encourage us all who are involved in pastoral ministry,” he said.

In 2010, under the direction of Fredrick Russell, president of the Allegheny West Conference, organizers took a different look at what they were offering at the annual meeting and decided to add a leadership component. “We recognized that for a pastor to turn his or her church around and move them in the direction of evangelism he or she had to lead them in that direction, said Russell. “There is an interchangeable relationship with evangelism and leadership and you need both of them,” he said.

Since the conference’s missional refocus, it now revolves around three areas: encounter (dealing with the whole worship experience), equip (exposing pastors to best practices and methodology for doing ministry), and explode (experiencing a true baptism of the Holy Spirit). “Past all of the teachings and the preaching and the methodologies what brings it all together is that you are filled with the Holy Spirit,” said Wright to the fully packed sanctuary of the Oakwood University Church in Kansas City, Ks. also appreciates PELC’s programming because it helps him to “retool, stay sharp, get refocused and reenergized and be feed for ministry.”

The theme “Walking in the Rain” closely correlated to every workshop and plenary speaker. Keynote speaker Henry Wright, pastor of the Community Praise Center Church in Alexandria, Va., delivered a sermon titled “Preach the Word” encouraging attendees to stay connected with the Word of God as they lead their congregations. “The reason why there are weak and unproductive sermons is because people are not connected with the Word,” said Wright to the fully packed sanctuary of the Oakwood University Church.

Approximately 15 workshops were offered ranging in topics from church culture, bridging generational gaps, and reaching the community just to name a few. Nathaniel Lyles Jr., pastor of the Melrose Avenue Church in Roanoke, Va., believes that PELC’s programming has impacted his ministry by helping him to see a broader view of what ministry is all about. “Ministry is to God - giving myself first to Him and trusting that He will take care of my needs and making sure that I am filled with His spirit in order to share His love with others,” he said. Ron Williams, pastor of the Bethel City Church in Kansas City, Ks. also appreciates PELC’s programming because it helps him to “retool, stay sharp, get refocused and reenergized and be feed for ministry.”

Additional ministry tracks for pastor’s spouses and Hispanic ministries were also added to address the various needs of those growing populations. According to Ben Jones, ministerial director for the South Central Conference, the workshops are now more inclusive and add relevancy to all of the different types of pastors that are ministering. Jones serves on the team that plans the different workshops.

Every year, PELC draws attendees from all over the United States as well as Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean. The conference also invites students who are studying theology. James Kelly, a senior theology major at Oakwood University, found it important to return for another PELC. “As a whole, the conference gives us relevant tools to use in ministry. It’s good for us to hear best practices from pastors who are doing things on a global scale,” he said. Curtis Roberts, a senior theology major at Washington Adventist University came to observe the “inner workings” of pastoral leadership. “The workshops gave me a practical application for ministry,” he said.

Approximately 30 vendors were also present at the conference offering resources and ministry ideas. Muta Mwenya of Elijah3Ministries in Michigan came to the conference as a vendor to direct the attendees’ attention towards urban youth...
ministries. "We believe that urban youth are a lost segment especially youth that are between the ages of 14 to 18," said Mwenya. "We want churches and pastors to understand that this group that needs ministry specifically dedicated to them," he added.

At the conclusion of the three-day conference, Russell turned over the leadership of PELC over to Jesse Wilson, a religion instructor at Oakwood University. Linda Penick of the Southeastern California Conference will also serve as the leader of the Clergy Spouses. Under their leadership, PELC will continue to be a conference that has a practical approach to expose pastors to quality ministry.

For more information about PELC, please visit www.pelc.cc
Bermuda CableVision and The Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist Church announced their joint plans to produce and host a Christmas Day luncheon for families in need.

The event has been organised so that as many as 200 families will be able to dine on a Christmas meal in the church hall, which will feature a traditional Bermuda Christmas menu with turkey and all the trimmings, savoury vegetarian dishes, and an assortment of desserts.

'Five Loaves and Two Fishes,' an extension of the Church’s community service department, have planned the luncheon to be held at the Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist Church on King Street from 1 pm – 3pm on Christmas Day, December 25.

Learning that the church needed a partner to make the special luncheon a reality, CableVision stepped in to sponsor the event, donating funds to buy the food. CableVision employees have volunteered to assist the church members in serving the meals.

CableVision’s General Manager, Terry Roberson, explains: “Christmas is all about giving, and in that spirit, we were delighted to come together with the Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist Church to host this special luncheon. We hope all the families who attend will enjoy the delightful meal that is being planned and the warm holiday welcome that will be extended to all.”

Miss Gina Coddington, organiser of the event, says: “In this economic climate where many are out of work or experiencing financial difficulties, we want to express the Christmas spirit that God demonstrated by sending his Son to save this world. ‘Five Loaves and Two Fishes’ is pleased to team up with CableVision to invite families in need to come and enjoy this wonderful Christmas lunch.”

Volunteers and interested persons who wish to find out more or reserve a space are invited to phone the church office at 292-4276.

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4 Responses to “Christmas Lunch For Families In Need”

freddyg says:
December 14, 2011 at 1:20 am

God bless and thank you!

Wondering says:
December 14, 2011 at 11:54 am

I cannot understand why at Christmas the Churches do not work together in their Communities – meeting the needs of all – as our Lord did. During these times and times to come, we as Christians should be UNITED in JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL MEN TO SEE.

hanging head says:
December 14, 2011 at 2:53 pm

@Wondering, yes that’s true but what are “you” doing to help the situation.

Wondering says:
December 14, 2011 at 11:38 am

@ hanging head – I give donations to various Charities and assist individuals in my Community.

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CHATTANOOGA (WRCB) -- The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hixson has a small congregation with a very big heart.

Since November, the 107 members have been collecting all sorts of items donated by their own and their community, which will end up in the hands of Chattanooga's homeless.

"Items that they can use, that they can fit into their backpack, like travel shampoo and things like that," explains church member, April Porter.

Other items like gloves, blankets, and sleeping bags have also been dropped off at the church to help keep the homeless warm during the upcoming winter.

The donations will be grouped into individual gift bags, adorned with snowflake patterns to put everyone in the holiday season. They'll be passed out at a special Christmas dinner this weekend.

Event organizer Sylvia Knoch has attended the church for 13 years and believes giving to those who are less fortunate is important because we all have a story and lives can changes at the drop of a hat.

"We're all just a step away, especially in these times that we live in right now," says Knoch.

Her message was simple: 'do whatever you can to help'. Knoch says many of us may think a pair of socks or a toothbrush won't have an impact, but it means the world to someone living on the streets.

"By providing just a little bit and giving back just a little bit, that little bit makes a difference," declares
Knoch. "It makes a difference to all of us, just knowing that someone cares."

Kimmie Marler heard about the program from Knoch. Marler isn't a member the church but felt compelled to get involved wrapping the gifts.

"I'm really excited to be able to help out because it's really cold out there and they don't have a lot of hope," says Marler.

The church's goal is to fill at least 150 gift bags and Knoch hopes to receive more support in the final push for donations Saturday.

"We just want to take this little bit of time to make them [the homeless] feel important," says Knoch.

If you would like to make a donation, bring only unused items to the church at 6424 Hixson Pike from 3-7 p.m. Saturday.

For more information you can call 423-544-4382.
Adventist Health System/Sunbelt transaction recognized as 2011 “Deal of the Year” in healthcare sector

By Industry News Release
Created 12/08/2011

CHICAGO – The Bond Buyer, a publication covering the municipal bond industry, recently named a $1.75 billion credit facility restructuring and related $665 million bond restructuring for the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt (AHS), headquartered in Florida, as the Health Care Sector “Deal of the Year.” Chapman and Cutler served as bond counsel to AHS on this transaction. The deal was recognized not only for its size, as one of the largest syndicated bank credit facilities ever structured for a not-for-profit health care organization, but also for its complexity. The transaction involved the restructuring of an existing credit facility into a new credit facility involving 14 separate US and foreign banks. Bonds were also restructured through multiple letter of credit substitutions and remarketings. The new facility provides AHS with additional flexibility in its access to capital.

“Adventist Health System is very sophisticated in its treasury services and debt management functions, as a result of which this transaction produced a very innovative and flexible bank facility,” noted Chapman partner Jim Luebchow, who, with partner Chris Walrath and senior counsel Jane Nagle, represented AHS. “This integrated facility provides a variety of options for AHS, supporting tax-exempt borrowing as well as providing capital through taxable financing. It is truly cutting edge,” noted Walrath. “We congratulate David Singleton and the AHS Treasury Management team for this well-deserved recognition,” said Luebchow and Walrath.

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Portland private school gets creative to pay for upgrades

by Angela Webber
Published: December 8th, 2011
Ty Johnson is a vice principal at Portland Adventist Academy, a private school that is planning to lease out two parcels of its 20-acre campus so that it can pay for major upgrades. (Photo by Sam Tenney/DJC)

The Portland Adventist Academy’s original building opened in 1963, and a classroom annex opened in 1981. Upgrades and additions are needed at the Southeast Portland school, but it has limited financial resources.

So, the school found a creative solution: long-term leases for private entities to operate on two parcels of the 20-acre site. One development will be a 72-bed skilled nursing facility, and the other – on a six-acre parcel at the property’s north end – is still undetermined.

The academy doesn’t intend to expand programs or increase its student population, but a master plan calls for a host of improvements: a new music studio, library, gymnasium, cafeteria and chapel; classroom and lab upgrades; and new soccer and softball fields. And now there is a way to pay for those projects.

“All of the improvements are going to be funded by the school’s excess land,” said Ryan Schera, a land-use planner with Group Mackenzie.

He said that the dense, commercial area could suit a few different kinds of developments. The school has already reached an agreement with Marquis Cos. for construction of a nursing facility where a soccer field exists, near Adventist Medical Center.

“The location piqued our interest with its proximity to the high school and the (Interstate 205) freeway,” said Scott Miller, director of property management for Marquis. “The ability for folks to access – including residents, families and doctors – fits all of what we look for in a location.”

The project will be built in two phases, with 54 beds at first and then 18 more later. The school hopes to be able to encourage students to work or volunteer at the facility.

“There’s a lot of potential, in jobs and community service activities,” Portland Adventist Academy Vice Principal Ty Johnson said.

Construction of the nursing facility is likely to start next summer, Miller said. Shortly thereafter, the school plans to begin its own upgrades.

The school’s Conditional Use Master Plan proposal was presented to the city on Wednesday. A hearings officer said he planned to approve the plan.

Next week, a plan for another part of the school’s property will be before Portland City Council. The school is hoping to encourage a private party to develop the six northernmost acres of its property, near Mall 205.

The school hasn’t reached an agreement with a developer, but it has some ideas for the property. Johnson said the school has talked to some colleges about building a branch campus, but officials also have discussed office space and housing.

City Council is considering a proposal to change the property’s zoning so that any of those uses would be allowed.

For both the nursing facility and the other development, the school is seeking 50-year leases.

“The whole idea is to secure the school’s future,” Johnson said. “Through these leases, we are creating cash flow for the next 50 years.”

Like the event and figure it commemorates, the "Journey to Bethlehem" put on by the Kelso-Longview Seventh Day Adventist Church has attracted quite a following.

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Adventist, George Washington Medical form joint venture by Kevin James Shay

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In an effort to increase the number of physicians that Adventist HealthCare directly employs and respond to changes in the federal health care reform law, a 14-physician practice operated by the Rockville medical organization has joined forces with the larger George Washington Medical Faculty Associates in Washington, D.C.

The joint venture is driven by a combination of economics and the direction health care is going, said Gaurov Dayal, chief medical officer and senior vice president at Adventist HealthCare, whose medical facilities include Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville and Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park.

Adventist HealthCare has many other physicians who have independent medical practices with contracts to work in emergency departments and other hospital departments but wants to directly employ more physicians, Dayal said. The joint venture will allow Adventist to “more easily hire physicians since we will have the business process in place,” he said.

Changes sparked by health care reform will require better integration among community and hospital medical practices, which “can’t happen without some foundation,” Dayal said.

“There are a lot of cracks where patients can fall through,” Dayal said. “This model can provide better coordinated care.”

While presently relatively small, Adventist Medical Group is expected to speed efforts to expand its number of physicians under the joint venture, he said.

The larger group is a nonprofit that is not directly run by George Washington University but is affiliated with its School of Medicine. The roughly 700 physicians in the organization see patients not just at the Washington campus but at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda and other medical centers in the region. The group wants to continue to expand beyond 700 doctors, especially adding more in Montgomery County.

Federal mandates on the implementation of electronic patient health records in the health care reform law are prompting more consolidation in the industry, said Stephen L. Badger, CEO of George Washington Medical Faculty Associates. “This joint venture strengthens both organizations financially and geographically, and prepares us to deliver better quality health care to the rapidly growing population around the D.C. area,” he said.

The larger group will handle business functions, such as contracting with physicians, under the agreement. All current and future Adventist Medical Group physicians and staff will be employees of the new venture.

Adventist and MFA will have equal representation on a committee that will oversee the joint venture. The deal took almost a year to negotiate, Dayal said.

“It was complex,” he said.

More physicians groups have formed or consolidated locally this year. Capital Digestive Care of Silver Spring recently completed its 57-physician gastroenterology group, which has offices in Rockville, Chevy Chase, Bowie, Washington and other cities.

Besides 16 offices, the group is affiliated with 15 hospitals and eight outpatient endoscopy centers.

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Music for the soul: Concert to raise money for specialty care

To raise funds and support the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic to bring specialty care to Guam, the clinic will present "Opera Para I Isla" at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort on Dec. 14 and 18.

The concert will feature Juan Carlos Rodriguez, a distinguished tenor, accompanied by the Guam Symphony Society. Also, the Guam Adventist Academy's award-winning handbell choir will perform an opening set.

The gala dinner and concert will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 and will include a five-course meal for $125. The concert itself will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 18 and the tickets cost $30 for general admission and $15 for children ages 3 to 12.

"This is the clinic's first big fundraiser and the proceeds will be used to purchase necessary equipment and cover expense to bring the specialty doctors on island," says Chalorna Lauron, marketing manager at the SDA Guam Clinic.

"This year alone, the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic was fortunate to have a dermatologist, urologist, rheumatologist, thoracic and vascular surgeon, glaucoma specialist, cataract surgeon, orthopedic surgeon and endocrine surgeon visit our clinic and offer their services to the island of Guam," she says.

World renown

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rodriguez obtained his bachelor's degree in voice performance at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico. Upon graduation, Rodriguez studied under the guidance of many recognized teachers while living in Florence, Italy, and New York.

While living in New York, he accepted a resident artist position with the Central Florida Lyric Opera, where he participated in a number of concerts and in televised programming while performing classics such as "Cavaradossi" from "Tosca" and "Lieutenant Pinkerton" from "Madame Butterfly."

He built his career traveling all over the world, favorable impressing audiences in...
Europe, the United States, the Caribbean, South America, Israel and Canada. He holds a master's degree in music ministry from Andrews University and is the president of the upcoming Opera La Salle that will be serving the Michigan and Indiana areas.

"His goal is to touch the hearts of people with his vibrant voice, always giving God the glory for his talents. We are blessed to have such a talent perform for the island of Guam and for a worthy cause," Lauron says.

Tickets are available at the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic and Guam Premier Outlets.

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Hospital surpasses national benchmarks for emergency department measures.

By Ben Gross  Email the author  December 8, 2011

Washington Adventist Hospital recently achieved an entire year of having zero “yellow diversions,” hospital—speak for a situation where an emergency department is too busy to take on any additional cases and ambulances are diverted to the next closest hospital.

Since 2009, the hospital has made marked efforts to better prioritize incoming patients, with life-threatening patients receiving immediate care and a separate “fast-track” area caring for patients with minor injuries or illnesses concurrently.

Last year, Washington Adventist Hospital’s emergency department served almost 45,000 patients and has seen an increase of 6.2 percent through October.

The hospital’s achievement has not gone unnoticed by the medical industry. “By not simply setting for minimizing diversion but rather eliminating it, Washington Adventist Hospital has established the standard for all emergency centers in Maryland to achieve,” said Dr. Robert Bass, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), which oversees and coordinates all parts of the statewide emergency medical services (EMS). “Congratulations on this exceptional achievement.”
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SPOKANE--Local Pearl Harbor survivors spent Wednesday sharing their stories with students.

150 students from the Spokane Valley Adventist School spent the day listening to personal accounts of the Pearl Harbor attacks from the Lilac Chapter of Survivors.

It’s a chance for the students to hear a story, most of them have only read about in history books, first hand from those who lived it.

By passing their story down to a younger generation, the veterans hope today’s youth will find new interest in the past.

There are less than 3000 survivors registered with the National Pearl Harbor Association and only 10 living members in the Lilac City Chapter.

We all know somebody that was once walking with Jesus and enthusiastic about being a Christian, but then for some reason they stopped attending church. Maybe you know some friend or family in that category? Do you wish there was something you could do to help bring them back to church?

On January 13-15, on Hope channel, Amazing Facts will be presenting a new series of programs called “Reclaim Your Faith”.

These four presentations are especially designed to address the main reasons people drift from their church families. So if you know someone who has wandered from the fold, invite them over for a little warm soup and encourage them to view these programs with you. And then pray the Holy Spirit will help them reclaim their faith!

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