Can I Touch People Like Jesus Did Even In My Condition?

Dr. Charlotte L. V. Thoms, Coordinator, Disabilities Ministries

A conversation with a young disabled person on the importance of Disabilities Awareness Day:

“Can I touch people like Jesus did even in my condition?” What a provocative inquiry from a young heart with a disability. Impatiently, another question was fired eagerly wanting to know why her church appeared not to be interested in an inclusion ministry.

“Do you believe all people are created in the image of God?” I asked. “Yes!” she responded emphatically. “Can God make a mistake?” I persisted. “No! I believe as you.”

We are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). I believe that image means you and I must exemplify Jesus’ love to every person we meet. Everyone should believe the privilege of reflecting God’s image in loving service includes them.

Since we are one in Christ Jesus according to Galatians 3:28, we can do the same works as the Master. I Peter 4:10 and 11 encourages all people, regardless of their ability or different ability, to glorify God who made us. “If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

So you see it may appear that your church is not interested, but we are woven together like fine tapestry - different threads of abilities equally broken according to I John and equally called to be servants according to Philippines 2. This is God’s design.

Use the Disabilities Awareness Day to touch and include as many people with various abilities as Jesus did. For great ideas on planning a Disabilities Awareness Day, see www.nad-dm.org.

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The 1st 2012 Adventists InStep for Life Webinar will be March 15, at 8 p.m. EDT. You will hear reports on the 2011 Let's Move Day totals, the Adventist InStep for Life recipients, and learn about the 2012 goals and calendar of events. Register here.

Changes (good ones) have been made to the Great Hope Project. Now you can order copies of *The Great Hope* for only 39 cents (formerly 49) per book, plus shipping, if you order by the new deadline: May 15.

The time for members to read the full version *The Great Controversy* has been extended through June. Publishers will begin distribution of *The Great Hope* by June 15 through the Adventist Book Centers. MORE

The 8th Annual Ellen White Issues Symposium will be held on March 26, at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. This year’s symposium takes as its theme Ellen White’s prophetic gift and inspiration.

Topics to be discussed include White’s own inspiration, historical criticism of White, her stance on leadership and power and her response to the “Holy Flesh” movement. MORE

The 9th Annual Andrews University Music and Worship Conference will be March 29-31, at Andrews University. A variety of presenters will deal with topics including leading music in worship, collaborative ministry, hymn singing, use of Scripture, worship and youth culture, choral music in worship, audio-visual enhancement, and more. Registration is required. MORE

Community outreach and evangelism

Adults stuffing bears at the North American Division Ministries Convention? It does seem a bit unusual, and at first thought, inappropriate when combined with the serious business of seminars and general sessions. But on second thought, what could be more appropriate than to practice the theory laid out during the Daily Prayer Guide Mar 11-17: Pennsylvania Conference, with 101 churches and 10,572 members

March Offerings and Special Days

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Offerings:
- March 10, Adventist World Radio
- March 17, Local Church Budget
- March 24, Local Conference Advance
- March 31, Union Designated
- Offertory Readings

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March Focus:
- Women in the Church
- March 4-10, Adventist Youth Week of Prayer
training sessions. Ministry is more than learning how. It is doing, and participants at the Innisbrook 2012 Ministries Convention were invited to a hands-on experience. MORE

Nine new Community Service honors are now available for Pathfinders. They are in Community Improvement, Crisis Intervention, Disaster Ministries, Feeding Ministries, Identifying Community Needs, Refugee Assistance, Rural Development, Serving Communities, Tutoring. The new nine Pathfinder Community Service Honors are developed to engage youth with ministries of compassion.

“An important part of Adventist Community Services (ACS) YES! (Youth Empowered to Serve) is the network of young people throughout North America who engage in random acts of kindness, strategically planned service events, disaster response and emergency relief,” said ACS Director Sung Kwon. “These young people demonstrate compassion, and follow Christ’s example in meeting the needs of others. This network consists of affiliations with various schools, youth organizations, and youth ministries, and community service.” MORE and Order Patches

“Promoting healing and freedom from harmful practices by providing resources and training to facilitate recovery” is the mission of Adventist Recovery Ministries (ARMin), a part of NAD Health Ministries. ARMin has launched “Journey to Life,” a bimonthly newsletter which aims at educating individuals and families in prevention and recovery from harmful habits. It provides resources and testimonials to inspire your church or school to start a 12-step Christ-centered support group or engage in awareness campaigns. SUBSCRIBE (free); download or print.

Viewpoints: "A Successful Person"

Helpful website(s) and Resources:
1. Women’s Ministries
2. Women’s Day of Prayer Resources and Information
3. 3rd NAD Youth Prayer Conference, March 7-11 (“Just Claim It!”)
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3-6-12 Several States Tornado Disaster and Relief in Action

Help is on sites but more is needed

On Friday, March 2, 2012, several tornadoes struck at different times during the day and on into the evening hours. In Tennessee several groups immediately went to work helping with chainsaw teams, distribution and other urgent help responses. The Samaritan Center, located in Collegedale, Tenn., began mobile distribution with goods provided by Georgia-Cumberland Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) warehouse and from Lowes, Home Depot and other corporate donors.

Terry Haight, Georgia-Cumberland Conference ACS DR coordinator is coordinating the operation of a warehouse in Hamilton County, Tenn., northern edge of Chattanooga. Donated goods are being stored in churches and at a temporary command post, until a building for the warehouse is located.

Here are other reports and activities in the affected areas:

- Branson, Mo. – biggest need is volunteers for debris clean up – Contact Roy Weeden (c) (641) 583-533
- Harrisburg, Ill. – ACS DR Chain Saw Teams have been removing trees. Robert Bradley is coordinating the operation of a warehouse and seeking help with experienced warehouse management volunteers. Please contact him at (618) 214-7548.
- Jeffersonville, Ind. – Established a warehouse and is receiving goods. So far 6 semitrailers have already arrived, and most of it is sorted. Latter-day Saints (LDS) is helping with volunteers. Al Currier, Indiana Conference ACS DR coordinator, is seeking experienced warehouse volunteers such as: floor manager, sorting manager, shipping manager, office manager and volunteer managers. If anyone can help with leadership positions, please call Indiana Conference and ask for Julie Loucks – (317) 844-6201. Southern Baptists have a convention center nearby, and they are offering for volunteers to stay there.
- Ohio and Kentucky are assessing the needs and considering either mobile distribution or warehouse operation.

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3-5-12 A Response to Same-sex Unions

A Reaffirmation of Christian Marriage

The state of Maryland affirmed same-sex marriages when Governor Martin O'Malley signed the legislation on Thursday, March 1. Maryland religious leaders have since reacted to the signing by forming a coalition known as Maryland Marriage Alliance to fight the law, which isn't set to take effect until January 2013.

In February of last year, the Obama Administration ordered the Justice Department to stop defending the constitutionality of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act [DOMA], which prohibits homosexual "marriage" and defines traditional marriage between one man and one woman, leaving the door open for major discussion in the United States concerning same-sex unions. Many officials from across the country are voting on whether these unions will be considered legal in their state territories.

Based on this recent development, the Family Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church in North America, concerned with the growing attacks on the biblical institution of marriage, feels that it is appropriate and necessary to reaffirm the stated positions of the Church as they relate to Christian marriage (statement below). Seventh-day Adventists believe that the biblical teaching is still valid today, because it is anchored in the very nature of humanity and God's plan at creation for marriage.

--- Claudia Consuegra, DMSc(c), MS, CFLE, director, Family Ministries and Pamela Consuegra, MS, associate director, Family Ministries

An Affirmation of Marriage

Issues related to marriage can be seen in their true light only as they are viewed against the background of the divine ideal for marriage. Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus Christ to be both monogamous and heterosexual, a lifelong union of loving companionship between a man and a woman. In the culmination of His creative activity, God fashioned humankind as male and female in His own image; and He instituted marriage, a covenant-based union of the two genders physically, emotionally, and spiritually, spoken of in Scripture as "one flesh."

Arising from the diversity of the two human genders, the oneness of marriage images in a singular way the unity within diversity of the Godhead. Throughout Scripture, the heterosexual union in marriage is elevated as a symbol of the bond between Deity and humanity. It is a human witness to God's self-giving love and covenant with His people. The harmonious affiliation of a man and a woman in marriage provides a microcosm of social unity that is time-honored as a core ingredient of stable societies. Further, the Creator intended married sexuality not only to serve a unitive purpose, but to provide for the propagation and perpetuation of the human family. In the divine purpose, procreation springs from and is entwined with the same process whereby husband and wife may find joy, pleasure and physical completeness. It is to a husband and wife whose love has enabled them to know each other in a deep sexual bond that a child may be entrust. Their child is a living embodiment of their oneness. The growing child thrives in the atmosphere of married love and unity in which he or she was conceived and has the benefit of a relationship with each of the natural parents.

The monogamous union in marriage of a man and a woman is affirmed as the divinely ordained foundation of the family and social life and the only morally appropriate locus of genital or related intimate sexual expression. However, the estate of marriage is not God's only plan for the meeting of human relational needs or for knowing the experience of a change into adulthood. Issues related to marriage can be seen in their true light only as they are viewed against the background of the divine ideal for marriage. Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus Christ to be both monogamous and heterosexual, a lifelong union of loving companionship between a man and a woman. In the culmination of His creative activity, God fashioned humankind as male and female in His own image; and He instituted marriage, a covenant-based union of the two genders physically, emotionally, and spiritually, spoken of in Scripture as "one flesh."

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To this biblical view of marriage the Seventh-day Adventist Church adheres without reservation, believing that any lowering of this high view is to that extent a lowering of the heavenly ideal. Because marriage has been corrupted by sin, the purity and beauty of marriage as it was designed by God needs to be restored. Through an appreciation of the redemptive work of Christ and the work of His Spirit in human hearts, the original purpose of marriage may be recovered and the delightful and wholesome experience of marriage realized by a man and a woman who join their lives in the marriage covenant.

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) on April 23, 1996.
Bismarck Adventist Academy differs from other local schools

By KAY KEMMET | Bismarck Tribune | Posted: Sunday, March 4, 2012 2:00 pm

“It sounds like a prison, but it’s really not,” said Lexi Dossenko, a senior at Dakota Adventist Academy.

Despite rules she doesn’t like following — 10:30 p.m. bedtime, no movies and all vegetarian meals — Dossenko is glad she chose to leave her home in Harvey for four years of boarding school.

North of Bismarck, near the Missouri River and hidden in the Dakota plains, the Seventh-day Adventist academy teaches the same material as any other high school in North Dakota with a few differences.

“We are probably stricter than most public schools,” said Principal Leonard Quaile, who has been at the school for six years.

The academy, which has been open since 1977, is small compared with other schools in Bismarck. Forty students attend the academy. Dossenko’s class has 13 students, but the junior class has four students and only one girl.

“I wish we had more kids,” said Julie Vieau, the academy’s math teacher, who teaches several classes with one or two students.

The largest class Vieau has taught at the academy had 15 students, but the school has the capacity to teach many more. There are nearly 100 dorm rooms at the school and each is large enough to fit two students.

“We have room for a lot more students,” Quaile said. “We would like more students.”

The school could teach 100 to 150 students without adding much staff, Quaile said. Seven teachers work at the school, and including support staff and maintenance, there are about 20 employees.

While the school would like more students, Quaile said it is not hurting financially. Tuition doesn’t cover the school’s utility and running costs, but support from alumni makes up the difference.

The smaller school atmosphere also has its advantages. In the advanced classes taught by Vieau, like pre-calculus, one or two students means more one-on-one attention and less time spent on concepts those students already understand.

It also means the students all know each other, have to work together and treat everyone well. Because most of the students live at the school, there is more interaction between students and teachers. Quaile said they are like one big family.

While non-Adventist students can attend the school, religion is a strong part of the education, Quaile said. In addition to required Bible classes, students must attend chapel and observe the Sabbath on Saturdays. Science classes are creation-oriented and religious history is included in the curriculum.

“We believe that knowing Christ is an important part of their lives,” Quaile said.

Students are mostly from North Dakota and South Dakota, but there are some from other states and an Asian student who wants an American education. The school has about five students who live off campus.

There are more rules because the school is religious. The school is quite conservative and restricts the students’ clothing, entertainment and contact with students of the opposite sex. While Dossenko calls herself a moderate Adventist, she understands the school must be conservative to avoid offending more conservative students.

For girls, clothing must cover the shoulders and cleavage and be below the knee. Girls can’t wear jewelry, extra-heavy makeup or have highlighted hair. Jeans can’t have holes or frays and shoes must be closed-toe.

Physical contact isn’t allowed between female and male students. While they can date, Dossenko said it’s pointless because dating means two students sit next to each other in chapel and at lunch.

Outside of school, Dossenko said, she would be able to date like most other teenagers, wear jewelry, shorts and tank tops.

The students are allowed to have phones and text at school, but Facebook is restricted, as are some other websites, Quaile said. Students aren’t allowed to watch movies without supervision and the school dorm rooms don’t have TVs.

Many Seventh-day Adventists do not dance, so instead of prom and homecoming, the school puts on banquets for the students.

The school serves only vegetarian meals. While Dossenko is a meat-eater, she said she’s grown to like the cafeteria food, especially the fake “chicken” strips.

“We don’t get complaints about the food,” Quaile said.

Most of the students’ day is planned, in part because the faculty is responsible for the students. Many faculty members live close to the school in a small neighborhood next door.

Classes start at 7 a.m., and the school has an 11-hour day. In addition to core classes and electives like guitar-making, art, choir and body shop, many students work during the school day.

Dossenko works for the choir teacher, while other students help grade papers, do maintenance work, help in the cafeteria or do other jobs. The students’ income can be applied toward their tuition bills. Tuition with room and board is nearly $13,000 a year, Quaile said.

Classes end around 5 p.m. and are followed by supper, free time, recreation, chapel and study time. Lights out is 10 p.m. for most students and 10:30 for seniors.

“It’s kind of stressful because you never really leave school,” Dossenko said.

For Hye Jim Kim, a senior from Korea, the mandatory lights out can be frustrating. Two hours of study time is not enough for a difficult test, she said.

The classes also are more difficult, according to the students. Students with bad grades have more restrictions and all their study time is monitored to make sure they are finishing their homework. Dossenko was on this type of restriction her sophomore year, and said it was overwhelming because she still had other homework on top of trying to bring her grade up.

“Our students think we are too hard ... too much homework, the teachers expect too much,” Quaile said. Former students say the difficult classes better prepared them for college, Quaile said, and the school’s test scores reflect the harder studies.

“It’s tough, but I’m glad I did it,” Dossenko said.
Adventist Health’s Rawson heads to Loma Linda

By Sentinel Staff | Posted: Thursday, March 1, 2012 12:09 pm

HANFORD — Adventist Health announced Wednesday Richard L. Rawson will conclude his service to the health care network on April 1 and leave to join Loma Linda University Health System, a sister Adventist health care system.

Rawson will serve as chief executive officer/administrator of Loma Linda University Medical Center-Murrieta and senior vice president for strategy, said Scott Reiner, executive vice president of Roseville-based Adventist Health.

According to Reiner, Wayne Ferch will add vice president of Adventist Health for Central California to his current responsibilities as president/CEO of the Hanford-based Central Valley Network. Ferch will continue to oversee day-to-day operations across the 2,500-square-mile network while enlarging his focus on service expansion, community outreach and growth throughout Central California.

“I have the utmost confidence in Wayne's leadership,” Reiner said. “I am pleased that our expansive services in the Central California will benefit from solid continuity within his administration.”

Known for his strong emphasis on quality, Ferch assumed his current role in May of last year.

“We appreciate Rick’s contributions during his many years of service in our system,” said Reiner, who also serves on the Loma Linda boards. “We look forward to continuing to work with Rick in his new roles.”

Rawson has held a progression of administrative and executive leadership roles. He was involved in three acquisitions for Adventist Health: Central Valley General Hospital in Hanford in 1998, Selma Community Hospital in 1999 and Sierra Kings District Hospital in Reedley in 2011. Additionally, he consolidated the Central Valley Network in 2005 and oversaw construction of Adventist Medical Center-Hanford.

Rawson also serves as president of Adventist Health/Home Care Services for the corporation.

Farewell events for Rawson are being planned, and details will be announced when they become available.
LANCASTER, Mass. — Officials with the Seventh-day Adventist Church say they have plans to turn the vacant Atlantic Union College campus in Lancaster into an evangelical and medical missionary training school.

Donald King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, says the school would offer short-term courses for pastors and those who wish to help fellow churchgoers. There would also be six- and nine-month evangelistic missionary training courses for lay people who want instruction on "how to win souls."

He tells the Telegram & Gazette (http://bit.ly/z8Hs9Q) it will include instruction in the benefits of good nutrition, exercise, and basic health principles. The school is expected to open this fall.

The college closed in July after losing its accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges because of financial shortcomings.
Churches get produce to needy in winter

Farmers market is first in offseason to be supplied by Mid-Ohio Foodbank

Bob Jones was already planning this weekend’s dinners as he pushed a shopping cart full of apples, pears, potatoes and other produce across a Near East Side church parking lot yesterday afternoon.

The crisp winter weather wasn’t keeping the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church from holding a farmers market for the community’s low-income residents, who pushed carts through a church hall and down a hallway as volunteers piled in fresh goods.

“I didn’t expect greens. My mom loves greens,” said Jones, a 56-year-old unemployed commercial driver. “We know what we’ll be having Saturday and Sunday.”

He was among dozens who were given some of the roughly 10,000 pounds of produce provided through the church’s food pantry on 18th Street partnership with nearby Broad Street Presbyterian Church.

Another market will be held at the site from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday.

The event was the first winter-season farmers market supplied by the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, which began the produce-dispensing program in 2010, said spokesman Colin Baumgartner. In that first year, 26 produce markets operated in 20 counties from July through October. In 2011, the number of markets over the same four-month period jumped to 150. The food bank’s goal is to surpass that number this year.

“Low-income people have a high incidence of chronic disease, and that’s because of the food available to them,” said Sabra Howell, who operates Central Seventh-day Adventist’s pantry. “And as a food pantry, we’re looking out for their health and well-being, so that’s why we’re trying to get the most fresh produce to them.”

Kathy Kelly Long, Broad Street Presbyterian Church’s pantry manager, said such produce is not generally available through typical pantry shopping. The church helped about 5,700 people through eight produce markets last year. and “it just keeeps gettting biezer and biezer,” she said.
Hanford Sentinel

Adventist to introduce new wound center

By Sentinel Staff | Posted: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 10:45 am

HANFORD — Adventist Health will hold a blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday to celebrate the opening of its new Wound Healing Center.

The medical director of the center, Dr. Charles Craft, will speak about “Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine” at noon. A blessing by Adventist Health chaplains and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow at 1 p.m. Staff will be available to provide tours of the center, and hors d’oeuvres will be served. City and hospital leaders, hospital board members and community members are invited to attend.

The Adventist Health / Wound Healing Center provides Kings and Tulare county patients with access to comprehensive treatment of non-healing wounds. With advanced equipment, including two hyperbaric chambers, the center is one of the most convenient, comprehensive and sophisticated wound facilities in the region.

The hyperbaric chambers, where patients receive pure oxygen to speed up the healing of their wounds, provide a more advanced treatment option for those who qualify for the procedure. The hyperbaric oxygen chambers work by surrounding the patient with 100 percent oxygen at higher than normal atmospheric pressure. This increase in the amount of oxygen stimulates the tissues and helps the wounds heal more quickly. The only physical sensation resulting from the treatment is a slight pressure on the eardrum, such as that felt when an airplane lands, as the air chamber is pressurized.

A team of experienced physicians work together at the center to provide a multidisciplinary approach to chronic wound issues. Physician specialties include general surgery, podiatry, vascular surgery and family medicine. The center is also staffed with highly skilled nurses experienced in wound care.

The Wound Healing Center welcomes new patients and most insurance plans. Appointments may be scheduled within 24 hours.

The ceremony will be held on the third floor of the Hanford Medical Pavilion, next to Adventist Medical Center at 125 Mall Dr., Suite 313. For more information, call 537-2690 or visit www.AdventistHealthCV.com.
Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Among top 5% in Nation for Emergency Medicine

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital is one of only 263 hospitals nationwide to earn HealthGrades’ prestigious 2012 “Emergency Medicine Excellence Award.”

Bolingbrook, Illinois (PRWEB) February 28, 2012 -- Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital’s emergency department is among the top 5 percent in the nation, according to HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization.

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital is one of only 263 hospitals nationwide to earn HealthGrades’ prestigious 2012 “Emergency Medicine Excellence Award.”

“This designation puts Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital in an exclusive group of high-performing hospitals,” said Rick Mace, president and chief executive officer, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. “Our community can be proud to have excellent caregivers nearby.”

The findings are based on an analysis of more than seven million Medicare patient records from 2008 to 2010. The HealthGrades Emergency Medicine in American Hospitals report focused on 12 of the most common and life-threatening medical emergencies among that patient population, including heart attack, stroke, pneumonia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD.

“No one ever expects to need a trip to the emergency room, it’s comforting to know superior care is available right in our own community,” said Dr. Carlos Martinez, medical director of Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital’s emergency department. “We couldn’t have achieved this designation without the support of our local emergency medical services (EMS) providers.”

Other key findings of the HealthGrades report include:

* Medicare patients treated at hospitals recognized with a HealthGrades Emergency Medicine Excellence Award had, on average, a 41.52 percent lower risk of death compared to patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.
* If all hospitals performed at the level of the Emergency Medicine Excellence Award recipient hospitals from 2008 through 2010, an additional 170,856 people could have potentially survived their emergency hospitalization.

“It is imperative that anyone experiencing a medical emergency go directly to the closest hospital, especially in the event of a heart attack or stroke,” said Dr. Arshad Rahim, report author and Director of Accelerated Clinical Excellence at HealthGrades. “That said, our findings show the care you receive once admitted to the hospital can also make the difference between life and death. We encourage all patients to educate themselves about the quality of emergency medical providers in their area and to choose a top performing hospital whenever there is a choice.”

For more information about Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, visit www.keepingyouwell.com/abh.
Adventist Midwest Health includes Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. To find a physician, visit www.keepingyouwell.com.

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2-29-12 8th Annual Ellen White Issues Symposium

Symposium to be held at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Berrien Springs, Mich.—The eighth annual Ellen White Issues Symposium will be held on March 26, 2012, at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. This year’s symposium takes as its theme Ellen White’s prophetic gift and inspiration.

The featured speakers include Roger Dudley, professor emeritus and director of the Institute of Church Ministry; Jiri Moskala, professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology; Jud Lake, professor of preaching and Adventist studies at Southern Adventist University; Stan Patterson, chair of the Department of Christian Ministry and director of the Christian Leadership Center; and Katrina Blue, a doctoral candidate in theology and church history. Each lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session; and the symposium will close with a discussion of Ellen White and current issues.

Dudley will open the symposium with his lecture, “Ellen White and Me.” Jiri Moskala’s talk, “Can a Biblically Inspired Writer Use Literary Sources?” will explore the topic of White’s own inspiration. Jud Lake, who has recently published a book on Ellen White’s prophetic gift, will discuss a historical criticism of Ellen White in “D.M. Canright, Ellen White, and Inspiration: A Crisis in the Making.” After lunch, Stan Patterson will discuss “Ellen G. White on Leadership and Power,” followed by Katrina Blue’s talk, “Threads from an Old Fabric,” which will reveal new discoveries about the Holy Flesh movement in Indiana from 1899–1901, and Ellen White’s response to the movement.

The symposium is sponsored by Andrews University, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, the Department of Church History, the Center for Adventist Research and the Ellen G. White Estate, Inc. For more information about the symposium or to register, please visit www.andrews.edu/library/car/egwsymposium.html

Founded in 1874, Andrews University is the flagship institution of higher education for the Seventh-day Adventist church, located one-half mile east of the U.S. 31 Bypass in Berrien Springs, Mich.

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Adults stuffing bears at the North American Division Ministries Convention?

It does seem a bit unusual, and at first thought, inappropriate when combined with the serious business of seminars and general sessions. But on second thought, what could be more appropriate than to practice the theory laid out during the training sessions? Ministry is more than learning how, it is doing, and participants at the Innisbrook 2012 Ministries Convention were invited to a hands-on experience that was not only fun and relaxing, but it generated a feeling of having done something nice for someone else.

The “someone else” became the children in Pediatrics and patients in the Women’s Center at Florida Hospital Tampa and Carrollwood. Hospital chaplains distributed the bears on Valentine’s Day.

Sandra Brady, nurse manager, Pediatrics, exclaimed, “What a GREAT event! The results of those personally-stuffed animals were enormous in Pediatric/PICU. The smile on our patient Alissa’s face was priceless. Her new favorite toy is Chip, “A Dalmatian that loves brownies,” her tag says.

Her stay in our Hospital was transformed into a happier experience because of the kind gesture extended to her from the caring group of people that took time in their busy day to create these little ‘Ambassadors of Kindness’.”

Sandra continued, “From the baby on a ventilator that is too young to realize he now has a teddy bear in his crib, to the teenage boy that proudly took his bear to the treatment facility where he was being transferred, the gift will serve as a lasting reminder of their stay at Florida Hospital and the kindness of those who truly practice ministry.”

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