Camps Lay Foundation for Ministry

By William Wood, volunteer coordinator for the North American Division’s Camp Ministries

Not only is summer camp a valuable experience for kids, teenagers, and families, but camp staff have been finding that they themselves get just as much as they give to those they serve during their weeks, or years, as summer camp counselors. For the hundreds of Adventism’s finest youth who annually dedicate their lives to summer camp ministry, summer camp employment serves as excellent training for future denominational service.

The research shows that in principle, summer camp may be considered a valid training ground for future pastors, teachers, administrators, youth pastors, and other church workers, with 45 percent of staff seeing themselves as working for the church in some capacity. A little more than one fifth of them plan to enter the ministry either as pastor or youth pastor. And the local church also seems to be a direct beneficiary of our youth’s involvement in summer camp work. Thirty-six percent expected to be more involved in their local church, and 60 percent stated that they would continue to be involved. (This was first published in the Adventist Review on May 24, 2012.)
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Message magazine has a new editor, Carmela Monk Crawford. The Message editorship is a position that has typically been held by male ministers. “I think my selection is a strong statement, not just within the Adventist community, but to those with whom we share the gospel,” she says. “There is too much work to do, and we need more people on it. Adventist women like me must continue to serve substantively and competently on every level throughout this movement. It’s time for us all to get on it. I’ve got my gear; I’m going in.”

The previous editor, Washington Johnson, II, served from 2008 to 2012. As a chaplain in the Navy Reserve, he resigned when he received news that he was being deployed to Afghanistan.

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

**Why Seventh-day Adventists Revere Isaac Newton**
*The Atlantic*

**Father’s Day Graduation at Pacific Union College**
*Napa Valley Register*
Announcements

Remember your invitation to join Prayer Call, Thursday, July 5, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. EST. People from around the world gather together on their phones to pray all night for church leaders, revival, up-coming events, prayer requests, and much more. If you would like to be part of the next call, you can dial in at: 712-432-0031; access code: 435650#

Would you like to network with likeminded business people while at the same time hearing messages of blessing? If so, then the upcoming ASI Convention just might be what you're looking for. The theme for this year is "It's Time To Be About Our Father's Business." It will be held in Cincinnati, Oh., August 8-11.

Sales of The Great Hope, as part of the The Great Hope Project, have exceeded the NAD goal of 3 million copies. So far, approximately 4.5 million copies have been sold including English, Spanish and French translations.

Now that the May 30 deadline for the prepublication price has passed, quantities can be ordered at the following prices: 1-99 @ $.79 ea; 100-999 @ $.59 ea.; 1,000-1,999 @ $.53 ea., 2,000+ @ $.49 ea. Order through your local Adventist Book Center.

Did you miss seeing any of the nightly Revive! programs last week? Don't fear, you can watch the archived versions of Revive! Presenters included Dwight Nelson, Derek Morris, Jon Henderson, Karl Haffner, Randy Roberts, Elizabeth Talbot, Carlton Byrd, Jose Rojas, and Ron Halvorsen.

The goal of Revive! was to rejuvenate the spiritual commitment of every church member, their church, and their community with messages of hope found in a personal relationship with God. View photos.
REACH - Revival and Transformation

A closer walk with God through public and personal worship

One Brazilian congregation in NAD is changing lives the world over, including on the island of New Zealand. And that’s without even stepping foot on a plane. The Capital Brazilian Temple Church in Highland, Md. is committed to reaching their Brazilian family members who are not able to attend a Portuguese-speaking congregation by streaming services online. MORE.

Do you know someone that will be blessed through the ministry of summer camps? If so, visit www.adventistcamps.org to find a camp near them.

Children benefit from active lifestyles, Adventurers and Pathfinders can help provide that lifestyle as well as solid Bible-based instruction through camporees, honors, Bible bowls and much more. If you are a leader and are looking for more resources you can find them at www.pathfindersonline.org. Resources include the Adventist Youth Honors Answer Book, Pathfinder forum, PLA Training Manual, PIA Training Manual, and more.

Living It Public High School Outreach offers youth leaders a place to go for ideas and encouragement as they seek to reach out to young people on public campuses. Resources offered include outreach ideas, help for at-risk students, video testimonies, and more. You can find these resources at www.livingiths.org.

If you would like to create a youth ministries presence at your church, www.adventistyouthministries.com and www.adventistyouthspace.org have many resources to offer.
The Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Part 1

Pastor J. Alfred Johnson, Director, NAD Adult Ministries

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Colorado wildfire: Donation center to aid High Park fire victims now open in Fort Collins

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The center is intended for donation drop-off only, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., according to a press release by Adventist Community Services Disaster Response.

Cash donations will be accepted. Other items requested for donation are:

- Diapers: adult and baby
- Wipes
- Personal hygiene items
- New packaged underwear
- Non-perishable foods, but no home-cooked food
- Animal foods
- New bedding: sheets, blankets and pillows
- Laundry and cleaning supplies
- Large trash cans and trash bags
- Work gloves, new shovels, rakes
- N-95 masks

Donated items will be distributed by the center to High Park fire victims starting June 21.

The press release asks that no clothing or bottled water be donated.

The center is for donations only. Those wishing to volunteer can find more information at www.HelpColoradoNow.org.
Maurice R. Valentine II is the new president of Central States Conference, elected June 17 by delegates to a regular quadrennial constituency meeting. Roger Bernard was reelected as vice president for administration and Tonya Anderson as vice president for finance.

Elder Valentine, who has been serving the Mid-America Union as both vice president for administration and ministerial director, said: “I count it an honor to accept the call to return to the place which birthed, nurtured, and honed my spiritual journey, the Central States Conference. Moreover, I’m humbled at the opportunity of once again being called of the Lord.” Central States covers the largest geographical territory of any local conference in the North American Division.

Before coming to the Mid-America Union, over the course of 21 years Elder Valentine served 11 congregations in four states, during which he was exposed to ministry opportunities across the division as a marriage retreat, graduation
commencement and convention speaker who also trained church leaders in strategic planning geared specifically to strengthening the discipleship process. Later the Lord exposed him to international ministry in the Caribbean, Canada and England as a marriage retreat facilitator, pastor trainer and evangelistic speaker (respectively). He concluded his previous service at Central States as assistant to the president.

Since that time Valentine has become more familiar with administrative leadership, currently serving on various committees of the North American Division; he is also a member of the Adventist Health System executive board and vice chair of the Union College Board of Trustees. He holds degrees in communications and theology from Oakwood University and the Master of Divinity from Andrews University.

“My passion is the restoration of mission as determined by Jesus in the great commission pervasively in our church, educational, and healthcare institutions,” declares Valentine. “My greatest enjoyment in ministry is derived from seeing people discover or rediscover their place in God’s plan as healthy growing disciples of Jesus Christ and see them pursue their giftedness in connected synergized ministry to reach the unchurched.”

Valentine testifies that his love for helping God’s people grow relationally with Jesus and each other is only exceeded his love for his family, with whom he enjoys skiing, hiking, and exploration of natural wonders. He has been married to the former Sharon Livingston for 26 years; together they are blessed with two adult sons and a daughter.

“To this day, helping people hear His voice is what Sharon and I have dedicated our lives to,” says Elder Valentine. “Together we have learned it is in His presence that we experience the fullness of His joy, and in the center of His will we learn the disciplines of His saving grace and peace. Therefore, I accept the call of the constituents of Central States Conference to serve, with the hope that together as His disciples we can be co-laborers with Him working harmoniously and collaboratively to finish the work.”

The Central States constituency session was held at conference headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas. Representing the larger Seventh-day Adventist organization at the meeting were Thomas L. Lemon, president of the Mid-America Union, and Alvin Kibble, a vice president of the North American Division. The local conference executive committee will complete the election of department directors and fill other non-administrative positions.
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OSHAWA ON – The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of James Astleford as the organization’s new Executive Director.

The ADRA Canada Board of Directors announced Astleford’s appointment, with immediate effect, at their June 12 meeting.

“I have been excited to be part of ADRA’s ministry for many years, Astleford stated. “Relief and development agencies are growing increasingly professional and sophisticated and world needs are pressing,” he commented. “In this new role I will seek to lead ADRA in meeting these challenges. We must be a strong agency that continues to provide effective, loving service to those in poverty and distress around the world.”

Astleford has served at a senior management level within the ADRA network for more than twenty years. His years of service have included appointments as executive director at the ADRA offices in South Sudan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Nepal, and assistant country director for ADRA India. Astleford holds a MSA degree in international development and a MA from Andrews University as well as a BA from Washington Adventist University.

“I have had the privilege of working with James for the past several years and know that with his past experience, strong commitment for the growth of ADRA, and his knowledge of the Canadian field, he will be a strong asset to our humanitarian agency. There is no doubt that with
all of our support he will bring ADRA to another level of excellence,” stated Daniel Stojanovic, chair of the ADRA Canada board of directors. “I’m confident that James, along with his staff, will continue to promote a positive vision for the work of ADRA Canada here at home and around the world,” continued Stojanovic. “On behalf of the Board and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, I assure him of our full support and prayers for his success,” he committed.

“Through my many years with ADRA, I have seen how the lives of individuals and whole communities in many countries have improved as a result of ADRA projects,” reflected Astleford. “I am also very proud of, and thankful for, the contributions Canadians make through their support of ADRA Canada. Our supporters are our lifeblood and I appreciate their continued support and prayers as I take on this new role.”

Astleford will be balancing his new role along with his current role as the ADRA Canada Emergency Management Director until a replacement is selected. Astleford replaces Ron Kuhn who held the executive director position until March 2012.

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*ADRA assists people living in poverty and distress through sustainable development projects and emergency relief. ADRA Canada is a member of the ADRA network, with a presence in more than 120 countries.*
By Alan Jacobs

The quintessential man of science was also convinced that there was a code in the Bible that predicted the exact date of the Second Coming.
Hebrew University/London Evening Standard

If anyone is the patron saint of modern science -- of the whole scientific outlook as we know it -- Isaac Newton would surely be that man. As James Gleick writes in his biography of Newton, "He was chief architect of the modern world. He answered the ancient philosophical riddles of light and motion, and he effectively discovered gravity. He showed how to predict the courses of heavenly bodies and so established our place in the cosmos. He made knowledge a thing of substance: quantitative and exact. He established principles, and they are called his laws." This is the standard narrative about Newton, but it's not the whole story. As much as today's scientists celebrate Newton, their reverence is matched by that of a very different group: the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
In order to understand Newton's connection to the Adventists, the spiritual descendants of an American preacher named William Miller, we need to be more aware than people usually are about the astonishing range of Newton's interests. In 1936, a large cache of Newton's personal papers -- material that he had never published and in some cases had kept quite secret -- were offered for sale by Sotheby's, and many of them were bought by the great economist John Maynard Keynes. When he got the chance to read what he had purchased, Keynes was surprised and at times appalled. He had known about Newton's interest in alchemy, and may even have been aware that Newton believed Scripture to be full of mathematical codes -- for instance, in the proportions decreed for the construction of Solomon's Temple. But he was not quite prepared for the great man's obsession with biblical prophecy, especially the book of Daniel, a close reading of which had convinced Newton that the world would end in 2060.

Writing about his discovery some years later, Keynes commented,

In the eighteenth century and since, Newton came to be thought of as the first and greatest of the modern age of scientists, a rationalist, one who taught us to think on the lines of cold and untinctured reason.

I do not see him in this light. I do not think that any one who has pored over the contents of that box which he packed up when he finally left Cambridge in 1696 and which, though partly dispersed, have come down to us, can see him like that. Newton was not the first of the age of reason. He was the last of the magicians, the last of the Babylonians and Sumerians. ... Why do I call him a magician? Because he looked on the whole universe and all that is in it as a riddle, as a secret which could be read by applying pure thought to certain evidence, certain mystic clues which God had laid about the world to allow a sort of philosopher's treasure hunt to the esoteric brotherhood.

More particularly, Newton believed that encoded in Scripture was a perfectly specific identification -- as specific and reliable as the Inverse Square Law -- of the time of the Second Coming, or Second Advent, of Jesus Christ. And he believed he had discovered this date just as surely as he had discovered what he called "fluxions," or what we now call calculus.

In this sense Newton was one of the first great Adventists, and almost exactly one hundred years after Newton's death, William Miller in Vermont would also interpret the book of Daniel as a blueprint of the Second Advent. Miller's memoirs record his great debt to Newton, and he named one of his ten children Isaac Newton Miller. Perhaps because he lacked Newton's mathematical genius, Miller calculated Daniel's encoded message rather differently and announced that Christ would come again in 1844. When that did not happen, it constituted for Miller's followers The Great Disappointment.
But however great the disappointment, the failed prediction certainly did not bring an end to the Millerite cause: churches following his teachings continued, the largest of them today being the Seventh Day Adventists, with more than 15 million members around the world. One book on the influence of Newton's theology features a drawing from an Adventist magazine. The drawing is called "The March of the Reformers," and it portrays a procession of sages from the prophet Daniel to modern times. At the very center of the procession, holding aloft a torch of blazing light, is -- no, not William Miller, but the far greater figure of Isaac Newton.
P.S. Note to future editors of this website: please update this post accordingly in 2060 -- if you and it are still around.

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Throughout her life, Louise Ellis espoused the core values of her Seventh-day Adventist faith -- honesty, integrity, caring for the helpless and tithing to support the work of her church.

Mrs. Ellis was a nurse for 27 years in the maternity unit of Magee-Womens Hospital in Oakland, where she was admired for her skills in handling the infants and her concern and advice for young mothers.

Analdean "Louise" Vorpagel Ellis of Robinson, formerly of Crafton, died on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, in the Residence at Willow Lake in Kennedy. She was 85.

"I worked as a lab technician at Magee-Womens with my mother," said her daughter, Leslie Talotta of Robinson. "She loved the infants and would advise the young parents on keeping them happy by feeding them well and keeping them warm and dry. "And she never forgot the young ones. Even after my mother retired and was confined to her home, I'd bring her the material she needed to sew blankets for Children's Hospital."

Born and raised in East Liberty, Mrs. Ellis was one of seven children in the family of Theodore and Anne Vorpagel.

She was a graduate of the Pittsburgh Junior Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist High School in East Liberty, and received her nursing license from Connelle-y Vocational High School in Uptown.

She was employed by Presbyterian and Montefiore hospitals in Oakland, and in 1946, after her marriage to her high school classmate Edwin Ellis, began a 27-year career at what is now Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC.

Mrs. Ellis was appointed an honorary deaconess of her church, and at 73 she helped nail shingles on the roof of the church the congregation built on Evergreen Road in Brighton Heights.

"My parents also understood the need to tithe to enable their church to continue its ministry and its humanitarian efforts. There was always an envelope for the collection baskets every Sunday," said Talotta.

In addition to her daughter, Leslie, Mrs. Ellis is survived by her sons, Bruce Ellis of McCandless and David Ellis of Carnegie; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ellis was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin, in 2010, and six siblings.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in Hershberger-Stover Inc. Funeral Home, 170 Noble Ave., Crafton, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday.
Memorial contributions may be made to Pittsburgh Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4013 Evergreen Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214 or to the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, 111 Liberty Ave., Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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Father's Day graduation at Pacific Union College

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ANGWIN — Hundreds of dads received a very special Father’s Day gift in Angwin on Sunday: the gift of watching their children successfully complete their undergraduate educations.

Pacific Union College, a private Seventh-day Adventist institution, graduated its 124th class in the campus’s Commencement Grove.

“It's the best Father’s Day present I could ever have,” said Geoff Brummett of Redlands, whose son, also Geoff, graduated as a senior class officer with a double major in graphic design and photography.

The class of 2012 comprised 291 graduates representing 14 states and eight countries. More than 75 academic distinctions and honors were presented, with 14 summa cum laude graduates, nine magna cum laude, 43 cum laude and 10 graduates from the honors program.

The class included 119 graduates from the Department of Nursing, 40 from the Department of Business and 22 in the visual arts.

PUC board member and Adventist Health regional CEO Terry Newmyer presented the commencement address on Sunday morning. A veteran health care administrator, Newmyer’s leadership has been instrumental in a fiscal turnaround at St. Helena Hospital over the past several years. He is also the proud father of Michael, a cum laude business major and member of the graduating class.

Newmyer encouraged graduates to “make failure your friend.” Noting historical examples of long strings of failure culminating in great success, he reminded graduates that in life, victory and defeat often go hand in hand.

“Failure in life is what gives us courage,” he said. “How often in life are we willing to finish with a failure? To see how far we can go? We'll never know if we've gone too far until we go too far.”

The commencement ceremony was the climax of a full weekend of graduation festivities at PUC. On Friday evening, graduates gathered in the PUC Church for a dedication ceremony featuring Roy Ice, pastor of the Napa Community Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ice, who served as PUC campus chaplain for six years ending last school year, recounted
interactions he had with different people who went on to significant accomplishments.

“You never know what greatness people in your life will achieve,” he said.

On Saturday, the graduates and their families gathered again as current campus chaplain Laffit Cortes addressed them following a multilingual reading of Joshua 1:8 — a biblical text promising success to those who live by God’s commands.

Paul Graham, a noted Adventist minister from the Washington, D.C. area, also spoke on Saturday morning, urging students to stay true to themselves.

The evening culminated in a reception for graduates and their parents with PUC President Heather J. Knight.
LOMA LINDA: Academy teacher receives national award

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Honoree Jay Linthicum, the technology teacher at Loma Linda Academy, was presented with a national award Sunday, June 3. Linthicum is among 10 teachers selected this spring by the Alumni Awards Foundation to receive a 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award.

AAF is a foundation that supports Seventh-day Adventist schools in North America.

The award ceremony was held at Loma Linda Academy. The award include a medallion and $2,000 gift sponsored by Loma Linda University.

Linthicum is best known at Loma Linda for developing the Technology Integrated Education program — a four-year commitment in which students learn practical skills ranging from...
metal and woodworking to computer aided design and robotics.

He has made presentations about his TIE program at the International Technology Education and Engineering Association convention and he was one of a select few teachers accepted into a summer NASA workshop in aeronautical engineering held at Edwards Air Force Base.

“Jay has seen this vision of how Adventist education can be uniquely excellent and given the majority of his career in improving students with the very best in technological integrated education,” said Robert Skoretz, Loma Linda Academy principal.

It is apparent that Linthicum’s TIE program is making a big difference when freshman engineering students are placed in charge of the senior engineering students because of the knowledge gained in TIE.

Many alumni visit the academy with stories about how TIE helped them in college and how they still use the skills learned in the high school courses.

“For me, the reward of teaching in an Adventist school is that I have found a sense of purpose, a sense of family, a sense of fulfillment, perhaps even destiny,” Linthicum said.

Nominated by principals, superintendents, colleagues, and former students, 10 teachers will be celebrated across the nation in upcoming weeks for the impact they have had in their local Seventh-day Adventist schools. Full disclosure of the 10 finalists will be released in late June.

AAF is a nonprofit organization working to improve Adventist K-12 education. It has awarded grants totaling more than $2 million to Adventist schools and educators. Since its establishment in 1995, the organization has recognized 106 exceptional teachers with an Excellence in Teaching Award.

Learn more at AlumniAwards.org.

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The Capital Brazilian Temple Church in Highland, Maryland is committed to reaching their Brazilian family members who are not able to attend a Portuguese-speaking congregation by streaming services online.

One such life that was changed by becoming a participant in the online church services was that of Luciana. At the age of five, her parents divorced. When her mother soon remarried, she abandoned her three daughters in the city while she went to live on a farm, only visiting her children two or three times per week.

Luciana’s childhood and adolescence years were challenging and she harbored a lot of anger toward her parents. At the age of 29 she had a fight with her mother. It would be 12 years before she would speak to either one of her parents again.

Luciana was then living in New Zealand. Her daughter, Bruna and son-in-law Emerson were working with Ministry Light of America in Maryland and Virginia when they started attending the Capital Brazilian Temple church. Hearing about the online services, they suggested to Luciana that she watch them. Through a series of messages of hope, the Holy Spirit touched her heart and she felt convicted to ask for forgiveness and forgive her parents.

"Today, I believe that all the suffering that my mother had in [her] childhood still hurts, but I think she can lie down relieved and with a lighter heart knowing that [she] forgave them," says Bruna.

Today there are more than 2000 people connected with the online church community at www.capitalbrazilian.org.

For Capital Brazilian Media Center director, Fritz Kolle, this ministry exists "in order to reach people in our hearts to the heart of Jesus."