The Greater New York and Northeastern Conferences hosted a Joint Camp Meeting this past Saturday at the Nassau Coliseum in Long Island, NY. This event was in conjunction with the NY13/Revelation of Hope meetings. Check out the video news story by NAD Communication Director, George Johnson. You can also read more about it in a story written by Mark Kellner of the Adventist Review. [Photo courtesy of the Greater New York Conference.]

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The Bible says in Romans 10:11 “Anyone who believes in [Jesus] will never be put to shame” (NIV). Forced to choose between the dream and possibility of being Homecoming Queen, Sierra Clark stayed true to her convictions and faith. Instead of being shamed for her decision, she was honored beyond what she could imagine. MORE

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Wilson tells 12,000 Seventh-day Adventists campaign isn’t finished yet (Posted June 29, 2013)

BY MARK A. KELLNER, News Editor, reporting from Uniondale, New York

Wearing a dark blue baptismal robe, Tomas Olivera of Peekskill, New York, stepped into the giant pool placed before the platform at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on the afternoon of June 29, 2013, and knew only one thing: he was finally about to be baptized.

It quickly developed that the Seventh-day Adventist pastor who placed Olivera under the water was the president of the Adventist world church, Pastor Ted N.C. Wilson, who had just completed a sermon about the role this movement would play at the end of time.

Olivera was all smiles, as was John MacKneil, a former resident of New York’s Greenwich Village, who returned to the Historic Seventh-day Adventist Church on West 11th Street to hear Wilson present a four-week “Revelation of Hope” seminar. MacKneil was also baptized by Wilson, and was a bit overcome at the experience.

“It’s an inspiration to be baptized by this man of God,” MacKneil said, standing next to Wilson, who briefly interned at that church when he first began his ministry. “I wanted to be baptized; I needed to be baptized. I feel good and I feel inspired.” Both MacKneil and Wilson said MacKneil’s brother would also soon join the church.

Inspiration was certainly the theme for this day of celebration and commitment, which was held under the banner of a joint campmeeting of the Greater New York and Northeastern Conferences, something local officials said was a first for the two groups. Adventists came from all over the region – joined by officials of the North American Division and General Conference, as well as from even farther afield – to mark the completion of an initial phase of urban evangelism and the welcoming of hundreds of new believers. At least 150 were baptized at the Nassau Coliseum venue, evangelist Mark Finley told Adventist Review, with many more in area churches the same morning. Estimates point to nearly 2,000 baptisms in the NY13 campaign before the June 29 event.

As Wilson said of the NY13 effort during his sermon, “This is not a spectator sport,” noting that several General Conference vice presidents and other world church leaders had conducted campaigns in the area as well. At least one other division leader came to observe the results: Erton Köhler, president of the South American Division, and his wife Adriene were spotted among the worshippers Sabbath morning, no doubt happy that the “Arautos do Rei,” the Brazilian “King’s Heralds” quartet, were part of the morning’s worship music. Music wasn’t the only cause for happiness that morning: several public officials came to publicly acknowledge the positive impact the Seventh-day Adventist Church had on the community. Mayor Wayne J. Hall, Sr., of neighboring Hempstead, New York, welcomed the Adventists, and Una S.T. Clarke, a former member of the New York City Council and mother of U.S. Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-Brooklyn) was also recognized for her presence at the event. But the greatest praise for Seventh-day Adventists came from Bill DeBlasio, who holds a citywide office as New York City Public Advocate, a job formerly known as president of the City Council. “I represent all 8.4 million New Yorkers,” DeBlasio said. “And I come to bring greetings and appreciation” for the work Adventists are doing in the community, he added.
“I was moved by the work of your young people after Hurricane Sandy struck. Every day, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is doing good works in the City of New York,” De Blasio said. He lauded Adventist efforts in promoting healthy living and said the church’s schools comprise “one of the greatest educational systems on Earth.”

De Blasio concluded saying, “Every day [Seventh-day Adventists] make us a better and a stronger city. I say, ‘God bless you.’”

Following the comments of these public officials, Adventist evangelist Mark Finley prayed for Hall, Clarke, and De Blasio, each of whom was also greeted by Wilson.

Wilson, in his morning message, emphasized that the June 29 event, though historic, isn’t the end of outreach here: “NY13 continues until Jesus comes!” he declared.

Speaking about the “little scroll” that would be sweet to taste but “bitter in the belly” (Revelation 10:8-9), Wilson linked the disappointment of the early disciples, who thought Jesus would establish the Kingdom of God during His time on Earth but instead was crucified, buried, and resurrected, with that of the early Millerites. The 1840s Millerites, out of whom the Seventh-day Adventist Church eventually emerged, initially thought that the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8 pointed to the return of Christ to Earth in October, 1844.

Instead, the first-century disciples began preaching the gospel and, as Acts 17:6 records, “turned the world upside down.” So too, Wilson said, Seventh-day Adventists – the spiritual descendants of the disappointed Millerites – have reached out around the world bringing the three angel’s messages and the hope that Jesus is coming soon.
ONE YEAR IN MISSION -- Volunteers from 12 of the 13 world divisions on the platform June 29, 2013, at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale, New York, at the capstone event of NY13, an evangelistic outreach in Greater New York. One volunteer, from the Greater Middle East and North Africa Union, had to return home before the event.

“This is not another church,” Wilson said. “The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a movement of God.”

Noting the church’s presence in over 200 nations and territories around the globe, Wilson added praise for the church’s media outreach, noting “Adventist World Radio is making a major impact around the world,” and praising church-owned Hope Channel and supporting television ministry 3ABN for their part in the media outreach.

Wilson again emphasized that the June 29 event was not the “end” of outreach in the region. He told the thousands gathered for worship and celebration, “We came to New York to highlight ‘Mission to the Cities.’ This is not a culmination today in New York City: the work is continuing.”

Speaking with Adventist Review while waiting to baptize Olivera, Wilson said his own campaign was “an amazing experience in Greenwich Village. The audience stayed with us the whole time.”

Members of the congregation were impressed. Duane Cady, interim president of Atlantic Union College, a church-owned institution in South Lancaster, Mass., was visiting from his home in Syracuse, New York.

Cady, also a former board chairman of the American Medical Association, choked back tears as he contemplated the number of new Adventists being baptized. “It’s amazing. We’re going forward, and I’m very happy, even thrilled,” he said. As the baptisms continued, and an afternoon of music and testimony loomed, the joyfulness promised to remain for quite some time.
Oshawa, Ontario – To assist survivors of devastating flooding in the Calgary, Alberta area, ADRA Canada has committed $10,000 toward an initial response. The Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is coordinating the response and has also contributed $10,000.

According to Larry Hall, ADRA Representative for the Alberta Conference, this initial response includes reception centres for the displaced at local Adventist churches. The centres are providing aid such as food, personal care items, clothes, diapers and blankets.

City officials in Calgary have declared a state of local emergency. It is estimated that nearly 100,000 residents have faced mandatory evacuations.

"We are staying in close contact with the Alberta Conference as they continue to liaise with the Canadian Red Cross to assess our involvement in any additional response," stated James Astleford, Executive Director for ADRA Canada. “Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the flooding,” Astleford continued.

Donations to ADRA Canada’s Emergency Response Fund are being used to provide aid to those affected. Donations to ADRA Canada’s Emergency Response fund can be made online or by calling 1-888-274-ADRA (2372).
Archaeology Museum Receives Award of Excellence for Recent Exhibit

by Luke Evans

June 19, 2013

It’s been more than eight months since Southern's Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum opened “The Battle Over King David: Excavating the Fortress of Elah,” its most recent exhibit. But the unique and exotic arrangement of middle eastern artifacts is still turning heads. The Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM) recently recognized the display with their annual Award of Excellence under the category for small museum/temporary exhibition.

TAM has 116 museums as members and grants awards in three degrees: the Award of Excellence, Commendation, and Special Mention. Southern's museum also received a TAM award in 2009 for its exhibit, “Faces of Power: Ancient Coins of the Biblical World.”

"Winning the award has been great for the museum," said Justo Morales, museum coordinator. "When independent institutions like TAM praise the work your doing, it really shows the public that you have something worth seeing."

The museum’s current exhibit highlights the archaeological discoveries from the biblical site of Khirbet Qeiyafa in Israel, a fortified city from the time of King David. These discoveries shed light on the historical reliability of the Bible, in particular the narratives concerning Saul, David, and the early Kingdom of Judah. Since it opened, the exhibit has drawn hundreds of visitors from all over the country to see the first display of the finds from the ancient site.

"Traditionally, mostly local people visit the museum, but since the new exhibit opened we have been getting a lot of non-locals and even non-Adventists," Morales said. "People who would normally have nothing to do with Southern have come to see the exhibit, and by extension have learned about the school."

The artifacts featured at the exhibit are on loan from the National Treasures of Israel and will be returned at the end of April 2014. For more information, including the museum’s hours of operation, visit southern.edu/archaeology.
By Geoff Folsom

Tri-City Herald

PASCO — Judge George Fearing couldn’t make it through his speech Monday.

The newest state Court of Appeals judge for the Spokane-based Division III choked up as he talked about his law partners and his family during his swearing-in ceremony in Pasco.

So Fearing brought law partner Beau Ruff up to read the rest of his prepared remarks.

Ruff read Fearing’s praise for his 17-year-old son, George, who helped present his father with his robe. He also thanked his dad, Richard, a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

“The law has been and will continue to be my ministry,” Ruff read for Fearing.

After the hourlong ceremony, Fearing told the Tri-City Herald, “I’ve been very close to my law partners. It’s tough to leave. I’m very close to my family.”

Fearing ran unsuccessfully for the 4th Congressional District in 2008 against Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Pasco, moving for a short time from his home in Pasco to Yakima to campaign.

He has been active in Yakima County Democratic politics and was briefly involved in an unsuccessful 2009 recall effort against Yakima City Council member Rick Ensey. More recently, he served as chairman of the 4th Congressional District Democrats.
Last month, he represented a group of Lower Yakima Valley residents seeking to prevent dairies from spraying crop fields with manure during burn bans.

He’s been with the law firm of Leavy, Schultz, Davis and Fearing in Kennewick for 31 years.

Nearly 30 current and retired judges in their black robes attended Monday’s event in the historic courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse, where Fearing, 55, chose to have his ceremony. The other four judges from Division III, which covers all of Eastern Washington, also spoke.

And state Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen called the Appeals Court a “workhorse court,” making 80 decisions a year. That compares to 15 for the state Supreme Court.

“Indeed George, you have a big job in front of you,” Madsen said. “I think that speaks highly of why (Gov. Jay Inslee) chose you.”

Inslee planned to be at the ceremony, but his plane had mechanical problems, Madsen said.

Appeals Court Chief Judge Kevin M. Korsmo, who presided over the swearing-in, said the fact that the governor planned to come showed the high regard he holds for Fearing.

After taking the bench, Korsmo also poked fun at Monday’s heat.

“I remember now why I don’t live here anymore,” he said, as many of the 160 people in the courtroom fanned themselves with their programs.

While Fearing had his ceremonial swearing-in Monday, he’s been serving since June 24. He heard cases in Tacoma because the Appeals Court there has a backlog.

“Despite the three divisions, we are one court,” Korsmo said. “We trade cases back and forth and actually trade judges back and forth.”

Inslee announced Fearing’s appointment in May, making him the sixth member of the University of Washington’s class of 22 people in 1982 to reach the Appeals Court level.

Fearing replaced retiring Judge Dennis Sweeney, also from The Tri-Cities, who had offered Fearing an internship in 1981.

Fearing went on to take a position with the firm after graduating from law school. He specializes in litigation, consumer law, personal injury cases, wrongful termination and business law.

Fearing said he was grateful for the people who showed up to support him Monday.

“It’s humbling, and it will reinvigorate me to use my talents to perform as an exemplary judge with integrity and justice for all,” he told the Herald.

His son, George Dahl Fearing, said it’s nice to see his dad’s years as a lawyer rewarded.

“He’s a very humble person,” he said. “He’s also taught me his studiousness and his love of knowledge.”
The court in Spokane has no appellate arguments scheduled until September.

In November, Fearing must run for re-election. He has one challenger, Gary Metro, a Tri-City defense attorney.

- Information from Yakima Herald-Republic archives is included in this report.
MOUNT VERNON — Plans for the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Academy to tap into the city of Mount Vernon’s water system were discussed Monday morning when the Knox County Board of Commissioners met with Dan Kittle, principal of MVAA. Also in attendance were Knox County Fair Board members John Curtis and Bruce Gregg.

Kittle explained to the commissioners that regulations with the Environmental Protection Agency have forced his institution to make some changes in their current water system. “The changing patterns of water safety requirements can be tracked back about 10 years. It’s been a long ongoing process, and we’re at the point now with the guidelines that were presented to us with more than 100 people on the system that we now have to meet municipality requirements,” said Kittle.

“EPA requirements for safe drinking water have become more tight. Our wells are old wells. And our water has been getting positive results. It’s just that the constructs that we have with 100 people on system means that we have to meet small municipality standards for over six months,” explained Kittle. “For us to continue to operate wells for 100 people, this would mean a capital expense of building, and ongoing operating expense for management, record keeping and chemicals. This is an expense and a process that we don’t want to be involved in. So it’s advantageous for us to join the public water system, which we’ve decided to do.”
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UNION — One local church invites the public to celebrate Independence Day a day early with a free event including stories, fireworks, refreshments and the recognition of local heroes.

“Finest, Faith, Fireworks” will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Union Adventist Church, located at 1437 Jonesville Highway, Union.

A special pre-celebration event will be held at 7 p.m. — the time of the church’s weekly prayer meeting. Pastor Kevin Kim said during this time on Wednesday, those in attendance will share their fondest 4th of July memories. The congregation has similar services around Thanksgiving and Christmas in which stories are shared. The Rev. Kim said some stories will bring a tear to your eye while others are hilarious.

“We want to honor the legacy of our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, great-grandmothers and great-grandfathers,” Kim said, emphasizing the stories’ importance. “We want to give them an opportunity to tell the stories of how they grew up. It’s amazing to see a nine-year-old listening to a 90-year-old story. We want people to cherish our history and pass on those memories to the next generations.”

The Rev. Kim said the majority of people are expected to start pouring in around the same time the fire trucks and equipment arrive at 8 p.m. for “Finest, Faith, Fireworks,” as he explained the event’s name.

“Faith” comes from the event’s goal, which is for the church to share its faith in Jesus while serving the community. “Finest” is a word to describe those who will be honored during a special ceremony at the event.

“The church really wants to honor our heroes,” he said. “We consider police, fire departments and military heroes, but also people who serve others every day such as medical staff and the staff of nursing homes who care for the disabled and elderly.”

Representatives from the Bonham Fire Department, Union Public Safety, Union County Sheriff’s Office and local military honor guard will be in attendance, as well as residents from the Ellen Sagar Nursing Home, Oakmont Nursing Home, and Union Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

And, of course, the pre-Independence Day celebration would not be complete without a fireworks display.

“It won’t be the biggest fireworks show, but it will be our fireworks show!” Kim
Kim said the event will also include a fun photo booth complete with Independence Day costumes for photos to remember the celebration. Free food and drinks will also be passed around to those in attendance.

“We’re over-prepared,” Kim said. “We hope to have a huge turnout.”

Kim said Ola Jean Kelly will also present the Top Ten Cool Facts About Union, some of which will be relevant to Independence Day. Kim mentioned that Kelly shared one fact — that more battles were fought in Union than in any other one county during the American Revolution. Those who can answer questions about the history of Union correctly will receive prizes to take home such as fireworks.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the entire celebration.

“We want this to be a tradition for our church family, friends, neighbors, and the whole community,” Kim said.
Sierra Clark may not be of royal ancestry, yet she was recently crowned Homecoming Queen at her local high school. The ceremony, traditionally held during halftime of the Friday night football game, was moved up before sundown so Sierra could honor her Sabbath—an act far more important to her than any contest.

A senior at Blue Valley High School in Olsburg, Kansas, Sierra is the daughter of John Clark, ranger at Broken Arrow Ranch (BAR), the conference's youth camp. Sierra grew up at BAR and attended the Blue Valley school system all 12 grades.

Active and popular at school, Sierra has been a member of the volleyball and track teams, played in the band, served on the yearbook staff and participated in scholars’ bowl. She was also voted senior class president.

Sierra has a humble nature and would never brag about her 4.0 GPA. Her father said, “Sierra doesn’t just get A’s; she gets A-pluses. I am very proud of her.”

Her crowning almost didn’t happen, even before the voting among the final three candidates. Sierra was called to the principal’s office and reminded that the ceremony was on Friday night. Aware of Sierra’s Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, the principal said she wouldn’t be eligible due to not being present during halftime. Sierra was disappointed, but she assured the principal her faith meant more to her than being queen.

“I just figured it wasn’t that big of a deal,” Sierra later told interviewers. “Obviously, keeping the Sabbath is more important. It was no contest as to what my decision would be.”

An hour later, however, her disappointment turned to joy after two teachers convinced the principal that the ceremony could be moved. “It’s always a distraction during halftime for the star players,” stated one of the teachers.

Sierra still wasn’t sure who would be named queen, but she had her hands ready to clap for the winner. When her name was called she felt
overwhelmed. “I was very honored. Knowing they moved the ceremony for me was really rewarding.”

As for future educational plans, Sierra is still deciding among Union College, Southern Adventist University (older sister Savannah is there) or Kansas State University. One thing, though, is certain—being true to her convictions will always be the norm in Sierra’s life.

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