The Annual Week of Prayer, November 2-9, will be forging a new path this year. It will be available on Facebook, and people will be able to read and pray together through a virtual Week of Prayer as hosted by the NAD Ministerial Department. You will be able to share your feedback on the reading as well as your prayer requests. Starting on November 2, just go to the NAD Facebook page to find the reading for the day, along with discussion the questions.


Five top awards were presented at the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Convention held in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 24-26. The top five awards were as follows: Lifetime Achievement Award - Ron Quick, communication director for Carolina Conference; Award of Excellence - Tim Allston, PR director for Oakwood University (pictured, center); Young Professional Award - Pastor David Franklin, co-host for Hope Channel's "Let's Pray"; Student Award - Rebecca Dawn Anderson, Southern Adventist University; and the Reger Smith Cutting Edge Award - Hope Channel's video, "Hopey to the Rescue." The rest of the awards given will be announced soon on the SAC website.

On October 16, a Seventh-day Adventist Tribal Chairman, Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, was elected president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Chairman Cladoosby is one of many tribal chairmen who are members of the Adventist Church. The NCAI, founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. MORE

The duties and experiences of a division president are many and varied. Dan Jackson was a speaker and a hero at the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Convention in Salt Lake City last week where he went over and above the call of duty. The ministry project for the SAC Convention was to donate 200 stuffed animals to the Huntsman Cancer Hospital to commemorate Annual Cancer Awareness Month, which were donated by the NAD Women's Ministries Department (NADWM) and were dressed in T-shirts with the NADWM logo and website on October 30, 2013

Special Days

October Focus: Adventist Heritage
Oct. 26, Pathfinder Sabbath
Oct. 26, Creation Sabbath

November Focus: Health
Nov 2-30, Native Heritage Month
Nov 2, Stewardship Sabbath
Nov 3-9, Week of Prayer
Nov 16, Human Relations Sabbath
Nov 23, Welcome Home Sabbath

Helpful Special Day Websites and Resources

Offerings

Nov 9, Annual Sacrifice
Nov 30, NAD Evangelism

Sample Offertory Readings

What's a "Building Block?"

- Women in Ministry

Watch:
"Women in Ministry"
them. Another 200 animals were stuffed and given to the University of Utah Hospital maternity ward for parents of new babies. These were donated by the NAD Family Ministries Department (NADF) and their T-shirts included the logo and website for NADF's newest ministry, "Help I'm a Parent!" The SAC would like to thank Elder Jackson for his shining example to others in stuffing a near-record number of ten animals for these donations. Pastor Alvin Kibble, NAD vice president representing the NAD Building Block of Social Media, was also attending and helped by stuffing several animals while he and Elder Jackson helped to encourage other "stuffers" by entertaining them with stories and duets. Elder Larry Unterseher, president of the Nevada-Utah Conference where the convention was located, won the "stuffing championship" by stuffing 20 animals, and his wife stuffed an additional ten.

1,500 sprint through the mud
UTC, Adventist among first to offer options
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Walla Walla University Creates Spiritual Environment for Students

Andrews University will begin offering a Doctor of Ministry in Chaplaincy beginning March 2014. Dr. Mario Ceballos, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries associate director, is coordinator of the program. Applications to enter the program are being accepted until January 31.

The degree program offers two specialized tracks: 1) health care, and 2) professional chaplains in military, corrections, community, educational, and other chaplaincy specialties.

Each of the four-year-long study modules will include a two-week teaching intensive. Students will acquire competencies in academic advancement, spiritual and theological development, praxis, and professional formation.

Chaplaincy cohort courses and schedule. Email for questions or call (888) 717-6244.

“The Creation: The Earth is a Witness,” is a day-by-day account of the biblical creation week. It begins with darkness before God created light and ends with Moses, the author of the Genesis account of creation, and his son,
worshiping God on the seventh-day Sabbath. Seventh-day Adventist filmmaker Henry Stober spent four years filming the movie around the world. It is now available on Vimeo for downloading just in time for "Creation Sabbath," October 26. It will soon be available on YouTube as well. MORE

Share on Facebook: The Fundamental Beliefs videos and other updates are shared on the My Way to Jesus Facebook page and again on the NAD Facebook page. Both updates link back to www.MyWaytoJesus.com, NAD's "seeker site." The site offers options such as sending a prayer request, enrolling in the Discover Bible Course and a connection to Adventist Information Ministry where people can chat with someone about spiritual issues or things that are troubling them. "Like" these pages on Facebook, and then share the updates with your friends.

Share on your own website: Just go to vimeo.com/channels/didyouknow for the entire video series and click on the "Share" button in the upper right corner of a specific video for the embed code, to share on social media or email to a friend.

Did you know Someone has paid the supreme price for your sins?"

Fundamental Beliefs video #9 from My Way to Jesus

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The Great Controversy Project

Two weeks ago the closing ceremony of the Great Controversy Project was held at Annual Council. "It was amazing to see how the Holy Spirit inspired the world church to distribute The Great Controversy/The Great Hope books," says Wilmar Hirle, Great Controversy Project liaison.

Of the total 140,562,000 copies distributed worldwide, NAD distributed 12 million, 70% of which were The Great Controversy, and 30% of which were The Great Hope. They consisted of copies in four different languages, at a rate of 10.5 copies per member, and one book per every 29 inhabitants.

"My heart rejoices with praise and gratitude to God for the great evangelistic outreach through The Great Controversy Project the world church has undertaken during 2012 and 2013. The number of copies distributed during this period is unprecedented in our history. We initially targeted the goal of distributing 50 million copies, but I had a prayer goal in my heart of 100 million copies. We praise God for giving us more than 140 million at this time, and 2013 is not yet ended," said Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference.

"Our people bought into this project far beyond our expectations," said Pastor
Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division.

During the closing ceremony of the Great Controversy Project a special video was featured in which division presidents testified about the impact of the project in their territories. Watch the video.
On the 16th of October, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) honored the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church and Robert Burnette, former director of Native Ministries for the North American Division of SDAs, director of Native Ministries for the Southern Union of SDA and former Assistant to the President for Oklahoma Conference of SDA. The NCAI, founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.

Throughout the conference, people stopped at the 13 booths of the Adventist Church to thank the Church for serving the Indian communities. Many noted the Adventist churches near their tribes. There is an Adventist Church within at least 25 miles of every one of the 566 federally recognized tribes in the United States. Many tribes have SDA Churches on tribal nation territory.

On October 18, an SDA Tribal Chairman, Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, was elected president of the NCAI. Chairman Cladoosby is one of many tribal chairmen who are members of the Adventist Church.

Native Ministries released a new publication at the NCAI Annual Council. *American Indian Living (AIL)* is a magazine on health and spirituality which is a new partnership with the NCAI. The health director, Terra Branson is an editor of AIL. AIL also has a national radio program which airs on numerous networks including National Public Radio, NV1, Konic and other American Indian and Adventist networks.

The strategic plan of Native Ministries has been to partner with the Adventist churches on or near American Indian Tribal Nations in distributing the AIL magazine.

It is hoped that church leadership would support the distribution through the Adventist churches and thereby mobilize the local congregations to embrace the tribes by sharing the health publication and helping the church be the center of health offerings to the local tribes. Native Ministries has an agreement with Flordia Hospital Creation Health and is offering training for church members to become trainers at local churches.
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Since United Technologies Corp., Hartford, Conn., introduced a lifetime income option in June 2012, nearly 20,000 people — or about one-sixth of eligible participants — have enrolled.

The two United Technologies 401(k) plans, with a combined $20.3 billion in assets, offer participants an insured withdrawal benefit built into a target-date portfolio. Participants have invested approximately $696 million in UTC's lifetime income strategy, said Kevin Hanney, director of pension investments. The combined UTC plans are the largest to offer such an option.

The option is the qualified default investment alternative for automatically enrolled participants in one of the plans, and is available as an investment option in both plans.

United Technologies uses a customized version of a lifetime income strategy developed by AllianceBernstein LP. While UTC kept some of the AllianceBernstein components, such as having three insurers guarantee the withdrawal benefit, it doesn't use AllianceBernstein's annuity component. UTC uses a custom target-date approach pegged to each participant's birth date, rather than the projected retirement date.

AllianceBernstein manages the glidepath and is co-fiduciary. State Street Global Advisors manages the underlying investments of the strategy. Aon Hewitt is the record keeper.

Adventist Healthcare Retirement Plans, Roseville, Calif., also created a customized version of a lifetime income option, making a few changes to the Prudential Retirement IncomeFlex Target, said William Easterbrook, president of Adventist whose 403(b) and 401(a) plans have combined assets of $3.5 billion.

“We wanted a low-hassle alternative at the lowest cost possible,” said Mr. Easterbrook, whose plans adopted IncomeFlex Target in April 2012 after negotiating some changes. “We customized it to keep the costs down.”

For example, Mr. Easterbrook said Adventist wanted the option to be embedded in a passively managed Vanguard balanced fund with institutional shares, rather than in the actively managed Prudential balanced fund recommended by Prudential. The Vanguard fund's expense ratio is eight basis points; the Prudential fund's expense ratio was 71 basis points, he said.

Mr. Easterbrook said Adventist didn't want IncomeFlex Target to be included in the target-date family that serves as a QDIA.

Adventist has taken a laid-back approach to marketing IncomeFlex Target to participants. “We haven't promoted it,” Mr. Easterbrook said. “For now, it's been word of mouth.”

As a result, approximately 350 of 90,000 participants have invested a total of $22 million in IncomeFlex. “We're not trying to sell this,” he said. However, Adventist is preparing a video about lifetime income that will be available on the Adventist website. “We need to pick up the education,” Mr. Easterbrook said.

RELIGION: Corona’s Sandra Roberts makes Adventist history

A Corona minister’s selection as the Southeastern California Conference leader is at odds with the world church's votes against women's ordination.
Roberts, who last year became one of the first women ordained as an Adventist minister in the United States, was elected president of the five-county, Riverside-based Southeastern California Conference by a 72 to 28 percent margin. A conference is similar to a diocese.

Delegates at the meeting in Riverside’s La Sierra University Church of Seventh-day Adventists stood up and applauded loudly after the result was announced.

“I think this is an idea that’s past its time,” said Robert Edwards, former pastor of San Bernardino’s All Nations African Church of Seventh-day Adventists, after the vote. “I’m grateful she can be the first, and she won’t be the last.”

The vote puts the Southeastern conference at odds with the worldwide Adventist Church, which does not recognize the ordination of women.

Ricardo Graham, president of the five-state Pacific Union Conference, to which the Southeastern conference belongs, said worldwide church president Ted Wilson called him Saturday night to say the election of Roberts “would put the Southeastern conference and Pacific Union Conference in direct confrontation” with the world church.

Graham told delegates that Wilson asked him to convey to them that the election of a woman “would not be recognized by the world church.”

It’s unclear what that may mean, Graham said. World church officials were not available for comment Sunday.

Last year, the Pacific Union conference and an eight-state East Coast conference became the first in the nation to authorize the ordination of women, votes the world church’s executive committee called “serious mistakes” that “weaken the fabric of Church life.”

Opponents of Roberts’ nomination warned that the vote would sow divisions in the world church.

“Unity is moving together,” said Rodney Bowes, a lay delegate from Mentone Seventh-day Adventist Church. “This vote was specifically putting one conference in opposition to the rest of the church.”

Mario Veloso, a retired pastor and a delegate from Yucaipa Valley Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, said the conference should have waited until after 2015, when the world church is likely to vote on women’s ordination. Veloso said he is one of about 110 people on a church committee studying women’s ordination. The world church’s General Conference has voted twice against women’s ordination, in 1990 and 1995.

Veloso opposes the ordination of women, viewing it as against biblical teaching.

But others argued that nothing in the Bible prohibits women’s ordination.

Randy Roberts, the senior pastor of Loma Linda University Church of Seventh-day Adventists, said during deliberations over Roberts’ nomination that her election would promote unity, not undermine it.

“If we want unity, we have to fight for equality of all people,” he said.

In an interview after her election, Roberts said the church is stronger when it allows men and women to serve equally.

“God gives each person gifts and talents, whether you’re a male or a female…,” she said. “If we exclude one half of a demographic, we exclude half of a whole lot of gifts God has given to a whole lot of people in the body of Christ.”

Even though the world church forbids ordaining women as pastors, it allows “commissioning” them as pastors.

Roberts was a pastor at Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1995 to 2000. Unordained pastors function almost identically as ordained pastors, said Gerry Chudleigh, spokesman for the Pacific Union Conference.

Edwards, an ordained pastor who once served under a unordained female pastor, views the distinction between unordained and ordained ministers as a matter of semantics. But he said it matters deeply for some people, especially in more conservative parts of the world, because of different scriptural interpretations.

The Southeastern California Conference includes Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, San Diego and Imperial counties. With more than 74,000 members, it is the largest local Adventist conference in the country.
Roberts had served as executive secretary of the Southeastern conference since 2004. A 27-member nominating committee recommended Roberts, who was the only candidate for the presidency.

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Guam News - Community Events

Guam - The Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic is proud to announce their annual “Enhance Your Life 5k/7k Fun Run” scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd at Ypao Beach in Tumon Bay.

The Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting quality healthcare on Guam and throughout the Micronesian Islands.

For over 55 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic continues to serve the island using our vast network of specialty care providers to help ensure that our family and friends are visited throughout the year by specialists who share the same mission. Because our island continues to struggle with providing adequate health care, our purpose for fundraising continues to address our need in bringing specialty care providers to Guam and the other Micronesian islands, as well.

“The Enhance Your Life 5k/7k Fun Run has become a tradition for many individuals, families, health care enthusiasts, physicians, and organizations for the past 9 years,” said Mr. Ted Lewis, President and CEO of the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic. “Our mission at the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic is to continue to provide quality healthcare and better living for all our patients and the local community, and to continue to bring in quality physicians to serve your needs.”

Registration forms are now available at the Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic and will be available at Hornet Sports in Tamuning. Early entry fees are: $8.00 per person and $28 for a group of four (max). Race day entry fees are $10 per person. An “Enhance Your Life 5k/7k Fun Run” dry-fit running shirt will be provided to the first 700 finishers. Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for both 5k/7k finishers in each age division. All runners will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win airline tickets, restaurant gift certificates, an iPhone 5, Paradise Fitness Center membership gift certificates, and much more.

The divisions are as follows: Youth (13 & Under); Junior (14-19); Open (20-29); Sub Master (30-39); Master (40-49); Senior (50-59); Grandmaster (60-69); Manamko (70-79) The event will also feature free health screening and free kid activities.

The course is as follows:

5K course: Starts at GVB Traffic Light, turnaround is at Sand Castle and then back to Ypao
7K course: Starts at GVB Traffic Light, turnaround is at New Lotte Hotel (Old Okkura Hotel) and then back to Ypao

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Walla Walla University Creates Spiritual Environment for Students

Walla Walla University is just a quick car ride from Whitman College, but so many of us seem to be unaware of what the university is really about. Most of us know it is a private university affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but what does that mean?

According to the WWU website, one of the university’s most basic goals is creating an environment in which students can understand and further develop their spiritual beliefs by taking religion classes, doing volunteer missions and community service, attending worship services and working in small groups.

Campus Chaplain Paddy McCoy helps students through their personal religious discoveries and in their community outreach projects.

“One of our core elements at the university is that we are committed to faith in God, so part of my job is to provide opportunities for the campus to worship, to connect with God and to challenge them to go deeper into that journey. I’m really there to be a care provider and a teacher,” said McCoy.

**Building a personal relationship with God**

An important part of students’ personal relationships with their faith is observation of the Sabbath day every Saturday. On the Sabbath, believers are supposed to refrain from all secular work.

“It’s just a way to spend the day differently than we do the other days and kind of [to] unplug from the business of the week and plug in to community, time together, time to worship, time to rest and sleep,” said McCoy.

WWU senior theology major Jesse Churchill explained how he observes the Sabbath in his own way.

“I’ve come to my own view of what the Sabbath is. I believe that there are radically different ways to think about it. You don’t really watch secular TV or listen to secular music. When I thought why that is, I realized that Sabbath is a time not to just keep yourself from doing the things you normally do, but rather a time to focus on God. So I’ve come to the point where I participate because I want to do it, not just because it’s expected of me,” he said.

WWU students are not thinking of their spirituality only on the Sabbath, however. They try to incorporate their faith into everyday life. Part of that project is blending fairly conservative Adventist beliefs with the freedoms available to students in college.

Unlike some college students, senior English major Rachael Coon avoids drugs and alcohol in an effort to keep a close relationship with
God. According to her, some WWU students do drink alcohol, but partying is not the norm.

“A lot of the things we put in our body cloud your mind, especially things like smoking or alcohol, and something God has given us is the ability to think and to reason, so when you put things in that hinder that, you’re also hindering a gift God gave you and your ability to listen to God,” she said.

Churchill believes that different generations approach this balance between religion and everyday life in very different ways. He cites feelings about tattoos as an example.

“There are people who have tattoos, but it’s just not really flaunted. There’s a potential for it not being accepted. People my age are usually OK with it. But if you walk into church, there will be older people judging you,” he said.

He said Adventist beliefs could definitely change in the future.

“Church in general is dying. I want to have a church that can actually reach people where they are, here in this culture, rather than try to revert back to the ’60s. The religion of our parents and grandparents tended to accept the beliefs a little more, whereas our generation questions everything,” he said.

Bringing faith into the wider community

WWU students often explore their faith within the community through mission trips. There are opportunities to help out all over the world and here in Walla Walla.

Jeanne Vories, the director of student missions, is in charge of sending students to countries in need. Sometimes they need teachers, and other times they need someone to work in an orphanage or in a medical setting.

While on a mission, students sometimes have to get creative in order to fulfill themselves spiritually.

“Sometimes [the students] might be the church. Sometimes they might have to organize story hours and times where they invite the children, and so there’s often not really church per se for them because they’re it. Either that, or church is in another language. When they’re alone and in another culture, God is their friend,” said Vories.

The students on these missions accomplish a lot while they’re gone, but they also face challenges while abroad.

“In spite of this, the students come back to the supportive community at WWU where Vories and McCoy are there to help them readjust. Sharing stories about their mission experiences with friends helps too.

Coon had a great time on her year-long mission trip this past year.
“I took this last year off and I worked in an orphanage in Belize. That was an incredible life experience. Life is raw there. It is what it is. There’s no fluff. There’s no mask to put on,” she said.

Churchill has been on four short mission trips to Mexico, Honduras, Fiji and Mozambique. Each trip was just a few weeks long, but they inspired him to change his major from engineering to theology.

**More than a religion**

Although being Christian is an important part of the identity of WWU, the students there get a liberal arts education. In other words, the university is not the type of school McCoy called a “bible college,” and students learn much more than religion. In fact, some of the most popular majors are nursing, business and engineering.

Coon talked about the value of the experience students receive at WWU.

“My parents say they’re investing in more than [my] education … in [my] future, spouse, spiritual life, eternity, in a sense. So to them the money is worth it, because they’re looking at a bigger picture, which I think is what a lot of parents do,” she said.

While religion obviously plays a big part in the lives of students like Churchill and Coon, it doesn’t necessarily have to.

“If you’re looking for something else in life not religiously based, you’re going to find it. That’s how it is all around the world,” said Coon.

McCoy aims to help the students get the experience that they want, whatever that may be.

“My hope is that Walla Walla University is a good neighbor not only to the schools, but to our community, and that our students have a positive experience that leads them to go from here to be a change agent in our world,” he said. “And to go in and make a difference.”