Community Prayer and Blessing
Maitland DiPinto, director, Hope for Humanity

The smile on her face brought upon a glow that carried throughout the courtyard. With her pencil in hand, she said, “I can now sign my receipts!”

Most of us were taught to read and write and differentiate letters when we were very young. She wasn’t. She was a wife and mother, and before Hope for Humanity’s (HFH) literacy project, couldn’t even sign her name. She is one of the more than 80,000 people who have learned to read through HFH’s literacy programs in the last ten years.

Literacy projects are just one side of the spectrum that HFH supports. Other types of projects include after-school drop-in centers for AIDS orphans where they can get a hot meal, help with homework, and moral support; home-based care for people suffering from AIDS and other debilitating illnesses; and more. One hundred percent of the donations received go straight to the projects worldwide.

HFH has just launched a new initiative mission called “Community Prayer and Blessing,” a plan to create awareness in the community. New training kits contain exemplar material, including role-playing skits to practice before going out and praying with people. A simple prayer with our neighboring businesses helps to show that we are a caring church, just like Christ was here on earth.

Whether it’s praying with our next door neighbors or giving a literacy graduate a Bible, it’s all a part of HFH’s part in being the mission.
NewsNotes

Where in the World is Dan Jackson? The NAD administration will be doing major traveling on behalf of the Division, February 15-27. We will post clues on the NAD website, Facebook, Twitter and Flickr for you to guess where they are in the NAD territory, and bring stories of what ministries are happening around the Division.

Encouraging Presidents Set Example - NAD President Dan Jackson and GC President Ted Wilson, shared their support and words of encouragement to those who have not yet joined InStep for Life. At the NAD Health Summit during the Celebration and Awards Ceremony for InStep for Life and the White House Let’s Move initiative both recalled what they did on Let’s Move Day. MORE

The 13th Sabbath Offering emphasis inspired some creative fund raising by Alice Pierson at the Sunnyvale Church in Centralia, Mo. She wanted to raise money to buy Karen language Bibles for refugees but thought that if she told her church that she wanted to raise $1,000, they might feel it was hopeless. Read MORE to learn how the church actually raised $1,900.

Sold! Florida Conference Executive Committee was approached by the Florida Department of Transportation this past fall with an official proposal to purchase their entire facility/property located in Winter Park, Fl., as part of road expansion work on Interstate 4. That sale was completed on Friday, January 27, 2012. MORE

Adventists in the News

The following are positive stories that appeared this week in the news about Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division territory.

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See more 2012 upcoming
Invitation to Prayer Call - A Division-wide all-night prayer teleconference for all who wish to join will be held Saturday night, February 4, beginning at 10 p.m. ET, until 5:00 a.m. ET Sunday. A downloadable church bulletin insert is available on the Prayer Ministries website. Here are instructions for entering the teleconference.

The One Project, now a global movement, began as a personal journey of seven Adventist ministers searched for revival and a reason for their ministries. They met for prayer, study, and conversation and realized that the solution to their soul-hunger was just Jesus, “Jesus. All.” The One mission is to celebrate the supremacy of Jesus Christ in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Come to Seattle in February 2012 and join the gathering, enter the conversation, rediscover The One. http://www.the1project.org.

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**Adventist Medical Center, a Leader in the Treatment of Heart Disease**
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**Washington Adventist Hospital Receives Breastfeeding Award**
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**Southern Adventist campus moves toward energy neutrality**
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**Delicious dishes from around the world**
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**Hope Channel Programs**

**Hope Channel (HC)**  
(On DIRECTV ch. 368)

**Hope Church Channel (HCC)**

**Revelation Today, It is Written (60 min)**
- Jan. 20 - Feb. 18, Tues, Wed, and Fri, 7:00 p.m. EST/PST
- HCC: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18, Sun, Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat, 7:00 p.m. EST/PST

**NAD Health Summit (2 hrs)**
- HCC: Jan 28 - Feb. 5, 8:00 p.m. ET

**Imagine a Healthy 100 (From Florida Hospital):**
(All times given in Eastern Time. Look for the special viewing window at www.hopetv.org for “Healthy 100” programs)
- Keep Moving Forward: 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.

**February Offerings and Special Days**

**Offerings:**
- February 4, Local Church
"Preaching the Message of Daniel and Revelation," will be presented at the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center for the Third Annual Conference on the Art and Craft of Preaching, February 26-29. Register

Just Claim It /Ignition /Leadership Summit, 3-in-1 event - coming soon! Early-bird registration has been extended until February 10.

On March 7-11 thousands of youth leaders, youth groups, young adults are urged to converge on Greensboro, N.C. to be trained and inspired, to learn how to pray in brand new ways, and most importantly, learn ministry and service skills to make a difference in their community.

Local leaders are invited to a long-term discipleship initiative called "Choose 12" to mentor and sponsor 12 youth in spiritual and discipleship development.

Young adults, come join a vibrant community of other young adults who are interested in networking, sharing their vision for ministry and service, and who desire to claim their cities for Christ.

Lay youth leadership from around the division are coming to be trained in Pathfinder Ministry, Adventurer Leadership, Creative ministries, Mission Lifeguard reclamation ministry and so many more! MORE

WestPoint 2012, "Connecting with Christ", April 8-11, in San Francisco, is for pastors, chaplains, evangelists, departmental leaders and administrators, local church lay leaders, and members - anyone who would like to sharpen their leadership and pastoral skills. Attendees will learn innovative strategies for outreach and discipleship applied in the local church in workshops on church growth and evangelism, communication, the cutting edge resources for ministry, leadership, and Biblical teaching, and much more. Special emphasis will be placed on using social media to increase the impact of your local church's outreach. MORE; Register by March 15.

Molly's lifestyle allows long and active career - Self-proclaimed, energetic 85-year-old medical missionary to the "asphalt jungles," Molly Geddis, received an award for Excellence in Ministry at the NAD Health Summit in Lake Mary, Fl., Saturday, January 28, during the Awards and InStep for Life Celebration.

The award was presented by Chris VanDenburgh, president of the newly-organized Adventist Association of Faith Community Nurses (AAFCN), and Katia Reinert, NAD Health Ministries director. It was given
in recognition for her work as a parish nurse and for organizing of the Healthy Heart Team, a lifestyle improvement program of Portland, Ore. As director, she has expanded the team to reach throughout the North Pacific Union including 27 churches. Her award also named her the number one charter member of the nurses' association which was established at this year’s summit.

Molly left nursing in 1976 to sell health books as a literature evangelist. She loved using the books to help people with their health concerns. Molly and her customers were learning together how to care for themselves in an intelligent way. That led to parish nursing and the rest of the story.

“You’re never too old to work for the Lord,” said Molly. “I started the Healthy Heart Team in 2007 when I was 80. My secretary, Vi Huntington, is 88.”

Special Prayer Emphasis, from the NAD Prayer Calendar:

This week: January 29 - February 4, please remember to pray for the Southern New England Conference.

Next week: February 5-11, pray for Allegheny East Conference.

Every week we are praying for a different conference. 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. 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.

Keynote sermons recordings from the Adventist Ministries Convention are now available from AdventSource in a 4-DVD set for US$24.00. It includes keynotes by Dan Jackson, G. Alexander Bryant, Jose Rojas and Adrienne Townsend. MORE

NEW! Successful Fundraising: A Guide for Local Churches from Philanthropic Services for Institutions (PSI). Ideal for churches that need to raise funds to build a new church, enlarge, or improve an existing church or school. Beginning with the question, “Where do I start?” and moving through the process of raising money responsibly, this handbook is designed to help churches avoid pitfalls and raise money successfully, in ways that work today. Pastors and leaders involved in such projects will also benefit by coupling the book’s advice by consulting with a PSI professional. More Information. Order from...
“If your church burned down, would anybody in your community miss it? The reality is that Jesus came into the world to show the love of God, and God’s love tells us how much he wants us to be happy, and hopeful and whole. So the role of the Church - and it’s important that the church express it this way - is to be a very vital and important part of its community and the quality of life of its community.” NAD President Dan Jackson at the NAD Health Summit

“When we do what we are passionate about we have total confidence in our ability. Your passion makes you less likely to worry about failure because when you love what you are doing, you are less likely to fail.” Alvin Kibble in his devotional for NAD Staff worship, February 1.
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Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists which represents over 1.1 million members, and Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists which has a membership of over 17 million worldwide, shared with the NAD Health Summit attendees during the Celebration and Awards Ceremony for InStep for Life and the White House Let's Move initiative, Saturday, January 28, their support and words of encouragement to those who have not yet joined InStep for Life, the Seventh-day Adventist partnering program for keeping active and physically fit in order to live life to the fullest.

When Bernadine Delafield, assistant director, NAD Office of Communication, asked what they were doing on Let's Move Day, September 25, 2011, both Jackson and Wilson had supportive answers.

Jackson recounted, “I was sitting in a constituency meeting in Canada and decided that I’d lead the constituents on a one-third mile walk before lunch. Everyone was invigorated and had a good time walking and talking together.”

Wilson pointed to the video they had just seen of Vibrant Life’s 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Review and Herald Publishing Association of which he had formerly been president. Wilson, who tries to maintain a personal exercise routine in spite of his heavy responsibilities, participated along with former Review associates and area friends.

Jackson and Wilson agreed that healthy living and staying fit is one important face of Adventism. Besides the great personal benefit to every individual, it is a positive way to share with the world the best choice one can make—to live life to the fullest.

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Bernadine Delafield, Assistant Director
Office of Communication
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists
1-31-12 Creative Fund Raising for Refugees

Prompted by the 13th Sabbath Offering Emphasis

Alice Pierson, Sabbath School leader for the Sunnydale Church in Centralia, Missouri called me in October to find out the price of Bibles for refugees. Her thoughts were that if she told the members that the goal was to raise $1,000 for refugees, they would probably throw up their hands thinking they could never afford to give that much. However, if she told them the price of a Bible, they might feel that they could buy one or two Bibles for refugees and would probably end up raising more funds than if they merely set a general goal.

So she developed a goal device on a bulletin board with the title “Love Gifts for Jesus = Bibles for Refugees” and a map of the North American Division, and put a picture of a Bible on the bulletin board for every $25 raised, since Karen Bibles cost approximately $25 with shipping from Asia. (See picture.)

Her plan worked. They were able to raise a total of $1,900 for Bibles for refugees.

“Personally, I asked my family,” Alice told me. “I told them ‘I don’t really need anything for Christmas, but I would really appreciate it if you would give to the ‘Bibles for Refugees’ project.’ Some family members gave her money for Christmas, and she donated it ($170) to the “Bibles for Refugees” project, in addition to another $50 of her own. But she praises God for the total amount raised. “I could never have had enough money of my own to give that much,” Alice said. This offering was more than three times last year’s Christmas offering of $600 when Alice had encouraged the members to give love gifts to Jesus and put Him at the top of their Christmas list.

Speaking of this year’s offering for Bibles for Refugees, which far surpassed her goal, Alice said, “The Lord did it. All I did was present it and pray.” She added seven more words to her goal device: “PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!”

Amen!

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Florida Conference Sells Headquarters Building and Property

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Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has operated from its facility at 655 North Wymore Road in Winter Park, Florida, since July 1992. On Friday, January 27, 2012, the Florida Department of Transportation purchased this property as it plans to expand Interstate 4. Florida Conference is in a strong position to locate a new headquarters location within the next two years. (Photo: © Dale Clark Photography)

Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has important news to share about the future of our facility and property located at 655 North Wymore Road, Winter Park, Florida. We are praising God for his goodness and guidance!

Background and Current Situation
Nearly four years ago, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) gave notice that a portion of Florida Conference’s property would be subject to eminent domain and taken for expansion work on Interstate 4. In fact, eminent domain was completed last year on parcels adjacent to the Conference’s property.

With God’s leading and through careful negotiation, the FDOT ultimately approached the Florida Conference Executive Committee with an official proposal to purchase our entire facility/property, instead of only a partial taking, with extended possession by Florida Conference.

Florida Conference hired experienced, respected legal counsel, and negotiations with the FDOT have been professional and positive. The FDOT proposal and purchase details for our property were both fair and advantageous to Florida Conference. The Florida Conference Executive Committee was unified in its decision to move forward to sell our property to the FDOT.

This past Friday, January 27, the FDOT purchased our facility/property and the agreement was complete.
A Blessing and the Next Steps
Through our agreement with the FDOT, we can remain in our building, rent-free, for the next two years, and they will pay to have us moved.

Florida Conference is in a very strong position to relocate. This is a great opportunity since we outgrew our current office and parking capacity several years ago.

The Florida Conference Executive Committee is committed to keeping our offices located in the greater Orlando area. The Committee is moving forward together to determine future steps.

How Will This Impact Seventh-day Adventist Churches and Schools?
Our office relocation in the coming years will be beneficial to our churches and schools. We will have more space in a new facility to house all ministries and support teams in one centralized location to serve our churches and schools well.

A Word From Our President
“We couldn’t be more pleased with the interaction between our professional staff, our trusted counsel, and the representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation,” says Mike Cauley, Florida Conference President and Executive Committee Chair. “We are in a better position than we could ask or imagine as we make plans to relocate. We see this opportunity as God’s next stepping stone for us as we seek to positively impact more and more people and ministry for Him!”

For More Information
Frequently Asked Questions and future news updates are published on the official relocation web page: http://www.floridaconference.com/steppingstone/. We will gladly accept your questions or information to share related to this announcement. Simply use the Feedback Form located on the relocation web page.

More information about Florida Conference’s relocation will be provided as our plans come together in the months and years ahead.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

1 Comment for this entry

Chrissie Decker
February 1st, 2012 on 4:27 pm
Praise the Lord. Though our Prayer Lines are now separated on Wednesdays, we have been praying for you and your Conference, Pastor Cauley. (And the fact that the Kim Johnson family are there makes you extra-special in our hearts) Blessings to all. May we meet at Jesus’ feet very soon.
Olney Adventist Preparatory School is taking recycling to a whole new level. Each day, classrooms and hallways are filled with plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans as students, teachers, parents and church members bring in bag upon bag of recyclable containers.

The school has entered the Dream Machine Recycle Rally, sponsored by PepsiCo, Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful. Currently in sixth place, the school is competing to win $50,000 for "green improvements" in the nationwide contest.

Students are requesting help to make their school and the community a better, "greener" place. They ask that #1 recyclable plastic drink containers and aluminum cans be dropped off at the school to help them achieve their Recycle Rally Dream.

The school is located at 4100 Olney Laytonsville Road in Olney. For more information, visit www.olneyprep.org

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Hinsdale Adventist Academy Celebrates 100th Day of School with a Challenge!

By Cherie Jackson

First Grade teacher with her student/artist DJ display the calendar they are selling to make funds for the St. Croix mission trip

Tuesday January 31st marked 100 days of school for the 300 students attending Hinsdale Adventist Academy. To celebrate the students being 100 days smarter, classes from Preschool-12 were each offered $100 to raise 100 more in 100 hours! Proceeds will benefit the Senior’s upcoming mission trip to St. Croix. Twenty students will travel there during Spring break to help renovate school buildings, run programs for orphans and deliver much needed school supplies.

Students have already started devising creative ways to invest the money. Third graders each received $5. Some plan to buy balloons or toys to resell; others are planning a bake sale. To see their teacher issuing the challenge check out this link on youtube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VJlw3yarJo&list=UUzFZOK125FXRkbg5XPCa0A&index=1&feature=plcp.

Seventh graders pooled their money to buy wrist bands stating, “Banding 2gether 4 Mission”. These will be resold for a profit. Miss Datil’s First Grade class is producing beautiful 20 month calendars illustrated by each student, to be sold as Valentine’s gifts for $10 each. “I really didn’t feel motivated to get into this project to begin with. But I shot up a prayer, and got the inspiration to do the calendar. My kids are so excited and I am so pleased with their work. I really am glad that we are involved.”

Business teacher, Mr. Jerry Newsom, was inspired from the beginning. “I thought this was a good opportunity to give them a real life problem-solving scenario that required a tight deadline. Five groups are each creating a St. Croix promo video that will go live on Friday. They have to include social media and YouTube and work on getting 1000 hits before Tuesday. The videos will promote the mission trip and give viewers an opportunity to join us in helping the people of St. Croix by sending donations to HAA.” To help the high school get their 1000 hits, be sure to check out Hinsdale Adventist Academy’s Facebook page which can be found from HAA’s website – www.haa.org.

Dr. George Babcock, the Administrative Principal at HAA stated, “Our annual Senior mission trip is the culmination of a student’s experience with us at HAA and is something that makes our school special. As Christians, we know how serving others in a meaningful way like this can be life-altering – for the better! It is my hope that getting our students to St. Croix will inspire them to be a life-long blessing to their community and ultimately to our world.”

Hinsdale Adventist Academy is a Preschool-12 Seventh-day Adventist Christian school located at 631 E Hickory Street in Hinsdale, Illinois. For further information go to www.haa.org or call 630.323.9211. If you would like to be a part of making this mission trip a success, you can make a tax deductible donation by sending a check written to Hinsdale Adventist Academy with ‘Senior Mission Trip’ in the memo line.
Adventist Medical Center, a Leader in the Treatment of Heart Disease

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30, 2012 -- /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Adventist Medical Center (AMC) is in the top 10% of hospitals nationwide for consistently beating national guidelines in several important measures including; Overall Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) performance, Overall Defect Free Care, ST elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) performance, and Door to Balloon Time, for the treatment of patients experiencing a heart attack. That's one of the reasons AMC has received the American College of Cardiology Foundation's NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Gold Performance Achievement Award for 2011.

AMC is one of only four hospitals in Oregon to receive national recognition. The award signifies AMC's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients, and signifies that AMC has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

Jim Pelch, executive director of Cardiovascular Services at the Northwest Regional Heart Center, states that the comprehensive cardiac center has already reached significant milestones in treating cardiac patients. The hospital consistently beats the national benchmark for the time taken to treat a heart attack patient from arrival to treatment and is one of only two accredited chest pain centers in Oregon.

To receive the ACTION Registry–GWTG Gold Performance Achievement Award, AMC followed the treatment guidelines in ACTION Registry–GWTG for 8 consecutive quarters and met a performance standard of 85% for specific performance measures. Following these treatment guidelines improves adherence to ACC/AHA Clinical Guideline recommendations, monitors drug safety and the overall quality of care provided to ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) and non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction patients (NSTEMI). "The full implementation of acute and secondary prevention guideline-recommended therapy is a critical step in saving lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients," says Pelch.

Brad Titus, M.D., vice president of cardiovascular services and interventional cardiologist at Northwest Regional Heart Center, said the award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff and their commitment to mission excellence. "The full implementation of acute and secondary prevention guideline-recommended therapy is a critical step in saving lives and improving outcomes of heart attack patients," states Titus.

Throughout the United States we are seeing the incidence and mortality rates of heart diseases improving through advances in medical care and improvement in quality. Despite these improvements, the number of heart attack patients we treat is expected to grow over the next decade due to an aging population, stated Pelch. "We're continually implementing ACTION guidelines to continue to improve the excellent quality of cardiovascular care we provide." About Adventist Medical Center (AMC) Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.
Adventist Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system with nearly 20,000 employees serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 17 hospitals, more than 130 physician and rural health clinics, 14 home care agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. We invite you to visit http://www.adventisthealthnw.com for more information.

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SOURCE Adventist Medical Center
U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin spoke to health professionals, health ministry leaders and media at the Lake Mary Marriott Hotel Saturday, to kick off the Health Summit, an annual meeting sponsored by the Health Ministries of the Seventh Day Adventists.

“America’s Doctor” was in town to thank the religious leaders who champion holistic health for their part in helping to make America healthier.

As the chairwoman of the National Prevention Council, Dr. Benjamin oversees a collaboration of 17 departments from all walks of government, including education, housing and transportation, who share a common goal. “To improve Americans’ health at every stage of life, and change the focus from sickness and disease to wellness and prevention,” she said.

In a plug for Obama’s health reform act, Benjamin told the audience: “We want to bring health to where you are, to where you work, play, live and pray. We are trying to make it easier and more affordable for every individual to make healthier choices.”

She added that she couldn’t do it without the support of the health professionals and religious leaders in the community and in the crowd of more than 500 who turned out for the week-long summit.

The National Prevention Strategy aims to reduce the leading causes of death: heart disease, cancer, lung disease and violence. Benjamin said, “300 million Americans are my patients, but I couldn’t do it without you.”

Besides Benjamin, Donna Richardson Joyner, a member of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition; Dr. Albert Reece, dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Maryland; and Dr. Angela Fals, director of child and family wellness at Florida Hospital for Children, were on the dais.
Odds are you're a meat-eater. Most of us are. But if you've ever wondered whether a vegetarian diet would have the flavor and variety to satisfy your taste buds, you'll have the perfect chance to find out this weekend. And if you already are a vegetarian, you'll have the opportunity to diversify and expand a diet you already know and love.

On Sunday, the Guam Adventist Academy campus in Yona will offer vegetarian cuisine from a dozen cultures at the International Vegetarian Food Fair. Students have been preparing for the fair since the beginning of the school year -- coming up with cuisine themes and menus, as well as working to get health certificates, says science teacher Chrislyn Larrew, who is helping coordinate the event. The funds raised by the fair will go toward class projects, Larrew says.

Each class has been tasked with preparing food from cultures including Hawaiian, Chamorro, American, Thai-Malaysian fusion, Japanese, Greek, Filipino, Mexican, French, Korean and Venezuelan. Dishes from each culture will be prepared as usual, minus meat, or with meat substitutes, Guam Adventist Academy teacher Carmen Kasperbauer says.

Kasperbauer says the school, which serves vegetarian meals and bans soda and candy on campus, is trying to promote healthier eating among students and the community. "We're just trying to open up the options for people who are either vegetarian, or who are seriously considering being a vegetarian," Kasperbauer says.

Vegan offerings

Vegan coffee, crepes, baguettes and French toast will be on the menu at the senior booth. Senior Athea Balajadia, 17, isn't a vegetarian, but says she has no problem making do with meatless meals. "I actually enjoy vegetarian food," she says. "I have a couple family members that enjoy vegetarian. It's not hard adjusting."
In past years she's seen non-vegetarians surprised at the range of meal options.

"We got a lot of really good responses about the food," Balajadia says. "They weren't expecting a lot of what we had to bring, what we had to offer."

Even cultures with particularly meat-heavy meals can find ways of serving vegetarian-friendly meals.

Balajadia says one of her favorite vegetarian foods is tinaktak. Typically the Chamorro dish is made with lemon, coconut milk and ground meat, but a meatless substitute works just as well, she says.

Balajadia says she'll be sampling food at other booths, and is particularly looking forward to trying out the Korean food.

"There's a lot of interesting stuff," she says. "I feel adventurous when I go to their booth."

In line with true American cuisine, eighth-graders will be serving up fries, hot dogs and hamburgers -- minus the meat, eighth-grade president Hannah Robinson says.

**Barbecue favorites**

The vegetarian barbecue favorites will be whipped up with the help of a professional cook, who also happens to be a mom, Robinson says.

A vegetarian herself, Robinson, 14, has helped out with the event in past years, and says she's seen vegetarians and non-vegetarians enjoy the event.

"Many people came," she says "It was a good response. So many people have fun."

Larrew says those attending past fairs have been surprised at the variety of vegetarian options, and encouraged attendees to try a little bit from every booth. And while it doesn't happen often, Kasperbauer says the fair has helped push a few of those considering vegetarianism into the lifestyle.

"It's an awesome opportunity for people who have been considering getting into vegetarian food," she says. "It's a great opportunity for them to try it."
IF YOU GO
International Vegetarian Food Fair
• **When:** Sunday
• **Time:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
• **Location:** Guam Adventist Academy Campus, Windward Hills, Yona
• **Cuisine offered:** Chamorro, American, Thai-Malaysian fusion, Japanese, Greek, Filipino, Mexican, French, Korean, Venezuelan
• **For more information:** Contact 789-1515/2020 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Adventist Media Productions Processes With Harris X50s

1/31/2012

SIMI VALLEY, CALIF.: Adventist Media Productions, which is owned by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, is an electronic media production unit that's responsible for producing radio and television programming for five of the church's ministries. One of the church's broadcast properties is the Hope Channel, which delivers programs via satellite in the United States, and via a mix of satellite, cable and/or low-power terrestrial platforms on an international basis.

The technical operations center for this broadcasting mission is located here and serves as the basis for broadcast, production and post-production. We have our own staff operating and maintaining two video studios, five edit bays and the master control center.

The facility was tasked last year with adding two new channels, and we found that accomplishing this with the existing channel-in-a-box system we had been using was going to be unreasonably expensive.

After investigating other options to make this addition possible, we elected to convert to a complete Harris infrastructure and workflow system that included routers, multiviewers, video file servers, graphics generation, automation and digital asset management software. Harris' X50 video/audio processing system was also central to the infrastructure that was created.

The X50 handles a variety of signal processing and conversion applications for live and recorded audio and video. A total of four X50s are installed in the equipment room, positioned at the input and output of a central Harris Platir router.

The X50s are mainly used for HD-to-SD downconversion operations, as the operation's Hope Channel broadcasts standard definition, but the majority of content arrives in high-definition format. Live feeds are automatically downconverted, with content being processed through the X50 prior to its ingestion into the facility's Harris servers.

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The downconversion process additionally handles aspect ratio conversion details (such as 16:9 to 4:3 letterboxing and translation of closed captioning information. Until the X50 gear was installed, the latter chore wasn't handled by this facility, as there was no way to accomplish this task with the older system we'd been using. This is no longer an issue, as the X50 seamlessly incorporates closed captioning processing into the downconversion process.

The X50s are also used for frame synchronization and audio embedding/de-embedding. And we pass remote audio feeds through the X50s to ensure proper A/V sync.

All four X50s are accessible via a Web browser, and our master control operators now have the ability to use this interface to remotely trim audio levels and configure audio feeds.

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The entire Harris system is capable of handling both SD and HD signals, which places us in a good position for future upgrades and expansion. We're now well-prepared when it comes time to transition the Hope Channel's domestic and certain international feeds to HD. I should add that workflow tools such as Harris' Invenio Motion digital asset management software also have given us plenty of flexibility to treat the entire operation like a programming environment as it evolves, allowing staff to efficiently move media across the entire facility.

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Southern Adventist Students Have Community Day At Lantern At Morning Pointe
Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Shown are students, Michael Huffaker, Caleb Nadolsky, Adam Sawyer, Laura Cole, Tekoa Penrose, Ryan Neall, Kimberly Halye, Keisha Malivert, Laura Boyer.
- photo by Amy Clarke

20 students from Southern Adventist University Long-term Care Administration Club participated in a community service day at The Lantern at Morning Pointe of Colledale.

Together they sang, created crafts, helped make blankets for the Choices Pregnancy Resource Center, played games and a whole host of other activities.
Business, Local Connections

Washington Adventist Hospital Receives Breastfeeding Award

The hospital as one of nine in D.C. and Maryland.
By Ryan McDermott  Email the author  January 30, 2012

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Washington Adventist Hospital was the only hospital in Montgomery County to receive the 2011 Regional Breastfeeding-Friendly Workplace Recognition Award. The hospital was one of nine sites selected in Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

The hospital’s lactation program was honored with a Silver Level award, the second highest level, according to a Washington Adventist Hospital news release.

“We are proud to be recognized as a local example of how to support mothers who wish to continue to breastfeed once they have returned to work,” said Judith Campbell, Lactation Consultant at Washington Adventist Hospital. “We truly care about the health and well-being of our employees and their families. Promotion and support for breastfeeding is an easy way to encourage healthy lifestyle choices.”

The D.C. and Maryland Breastfeeding Coalitions established the Workplace Awards in 2010 to recognize local companies who are committed to providing breastfeeding support, education, time and space for new mothers to breastfeed and/or pump breast milk in the workplace, according to the release.
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Southern Adventist campus moves toward energy neutrality

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COLLEDGEALE, HAMILTON COUNTY - (WRCB) -- With Christmas far behind us, something else is "up on the rooftop." Southern Adventist University is on its way to becoming more energy neutral. The campus is installing 806 solar panels on the Plant Services warehouse to help provide power.

The panels will provide approximately 200 kilowatts of power. That's enough energy to fully power the campus grocery store, which Dave Allemand, Assoc. Director of Energy Management, states is comparable to Greenlife Grocery. When complete, the array will be the second largest in the Chattanooga area, behind the Chattanooga airport's one million kilowatt system.

The idea for the project came last year when students from the campus's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) meet with the university's board to talk about ways the campus could be more environmentally friendly and less dependent on traditional energy.

"The board of trustees approved it in concept," said Gordon Bietz, university president, "if we could get a good return on investment."

"We thought of several options," said Karla Coupland, one of SIFE's student leaders. "Other ideas wouldn't work or weren't as efficient and wanting to keep the natural beauty of the campus all led to solar; it would also give us the best returns with TVA and EPB."

The university partnered with Metro Services, a Chattanooga-based energy solutions company, before Thanksgiving and university officials say project status has moved along nicely.

According to Marty Hamilton, Assoc. VP of Financial Administration, the way the campus's power grid is designed, they can route power in any direction they want. This will allow the solar power to be pumped into the main grid and provide approximately three percent of the university's total power consumption.

Although the project costs $850,000, Hamilton says it will pay for itself soon enough:

"These panels are good for 30 years and we're looking at a $115,000-year payback; a total payback in seven years."

Coupland hopes this is not only the beginning of a long-term move to green initiatives for the university but also students themselves:

"In addition to this, we want to start a campaign to make students more aware of power consumption and costs. When they're here they pay a flat fee and may not realize how much it will cost when they get out; so we want to help ease that transition as much as possible."
RIVERSIDE: La Sierra clinician to receive award

By PE News on January 25, 2012 6:23 AM

FROM RIVERSIDE: La Sierra University music student Cody Breyer will have a unique opportunity this Saturday, to perform for the world-acclaimed conductor whose namesake scholarship fund granted Breyer an award this school year.

Breyer may seek a little advice should he personally meet Dr. Herbert Blomstedt, the famed conductor laureate of the San Francisco Symphony and former La Sierra workshop clinician. “[I’m] excited to possibly meet him ...and to ask him how he got to where he is today, and what were his inspirations so I can learn from them,” said the student.

Breyer, a Riverside resident and former percussion major who recently switched to classical guitar will play timpani with the La Sierra University Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Carter during a performance at 4 p.m., Jan. 28, at the Loma Linda University Church. The concert honors three recipients of the annual Charles Elliott Weniger Awards for Excellence. The honorees include Blomstedt, whose prominent career involves directorships of orchestras around the world and whose numerous awards and recognitions include two Grammys for the San Francisco Symphony's recordings.

Mrs. Alcyon Fleck, co-founder of International Children's Care in Vancouver, Wash., and Dr. Howard V. Gimbel, internationally renowned ophthalmologist at Loma Linda University Medical Center, will also receive Weniger awards.

All three awardees will be recognized during the 9 and 11:45 a.m. services at the Loma Linda University Church on Jan. 28. Following the afternoon orchestra concert, the recipients will speak about their awards during an annual meeting of the Weniger Society at 4:30 p.m. During this event Blomstedt will give a talk on his career as a classical musician and an Adventist, titled, "Present Truth in Music." All services will air on the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network. Admission to all events is free.

The annual Charles Elliott Weniger awards are granted to Seventh-day Adventist educators, physicians, humanitarians and others noted for qualities of inspiration, motivation and excellence. The Weniger Society seeks to recognize persons who have portrayed character and commitment in their personal lives and professions, traits exemplified by the life and service of Charles Weniger, a highly respected professor in Seventh-day Adventist schools. La Sierra University and Loma Linda University are part of the worldwide school system of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Maestro Blomstedt has a long-standing history with La Sierra University. Each summer from 1970-1985, he traveled from Dresden, East Germany, where he conducted the Dresden State Opera Orchestra, to the La Sierra campus to hold the Herbert Blomstedt Institute of Orchestral Conducting master classes. La Sierra University offers the Herbert Blomstedt Endowed Scholarship in recognition of his contribution to the university and to assist outstanding young performers who enroll as music majors.

Blomstedt served as the San Francisco Symphony’s music director from 1985 until 1995. Under his direction the orchestra gained worldwide acclaim, touring Europe, Asia and the United States and performing festival concerts in Salzburg, Edinburgh, and Lucerne. The symphony’s recordings on the London label...
Spotted top awards, including France's Grand Prix du Disque, Britain's Gramophone Award, and two Grammys. Between 1976 and 1988, he directed the Dresden Staatskapelle and led the group on its first tours of the United States as well as directed numerous lauded recordings. Blomstedt has also held positions as music director of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, Danish Radio Symphony, and Swedish Radio Symphony.

He continues to be in great demand as a guest conductor of top orchestras around the world. On Jan. 19, 20 and 21, at the age of 84, he directed the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center in three concerts of works by Ludwig van Beethoven with Leif Ove Andsnes on piano. Writes music critic David Patrick Stearns in The Philadelphia Inquirer's Philly.com, "...the professorial Blomstedt isn't fading into old-age mellowness; instead, he has acquired forceful intensity."

Blomstedt made his conducting debut in 1954 with the Stockholm Philharmonic after studying at Tanglewood in 1953 with Leonard Bernstein and receiving the coveted Koussevitsky Conducting Prize. He has appeared as guest conductor with many of the world's greatest orchestras, including the Berlin Philharmonic, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and the NHK Symphony of Tokyo. He has received many honors, including membership in the Royal Musical Academy of Stockholm, where Beethoven was a member, and many honorary doctorates.
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Listed below are a few suggestions to make this a powerful time of prayer with as little disruptions as possible.

1. After you enter the access you are instructed to announce your name. Please omit giving your name because it interrupts the person who is praying.
2. Please activate the MUTE function on your phone except when you are offering a prayer. (This will reduce the cumulative noise of 100+ phones and will also allow you to use the SPEAKER PHONE function. Don’t forget to turn off SPEAKER PHONE when you UNMUTE your phone to pray.)
3. If you do not have a MUTE function, please do not use your SPEAKER PHONE unless you have a number of people in the room that are participating in the prayer call.
4. Pray in line with the focus of our prayer segment as directed by the leader. There are other opportunities for praying personal prayers.
5. In humble submission, pray as you are directed to pray by the Spirit and heart of God. This is not a forum to advance your favored agenda.
6. Keep your prayers short and to one point so that others can have an opportunity to pray.
7. Remember there is power in praying God’s own Word.