Special Christmas Services and Events in NAD

Christmas Greetings from NAD President Dan Jackson:

20-second video message

Special Christmas Ministry Suggestion for Everyone:

Seventh-day Adventist human rights advocates are encouraging church members worldwide to send Christmas cards to two Adventists imprisoned in the West African country of Togo. Learn more

Media Event Available Division-Wide

NBC’s Holiday Special, “The Present,” was filmed live at the Atlanta Berean church and features musicians Take 6, Jaime Jorge and Jennifer LaMountain and Carlton P. Byrd, speaker.director of the Breath of Life Telecast. December 15-25. For a list of stations and airdates, go to breathoflife.tv or call (805) 955-7681.

IN CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

California

Brownsville, Musical Christmas Program for the community and out of town visitors, Brownsville Church, December 15 in the afternoon. 9148 Nero Road.

Encino, Walla Walla University’s select choral group, I Cantori’s, December 23, 12:00 noon, St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church, Encino, Ca.

Glendale, “Jesus in the Temple at Hanukkah Time,” Beth Shalom Seventh-day Adventist Hanukkah Celebration, Alan Reinach, presenter, December 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Group lamp lighting, Hanukkah songs, homemade latkes, hot cider, and traditional games, in the Fellowship Hall, Vallejo Drive Church, 300 Vallejo Dr. $10/adults; $5/children. Info/RSVP.

Glendale, Walla Walla University’s select choral group, I Cantori’s, December 21, 12:30 p.m., at
Scholl Canyon Estates.

**Glendale, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 21, 7:00 p.m., Vallejo Drive SDA Church

**Grand Terrace, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 22, 9:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., Azure Hills SDA Church.

**La Crescenta, Crescenta Valley Elementary School Christmas Concert.** December 18, 7:00 p.m. Living Stones Church, 6235 Honolulu Ave.

**Loma Linda, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 22, 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m., Loma Linda University Church.

**Northridge, San Fernando Valley Academy Annual Christmas Concert.** Featuring traditional carols, Scripture readings, and music from students’ participation in Disneyland's Candlelight Processional and Sea World's Shamu Christmas. Come and enjoy the sounds of the season. December 14, 7:00 p.m., San Fernando Valley Academy, 17601 Lassen St.

**Los Angeles, "Angels Aware!"** The story of why God came to earth as a baby. Presented by Grades P-K-12, December 21, 7:00 p.m. Lorenzo W. Paytee Pavilion, Los Angeles Adventist Academy 846 E. El Segundo Blvd. Freewill donations.

**Santa Clarita, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,** December 24. Warm, embracing, inspiring and one of the best ways to experience the Light that has come into the world. Liturgy for young children begins with a light supper at 6:30 pm. Santa Clarita Adventist Church, 24436 Valley St. Please check website for the times for the other two services at the church later in the evening, including a Cambridge-style Lessons and Carols format with our brothers and sisters from Christ Church.

**Santa Rosa, 16th Annual Drive-Thru Live Nativity,** December 14 and 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Santa Rosa Church, 840 Sonoma Avenue.

**Temple City, "Gloria,"** December 15, featuring choral celebration of sacred works, famous Christmas carols and John Rutter's “Gloria.” Special participation by Temple City Church Choir and Chamber Orchestra. Also featuring Inspirare Vocal Ensemble, Melvir Ausente, conductor. Ticket price, $10. Temple City Church, 9664 Broadway. Reservations/Info: (626) 286-5437

**Torrance, Christmas Musical,** December 13, 6:30 p.m. at South Bay Junior Academy, 4400 Del Amo Blvd.

**Carolina**

**Statesville, NC, "Journey to the Cross,"** December 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., from birth to the cross - a one-night outdoor FREE event. Statesville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2429 East Broad St.

**Jacksonville, NC, Christmas and Gospel Concert** featuring Don Shortslef, at Jacksonville Adventist Church, December 15, 5:00 p.m., followed by refreshments and a movie.

**Delaware:**

**Wilmington Junior Academy School Christmas Program,** December 13 at 7:00 p.m., 3001 Millcreek Road.

**West Wilmington Seventh-day Adventist Church, “Listen to the Story,”** December 22, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., 3003 Mill Creek Rd. Church: (302)-998-3961.

**Georgia**

**Augusta, The Augusta Adventist School** will be holding a Bilingual Christmas Worship Service for churches in the Augusta area on December 15. This is a gift to our sponsoring community, the Augusta...
First SDA Church and Augusta Hispanic American Company. Vegetarian potluck will follow.

**Calhoun, "Hope Arriving," Calhoun Adventist Church**, December 22, 11:00 a.m.

**Macon, Wimbish Adventist School annual Christmas Program**, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

**Sharpsburg, Shoal Creek Adventist School** Christmas Program, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

### Hawaii

**Honolulu, Hawaiian Mission Academy K-8, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 14, 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**Honolulu, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 15, 10:45 a.m., Honolulu Central SDA Church.

**Honolulu, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 16, 10:30 a.m., Co-Cathedral of Saint Theresa.

**Honolulu, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, December 16, 7:00 a.m., Kawaiha' o Church

**Kailua, Walla Walla University's select choral group, I Cantori's**, Hawaiian Mission Academy, December 14, 8:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., Windward.

### Iowa

**Des Moines, “Mary Had a Little Lamb, That's My Story and I'm Sticking to it!”** December 15, 11:00 a.m., at the Des Moines Adventist Church, presented by the Des Moines Adventist Junior Academy

### Maryland

**Baltimore, 18th annual Christmas Cantata with Miracle Temple's sanctuary choir and Symphony Orchestra** under the direction of Dr. Eric Conway, December 15, Worship Service. It will also feature their children's choir, Awesome Wonder. 100 South Rock Glen Road. For more information visit

**Burnt Mills, "Heaven's Child,"** December 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Burnt Mills Adventist Church. Beltsville Adventist Church Choir and live orchestra will perform Pepper Choplin's Cantata.

**Beltsville, "Heaven's Child,"** Beltsville Adventist Church, December 15, two worship services at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

**Clarksville, Vivaldi’s “Gloria,”** Triadelphia Adventist Church, December 22, 4:00 p.m., featuring combined choirs of the Triadelphia Adventist, Trinity Lutheran of Bowie and Rockville United Methodist churches. Includes Christmas readings and other musical selections. Light refreshments served. 12950 Brighton Dam Rd.

**Columbia, “A Conspiracy of Love”** (Special Worship Service) as told through the stories of cherished Christmas carols, December 22, 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6520 Martin Road. Church: prayerchangesthings@atholton.org

**Fulton, “The Night Before Christmas”** (Special Worship Services) New Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12350 Hall Shop Road. December 15, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Church: (301) 854-1866; email: office@lookingforachurch.org

**Fulton, Christmas Eve Service**, December 24 11:00 p.m. - Midnight, at New Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church, 12350 Hall Shop Road. Church: (301) 854-1866; email: office@lookingforachurch.org
Joppa, “The Heart of Christmas” musical production led by the youth choir (Special Worship Service), December 15, 11:00 a.m. Caroling at 5:30 p.m; 

Wilna Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1010 Old Joppa Road.

Linthicum, Christmas Concert, Linthicum Seventh-day Adventist Church, 901 Andover Road in Linthicum, December 17, 11:00 a.m.

Perryville, "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior," Susquehanna Adventist School Christmas Program, December 13, 7:00 p.m., Blythedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, 36 Blythedale Road.

Takoma Park, International Christmas Celebration, December 22, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. at the Takoma Park Adventist Church, 6951 Carroll Ave. Featuring carols from around the world performed in local languages and styles to reflect the diversity of God’s people celebrating His birth.

Takoma Park, Washington Adventist University (WAU) Annual Christmas Concert, December 12, 11:15 a.m. The WAU Concert Winds presents their annual Christmas concert in Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, Corner Carroll and Flower Avenues.

Waldorf, Live Nativity (Animals, Live Nativity Scene, Music, and a Bonfire), December 15 and 16, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Waldorf Seventh-day Adventist Church, 11245 Berry Rd.

Missouri

Centralia, A Musical Christmas Program, December 22, 11:00 a.m., Sunnydale Adventist Church

Chesterfield, Christmas play, “The Mouse’s Tale,” December 20, 7:00 p.m., St. Louis West County Adventist Church. Performed by the students from the Westwood Adventist Junior Academy.

Lee’s Summit, A Musical Christmas Program, December 18, 7:00 p.m., Lee’s Summit Adventist Church in conjunction with the Summit View Adventist School.

Nevada, A Musical Christmas Program featuring kids and adults, December 15, 11:00 a.m., Nevada Adventist Church.

Rolla, A Musical Christmas Program from the students, December 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Rolla Adventist School.

Springfield, Dr. Newheart’s Christmas Cure, children’s play, December 13, 7:00 p.m., Springfield Adventist Junior Academy.

Montana

Bozeman, Christmas Cantata, Mount Ellis Academy, December 15, 11:00 a.m.

Bozeman, Choir Christmas Performance at the Gallatin Valley Mall by Mount Ellis Academy, December 15, 2:30 a.m.

Bozeman, Christmas Concert, Mount Ellis Academy, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Missoula, Mountain View Elementary Christmas Program, Missoula Adventist Church, December 15, 11:00 a.m.

Missoula, Mountain View Elementary Chime Choir, JuBELLation Handbell Choir Christmas Concert, First United Methodist Church, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Ronan, Elementary school will be doing two songs during church service, Ronan Adventist Church, December 15, 11:00 a.m.

Trout Creek, “A Story of Angels and Shepherds,” Trout Creek Adventist School, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
**New Jersey**

**North Marmora, A special, Christmas edition of the Family Aid Fund Concert** will benefit victims of Superstorm Sandy. The December 15 concert, which starts at 7:00 p.m., will feature soprano Karla Rivera Bucklew and pianist Ingrid Forss at the Parkway South Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Route 9. For more information visit Facebook.com/FamilyAidConcert. Admission is free but donations toward the Family Aid Fund are appreciated.

**North Dakota**

**Bismarck, Christmas Program** at the Bismarck Adventist Church, December 15, 11 a.m. worship service. Participants will include Bismarck residents and Dakota Adventist Academy students. The program will be under the direction of Dennis Kaiser. Fellowship meal following the program at the church located at 1109 N 26th Street. Church phone: (701) 223-6830.

**Oklahoma**

**Bristow Adventist School**, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. in the School Gym

**Ketchum Adventist Academy**, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Ketchum Church

**Tulsa Adventist Academy**, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., First Tulsa Church

**Guymon (PACS)**, Dec. 15, 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., Hooker Church

**West Siloam Springs**, Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m., West Siloam Springs Church

**Parkview Adventist Academy**, Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m., School Gym, with supper

**Bristow Adventist School**, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., School Gym

**Oregon**

**Portland**: **Portland Adventist Academy’s Alegria, a 100 voice choir**; December 19, 8:00 p.m.; The Grotto. NOTE: This is a paid event

**Tennessee**

**Apison**: **Lester Coon Adventist School** will be providing Special Music Program, December 12, 7:00 p.m., at the school, and December 15, 11:00 a.m. worship service for Apison Seventh-day Adventist Church in Apison.

**Collegedale, Southern Adventist University School of Music Christmas Concert**, December 14, 8:00 p.m. and December 15, 4:00 p.m., at the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. Celebrate the joys of the season with Southern's choirs, symphony orchestra, brass ensemble, and bell choir. The repertoire will feature Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

**Chattanooga**: "Come Ye Faithful, A Service of Carols," by the choir of Chattanooga First SDA Church, December 22, 11:00 a.m. worship service. The carols and readings, arranged by Hal Hopson, will be accompanied by Mary Lou Hutcherson, piano; Dave Mansfield, organ; Mary Wilcox, Flute; and handbell ensemble. The program will also feature the McDonald Road Melody Ringers, and Sara Schone, soprano. "Come Ye Faithful" is a creative blend of both familiar and less familiar Christmas carols drawn from various cultures. The service will be conducted by Joshua Knight, Minister of Music.

**Washington**

**Bonney Lake, Community Christmas Concert**, December 15, 7:00 p.m., Bonney Lake Adventist
Church. Timmy and Jonny Kosaka will perform “He Came” harp and piano music. The Kosaka boys started their music ministry in harp and piano music at age 4 and have played in the United States, Canada, Thailand and Hong Kong. Concert is free and open to the public.

**Green Lake, Candlelight Christmas Concert**, December 14 at Green Lake Church

Kirkland, **Impact Christmas Cantata**, December 15.

**Lynnwood, Seasonal Charity Concert**, December 15, 3:00 p.m. This concert, at Martha Lake Covenant Church, will provide an afternoon of uplifting music featuring orchestra, tone chimes and choir. A freewill offering will be accepted for missions and an Asian meal will be served afterward.

**Seattle, Christmas Benefit Concert**, December 15, 6:00 p.m. by Orion Chorale of Washington State in support of breakfast and community service programs. The concert will be held at Emerald City Community Adventist Church in Seattle. Guests include: The Brotherhood Chorus, Day 3, Russian Choir, Danielle Henry in Mime, Joyce Matthews, and the ECC Praise Team. Invite your family and friends to attend with you!

**Vancouver: Fountainview Academy Orchestra & Choir Concert**: December 16, 7:00 p.m., Adventist Community Church of Vancouver.

**Washington, D.C.**

**Capitol Hill Church’s** Connexus Ministry is hosting a **holiday party for singles**. It will be held Saturday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in the church’s fellowship hall, 914 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Please bring a unisex gift ($20 or more) for the gift game. [More information](#)

**Capitol Hill Church**, "**From Presents to Presents: Living and Giving Like Jesus,"** December 15, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, will feature a brass ensemble, with spoken word by the Capitol Hill Outreach Ministry Leaders. The service of word and song will focus on Jesus’ purpose in coming, and the birthday gifts he truly desires. 914 Massachusetts Ave, NE.

**West Virginia**

**Berkeley Springs, Christmas Eve Service**, December 24, 7:00 p.m., Berkeley Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3606 Valley Road.

**Wisconsin:**

**Columbus, Wisconsin Academy Christmas Concert**, December 22, 4:00 p.m. in the academy church, N2355 Duborg Rd.

**Columbus, “Journey to Bethlehem,” live walk-through Christmas pageant**, December 13, 6:00-8:30 p.m., and December 14, 5:00-8:30 p.m., presented by Wisconsin Academy and church. Tours leave every ten minutes. N2355 Duborg Rd.

**Columbus, “Christmas Around the World”** by Petersen Adventist School, December 20, 7:00 pm. Address: W1004 Hall Rd.

**Frederic, “The Two Sides of Christmas,”** a play, music and poetry presented by Frederick Adventist school, December 20, 7:00 pm., 2955 140th Street.

**Green Bay, “Casting Call”** play, music and skits presented by Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy, followed by refreshments; December 18, 6:00 p.m. 1414 Shawano Ave.

**Greendale, Southside Adventist Fellowship Christmas worship service**, December 22, 11:00 a.m., 5200 W. Looking Rd.
Green Bay, “God Sent Forth His Son,” Green Bay Adventist church, December 15, 11:00 a.m., 1414 Shawano Ave.

La Crosse: Christmas Cantata, La Crosse Adventist church, December 15, 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 2117 La Crosse St.

Madison, "Christmas Comes to Lone Star Gulch," presented by Three Angels Christian School, December 20, 5:30 p.m., 900 Femrite Drive.

Madison, "The Heralds of Hope," a Romanian international Christmas concert, December 23, 2:30 p.m., with Madison East Adventist church. Wisconsin State Capitol rotunda, Madison, WI, first floor rotunda.

Madison, Madison Community church Christmas program “Love’s Pure Light.” Dinner following, December 15, 11:00 a.m., 1926 Elka Lane.

Milwaukee, Milwaukee Adventist School Christmas program, December 19, 7:00 p.m., 10900 W. Mill Rd.

Milwaukee, Milwaukee Central Adventist church "Lessons and Carols," adapted, December 22, 11:00 am., 2229 N. Terrace Ave.

Milwaukee: Milwaukee Northwest Adventist Church, Christmas Worship Service, December 22, 11:00 a.m., 7711 W. Luscher Ave.

Portage, Portage Adventist church Christmas drama, concert and readings, December 23, 3:00 p.m., W8531 State Rd 33.

Fransville, Raymond Adventist church Christmas musical worship service, "Sing Noel," December 22, 10:30 a.m. 4847 108th St.


Sheboygan, Sheboygan Adventist church children’s Christmas program; December 15,11:00 am. Address: 3910 Erie Ave.

Sheboygan, Sheboygan Adventist church Christmas program and supper; December 21, 6:00 pm. Address: 3910 Erie Ave.

Wausau, Hillside Adventist Christian school Christmas program and reception, Shepherd's House church; December 20, 7:00 pm. 6300 Bittersweet Rd.
Card-writing Campaign Latest Move in Effort to Release Imprisoned Adventists

(Posted December 7, 2012)

Seventh-day Adventist human rights advocates are encouraging church members worldwide to send Christmas cards to two Adventists imprisoned in the West African country of Togo.

The card-writing campaign is the latest step in efforts by the Adventist Church to secure the two men's release. Adventist pastor Antonio Monteiro and church member Bruno Amah were detained in March for conspiracy to commit murder after a Togolese man implicated them as conspirators in an alleged blood trafficking network.

Since then, millions of Adventists worldwide have rallied their support for the two men by responding to a social media campaign calling for a Day of Prayer for their release. Facebook followers interacted with Pray for Togo content more than 50,000 times, while the event hashtag reached more than 7 million Twitter users.

Meanwhile, nearly 15,000 people signed an online pledge at change.org, where they committed to participating in the December 1 Day of Prayer.

Now, church leaders hope the Christmas cards encourage the two men as they spend the holiday season in prison awaiting release.

"We would like cards to come from as many countries as possible," said John Graz, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Adventist world church. Graz is leading diplomatic efforts to release the men, which are being conducted alongside the public awareness campaign.

"Imagine the surprise of our brothers when hundreds or thousands of cards are brought to them in the prison," Graz said. "This will certainly brighten their Christmas."

Monteiro, a native of Cape Verde, has served as the church's Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for the Sahel Union Mission, headquartered in Lome, Togo, since 2009. Amah is an Adventist lay member and businessman in Lome.

Church leaders are requesting that members send their greetings to Monteiro's office at regional church headquarters in Lome, Togo.

-- Reported by Adventist News Network

Click here for sample greetings in English and French.