Our "Tireless" Volunteers for Suffering Communities
By Sung Kwon, National Executive Director, Adventist Community Services

Tireless service - Do you suppose Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) volunteers get tired responding to the needs of disaster survivors? During 2011, the United States declared a record 99 major disasters. Events ranged from Hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee to Texas fires and an earthquake in Virginia. More than 550 people perished in outbreaks of over 1600 tornadoes, including Joplin, Mo. Throughout all of this devastation, the more than 7,500 credentialed ACS DR volunteers spent long hours over many days “tirelessly” collecting, processing and distributing relief supplies in major operations from Alaska in the northwest to Vermont on the northeast and as far south as Texas. During one 16-day period in September, ACS DR volunteers distributed personal care products, cleaning supplies, food, and other goods with a wholesale value totaling over $500,000. Through the generous support of corporate partners, ACS is able to distribute an average of $8 million dollars worth of goods each year. In response to this week’s tornadoes, Barbara Barnes, South Central Conference ACS DR coordinator in Alabama, is working with local and state emergency management and local Adventist churches to identify needs and provide aid.

More distribution ability - The North American Division Adventist Community Services Board has committed to increase the capacity of ACS DR
volunteers in the U.S. by providing matching funds to purchase mobile
distribution trailers. These trailers may be used by ACS DR volunteers to
respond quickly to provide much needed relief supplies to stressed and
traumatized disaster survivors.

**Preparedness: where you come in** - As 2012 begins, ACS DR would
like to encourage every church member to be prepared for any disaster
that may affect them and their community, and to consider joining the
ACS DR ministry team. To become an ACS DR volunteer, contact your
conference ACS DR Coordinator. If you would like more information about
ACS DR or would like to support the ACS mission of serving communities in
Christ’s name, please visit the ACS website at

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**NewsNotes**

After working towards this goal for almost 5 years, the
Hope Channel is now on the eligible play list for every cable and satellite
company in Canada. "If you understand the CRTC, you will
understand that all it took was a miracle!" said Stan Jensen, British
Columbia Conference communication director. "We jumped through all
the hoops and dodged all the balls. The other 12 languages used on Hope
TV should be easy now," he said. "Can you imagine having the Chinese and
Indian Channel in Vancouver and Toronto?" [MORE](#) at the Canadian Radio-
television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
website.

Walla Walla University (WWU) President
John McVay plans to resign after six years of being
the university's 23rd president. McVay and his family
will continue to reside in College Place, where he will serve as professor of theology at WWU, specializing in
New Testament studies. [MORE](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court applied "ministerial exception"
in its recent landmark decision regarding the right of a Lutheran church
to refuse reinstatement of a Lutheran school teacher who had taken a
leave of absence for health reasons. While the decision is heralded as a
clear victory for separation of church and state advocates, it also
provides a new loophole for religious organizations that disregard secular
legal principles of fairness to employees in their hiring and firing
practices. [MORE](#) and [MORE](#)

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**Adventists in the News**

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NAD Health Summit (2 hrs)
(All times given in Eastern Time. Look for the special viewing window at www.hopetv.org for "Healthy 100" programs)

• HC: Sat, Jan 28, Live, 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m., with GC President Ted Wilson
• Live, Sat, Jan 28, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
• HCC: Jan 28 - Feb. 5, 8:00 p.m.

Imagine a Healthy 100 (From Florida Hospital):
• Making Healthy Choices: Live on HC website, Sat, Jan 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Sun, Jan 2, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Rest Assured: Live on HC website, Sun, Jan 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Mon, Jan 30, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Surrounded by Love: Live on HC website, Mon, Jan 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Tues, Jan 31, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Keep Moving Forward: Live on HC website: Tues, Jan 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Wed, Feb 1, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• The Healing Power of Faith: Live on HC website: Wed, Feb 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Thurs, Feb 2, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Special Service with Pastor Dan Jackson: HCC: Fri, Feb 3, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Why Relationships Matter: Live on HC website: Fri, Feb 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Sat, Feb 4, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Your Health and Your Emotions: Live on HC website: Sat, Feb 4, at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; HCC: Sun, Feb 5 at 8:00-10:00 p.m.
• Your Diet and Your Destiny: Live on HC website: Sat, Feb 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; HCC: Mon, Feb 6, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Have you been praying with our North American Division members and leaders? Every week we are praying for a different conference. You can download the 2012 NAD Prayer Calendar in a PDF format, and also download a four-slide PowerPoint presentation to assist you in encouraging our members to actively participate in our Revival and Transformation Initiative.

This week, January 22-28, we have been praying for the Northeastern Conference.

Next week, January 29 - February 4, please remember to pray for the Southern New England Conference. In addition, the downloadable...
NAD Prayer Calendar offers suggestions of prayer emphases for every day of the week. Make it available to your church members and small groups.

Watch health evangelism programs, examples of what churches can do. The evening plenary sessions of the NAD Health Summit, A Healthy 100, January 27-February 5, will feature guest speakers Mark and Ernestine Finley, a pastoral couple and television personalities who have written and lectured extensively on the biblical principles of physical, mental and spiritual health, and Des Cummings, executive vice president of Florida Hospital and also an author, lecturer and innovator in the area of health and wellness. Dr. Cummings is the moving force behind Creation Health, Florida Hospital’s creative approach to keeping people well.

According to Katia Reinert, NAD Health Ministries director, “The health evangelism series is an example of what churches can do to REACH out to their communities to motivate people to experience a full abundant life by improving the health and wellbeing of children, families and communities across North America.”

The evening sessions will be open to the public and will be televised on Hope Channel at 7:15 pm ET every night except Thursday. Florida Hospital co-sponsors the summit. MORE

Programs and times are posted in the NewsPoints sidebar to the right. Note: “Imagine a Healthy 100” will air on Hope Channel again sometime in late February.

Let’s Move and Adventist InStep for Life Aim to Keep Adventists Active

Katia Reinert, Health Ministries director of the North American Division, stated this week, “Thirty-three percent of the U.S. population is obese. One in three kids is either obese or overweight. Diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, and heart disease strike children as young as six. This may be the first generation in history that children grow up less healthy than their parents.”

The NAD Health Summit, to be held in Lake Mary, Fl., January 27-February 5, will focus on getting American adults and children moving to become more physically fit. Under the leadership of Katia Reinert, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has partnered with the White House in support of Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move initiative, and launched Adventists InStep for Life, an initiative designed to assist Adventist churches, schools and health care organizations become more physically active, create access to affordable food and to eat nutritionally. Participants have logged over one million miles of walking, running and other aerobic exercise.

Awards and recognition will be presented to groups who have

February Focus:
Family Life

Special Days:
• February 4-25, Black History Month
• February 5-11, Christian Home and Marriage Week
• February 18, Health Ministries Sabbath

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
• NAD Family Ministries website
• Family Ministries Curriculum for Local Church Leaders
• Family Ministries Handbook (English & Spanish)
• 2012 Family Ministries Planbook, Families Reaching Up
• Family Ministries Quick Guide

Offerings:
• February 4, Local Church Budget
• February 11, Adventist Television Ministries
• February 18, Local Church Budget
• February 25, Local Conference Advance

Adventist World
NAD Edition
exceled in physical fitness on Saturday, January 28. Judith Palfrey, director of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let Move initiative, and Heidi Christensen, Office of Faith and Community Partnerships, are expected to attend along with other public officials and White House representatives.

For more information, visit www.nadhealthsummit.com. To register for the summit, contact PlusLine at www.nadhealthsummit.com or call 800-732-7587.

Family Life is the focus of the month for February on the NAD Calendar of Special Days. “All of the materials to help churches plan for every one of our special Sabbaths of family emphasis are included in the new Family Ministries Planbook 2012,” says Pamela Consuegra, associate director for Family Ministries. The 2012 planbook is entitled Families Reaching Up, and it contains multiple Sabbaths all planned out, including sermon, music suggestions, children stories, and more. Order it through AdventSource in time for February emphasis.

More resource suggestions are offered under the February heading at www.nadadventist.org/SpecialDays.

The Great Controversy Project has begun. Churches or individuals in the North American Division can order a supply of The Great Hope booklets through their local conference. Each conference president has been asked to appoint a Great Controversy Project Coordinator. Because the 49 cents per book price is available only through the orders that the conferences will make for the bulk directly to the ABC’s, the members should work through their pastors to learn who their conference Great Controversy Project Coordinator is so that the orders can be fulfilled to the local congregation and distributed to the members. It is possible that each conference will have its own specific process. Flyer and more.
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Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2012-32

Application to add Hope Channel TV to the list of non-Canadian programming services authorized for distribution

The Commission approves an application to add Hope Channel TV to the List of non-Canadian programming services authorized for distribution and amends the list accordingly. The revised list is available on the Commission’s website at www.crtc.gc.ca under “Broadcasting Sector.”

Introduction

1. The Commission received an application dated 22 September 2011 from City West Cable and Telephone Corporation (City West) to add Hope Channel TV, a non-Canadian English-language service, to the List of non-Canadian programming services authorized for distribution (the list).1

2. City West described Hope Channel TV as a service providing diverse inspirational and educational programming to the Christian faith community.

3. The Commission’s general approach to the addition of non-Canadian English- and French-language services to the list is set out in Public Notice 2000-173. Under this approach, the Commission assesses such requests in the context of its general policy, which, among other things, precludes the addition of a non-Canadian service that can be considered either totally or partially competitive with Canadian specialty or pay television services.

4. The Commission received an intervention in support of this application, as well as an intervention in opposition from an individual. The public record for this application can be found on the Commission’s website at www.crtc.gc.ca under “Public Proceedings.”

1 In Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2011-399, the Commission announced that, as of 1 September 2011, the lists of eligible satellite services available for distribution on a digital basis would be replaced with a consolidated list to be known as the List of non-Canadian programming services authorized for distribution.
Commission’s analysis and decisions

5. The Commission relies primarily on the interventions filed to identify the Canadian pay and specialty services with which the service proposed to be added to the list might be totally or partially competitive and that therefore should be included in the assessment of the competitiveness of the service. Parties wishing to argue that a non-Canadian service should not be authorized for distribution in Canada are expected to provide detailed support for their position.

6. After examining the public record for this application in light of applicable policies and regulations, the Commission considers that the issues it must address are the following:

- Would the service contribute to the Canadian broadcasting system?
- Would the service compete with a Canadian pay or specialty service?

Contribution to the Canadian broadcasting system

7. The individual opposing the addition of Hope Channel TV to the list argued that the service would not contribute to the growth of Canadian broadcasting, since it does not have a studio or a media center in Canada. In its reply, City West noted that Hope Channel TV has, for years, regularly broadcast a Canadian program produced in Toronto called *It is written Canada*. It added that the service might be encouraged to produce more programming in Canada if it became available to all Canadian distributors.

8. The Commission notes that it does not require a non-Canadian service to own or operate a studio in Canada in order to be added to the list. The Commission has generally considered that non-Canadian services contribute to the Canadian broadcasting system by enhancing the diversity of programming available.

Competition with a Canadian pay or specialty service

9. The individual opposing the addition of Hope Channel TV further submitted that the service would be competitive with various Canadian faith-based services, such as The Miracle Channel, Grace TV and Vision TV. In its reply, City West argued that the application was not opposed by any Canadian Christian programming services. It noted that Hope Channel TV typically attracts a different audience and therefore does not materially fragment other religious audiences.

10. The Commission notes that the intervener did not submit any evidence (for example, a programming schedule) to demonstrate an overlap between the sponsored non-Canadian service and the relevant Canadian services. The fact that Hope Channel TV is a religious service does not necessarily render it competitive with other religious services. Some religious services broadcast multi-faith programming, while others are devoted to a specific faith. Further, the Commission notes that none of the services that the intervener named as being potentially competitive with Hope Channel TV
(The Miracle Channel, Grace TV and Vision TV) opposed the addition of this non-Canadian service to the list. Accordingly, the Commission considers that there is insufficient evidence to conclude that Hope Channel TV would be totally or partially competitive with a Canadian pay or specialty service.

Conclusion
11. In light of the above, the Commission approves the addition of Hope Channel TV to the List of non-Canadian programming services authorized for distribution and amends the list accordingly. The list is available on the Commission’s website at www.crtc.gc.ca under “Broadcasting Sector” and may be obtained in hard copy on request.

12. The Commission reminds BDUs deciding to distribute Hope Channel TV that section 26(2) of the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations prohibits the distribution of single or limited point-of-view religious services and of authorized religious non-Canadian services, such as Hope Channel TV, in a package of programming services unless the other services in that package are one or more of those types of services.

Secretary General

Related documents

- List of non-Canadian programming services authorized for distribution, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-399, 30 June 2011

- Call for proposals to amend the lists of eligible satellite services through the inclusion of additional non-Canadian services eligible for distribution on a digital basis only, Public Notice CRTC 2000-173, 14 December 2000
1-17-12 Walla Walla University President Announces Plans to Resign

Search for new president to begin soon

COLLEGE PLACE, WA -- After six years at the helm of Walla Walla University (WWU), President John McVay today announced his plan to resign effective July 1, 2012, so that he can return to the classroom.

"It has been an honor to serve as president of Walla Walla University," he said. "The work has stretched and blessed both me and my wife, Pam. We are grateful for the partnership of such an able and committed leadership team, as well as the support of the wider community of faculty, staff and students," he said.

McVay and his family will continue to reside in College Place, where he will serve as professor of theology at WWU, specializing in New Testament studies. "I look forward to serving WWU students as teacher, mentor and friend."

McVay became the university’s 23rd president in 2006, when his first task was supervising the institution’s name change from Walla Walla College to Walla Walla University. He led strategic planning efforts for the university, earning a commendation from accrediting organizations, and instituted long-range budget planning processes. He championed renovations for the university’s School of Social Work and Sociology, School of Nursing (both College Place and Portland, Ore., campuses), and Marketing and Enrollment Services offices. Under his guidance, this year the university welcomed its largest freshman class in 17 years and yielded the highest freshman-to-sophomore retention rate in university history.

"John McVay has led Walla Walla University courageously through some challenging years. Because of his leadership, we are in a stronger position to meet the future," says Ginger Ketting-Weller, vice president for academic administration. "His dedication to strengthening our students' spiritual and academic experience, and to holding high standards for the work of education, has been a blessing. We are delighted that he's chosen to stay with us in a capacity where he will continue to inspire students and colleagues on a daily basis."

Prior to his years of service at WWU, McVay taught at Pacific Union College (Angwin, Calif.) in the Religion Department and, for a time, served as senior pastor for the Pacific Union College Church. He has served as a pastor in Iowa and Georgia, and was the dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Berrien Springs, Mich.). He holds a master of divinity degree from Andrews University and a doctorate from the University of Sheffield in England. He is a specialist in the later Pauline Epistles and contributes regularly to professional conferences and publications.

"Walla Walla University has been exceptionally blessed under the capable leadership of Dr. McVay," says Max Torkelsen, II, chairman of the WWU Board of Trustees and president of the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. "He is a gifted educator with a unique combination of skills. We are deeply appreciative of his godly influence and steady hand in leading our university. Though I keenly regret his decision to relinquish administrative responsibilities, I am grateful that he will continue to make a valuable contribution in the classroom through teaching and research."

Torkelsen says a presidential search committee will be formed shortly to begin the process of selecting a new president.

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Founded in 1892, WWU is a private university affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than 1830 undergraduate and graduate students attend the university, which offers more than 100 areas of study on five campuses.

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1-23-12 U.S. Supreme Court ruling is First Amendment defense, Adventist legal counselors

Landmark decision applies 'ministerial exception' to Lutheran school teacher

Jan. 13, 2012 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN

Seventh-day Adventist Church legal counselors say a ruling this week by the United States Supreme Court further shields churches from government interference.

In a landmark decision, the nation’s highest court ruled that government cannot question a religious community’s decisions regarding who should teach in its church-run schools.

The unanimous ruling clarifies the role of the “ministerial exception,” which has previously protected churches in the U.S. from undue government and court interference, said Todd McFarland, an associate general counsel for the Adventist world church’s Office of General Counsel.

While lower courts have applied the ministerial exception for decades, this latest ruling marks the first time the Supreme Court has tackled it.

“[For the Adventist Church in the U.S., this means courts will not be second-guessing the hiring and firing of our pastors and teachers],” McFarland said, adding that the decision frees the church to make employment decisions without worrying that a “secular judge and jury” might question their motivation.

“We’re pleased with the outcome,” he said.

The January 11 ruling dismisses the retaliation suit of a Lutheran schoolteacher in Michigan. Commissioned minister and teacher Cheryl Perich was fired after a 2004 narcolepsy diagnosis allegedly left her unable to perform her job. Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church argued Perich’s illness and ensuing absences strained the school’s limited staff and budget.

Perich, however, claimed the church was violating the Americans with Disabilities Act and threatened to file a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). After the Lutheran Church accused Perich of violating the church’s doctrine of internal conflict resolution, the EEOC sued Hosanna-Tabor for penalizing Perich’s exercise of her rights under the law.

The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals was convinced, too, after adding up the minutes per day Perich spent on secular and religious duties. They determined Perich spent 45 minutes per day conducting religious activities, such as leading prayer and worship -- not enough to apply the “ministerial exception” to discrimination laws, they ruled.

Applying the exception means courts can’t meddle in a church’s decision to appoint, elect or fire “ministers of the faith,” and, in turn, those ministers can’t sue their churches over most employment disputes.

The Adventist Church was among many religious organizations to celebrate the ruling.

The U.S. Supreme Court this week ruled that government cannot question a church’s decisions on who will teach at its faith-based schools. Adventist legal counselors say the ruling further cements church-state separation in the country. [photo: Shutterstock]
Adventist Church Associate General Counsel Todd McFarland says church legal counselors are "pleased" with the January 11 ruling. Here, McFarland reviews church policy at the 2010 General Conference World Session. [ANN file photo by Gerry Chudleigh]

organizations that filed amicus, or "friend of the court" brief in support of the Lutheran-run church school. The church's support of Hosanna-Tabor cited the value of religious education in membership retention and outlined the history of the ministerial exception, including its foundation in church-state separation, he said.

The Adventist Church's Office of General Counsel routinely files amicus briefs in cases where it has invested interest, McFarland said. Previous briefs have supported workplace freedom for Sabbath-observers.

In response to their show of support this week for the Supreme Court's decision, Adventist legal counselors have fielded questions regarding whether the ruling now gives churches the license to "abuse or mistreat" employees, McFarland said.

"The simple answer is obviously 'No,'" he said, "but it's true that there are certain church employees -- not all, and certainly not even a majority -- who now have potentially less protection in the courts."

But Adventist legal counselors don't want "a jury of 12 people off the street" deciding what church doctrine is and whether a church employee has complied with it, McFarland said.

In a hypothetical case, a pastor close to retirement and fired for "straying from the faith" could argue age discrimination in court and likely find a sympathetic jury, he said.

"The argument that somehow the court can sort out whether a decision is religiously motivated or not is precisely the type of entanglement that requires a separation of church and state," McFarland said.

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-- Editors

Supreme Court Sides With Churches in Employment Fights

By LAUREN MARKOE ©2012 Religion News Service

The U.S. Supreme Court on January 11 unanimously threw its support behind a church school that fired a teacher, using a widely watched church-state case to bolster a legal doctrine that exempts religious institutions from some civil rights laws.

Religious groups heralded the ruling as a firm assertion of religious freedom that keeps personnel decisions about religious employees where they should be: within a church, synagogue, or mosque.

"The court hasn't spoken this clearly on a church-state matter in almost 20 years," said Rob Garnett, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame who wrote an amicus brief on the case in support of the Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School.

"This is bedrock," Garnett continued. "All the justices came together to say if religious freedom means anything, it means governments can't interfere with religious institutions' decisions on who is going to be their minister or teacher."

Those who advocate for the separation of church and state said the court has now set the bar far too high for employees of religious institutions who seek redress against discrimination.

"The really terrible thing about this decision is that if you fire someone and religion is just a pretext, it can't be addressed by courts," said the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"It's just a gigantic new exception, a new loophole to the civil rights law for religious groups that will not be shut in a very long time -- if ever."

The Hosanna-Tabor case revolved around Cheryl Perich, who had been elevated by the Lutheran church that ran the school to a "called teacher" position, one with some religious responsibilities. Though most of her duties were secular, Perich spent part of each day teaching religion and sometimes led chapel services.

Diagnosed with a sleep disorder, Perich took a leave of absence in 2004 and was replaced by another teacher. Cleared by her doctors to return to work, the church refused to reinstate her.

Perich filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, arguing that the school was hiding behind its religious protections to ignore the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The EEOC ruled for Perich, but she lost a lawsuit against the school in federal court in 2008. The school successfully argued that the doctrine of ministerial exception, which is well established in state courts, gave it broad hiring and firing powers over all religious employees, even if they engaged in nonreligious activities.

Lawyers for the school argued that the Lutheran tradition requires that disagreements within the church be settled within the church, and that Perich had flouted this requirement by going to court.

Perich appealed, and in 2010 the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in her favor. The Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts, gave the final victory to the church, grounding the decision in the First Amendment's guarantees of free exercise of religion, and a prohibition on government establishment of religion.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Ailito and Elena Kagan filed concurring opinions.

"The interest of society in the enforcement of employment discrimination statutes is undoubtedly important. But so too is
the interest of religious groups in choosing who will preach their beliefs, teach their faith, and carry out their mission," Roberts wrote.

"The First Amendment has struck the balance for us," Roberts continued. "The church must be free to choose those who will guide it on its way."

Said the Rev. Paul Undlin of Hosanna-Tabor, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod church that ran the now-closed school: "It is amazing when a church from Redford, Mich., stands up for its rights and ends up going all the way to the Supreme Court. Praise God for giving the justices the wisdom to uphold the religious freedom enshrined in our Constitution."

**An Adventist Response**

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists welcomed the court’s unanimous decision. As one of many religious organizations that filed friend of the court briefs in support of the Lutheran run church school, we are pleased with the outcome.

For the Adventist Church in the United States this means courts will not be second-guessing the hiring and firing of our pastors and teachers. No longer can the church be hauled into court when it dismisses a pastor or teacher for immoral conduct or straying from the teachings of the church. Rather, the church is free to make these decisions without fear that a secular judge and jury will decide it was instead pretext for an improper motive.

The argument that somehow the court can sort out whether a decision is religiously motivated or not is precisely the type of entanglement that a separation of church and state requires. As the Supreme Court stated, this is an exception that has existed for 40 years in the lower courts. This legal doctrine is not new, but rather reaffirms the long-standing freedom people of faith have enjoyed from governmental interference.

–Todd McFarland, associate counsel, General Conference Office of General Counsel

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Single mom recipient of 'wheely' nice gift

Thanks to the generosity of a church group, a local woman is the proud owner of a reliable car - and some much-needed peace of mind

BY ROXANNE HOOPER, LANGLEY ADVANCE  JANUARY 24, 2012

Eight-year-old Dane Pickering, his 13-year-old brother Brody (not in the picture), and their mother Janis Wilson are elated with a car given to their family through the Aldergrove Seventh Day Adventists.

Photograph by: Heather Colpitts, Langley Advance

Making ends meet is always tough for Janis Wilson. And it got a lot worse in recent months, as the single mother of two was forced to dump hundreds of dollars every few weeks into fixing up her old car.

Well, life definitely got a little easier for the Langley City mother when she was given a new (to her) car through the Minivans for Moms program at the Aldergrove Seventh Day Adventist Church.

When Wilson, 50, first pulled into the church's twice annual oil change event for single-mothers a few months back, her 1992 Buick Skylark was in rough shape.

That would be putting it diplomatically, according to Wilson and Darren Allen, founder and organizers of the church's minivan program.

Her Buick was on its last legs, and despite Wilson recently dumping more than $1,000 into repairs including a muffler, heater core, and starter, its lifespan was limited.

At the time of the oil change, however, it was still limping along. So one of the church members simply gave Wilson his contact information and said before she sunk any more money into the car, to call him.
when something else went wrong.

Admittedly, there were other problems too, including broken window mechanisms and leaks - that, while inconvenient, weren't critical to getting the vehicle from Point A to Point B, Wilson said.

But the list was growing to include balding tires - which were worrisome heading into the winter - and more recently the need to replace the water pump.

That was enough to push Wilson's vehicle from the elective surgery to critical care list.

It was enough to prompt Allen and his team to action. The minivan program has been operating since 2007, and given out an average of one vehicle a year to a family in need, and replacing vehicles that "really shouldn't be on the road anymore," Allen explained.

Well, Wilson's vehicle definitely qualified, Allen said.

The bonus: Wilson had no idea what was coming.

She simply picked up the phone when the water pump went, and called the church volunteer, being led to believe that some-one would volunteer time and she'd - at most - be expected to pay for the parts to fix the car.

"They kept the secret going for two weeks," said Wilson, who waited patiently for the return of her Buick.

Then, the call finally came for her to pick up her car on Nov. 20. Upon her arrival, Allen started joking about the desperate need for new paint on the car roof, new tires, and windows that work.

"Then suddenly, they bring this car around from the back of the building, and they bring this beautiful red Toyota (Tercel). I bawled," Wilson said, recounted for the Langley Advance.

She was astonished and over-whelmed when they handed her the keys to her new vehicle. It's not new, in fact it's a 1991 - a year older than her previous vehicle (which the church is selling for scrap with plans to donate the money back to Wilson to help cover her auto insurance).

"But it's in such great shape, it's beautiful, and it's safe," Wilson said.

"I was crying because it was very generous of them doing that for me and my boys. I'm sure there's a lot of single mothers who deserve and need help. But they came to my aid. They're my heroes."

Wilson's new car, in fact, was donated to the church by a family that received a vehicle from the minivan program in 2008.

They had since replaced the van from the church with the Toyota, and then bought a newer vehicle in 2010, giving them the opportunity to give back by donating their Toyota to the cause.

"When you're giving away a car, there's always the unknown. But we try to make sure the car is in reason-able condition and will last a while," said Allen, an auto hobbieist from Bradner who describes the program as "uplifting" and rewarding.
"It means a lot to give people a hand up," Allen said.

"I wish I could pay it back, but I can't," Wilson added. "So I'm hoping I can pay it forward by helping a couple people in small ways."

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The Adventist Community Service Center would like to express its appreciation to all those in and out of the community for the many donations of goods and cash gifts.

The center has had a very busy year with the help of its 30-some volunteers. Those volunteers represent nearly every church in the community.

"It has meant many hours of work but we all enjoyed the time together and had a lot of fun," said Bill and Karen Reed, directors.

Volunteers gave over 9,270 hours of their time. The center served an average of 50 families a week, which averages 184 persons. Free clothing articles amounted to 38,973 pieces; 410 household items; 7,148 miscellaneous items; 872 pairs of shoes; and 12 new baby layettes for new mothers.

The Gallatin Food Pantry served over 170 families in Daviess County, which is over 500 persons. Each week one to three new families need help.

"We are looking forward to another year serving our community," said the Reeds. "May God bless us all."

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Adventist Tops Hospitals in Green Energy Purchase

The hospital system is participating in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership.

By Ryan McDermott  Email the author  January 17, 2012

Adventist Healthcare, the health-care system that runs hospitals in Takoma Park and Rockville, recently became the largest purchaser of green energy of any healthcare system that's participating in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership, according to a news release from Adventist.

The company was honored Tuesday by the Montgomery County Council.

"We are honoring them [Adventist HealthCare] because they have gone above and beyond what is required in terms of being good to our planet," Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-Dist. 1) said.

This energy initiative has resulted in Adventist HealthCare purchasing nearly 15 percent of its electricity in the form of green energy, according to the release. Adventist is reducing its carbon dioxide emissions by 5,119 metric tons each year, because of the 15 percent purchase.

Adventist's next step is to remove an additional 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from its footprint by 2014.
Adventist Tops Hospitals in Green Energy Purchase - Rockville, MD Patch
http://rockville.patch.com/articles/adventist-tops-hospitals-in-green-ener...
Five Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Doctors Among 'Chicago's Best'

List compiled by Chicago Magazine.
January 17, 2012

Five doctors who treat patients at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital made the list of "Chicago's Top Doctors," featured in the January 2012 issue of Chicago Magazine.

"We are honored that so many of the physicians who choose to treat their patients at our facilities are being recognized as the best and brightest in the Chicago area," said David L. Crane, president and CEO of Adventist Midwest Health. "This is further confirmation of the world-class care we offer patients right in their own communities."

The list includes:

- **Dr. Bryan Foy**, thoracic surgery, specializing in heart transplants, ventricular assist device (VAD): Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital
- **Dr. Neeraj Jain**, pain medicine, specializing in back and neck pain, RSD, shingles and post-herpetic neuralgia pain: Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital and Adventist Hinsdale Hospital
- **Dr. Luke Sewall**, vascular and interventional radiology, specializing in endovascular stent grafts, peripheral vascular disease, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital
- **Dr. Steven Smith**, vascular and interventional radiology, specializing in peripheral angioplasty, uterine fibroid embolization, varicocele embolization, arteriovenous malformations: Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital
- **Dr. Edgar Carell**, interventional cardiology, specializing in peripheral vascular disease, hypertension, vascular medicine, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital

The list, prepared for the magazine by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., includes almost 500 Chicago-area doctors, broken down by 60 specialties. Using a rigorous screening process, Castle Connolly's physician-led team of researchers surveyed physicians and medical leaders at top local hospitals to find highly skilled, exceptional doctors. Doctors do not and cannot pay to be selected and profiled.
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Partnership Marks Graymark’s First Entrance Into Georgia Market

Press Release: Graymark Healthcare, Inc. – Tue, Jan 17, 2012 12:30 PM EST

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK--(Marketwire -01/17/12)- Graymark Healthcare, Inc. (NASDAQ: GRMH - News), the nation’s second largest provider of diagnostic sleep services and an innovator in comprehensive care for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), has partnered with Emory Adventist Hospital of Smyrna, Georgia to offer comprehensive sleep medicine services to city residents and surrounding areas.

The hospital is part of Emory Healthcare, the largest health care system in Georgia, with a total of 1,184 licensed patient beds, 9,000 employees and more than 20 health centers located throughout Atlanta.

Graymark replaces the hospital’s previous provider and represents the company’s first entrance into the state of Georgia. It brings the total number of Graymark sleep laboratories to 101, consisting of 24 standalone or IDTF facilities in large communities and 77 hospital or rural outreach locations.

“Our new partnership with Emory Adventist Hospital expands our footprint into our tenth state and further supports our replicable model for the diagnosis and treatment of OSA,” said Stanton Nelson, CEO of Graymark Healthcare. “We plan to open three to four additional locations in the Atlanta market in 2012, which we expect all together will perform about 1,500 sleep studies before year’s end.”

These sleep medicine programs augment the company-owned, freestanding facilities, and represent Graymark’s go-to-market strategy due to the relatively low start-up cost and more rapid deployment, as well as lower ongoing administrative time and expense. Graymark’s OSA patients also benefit from the full and immediate resources of a well-established, professionally operated medical facility.

Dennis Kiley, CEO of Emory Adventist Hospital, commented: "We are grateful to work with an organization that could step in so quickly to help us recover from the loss of the previous provider. Graymark has proven themselves as a leader in sleep medicine and we are impressed by the success of their unique approach to treating sleep-related health issues, particularly OSA."

To find out more or to locate a sleep center near you, visit www.graymarkhealthcare.com.

About Emory Adventist Hospital

Emory-Adventist Hospital is a joint venture between Adventist Healthcare and Emory Healthcare. Adventist Health System owns and manages hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, health care systems and an array of other services. With 37 hospitals located across the United States, Adventist Health System is the largest not-for-profit Protestant hospital system in the country. Emory Healthcare is the clinical arm of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center of Emory University, which focuses on patient care, education of health professionals, research addressing health and illness, and health policies for prevention and treatment of disease. The backbone of this system is the Emory University School of Medicine, which has been at the forefront of medical knowledge and research, pioneering many advances and procedures that have changed the face of medical history. Since 1905, Emory Healthcare has been at the forefront of medicine, putting cutting-edge interventional research and technology into lifesaving action. As the largest, most comprehensive health care system in Georgia, Emory Healthcare has 1,184 licensed patient beds, 9,000 employees and more than 20 health centers located throughout Metro Atlanta.
About Graymark Healthcare

Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla., Graymark Healthcare, Inc. (NASDAQ: GRMH - News) is the nation’s second largest provider of sleep management solutions. In addition to diagnosing and treating over 80 sleep disorders, the company specializes in comprehensive care for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA). Graymark offers its services through 101 sleep laboratories primarily in the Midwest, including standalone or IDTF facilities, therapy facilities, rural outreach hospital sites and urban hospital management agreements. For more information, visit www.graymarkhealthcare.com.

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Many ministers reach for the heavens with explosive, fiery rhetoric behind the pulpit, but mountaineering pastor Danny Poff climbs to them with rope, ice axe and cleats.

Poff, 47, of Smith Mountain Lake 7th Day Adventist Church, recently completed a very rigorous, but successful ascent of 14,411-foot Mount Rainier in Washington state, the hardest endurance climb in the lower 48 states of the U.S. Much of the climb is 45 percent and with 26 major glaciers, the mountain is the most heavily glaciated peak in America.

Only one-half of the climbers who seek the summit actually make it, and many have perished over the years in the attempt.

"I just like to do it," said Poff, a Boones Mill resident, Franklin County native and director of sales for eight years at Microscope.com in Roanoke. His wife, Rhonda, is the company's financial manager. "I'm very outdoorsy, and love mountaineering, rock climbing, camping and wilderness survival," so much so that he and four church companions flew 40 miles into the Canadian wilderness a few years ago, where they sojourned for three weeks, carrying canoes, tents and provisions on their backs.

"Other than the four of us, we didn't see any other humans, only wolves, moose and bears," recalled Poff. Utilizing well-honed map, compass and navigation skills, the group portaged their canoes and gear from lake to lake, supplementing their packed food with fresh pike, muskie and lake trout.

"It was rare that you didn't catch a fish," he noted. "We built big fires at night to keep the wolves away. You could hear them howling. You could take knives into the wilderness, but not guns. It was an experience."

To read more of this and other stories, pick up a copy of this week's Smith Mountain Eagle on newsstands or subscribe online or by calling 719-5100. A year's subscription, which is just $26 in Bedford, Franklin and Pittsylvania County, also gives you free access to the Smith Mountain Eagle's e-edition, an online version of the entire newspaper.
Many Oakwood University Aeolians go on to professional careers in music

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Pat Ammons, The Huntsville Times

By

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama - Each year, the Oakwood University Aeolians have a remarkable collection of young voices that make up the choir. Some come to the small Seventh Day Adventist college for the music program and specifically to be part of the elite group of singers.

In the 60-plus years of the Aeolians’ history, a number of professional musicians have emerged from the program.

Mervyn Warren is a five-time Grammy Award winner and 10-time Grammy Award nominee and an accomplished film composer, record producer, lyricist, songwriter, arranger, pianist and vocalist.

According to his biography on the IMBd website, Warren has worked with artists as varied as Barbra Streisand and rapper DMX. He was an original member of Take 6, an a cappella sextet that was formed by several Oakwood students. When he was a member, the group had one platinum and one gold album. He also produced, co-wrote and arranged most of the award-winning songs.

Warren also won a Grammy for Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration and got five additional Grammy nominations. His list of producer credits is extensive, with the Billboard No. 1 R&B hit "Last Night" by Az Yet and the Billboard Top 10 "I Believe In You & Me" from the soundtrack to "The Preacher's Wife."

He also scored, produced and arranged the songs for the movie "Joyful Noise" that is currently in theaters and stars Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton.
Angela Brown came to Oakwood University in the mid-1980s hoping to pursue a career as a gospel singer. She began studying voice with Ginger Beazley, who was head of Oakwood choral program at the time.

Brown made her acclaimed Metropolitan Opera debut in 2004 playing the lead in "Aida." The New York Times in reviewing her performance said "at last ... an Aida."

Brown has a solo show, "Opera ... from a Sistah's Point of View," that provides dissection of the common myths of opera from her perspective. She continues to perform around the world, and is scheduled to sing the arias of Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini with Opera Birmingham on April 12.

In a 2009 interview with The Times, Brown said, "If it wasn’t for Huntsville, Ginger Beazley and Oakwood University, I wouldn’t be in opera."
Mark Kibble went to high school at Oakwood Academy, where he met Mervyn Warren. The two were members of the Aeolians and joined with other Oakwood students to perform Take 6 after Kibble heard the precursor of the group, “Gentlemen’s Estate Club,” performing in a campus bathroom.

Kibble is still a member of Take 6 and has produced and performed on many other projects. They include the gospel group Virtue, Donnie McClurkin, Angie Winans, CeCe Winans and others, according to his biography on the Yamaha guitar website.

He has also worked as an arranger and vocal coach for The Backstreet Boys.
Janice Chandler-Eteme has a bachelor’s degree in vocal performance from Oakwood and has a professional career as a classical singer. She has, among other accomplishments, performed “Bess” in Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess” with the Opera de Lyon in France and at the International Edinburgh Festival in Scotland.

She is a lecturer of voice at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md.

Wintley Phipps is a Grammy-nominated singer who is also a minister. He also holds a master’s in divinity from Andrews University and is founder and CEO of the U.S. Dream Academy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping at-risk children and youth.
A baritone, Phipps has performed on television programs ranging from “Saturday Night Live” to the “Oprah Winfrey Show.”

**Brandie Sutton** has a bachelor of arts degree in music with a concentration in voice from Oakwood. She made her debut at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in a solo recital sponsored by the Vocal Arts Society of Washington, D.C. Opera performances include the roles of Pamina in Mozart’s “The Magic Flute,” Cleopatra in Handel’s “Giulio Cesare” and Musetta in Puccini’s “La Bohème.”

Sutton was the winner of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Ben Holt Memorial Branch Scholarship Competition in Voice.
Amber Bullock won the BET’s 2011 Sunday Best reality series competition and has a CD project released on Mathew Knowles’ Music World Gospel label. She was the opening act and special guest artist on Kirk Franklin’s Fearless Tour, along with Isaac Carree, Deon Kipping and Jason Nelson.

Stanley Ware, a tenor, attended Oakwood before transferring to the Juilliard School of Music where he completed an undergraduate degree. He went on to receive a master’s degree in vocal performance at Vanderbilt University and came back to Oakwood to direct the College Choir in 1971.

Ware signed a contract with the Metropolitan Opera in 1989. He made his debut and gave his only performance at the Metropolitan Opera House on Nov. 24, 1990 in a matinee where he played the role of Peter in “Porgy and Bess.” He became ill shortly after that and died three years later.

Theron “Therry” Thomas, Robbie Pressley, Dennis “DJ” Baptiste and Geston Pierre are four of the six members of Committed, an a cappella singing group that won NBC’s “The Sing-Off” in December 2010. All six members either attended or graduated from Oakwood.

The group released its first album, “Committed,” in August on the Sony Epic label.
Many Oakwood University Aeolians go on to professional careers in music. Armand “Hops” Hutton works as a voice actor and performs bass in Naturally 7, an a cappella band in which the members impersonate musical instruments -- the bass guitar, in Hutton's case. The group has appeared on the “Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” “The Ellen Degeneres Show,” “The Tavis Smiley Show” and the “Royal Variety Performance” in the United Kingdom. He has also done voice-overs and voice-drops on a number of radio programs.

Perhaps next on the list of professional musicians to emerge from Oakwood will be Whitney Morrison, a current Aeolian who is working on her bachelor’s degree in music in vocal performance and pedagogy. She won the National Classical Singer University Competition, which was held in New York City, in September 2010.
Many Oakwood University Aeolians go on to professional careers in music.
Southern Adventist professor and student develop text app

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By WRCB Staff - email

COLLEGEDEALE, HAMILTON COUNTY - (WRCB) -- A local student and professor are teaming up to bring smartphone users an app that will pay them to text.

Zack Goldstein, a senior animation student at Southern Adventist University, and Ken Willes, a professor in the university's art department have worked together to form Rocket Link Mobile, an advertisement company that is developing VorText.

Using the app, each time you send or receive a text, you will earn a couple of cents by having a placed advertisement at the bottom of the text.

Zack Goldstein, the app's creator, sees it as a great way for college students to earn a little extra money, perhaps enough to cover their monthly phone bill.

"The idea is that if people are sending a thousand plus texts a month and you're earning a couple pennies for each one," Goldstein said. "You could easily make enough off that to pay off your texting plan, or the rest of your phone, or whatever you want to do with it."

Ken Willes, the app's programmer, says that ads will be based upon personal interests and they will only allow a "G" rating. He also points out that people have to opt in to receive the text ads.

The app is currently being developed for Android only. It is soon to go into testing and Goldstein says the public can look for a release in mid-March. An iPhone release is planned for some time afterwards.

For more information, visit www.rocketlinkmobile.com

Contributed by Brandon Cobos, WRCB-TV News Intern.
E-Chaplain services increase access to care, health officials say

By Lloyd Nelson, lnelson@mysuburbanlife.com
La Grange Suburban Life
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La Grange, Ill. — The Rev. Mark Woolfington starts his day at 6 a.m., when he starts his computer at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, and like most people, checks his email.

But for Woolfington, what he sees in his inbox isn’t run-of-the-mill spam, it’s messages from patients, doctors and community members asking him simply to pray for their concerns.

So Woolfington prints out the messages, walks over to the hospital chapel and does just that.

It’s all part of Adventist Midwest Health’s E-Chaplain ministry, which extends chaplain care and counsel electronically. Adventist Midwest Health chaplains provide spiritual and emotional care at all four Adventist hospitals in La Grange, Hinsdale, Bolingbrook and Glendale Heights.

"Sometimes it's difficult to talk to a chaplain," Woolfington said. "This is another way for people to access chaplain care."

Embracing technology is vital for faith and reaching out to those who need it, said John Rapp, regional vice president for ministries and missions at Adventist Midwest Health. Social media, such as Twitter and Facebook, and websites are becoming frequently utilized by religions to reach out to an increasingly tech-oriented generation.

The E-Chaplain idea is growing in popularity, including at Mercy hospitals in Florida and Maine.

"So many people are interested in spirituality, not necessarily organized religion," Rapp said. "Traditional ways aren’t going to meet the need for people who aren’t going to darken the doorway of a church."

Woolfington, a La Grange Highlands resident and chaplain with Adventist for seven years, said that one of the benefits to being online is anonymity.

"It puts the ball in their court," Woolfington said.

Through the program, which launched in December, Woolfington receives four to five responses — from the public, staff and former patients — each week.

"Most have been prayer requests," Woolfington said. "It’s been a big range: from illness, medical things, the economy, caring for aging parents."

Rapp heard about the E-Chaplain program while he was at corporate headquarters in Florida. He decided to bring it to Adventist, and handed off the idea to tech-savvy chaplain Woolfington.

"This is something that was going to work for us," Rapp said. "We want to bring spiritual resources to meet them where they are on their journey. Any venue we could use to reach the most people, we’re going to use."

The E-Chaplain program utilizes technology to reach a broader base because about 90 percent of patient contacts at Adventist Midwest Health are not admissions to one of the four hospitals. Instead, they’re treated through outpatient services, Adventist Health Care at Home, or Adventist St. Thomas Hospice.

“We’re extending it beyond the walls of our facility,” Rapp said.

And the E-Chaplain service isn’t only for prayers. If a professional counselor is needed, or information regarding anything concerning the hospital is requested, Woolfington forwards that information along.

A Spanish-speaking chaplain will help with all Spanish prayer requests, as well.

It’s all another way, Rapp said, to reach the chaplain’s benchmark to see 80 to 95 percent of new patients who come into the hospitals.

“People don’t see spiritual services as something extra at Adventist,” Rapp said. "They see it as something expected."
E-Chaplain services increase access to care, health officials say - La Gra...
Hundreds of people in the Chattanooga area made their day off a day on in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Students and workers honored his legacy the way he spent his life... in service.

For Abraham Zaias and 70 of his fellow school mates from Southern Adventist University... there's nothing puzzling about how to spend Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday.

Abraham Zaias, Southern Adventist University, "He was a great inspiration to many people around this great nation. I feel that this community service day it's a... it's just a great way to honor his legacy and serving others."

The group at the Samaritan Center checking games, painting walls and sorting food is among more than 850 students and faculty from Southern Adventist... lending a helping hand at 40 different locations around the Chattanooga area.

Lydia Hasan, Southern Adventist University Student, "Just doing good service and having fun at the same time and just giving back to the community."

It's an annual partnership between Southern Adventist and the Samaritan Center.

Jessica Parks, Samaritan Center Volunteer Coordinator, "It helps us better serve other people in the community too so they're doing a small thing with a huge impact."

And it's not just Southern Adventist making a huge impact on this day of service.

Jan Pope, Home Depot, "We're here cutting up a tree, filling in a wall... well building a wall and filling it in with dirt and painting a small room inside."

Four groups converged on the Chambliss Children's Home... around 50 people helping to spruce the place up... for free.

Katie Harbison, Chambliss Children's Home, "To be able to do these projects with volunteer labor instead of having to pay for it is huge for us because then we can spend that money... for things like cutting down trees and painting... we can spend it on the kids which is really what we need to be doing."

All across Chattanooga people meeting a need whose value is hard to measure.
Volunteers Make Martin Luther King Jr. Day A Day of Service - WDEF... http://www.wdef.com/content/news/wrwos/story/Volunteers-Make-Mart...
A 2012 PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE:

Use the following guide to pray for the conference(s) highlighted on the prayer calendar each week. Visit conference and union websites for names of specific leaders and institutions to pray for.

Sunday » Pray for church members to have compassion for lost souls in their communities, and to act with unified strength. (Matt. 28:18–20)

Monday » Pray that God will work powerfully in our schools and through the teachers, staff members and students to accomplish His purposes. (James 1:5–6)

Tuesday » Pray for conference, union and division leaders to receive vision, wisdom, courage and inspiration from the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 12:7–9)

Wednesday » Pray for leaders and staff members in our hospitals and medical facilities to extend Christ’s healing touch to those who are sick and suffering. (Matt. 4:24)

Thursday » Pray for faculty and staff members in our universities and colleges to share with their students a vision for following Christ. (Prov. 9:10)

Friday » Pray for pastors to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to grow in the measure of the fullness of Christ. (Eph. 4:11–13)

Sabbath » Pray for church members to experience an intimate relationship with God through prayer and His Word, and to be filled with His grace, mercy and peace. (1 Tim. 1:2)
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"ANNOUNCEMENT" – The United Stated Surgeon General Regina Benjamin will be our keynote speaker at the upcoming "Adventists InStep for Life Celebration" event at the Marriot in Lake Mary, Florida on January on January 28, 2012 from 4-6pm.
Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA is the 18th Surgeon General of the United States. As America’s Doctor, she provides the public with the best scientific information available on how to improve their health and the health of the nation. Dr. Benjamin also oversees the operational command of 6,500 uniformed public health officers who serve in locations around the world to promote, and protect the health of the American People.

From her early days as the founder of a rural health clinic in Alabama – which she kept in operation despite damage and destruction inflicted by hurricanes Georges (1998) and Katrina (2005) and a devastating fire (2006) – to her leadership role in the worldwide advancement of preventive health care, Dr. Benjamin has forged a career that has been recognized by a broad spectrum of organizations and publications. She currently serves as chairman of the National Prevention Council, making her the first U.S. Surgeon General in history to bring together seventeen federal agencies to develop a National Prevention Strategy.

Dr. Benjamin has a B.S. in chemistry from Xavier University, New Orleans, an M.D. degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an MBA from Tulane University. She attended Morehouse School of Medicine and completed her family medicine residency in Macon, Ga. Dr. Benjamin holds 15 honorary degrees.
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WHAT IS THE GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT?

An initiative led by the General Conference President, Ted N. C. Wilson. The challenge to the world field is to distribute massive quantities of *The Great Controversy* as part of the Church’s world-wide “Tell The World” emphasis, and a complement to the Revival and Reformation emphasis.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Distribution of three million copies of the *Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White, to include one million copies of the Contemporary Version (eleven chapters) under the title, *The Great Hope*, in English, Spanish, and French.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION METHOD AND TIMELINE

January through September 2012 – Our Division members and families prayerfully READ *The Great Controversy*, asking for guidance regarding who, as the result of a friendly, personal relationship, *The Great Hope* should be shared with.

October 2012 and onward – Distribution of *The Great Hope* to family and friends throughout North America. Our emphasis is on distribution to those with whom we have developed a relationship!

FURTHER INFORMATION AS OF TODAY

[www.greatcontroversyproject.adventist.org](http://www.greatcontroversyproject.adventist.org) – Overall Perspective
[www.nadadventist.org](http://www.nadadventist.org) – North American Division Great Controversy Project Information – starting November 9, 2010

J. ALFRED JOHNSON II, DIRECTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES
GREAT CONTROVESY PROJECT COORDINATOR/ NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION
WHICH OF “THE GREAT CONTROVERSY” CHAPTERS ARE INCLUDED IN “THE GREAT HOPE”?

CHAPTER 1, “WHY IS THERE SUFFERING”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 29

CHAPTER 2, “HOPE FOR TRIUMPH OVER EVIL”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapters 30, 31

CHAPTER 3, “DANGEROUS SEDUCTIONS”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 32

CHAPTER 4, “EVERLASTING LIFE”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 33

CHAPTER 5, “FALSE HOPE”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 34

CHAPTER 6, “TRUE PEACE”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapters 7, 27

CHAPTER 7, “OUR ONLY SAFEGUARD”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 37

CHAPTER 8, “IN DEFENSE OF THE TRUTH”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapters 25, 26

CHAPTER 9, “REAL HOPE”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapters 1, 17, 36, 38, 39

CHAPTER 10, “THE GREAT RESCUE”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 40

CHAPTER 11, “VICTORY OF LOVE”
_The Great Controversy_, Chapter 42