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Where in the World is Dan Jackson?

Canny question huh? It got your attention didn’t it? Well, the NAD Communication office (through and with Dan) is beginning a blog today, February 15. It will help people to learn more about our vast North American Division territory and more about the work of our president, Dan Jackson, as he travels around the division throughout the next year.

For the past two weeks we have been announcing this new, ongoing feature by way of NewsPoints and the NAD Facebook page.

You are invited to follow along via Pastor Jackson’s “Where in the World is Dan Jackson?” blog, as well on the NAD Facebook page.

The fastest growing U.S. based institution among colleges and universities in the North American Division is the Washington Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md. According to WAU’s Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, the six-year growth rate in headcount from 2007-2011 is 38 percent while the one-year count from 2010-2011 is 17 percent. Both figures are higher than that of all other institutions in the division. Last fall WAU set a new record for highest official headcount in its 107 years with 1,493 students. The full-time equivalents grew 68 percent from 2007-2011 and 40 percent during 2010-2011, also the highest rates among all institutions. MORE

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Movie house as chapel: NYC congregations, evicted from schools, seek new space
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‘Fill the Bus’ community food drive at school
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Adventist’s Healthy Lifestyle Decisions Featured at Annual Conference
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Announcements

The NAD Camp Meeting Schedule for 2012 has been uploaded to www.nadventist.org/CampMeetings. It will be updated as needed.

Nearly 60% of people who joined the church did so because of a friend or relative, according to a 2004 survey of Seventh-day Adventists in North America. Nearly 50% did so because of reading a book or magazine. This makes The Great Hope Project the ideal outreach. The plan does not promote sending the books out in bulk to people with whom we have no relationship. It’s much better for us to give a copy of The Great Hope to our friends and relatives as we are impressed by the Holy Spirit that they...
would be receptive to its message, after we have acquainted ourselves with *The Great Controversy*. MORE

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Don’t you wish you could have attended the NAD Health Summit held in Orlando, Fl. recently? Or, if you did attend, maybe you’d like to listen to speakers you missed. You can! Many were recorded and are now online. You can also look at the photos from the convention. MORE

ASI’s Columbia Union chapter convention, March 8-11, will feature Ivor Myers, speaker/director of Power of the Lamb Ministries; the Guild of Adventist Musicians and Henry Wright, pastor of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va. The convention will be held at Potomac Conference’s Vienna (Va.) church. REGISTER

**It Is Written** now has the largest nationwide broadcast footprint in the ministry’s history. In an effort to reach as many homes as possible across the United States, *It Is Written* can now be seen weekly on the Discovery Channel. Speaker/Director John Bradshaw believes this will be a perfect way to reach into millions of new homes across the country—touching the lives of people searching for Bible discoveries.

**Mountain View Conf**, with 33 churches and 2,402 members

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*Hope Channel (HC)*

(On DIRECTV ch. 368)

*Hope Church Channel (HCC)*

**Revelation Today, It Is Written** (60 min)

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**February Offerings and Special Days**

iGiveSDA App

Offerings:

• February 18, Local Church Budget

• February 25, Local Conference Advance

• Offertory Readings

Special Days:

February Focus - Family Life

• February 4-25, Black History Month

• February 18, Health Ministries Sabbath

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
Watch or record the telecast every Sunday at 7 a.m. Pacific/Eastern (6 a.m. Central/5 a.m. Mountain) on the Discovery Channel. In addition, It Is Written airs on TBN every Sunday at 11 a.m. Pacific/2 p.m. Eastern, and via satellite on HOPE Channel and 3ABN. Visit www.itiswritten.com for full station listings, video archives, Bible studies and more.

Watch Revelation Today, live from Las Vegas, on the Hope Channel, Hope Church Channel, and DirecTV. Check the right-hand sidebar of NewsPoints for schedule.

A 12-step Christ-centered resource called Journey to Wholeness has been developed for people interested in leading weekly support groups in churches and schools. “Members of Adventist Recovery Ministries (ARMin) can share their strength, hope and experience and train others on how to engage this journey to recovery,” stated Frank Sanchez, the Southern Union ARMin coordinator. ARMin, formerly Regenerations to Adventist Recovery Ministries, has embraced a ministry for prevention of and recovery from addictions. In line with NAD Health Ministries’ vision of having “Every church be a center for health, healing and wholeness in the community,” ARMin’s mission is to “promote healing and freedom from harmful practices by providing resources and training to facilitate recovery.”

A New Free App, iGiveSDA, for Apple and Android phones in English and Spanish (coming soon) will show you what the offering is for every Sabbath. If you need to give the offering appeal, you can get one on your iPhone. For some Sabbaths there is a 90-second video clip that can be downloaded and shown at church. MORE

The benefits of an Adventist Education was explored in the 3rd quarter 2011 Visionary4Kids, a magazine especially for kids. The magazine is available online at Visionary4Kids.org. In this issue about Adventist education some of the following questions are explored: Why should I attend an Adventist school when all my friends go to a public school. Is there more to learning than getting a well rounded education? Why do we have Adventist schools? Why is there such a fuss made about teaching creation? Is it still important? Isn’t evolution now the universally accepted truth? How could an Adventist Education still be worth the expense?
“We have broken up into little silos, almost as if we have an ‘Education Church,’ and an ‘Ecclesiastical Church,’ and a ‘Medical Health Church.’ And the time has come for us to listen to the voice of God’s Spirit and begin to move together and collaborate with such godly authority that the work of God will have efficiency like it’s never had.” NAD President Dan Jackson at the NAD Health Summit, Jan. 27 - Feb. 5.
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Duane Reid, WAU’s director of Admissions and Recruitment, attributes the institution’s growth over the past three years to several factors: “The university has focused on proliferating our graduate program offerings. We now have eight master’s level programs in our School of Graduate and Professional Studies. Additionally, we have benefited from increased retention in all three of our schools. We also believe that improvements made to our physical plant has aided in attracting students to WAU.”

The full time equivalents (FTEs) over this period similarly grew at a very high rate. Full time equivalents factor in the number of credit hours taken, and based on a typical full-time load, an approximation of full time students can be derived. WAU’s FTEs grew 68 percent from 2007-2011, and 40 percent during 2010-2011s, also the highest rates among all institutions.

Colleges and universities in this division include Andrews University (Mich.); Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio; La Sierra University (Calif.); Loma Linda University (Calif.); Oakwood University (Ala.); Pacific Union College (Calif.); Southern Adventist University (Tenn.); Southwestern University (Texas); and Walla Walla University (Wash.). La Sierra University and Loma Linda University, as well as Canadian University College, in Canada, are other institutions with significant positive growth during the period.
Gabriel Award winning documentary by Doblmeier on PBS for two more years

The critically acclaimed documentary film The ADVENTISTS returns to PBS stations for an additional two years beginning April 2012. Originally released in April 2010, the film was widely broadcast on PBS stations, won the prestigious Gabriel Award as the best film on a topic of religion, and has become a national best-selling DVD.

"We are delighted the program has been invited to return to PBS stations for two more years," says filmmaker Martin Doblmeier, who also produced BONHOEFFER, The Power of Forgiveness, and more than 25 documentary films on faith and spirituality. "It will give millions of viewers another chance to see an inspiring story and explore the connections between religion and healthy living, faith and healing."
The ADVENTISTS tells the story of Seventh-day Adventists, an American-born religion whose members are living up to 10 years longer than most Americans. Adventists run many of the country's more progressive hospitals and health care facilities, all based on the idea that the body is the "temple of God" and health care work is "sacred work."

Also profiled in the film is Dr. Leonard Bailey of Baby Fae fame, as he performs an open-heart transplant to save the life of a dying infant.

The ADVENTISTS is a presentation of SCETV and distributed by American Public Television. For more information about the film visit:
http://journey1.timberlakepublishing.com/content.asp?contentid=884

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NEW YORK — Scores of religious congregations are scrounging for cheap space in New York City as they prepare to be evicted, on constitutional grounds, from rooms they've been renting at public schools.

Like most people seeking decent new quarters in the city, they're finding the process expensive and disruptive.

"That's an extra $10,000 we'll be spending on rent that we could have spent on reaching the community," said David Miller, executive pastor at the evangelical church Morning Star New York.

The congregations, mostly small Christian groups without their own buildings, are packing up their folding chairs and sound systems and moving their worship services to movie houses, off-Broadway stages, community centers, synagogues or Seventh-Day Adventist churches — anywhere that might be free on Sunday mornings.

The exodus was prompted by the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal in December to consider an appeal of the city's ban on worship services in schools. The city policy, arguing separation of church and state, was upheld by a federal appeals court.
Congregations have been ordered out after this Sunday, which means they need new places by Feb. 19. They have been in the schools since 2002.

Several pastors say they haven't found anything they can afford and are hoping for last-minute help from the mayor, the state Legislature — or the Lord.

"We are praying to God for an answer," said Pastor Rick Del Rio of Abounding Grace Church on Manhattan's Lower East Side. "We are hoping He can change someone's mind. Maybe the mayor's."

Miller said he expects his rent for three Sunday services to more than double from the $10,000 a month he paid the schools.

"Being a nonprofit that relies on member contributions, sudden and dramatic increases can be challenging," he said.

One Morning Star service has already been moved to the AMC Orpheum movie house on the Upper East Side; one is going to a Seventh-Day Adventist church, whose members meet on Saturdays; and one is opening in an Off-Broadway theater.

James Park, senior officer of the Korean-American New Frontier Church in Manhattan, said the cost comparison is "not even close" and he fears rent for three Sunday services will quadruple. His church plans to use two synagogues and is hoping for Fire Department approval to use a vacant storefront as well.

"These churches are running into the harsh reality that in New York City, it is difficult to find reasonably priced facilities," said Jordan Lorence, an attorney who argued the churches' side in the court case. "They are very expensive in Midtown, or they're nonexistent in some of the poorer areas of town, where the churches do their work."

Minorities make up the congregations of many of the churches being evicted, said city Councilman Fernando Cabrera, who is pastor of a Bronx church that's not affected.

"There's Koreans, Chinese, Puerto Ricans, African-Americans," said Cabrera, who was arrested last month while protesting the city's stance. "They're staples in our community and they provide a volunteer base that the city can never pay for."

Lorence said the court ruling means the city has the power to ban worship in school buildings, "but they don't have to."

"The mayor could end this with one word," he said.

That doesn't seem likely. The city is opposing a bill in the state Legislature that would force it to allow worship in schools. The measure passed the state Senate but is not expected to get through the Assembly.

It's possible an agreement could be reached that would "blend some of the opposition and some supporters into something that's consistent with previous Supreme Court decisions," Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said recently.

However, the Assembly adjourned for the week and no resolution was expected before the churches' last legal worship service in schools. Lorence said Thursday that he will seek an "11th-hour"
injunction in federal court Tuesday.

Lorence, from the Alliance Defense Fund, was the lawyer for the tiny Bronx Household of Faith during the 17-year battle that ended with the Supreme Court's refusal.

The Household of Faith, which had been paying $600 a month, is moving its Sunday service into a Christian halfway house for men, but Pastor Robert Hall worries the space won't be big enough.

"It's comfortable for 50 to 60 people," he said. "We're pushing 100. We don't want to go to two services; that's not in the interest of our church. There's a new storefront nearby, sitting empty, but that would be more than what we need and the cost would be prohibitive."

At least 54 congregations are affected.

More churches became alarmed last month when the city Housing Authority announced it was reviewing leases with all groups, including churches, that rent space in its buildings. But the Housing Authority said its review had nothing to do with the schools decision, and Lorence said some churches have already been given new leases.

Some pastors using the schools say principals will miss them.

"John Jay High School was very happy to have us and they're sad to see us go," said the Rev. Matthew Brown of the Park Slope Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. "We purchased a scoreboard for the school, we painted hallways and classrooms, we organized the library on weekends, we tried to give the teachers gift packages every year."

Brown's congregation moved last week into a nearby Baptist church.

"We are forced to rent afternoon space, which means we lose morning worship time, and that will be a test," the pastor said. "We're a congregation of young families and Sunday morning worship is a cultural thing, a scheduling thing."

Park said his Korean-American congregation had invested $100,000 at P.S. 11, donating air conditioners, repairing the sound system and funding scholarships.

"We thought it was a long-term place for us," he said.

Del Rio says he's paying about $1,500 a month to use an auditorium and two classrooms at P.S. 34 for four hours every Sunday.

"What I'm being offered are storefronts that would cost $4,000 to $10,000 a month," he said. "We can't do that and still do our work with the marginalized people down here. We're the most stable part of families' lives and now they're being threatened."

Not all the affected congregations are Christian. Rabbi Steven Burton says his Congregation Shaarei Shalom in the Bronx will have to find a new place for High Holy Days observances.

"But we only used the schools once a year," he said. "We don't have to worry about it until September."
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REDLANDS - Young Lee of Redlands looked on with a giant smile on his face as faculty and staff at Redlands Adventist Academy started a video presentation on the everyday activities that go on at the local school.

Lee was one of hundreds of grandparents invited by the school to participate in its annual Grandparents Day held Friday.

The day began at 9 a.m. with grandparents stepping foot in their grandchild's classrooms and participating in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts.

From there, they were ushered into the school's gymnasium for morning tea and a show featuring violinist Miclen LaiPang and members of the school's kindergarten through fifth-grade choir.

It was Lee's first time attending the annual event, which celebrates all things grandparents.

He was in attendance to cheer on his grandson and RAA first-grader, Andrew Dela Roca, 7, of Loma Linda.

"I was really excited," Lee said. "It was a very good day."

Three hundred to 350 grandparents attend the event annually around Valentine's Day. The party serves to appreciate and honor all the things they do for their grandchildren, said Valerie Lewis, coordinator of the event and the school's "resident grandmother."

"There are so many of our grandparents who help with school things, look after the children after school and nurture them," she said. "There are just a wonderful, amazing group of grandparents."

Invitations are sent to all grandparents with RAA pupils through sixth grade.

Principal Linda Woolley said that the event is special to all students and grandparents in attendance and is especially memorable for her.

"My daughter went here for 12 years. This is a unique tradition to Redlands Academy," she said. "It is so exciting to see the kids get so excited to see their grandparents come. They are so, so thrilled when they come in through the door."

Woolley said one RAA parent Skyped the event for parents who reside overseas.

She said it was really neat to see technology come into play in an event.
"That's how important it is for (them). The saddest thing for my mom was when my daughter got to the seventh grade and Grandparent's Day was over for her. She used to say, 'Can I help?' because the grandparents love it," Woolley said. "And (grandparents) need to be celebrated, because they're such an important fixture in our community."

Reach Kristina via email, call her at 909-793-3221, or on Twitter @TheFactsKris
York Adventist Christian School will host a "Fill the Bus" community food drive event to benefit the York County Food Bank.

This week-long event will begin Monday. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate by bringing in-date non-perishable items to the school at 2220 Roosevelt Ave., West Manchester Township.

Donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day of the event. A list of the York County Food Bank's most needed items can be found on the school's website, www.yacschool.org.
Members of the Seventh-day Adventist church tend to live about 10 years longer than the average American.

The lead investigator in a long-running national study will discuss some of its findings as part of the two-day event.

By Herbert Atienza  Email the author  February 9, 2012

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The topic of Adventist health will be among those to be tackled at the popular Healthy People 2012: The Lifestyle Conference, hosted by Loma Linda University Medical Center and the School of Public Health. This year’s theme is “Healthy Aging and Living Whole.”

Loma Linda, which has a large Seventh-day Adventist population, is recognized as one of only five “Blue Zones” in the world, places identified by New York Times best-selling author Dan Buettner where people live long and vital lives into their 80s, 90s and 100s.

The conference, open to the public, is from March 6 to 7 at Loma Linda University Drayson Center, 25040 Stewart St.

Adventist's belief in a healthy lifestyle was thrust into the national spotlight recently when Loma Linda residents protested the approval of a shopping center that may include a McDonald's restaurant.

Dr. Don Wright, deputy assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will give the keynote on “National Prevention Strategy and Healthy People 2020 Initiatives.” Also scheduled to speak is Molly Mettler, senior vice president of mission at Healthwise.

Dr. Gary Fraser, principal investigator of the Adventist Health Study, is scheduled to give a presentation on the long-running study, which explores the links between lifestyle, diet and disease among Seventh-day Adventists. More than 96,000 church members from the U.S. and Canada are participating in the current study, AHS-2, conducted by researchers at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

Healthy People 2012 will define the “Top 10 Lifestyle Priority Areas” necessary for healthy aging. At the conference, participants may choose from three tracks that address healthy aging, each representing a foundation pillar for healthy living: clinical preventive strategies; healthy community environments; and, empowered people.

Registration for the conference for the public is $249. Discounts are available for students, and seniors over 65. The conference also offers 12 continuing
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Research shows that relationships are the best form of evangelism

Feb. 08, 2012 Berrien Springs, Michigan, United States

S. Joseph Kidder

Research offers insight into who is the most effective evangelist to take the gospel to your friends and relatives. The answer might surprise you.

It’s you.

A 2004 survey of Seventh-day Adventists in North America showed that most people who joined the church did so because of a friend or relative.

So if relationships are the most effective form of evangelism and ministry, our denomination, then, should focus on developing disciples and teaching relationship-based ministry. This doesn’t cost much money, just an open heart. It’s about authentic relationships, not programs.

I travel around the world training people in evangelism and church growth. I usually begin my seminars by asking the question, “Who is the most effective evangelist?” I always get the same predictable answers – names of TV evangelists: Doug Batchelor, Walter Pearson, Mark Finley, Alejandro Bullón, Dwight Nelson, etc.

But then when I ask how people come to the Lord and the church, I get wildly different answers. Most seminar participants agree that 90 percent of the people in the church are there because of felt needs. Others insist that visitation brings in another 60 percent. Still others say that the pastor brings in at least 40 percent to 60 percent. Many more believe that public evangelism brings in 50 percent to 90 percent.

That’s why the survey results nearby are such a surprise to many people. Nearly 60 percent of people joined the church because of a friend or relative.

The survey was sent to a sample of Adventist congregations in North America to be given to attending members on a certain Sabbath. Those surveyed were asked how they were brought into the church. Results are in the nearby chart (respondents could pick more than one, so the percentages total more than 100).

It is clear from this survey that the most effective means of evangelism is relationship-based. This study is consistent with all similar studies done in this area.

Christian researchers Win Arn and Thom S. Rainer both agree that friendship is God’s preferred means of reaching people (see their respective books “The Master’s Plan for Making Disciples” and “Surprising Insights from the Unchurched and Proven Ways to Reach Them”).
The implications are universal in its scope. Remarkably, the results are the same whether I’m traveling in Asia, Africa, North America, Central America or South America, Europe or Australia: Most people come to the Lord through the influence of a web of relationships and friendship.

When people in my seminars see this research that is when people get the “Aha!” moment. They start saying “Well, yes; my mom had the most influence on my religious experience,” or “My neighbor took me to Sabbath school when I was a little girl.” Another person might say, “My grandmother was an Adventist and she prayed for me for years. Finally, I decided to take God seriously.” Someone else remembers that it was a co-worker that invited him to church so many years ago.

The figure I usually hear for the influence of moms, dads, friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers is usually between 70 percent and 95 percent.

It is obvious from both the formal research and the informal data collected in these groups that the most effective evangelist in the world is the one who takes personal interest in us and shares Jesus in a holistic and attractive way.

The absolutely most effective way of reaching people for the Gospel is through personal influence. So what does God do? He takes full-time ministers and disguises them as teachers, police officers, construction workers and nurses. He gives them the necessary gifts, passions, credentials, and then He assigns them to schools, police departments, construction sites and clinics everywhere. Like salt from a saltshaker, God scatters His fulltime ministers everywhere to suit His flavor.

We are all ambassadors of the Gospel. We are all full-time ministers.

—Dr. S. Joseph Kidder is a professor Christian ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, United States. This Commentary is an adapted excerpt from his recent book “The Big Four: Secrets to a Thriving Church Family” (Review and Herald, 2011).
Calendar

Calendar of ASI national and regional events to come. More...

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**2012 ASI Columbia Union Spring Meeting**

Mar 08, 2012 - Mar 11, 2012

**2012 ASI Southern Union Spring Meeting**

Apr 12, 2012 - Apr 14, 2012

**2012 Mid-America Regional Convention**

Apr 19, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

**2012 ASI Atlantic Union Spring Conference**

Apr 20, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

**2012 ASI Lake Union Spring Meeting**

Apr 20, 2012 - Apr 22, 2012

**2012 ASI North Pacific Union Spring Meeting**

Apr 26, 2012 - Apr 28, 2012

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The 2012 Youth For Jesus program will take place in Dallas as originally planned. Youth For Jesus participants will be transported from Dallas to the convention in Cincinnati. Visit the Youth For Jesus website for more information.
The Healthy People 2012 is committed to Healthy Aging!

Americans aspire to live long, healthy, and productive lives; however, many lifestyle factors have become serious threats to health. Current evidence for prevention is strong, and when effective strategies are implemented, they drive significant improvement in the public’s health.

Based on the best scientific evidence, Healthy People 2012 will define the Top 10 Lifestyle Priority areas necessary for Healthy Aging, and will outline Loma Linda’s systems approach to Health Care. Recommendations for policy and program development; with preference given to sustainable efforts with the greatest impact on large numbers of people, will take center stage.

Participants of Healthy People 2012 may choose from three Strategic Tracks to address Healthy Aging; each representing a foundation pillar for all prevention efforts. Each track will guide participants through specialized topic areas that will demonstrably improve health. Together, the tracks create the web needed to fully support Americans in leading longer and healthier lives.
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iGiveSDA will show you what the offering is for every Sabbath. Not only is the yearly offering schedule listed but also the offering appeal. Some Sabbaths there is a 90 second video clip that can be downloaded and shown at church.

This is a simple and convenient way for people on the go to know what the Sabbath offering is for, no matter where you are.

Thank you for your financial faithfulness in returning tithe and giving offerings. Where your treasure is that is where your heart is. Remember, fund the mission to finish the work, God bless.

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