Today marks the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. On that day, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what would go down in history as one of the most famous speeches in America – "I Have a Dream." Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist church member, Anna Buchanan shares her account of the 1963 March on Washington. Check out the 50th Anniversary website.

A $1,000 giveaway Pathfinder Club contest! Check out the LetsMoveDay initiative and the $1000 giveaway for Pathfinder Club winners! Pathfinders can record their steps while walking and doing many other types of activities such as biking and various sports, and the clubs with the top participation and the top number of miles on Let's Move Day, September 22, and throughout the next year will each win $1,000. The awards will be given next year at the 2014 Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wi. The goal for Pathfinders on Let's Move Day this year is one million miles! Sign up.

The North American Division has a newly designed website. NAD is especially excited about the addition of the shareable "Did you know?" series of short :90 second videos that explore the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each video shares how the belief relates to real life, either through a personal story or a concept that everyone, including those who are not religious, can relate to. The videos take our beliefs and make them deeply personal. Churches, conferences, schools, and others can also share the videos on their own website by linking to them or embedding the code into their website. To do this, go to www.Vimeo.com/channels/didyouknow for the entire series and click on the "Share" button in the upper right corner of a specific video for the embed code or to share on social media or email to a friend.

Because each video is :90 seconds in length, NAD also plans to to make them available for broadcast for churches to use locally as identity spots on television. This will give congregations the opportunity to put a face on the Seventh-day Adventist Church in an appealing way that they typically would not be able to produce. The videos also will play a key role in the soon-to-be-available "seeker site."

This week is the wrap-up of my account of the great reports I heard while at the North American Division Officers and Union Presidents (NADOUP) meeting in Orlando, Fla., August 2-4.

August 28, 2013

September Focus: Family Life
• Sept. 7, Men's Day of Prayer
• Sept. 8-14, Nurture Periodicals: (Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Our Little Friend)
• Sept. 15-21, Family Togetherness Week
• Sept. 22, Let's Move Day
• Sept. 22-28, Hispanic Heritage Week
• Sept. 22-28, Let's Move Week

Helpful Special Day Websites and Resources

Offerings
Sept. 11, Fall Mission Appeal
Sample Offertory Readings

What's a "Building Block"?

Adventist Education for Everyone

Watch: "Education Building Block"
The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has opened a lay training school that they call the "Change School of Evangelism and Acts of Kindness Ministry." They have recently completed a series of meetings that was planned, prepared and run by lay members. They have had four baptisms and 12 decisions in a relatively small community in Alberta. They also are developing compassionate ministries throughout Canada such as Adventist Community Services, Christian Record Services for the Blind, and other ministries, and are bringing all of those together.

Southern Union reported that they have grown 20% in the last two years, having taken everything into account, including people who have come in, gone out, died, etc. They have held major campaigns in Tampa, Fla. and Memphis, Tenn., and their president and treasurer have run two of those campaigns which they called Ebony and Ivory Evangelism.

Southwestern Union is the fastest-growing union in the division. They have major evangelistic meetings going on all over their union and a major series planned for San Antonio, Texas, prior to GC Session 2015. – Dan Jackson, president, North American Division

Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NLCP) is designed to equip pastors, church administration and nonprofit leaders with strategies and professional skills to successfully lead. NLCP focuses on three major learning outcomes; a) leadership skills, b) improvement of management knowledge, and c) changes in attitude of social dimensions of evangelism. Session II will be offered September 23-26 at the Southeastern California Conference office in Riverside, Ca. Register by September 4 for only $150. MORE.

The Men's Ministries Department has produced some special resources that can be used on that day, including a suggested sermon and program guides in English and Spanish. Men's Ministries is an intentional attempt to bring men to God, concentrating on the male in order to better define and minister to the specific

How can technology based education be used to reach everyone?

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1-3, Language Arts Clinic
Oct. 3, Prayer Call
Oct. 3-16, GC Annual Council and pre-meetings
Oct 4-6, Campus Catalyst/ Florida
Oct 10, Miami Pastor's Intro to Campus Catalyst
Oct 11-13, Campus Catalyst Miami
Oct. 24-26, Society of Adventist Communicators Convention
Nov. 7, Prayer Call
Nov 8-10, the One project gathering/ Riverside (Spanish only)
Dec. 5, Prayer Call

2014:

Jan. 9-12, NAD Prayer Conference
Jan. 12-15, NAD Ministries Convention
Jan. 24 - Feb. 2, NAD Health Summit
Feb. 7-9, NAD Campus Ministries Convention
needs and challenges facing men today. Included at the NAD Ministries website, www.emale.org, are other resources to help enhance a Men's Ministries program at a local church. Like Men's Ministries on Facebook. Read Men's Ministries Director Claudio Consuegra’s blog.

The Adventist Men's Ministries Curriculum for local church Men's Ministries leaders includes ten 90-minute modules on subjects such as "Biblical Foundations of Men's Ministry," "The Man of God as a Husband," "...as Father," and "... at Work." "The Man of God in Action: Disciple and Evangelist," "A Man's Connection to God," and more. Get it and other Men's Ministries resources such as Men's Ministries Quick Start Guide, the Curriculum CD with PowerPoint presentations to help your local church leaders with their Men's Ministries activities at AdventSource.

"Sorry"
Pastor R. Vincent Dehm II
Garden of Prayer Church, Baltimore, Md.

REACH: Community outreach and evangelism

Young Adults Remember Martin Luther King with Outreach to their Community

Glenville, Ohio Adventist Church young people decided to honor civil rights activist Martin Luther King (MLK) with a service project on MLK Day this year. They teamed up with City Year, a volunteer organization that works with inner city youth. Volunteers painted Glenville church classrooms and an office and picked up trash in the community. They also streamed live President Barack Obama's inauguration ceremonies throughout day and served refreshments. Later they went to a local street corner with signs asking passersby to honk for MLK Day. MORE

Feb. 10-11, the One project gathering/ Seattle
Feb 19-23, Just Claim It 4
June 25-27, PSI Conference on Philanthropy

NAD News: Marriage and Family Resources, Special Days in North America, pp. 11-13
NAD Update: A Message for All
- Hispanic Ministries in North America, pp. 14-15
NAD Perspective: Serving Immigrant Populations, p. 17
NAD Feature: Reaching the World on our Doorstep, pp. 34-41

Prayer Calendar

Sept. 1-7: Please pray for the British Columbia Conference and its 78 churches with 10,787 members.

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On Saturday, August 24, organizers from the National Action Network will hold a rally commemorating the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. Human rights activists Martin Luther King III along with Rev. Al Sharpton will lead the rally that will begin at the Lincoln Memorial and end at the Martin Luther King Jr. monument in Washington, DC. As the nation marks the anniversary of this iconic rally, one attendee pauses to consider how the events surrounding that day, helped to improve race relations and economic equality.

Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist church member, Anna Buchanan was 27 years old when she and her husband joined more than 200,000 people gathered on the National Mall to demonstrate for jobs and freedom on August 28, 1963. As the march date drew closer, anticipation and concern hung in the air surrounding DC.

“People just had normal sense of unease,” recalls Anna. “Some people were concerned that there would be retaliation. However, once the buses dropped us off and we reached downtown, we came face-to-face with many different races. That day we were just one group of people that melded together for one purpose,” she said.

Organizers of the National Action Network hope to encourage the crowds to continue where Dr. King’s "I Have a Dream" speech ended and to take the “National Action to Realize the Dream” motto as a repeated theme that will extend past Saturday’s march.

Orlan Johnson, public affairs and religious liberty director of the North American Division, agrees that lasting change will have to take place within the hearts of individuals. “The Adventist church, in particular the North American Division, was impacted by the March [in 1963]. It not only changed America, but it also changed the world as we knew it…nothing would ever remain the same. When you look at the diversity in our churches, from the members to the pastors to the leadership in the administration of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at every level, the impact of that March is evident in every corner of the Advent movement.”

Changing the Way People Did Business
Anna directly experienced racism in the late 50’s when she and her husband attempted to purchase a home near the United States Census Bureau in Suitland, Md. The real estate company told them that the home they wanted was unavailable but that a model home could be attained instead.

That information didn’t ring true with her husband.

“I guess the Holy Spirit put into his head that he should check into their claims,” said Buchanan. Her husband, Herbert, went to the activists at the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), where he volunteered in the 50’s and 60’s. She recalls seeing John Lewis, Jesse Jackson and other leaders around the city at various events.

They agreed to look into the real estate company’s claim and sent a “test couple” to determine if discriminatory practices were taking place. The Caucasian couple went to the same neighborhood to inquire about purchasing the same home that the Buchanan’s originally wanted and sure enough, it was for sale. No mention was made to them about the model.

Equipped with that evidence, CORE presented the facts to the real estate company and strongly encouraged them to sell the Buchanan’s the home they originally wanted. After the home was purchased, Anna later learned that the company had a designated street in the neighborhood for African-American families.
“It’s discouraging that some of the things that happened then are still going on today,” says Anna who still lives in Suitland, Md., today.

**Leaving the Balcony Behind**

Anna was born in Evanston, Ill., a small town 12 miles north of Chicago in 1935. Her father was a chef at Northwestern University and her mother worked both at a local church and in the home. She and her siblings were raised Baptist, and attended public schools where they saw very few African-American students. Although her high school hired Blacks, they were light-skinned janitors—not teachers. However, thanks to the efforts of the Civil Rights Movement, her niece is an administrator in that same school district in Illinois.

She cites other examples while growing up of racism in which African Americans could shop at the “Five and Dime” stores but could not sit down and eat. Their food orders were placed “to go.” And at movie theaters, Blacks were designated to the balcony.

Experiences like these propelled her to leave Evanston to attend a predominately black college. She wanted to be mentored by educated African-American professors; an experience that she wasn’t afforded in Illinois. Anna graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC, where she majored in French. She later worked at the Library of Congress and retired after more than 30 years.

Later in life, she and her husband continued to quietly educate people about their civil rights and fight against discrimination. Herbert handed out literature and constantly talked with people. “He always had his eyes open for issues,” remembers Anna, whose husband died in 1998. Both she and her husband tried to instill the importance and pride that comes from being an African American into their three children. “We would tell them to be careful where they went and what they said.” The children also accompanied them to voting stations; a right afforded through the Civil Rights Act of 1964. “People fought so hard to for us to have the right to vote. It would be criminal not to take advantage of the ability, when people died in order for us to do it,” she said adamantly.

**Looking to the Future**

At 77 years of age, Anna will not attend this year’s rally but hopes that the events marking the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington will continue to bring about change. “We have made some inroads but we are not at the point where we can say that racial inequality is over,” said Anna. She still hopes to see increased opportunities for minorities in the Church and in the world.

Although Johnson was not old enough to attend the “I Have a Dream” speech, he still feels linked to the event. “I was blessed to attend the Million Man March in Washington, DC, and felt a real connection to the original March on Washington by having a chance to talk with people that attended both marches.”

As Bible-believing Christians, we are told in Matthew 22 to express unconditional love towards others. Johnson believes that Adventists can aid in the efforts to end discrimination and racial segregation. “We must continue to do the work that God has for his people and that is to love all people from all walks of life of regardless of race, color, gender or creed? In the final judgment, the question will be did we do all we could to assist others who were less fortunate,” he said.

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‘Total transformation’ possible at Adventist wellness camp

Healthy eating education, daily exercise and cooking demonstrations were the focus of the fifth annual Wellness Camp at the Valley Vista Adventist Center near Huttonsville that wrapped up last week.

The 13-day camp, run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, provided vegetarian meals, two before and after blood tests, and a smoking cessation program. The camp's goal was to help participants end diabetes, lose weight, quit smoking and reverse depression.

"You get out of the program proportionate to what you are willing to invest," said Chris Hasse, program manager. "Total transformation? Yes, if you want that."

The 308-acre mountain camp was staffed by health care professionals who volunteered their time providing health checks, giving health lectures, leading cardio exercise and cooking vegan meals.

"The philosophy of the church is maintain your health," said Daniel Morikone, camp director. "We treat the whole person by changing the lifestyle, and with exercise."

West Virginia had the country's highest obesity rate at 33.5 percent of its population in 2012, according to a Gallup-Healthways report. The state also has the highest percentage of adult diabetes in the nation, at 11.6 percent.

"West Virginia is usually number one in obesity, it goes back and forth with Mississippi," Morikone said.

A plant-based diet has been a core Adventist principle for 150 years. In fact, vegetarians live longer than meat-eaters, according to a recent study of 73,308 members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Vegetarians experienced 12 percent fewer deaths over a six-year period. However, cancer still struck vegetarians and meat-eaters at similar rates, according to the study published in JAMA Internal Medicine, a journal of the American Medical Association in January.

Researchers aren't sure why a plant-based diet seems to have a protective effect, but one reason could be the typical vegetarian diet, which tends to be higher in fiber and lower in saturated fat.

"The guests began their camp experience by setting out to walk 1 mile at the fastest pace they felt comfortable in doing," Morikone said. "They did this same walk after 10 days of a plant-based diet, plenty of water and exercise. The average results for those who were able to walk the whole mile were that they did it quicker by two minutes or about 10 percent faster."

Campgoer Beckie Berlin of Parkersburg had been wanting to try a vegan diet and the camp was the perfect opportunity.

"I'm a new person now," said Berlin. "The most amazing thing to me was not the weight I lost (10 pounds), but my cholesterol dropped 55 points." In addition to eating vegan, Berlin also gave up coffee.

"Seventh-day Adventists don't think you should drink caffeine," Berlin said. "Despite what we think about caffeine giving you energy, I have more energy than ever."

The 12 camp graduates had ailments ranging from addictions, depression, diabetes, elevated cholesterol and obesity. Average weight loss for 10 days was over 6 pounds. Average blood sugar drop was 14 points or 12 percent and average cholesterol drop was over 38 percent, according to Morikone.

Berlin, who retired from a DuPont chemical plant to attend the camp, now has plenty of time to bake bread and learn new recipes.

"I think I learned enough in two weeks to maintain my vegan diet, and I have the knowledge I need to stay on track," she said.
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) - The whole Springfield neighborhood was invited Sunday when the Shiloh 7th Day Adventist Church held a community celebration.

Everyone living in the Mason Square neighborhood was welcome on the church lawn on Sunday. Pastor Dr. Walton Rose told 22News, the invitation went out to enjoy the food, take part in free health testing.

“You're seeing people from all walks of life. You’re seeing blacks, you're seeing whites, African Americans, West Indians recognizing we all have a common shred and that we are one,” said Rose

Church members told 22News, inviting everyone in the neighborhood to share what the church has to offer is an extension of what's done for less fortunate people all the time

Harris Davey told 22News, “On every Sunday we feel hundreds, we have a food pantry twice a week, and members of the community come in and receive a food basket.”

“I think any church has a responsibility in our community to engage the community and to provide where we can to have food and clothing for those who are most in need,” said Wilmore Webley.

Hundreds of people came by and accepted their new role as members of one church's extended family. More Western Massachusetts churches have been holding these weekend events and extending their welcome to everyone in the neighborhood.
The local Seventh-day Adventist Church is bringing a life-size replica of the ancient Hebrew Tabernacle to Saskatoon.

Dubbed Messiah's Mansion, the travelling exhibit is a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) outreach tool that offers viewers an opportunity to learn elements of ancient Hebrew history through a living museum. The original Tabernacle was portable and built according to instructions believed to have been given by God to the Israelites through Moses after they had escaped from slavery in Egypt and were making their way through the desert wilderness between Egypt and Palestine to Canaan, the land God had promised to them. The construction directives Moses received were thorough and precise - so precise it is possible to replicate exact facsimiles such as Messiah's Mansion.

The replica Tabernacle covers one-quarter of a modern-day city block. Rick Harwood, pastor of the Seventhday Adventist Church on Pinehouse Drive, says each specific compartment had deep spiritual meaning to the Hebrew people.

"It taught them the idea of salvation, because each compartment represents something about Jesus. The Shewbread, for instance, pointed to Jesus, the Bread of Life. There were 12 loaves, representing his 12 disciples. The candlesticks are symbolic of Jesus, the Light of the World; its seven branches refer to the seven churches of Revelation. The sacrificial lamb is a picture of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

The Altar of Incense speaks of prayer, Harwood says. The high priest went in and prayed to God on behalf of the people, a role Jesus plays today.

"The veil also symbolizes Christ, who veiled himself in humanity to connect heaven and earth. The moment Jesus died, the temple veil was torn in two. And it wasn't a flimsy veil. It was heavily woven. Some say it was the thickness of a telephone book. Only the hand of God could have torn it from top to bottom."

Creators of the replica Tabernacle tried to be as authentic as possible in terms of building materials, says Pearl McNevin Williams, the Pinehouse congregation's Religious Liberty leader. "There's no real gold involved, of course, and badger skins just weren't feasible for the top cover of the tent. However, substitute material has been matched in colour as closely as possible."

Messiah's Mansion is set up on the grounds of the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School, 2228 Herman Ave., two blocks north of Prairieland Park. It will be open for tours starting Saturday until Sept. 1. Free, guided tours are available from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily, starting every 15 minutes.

The tour takes about 45 minutes, but the group moves from one compartment to the other, so once the first group moves on, another one can start," Harwood explained. "This is a family oriented display, so
children are welcome. We can handle 50 people per group and special group tours can be arranged."

The tours, guided by SDA theology students and Bible scholars, visit five stations within the sanctuary. The first gives an overview of the layout of the ancient Tabernacle. The second visits the courtyard where the Altar of Sacrifice and the Laver are discussed. The Holy Place with the Table of Shewbread, the Altar of Incense and the Candlesticks is the third stop; with the Most Holy Place and the Ark of the Covenant examined at the fourth stop. The fifth and last part of the tour is a discussion of the spiritual symbolism of all that has been viewed.

"This is a community service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," Harwood said. "We've let a lot of churches know about this." The display drew around 2,000 people when it stopped in Regina recently.

Harwood hopes people who view Messiah's Mansion will gain an understanding of what the ancient Tabernacle looked like and come to learn about the spiritual significance of its components. "It's important for Christians to see this, because it emphasizes the idea of salvation through faith. The ancient Israelites were looking ahead with faith to Christ, the Messiah, who would come and die for their sins instead of them. We look back to Christ's death for us on the cross."

Messiah's Mansion is a travelling exhibit operated by the staff and students of Oklahoma Academy in Harrah, Okla. It has been touring since 2003 and, Harwood says, never fails to generate interest from schools, churches, history buffs and families.

For more information, visit www.saskatoonsanctuary.com or call 306-653-0661.

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New app allows users to support cause by texting

By Chloé Morrison

One of the founders of Rocket Link Mobile—a local business whose founders have created an app that essentially pays people to text—has launched a new app that allows users to fund causes by texting with friends.

“To do this, we partner with consumer brands who are already giving money to great causes and help them engage consumers with their social responsibility,” founder Zach Goldstein said via email. “Our clients can now start to win the customer loyalty of young adults who are traditionally difficult to reach otherwise.”

Goldstein, who recently graduated from Southern Adventist University, applied to incubators across the country.

His wife was in Nashville, so that’s where he ended up.

He launched the new app, which is called Rocket Raise, Tuesday.

When users download the app for the first time, they get an option to select a cause they might want to support. If that cause isn’t there, they can suggest it be added, and leaders will add the cause if enough people suggest it.

The app also helps brands attract millennials by engaging them in corporate giving, Goldstein said.

“The whole idea is that brands today are already giving money to causes every year, but they generally aren’t able to engage customers in that process,” he said.

One of the Rocket Raise clients is Red Earth Trading Company, which promotes microenterprise, direct trade and holistic community development, according to its website.

By using the Rocket Raise app, texters can vote to support any of the clients. The more a person texts, the more they can help the cause.
The app is currently available on Android platforms and will soon be available on the iPhone.

Rocket Link is still on the market, but Goldstein said he has shifted his focus to Rocket Raise.

"It’s an easy way to give back to the world by doing something a lot of us are doing every single day," he said.

Click here and here to read about Rocket Link Mobile.
Adventist Community Services: Session II - Course Descriptions - September 23 - 26, 2013

Note: You must attend all workshops in order to receive certification.

NOTE: Please notice the workshops differ from the NLCP brochure. Below is the latest changes as of 10-16-2012.

Social Action from Relief to Public Policy - Zdravko Plantak, Professor Washington Adventist University
Social action is based on society’s members working toward a purpose that is good and imperative for the survival of the entire society. In this course, participants will discuss whether social action is executed in response to ideological or religious beliefs and the essential principles to summoning groups of people to organize, advocate and create solutions to injustice.

Community Needs Assessment & Program Development - Gaspar Colon, Professor Washington Adventist University
No “community-based” ministry can effectively meet the needs of the community without first conducting a community needs assessment. A needs assessment determines what kind of services your organization will provide in your community and what other types of resources and services it can provide in the future. The result of a properly conducted needs assessment can be used to determine: How to identify gaps in service to the community; How well received your services will be; How successful your existing programs/services are and how they can be improved to reflect the community’s needs; Whether the space and infrastructure are adequate for providing needed services; How the community is changing (e.g., socioeconomic status, demographics, etc.); and whether staffing patterns and program hours are adequate.

Ministering and Managing Cross-Culturally - Erich Baumgartner, Professor Andrews University
When managing in a cross-cultural setting you may be faced with many challenges. This course reviews the tools needed to reduce apprehension, communicate effectively, and establish genuine trust and acceptance. The participants will be challenged to identify their own biases, learn to adapt their personal lifestyles in order to increase their sensitivity towards others, and build bridges of communications.

Marketing Fundamentals for Non-profits - Bruce Wrenn, William E. Colson Professor of Marketing School of Business Andrews University
Organizations increasingly face severe challenges in their efforts to attract human and financial resources to accomplish their mission. This workshop is intended to provide some practical marketing principles that can improve the effectiveness and efficiency with which organizations meet those challenges.

Performance Measurement for Effective Management and Ministries - Sung Kwon, Director North America Adventist Community Services
This course is designed to show nonprofit leaders how to use performance measurement to enhance the effectiveness of their organizations.

Leadership and Team Development - Sung Kwon, Executive Director NAD Adventist Community Services
Participants will explore team-based strategies for implanting change, addressing risk and the possibility of failure. This course also addresses the complex challenges that emerge in building non-cohesive teams and organizations that integrate diversity for positive results.

Human Resource Development - Nancy Kluge, Former Professor Washington Adventist University
The course will examine basic human resource management issues, such as strategic workforce planning, hiring, training, personnel evaluation, and compensation from the perspective with nonprofit organizations with their mix of paid staff and volunteers. This course also explores the legal and moral aspects of these areas.
**Volunteer Engagement - Nancy Kluge, Former Professor Washington Adventist University**

Participants will learn how to transform volunteer management into volunteer engagement, which requires a shift in language attitude, philosophy, intention and action.