The NAD Communication Department has a new communication director. Daniel Weber, formerly the associate director, comes to this new position with a wealth of experience in the Adventist® Church and the field of communication. He worked in Adventist Mission as a video producer for eight years and as senior producer at the Hope Channel. His journalism assignments have taken him to more than 115 countries, covering stories on humanitarian and missionary outreach. Before his work for the Church in 2002, he worked in corporate communications, marketing, and also operated his own commercial photography studio for seven years. In all, Dan has more than 25 years of experience in various communication fields, both inside and outside the Church.

He replaces George Johnson Jr., director since 2010, who has gone to Oakwood University to fill the position of director of Integrated Marketing and Public Relations.

Gone but not Forgotten — Dr. Leona Running, 1916-2014, the first woman-professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (SDATS), died on January 22, at the age of 97. She was professor of Biblical Languages from 1955 until her retirement in 1981, and continued to teach various language classes for the Old Testament Department after retiring.

"Dr. Running holds a special place in the hearts of her Old Testament and Seminary colleagues and former students, who greatly appreciated her mentoring during their Seminary years," said Jiří Moskala, dean of SDATS. "She was ... indeed a woman of remarkable skills and influence." MORE

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Offerings
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Sample Offertory Readings

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Mar 28-30, Children's Leadership Conference

May 1-4, Summit on Abuse

June 2-6, Nonprofit Leadership Certification-I Program

June 24-27, PSI Conference on Philanthropy
the NAD Family Ministries is putting together. Needed are devotionals on how the following topics impact children ages 0-7: Single/Step Parenting/ Parenting through Divorce; Parents as Disciple Maker; Fruits of the Spirit; Grand Parenting; Special Needs Parenting; Becoming Like Jesus - Christ Formed Within. The deadline? This weekend! They need to be only 375-400 words long on 8-1/2 wide paper with one-inch margins. Devotionals should include a scripture and brief prayer. Send submissions to Karen Pearson before or by this weekend.

February is Family Life Month and Black History Month. There are special Sabbaths designated by the NAD Calendar of Special Days Committee to address various aspects of Adventist family life: February 1, Christian Marriage Sabbath; February 1-8, Christian Home and Marriage Week; February 8, Christian Parenting Sabbath; February 16-22, Family Togetherness Week; and February 22, Family Togetherness Sabbath. Resources from the Family Ministries Department are linked in the February section of the Calendar of Special Days page on the NAD website.

"Like" the NAD Facebook page to receive regular status updates about Blacks who have made important contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as updates about current events in NAD, links to resources, inspiration, and more.

There are only two days left to register for the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee at the $195/person early-bird rate. More than 20,000 Pathfinders have already registered for the Camporee, to be held in Oshkosh, Wis., August 11-15. Register.

February 15 will be Mental Health Sabbath, when the theme will be “How to Maximize Your Brain Potential.” Check the January 15 and January 22 editions of NewsPoints for information about a special issue of Vibrant Life (Ordering deadline is January 31) which addresses many issues of mental health and how to improve your brain. Many resources are available and downloadable, including two suggested sermons for the worship service and two presentations for Sabbath afternoon. In addition, there are three free one-hour+ downloadable video presentations by Dr. Neil Nedley on nutrition and the brain, motivation, energy and productivity, calmness and stability under stress, mood and food. All of these resources and more, are listed on the NAD Health Ministries website. Don't forget to watch the NAD 2014 Health Summit live streaming this week through Sabbath, February 1. Get the schedule.

Plan now for the special Women’s Day of Prayer, March 1, when the theme will be “He Lifts Up My Head.” Several resources are available to help create a special Sabbath service including a sermon, children's story, suggested order of service, and special ideas for enhancing the program based on God's second book: nature. Plan for it now.
Did you know God gives us the power to obey Him?
Fundamental Beliefs #19 from My Way to Jesus

Just "Click" to share your beliefs: The Fundamental Beliefs videos and other updates are shared on the My Way to Jesus Facebook page and from there onto 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, watching a beliefs video, 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.

You can share the Beliefs videos on your own website: Just go to www.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 to email to a friend.

REACH: Community Outreach and Evangelism

God's Closet Offers Help and Friendship - The Redding, Calif. Adventist Church has started a chapter of God's Closet, a nonprofit organization. Their mission: to help families find clothes for their kids while offering friendship and spiritual support. They host four "free-shop" days every year. Nearly 100 families participated in the first one, and more than double that number at the second one. A $1 per family admission is charged to help cover various expenses. Offering a free bag of clothes to people in the community if they come helps makes it easy to attract volunteers to help sort and set up the day before "Shop Day." Getting acquainted with the volunteers adds to the friend-making aspect of the ministry.

Other features are offered by various chapters on Shop Day depending upon the talents of church members and volunteers, such as free haircuts, child care, mini-Vacation Bible School. While adults waited to go into the shopping area, each received a contact card offering Bible studies, prayer and more information about the church's children's programs. Sixteen people requested Bible studies at one Shop Day. MORE: Pacific Union Conference Recorder, November 2013, p. 4
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January 28, 2013 (Roseville, Calif.) – Andrew Jahn has been named president and CEO of Sonora Regional Medical Center (SRMC), according to Bill Wing, senior vice president of Adventist Health. Jahn, currently chief financial officer (CFO), will replace Jeff Eller who becomes the Northern California Network president in early February. Jahn will assume this role, effective February 3, 2014.

“I am delighted to see Andrew promoted to president of Sonora Regional Medical Center,” said Jeff Eller, current CEO of SRMC. “It has been a privilege to work with him in his CFO role and to personally see his dedication to this organization. His leadership experience and outcomes-based approach will help continue the growth of our services in the Sierra foothills.”

Since 2011 Jahn has been a part of the SRMC executive team as its vice president and CFO In this position, he managed the hospital’s $200 million operating budget and oversaw business development, growth and acquisitions with direct oversight of key hospital service lines. Prior to this, he served in key roles in other healthcare facilities including director of finance at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Merriam, Kan., and assistant to the CFO of Adventist Health System in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

“I am honored to be part of the continued growth of Sonora Regional Medical Center,” said Jahn. “It will be a privilege to collaborate with this excellent team of physicians, staff and community partners in serving the needs of our community.” Jahn holds a bachelor’s degree in business management from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. and a master’s degree in business administration emphasis in healthcare administration from University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla. Jahn and his wife, Marlena, have three boys: nine-year-old Ethan, five-year-old Camron and three-year-old Payton.

Adventist Health is a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Our workforce of 28,900 includes more than 21,200 employees; 4,500 medical staff physicians; and 3,200 volunteers. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 19 hospitals, more than 180 clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care agencies, seven hospice agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. Visit AdventistHealth.org for more information.
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By LeOra Mudge, Correspondent

Thai Seventh-Day Adventist Church

10855 New Jersey St.

Sabbath School: Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Worship: Saturday at 11 a.m.

Early in 1975 a few Thai families met together and discussed their desire to form a worship group that would meet the spiritual needs of Thai Christians who were moving to the United States. Most of them were in the greater Los Angeles area. White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles was their mother church and members there encouraged them to form a group to meet in the chapel at White Memorial every Saturday.

They met there for 10 years and had more than 60 baptized members.

In 1985 they left White Memorial Church and moved to Pomona, so as to accommodate members from a greater area. They rented a facility in Pomona for five years and then purchased land in Redlands, so that they could build their own church. In 1991 they began making additions to the house that they had purchased in Redlands, so as to accommodate their growing numbers.

From their earliest days they have opened their church for worshipping God to Thai, Laotian, Burmese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian and American families. Currently they have 175 members, including adults and children. Their desire is to meet the needs of and to improve the quality of life for those in their community. They offer language classes in Thai and English.
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Despite the fact that every hospital aims to provide the highest quality care to every patient, only some manage to achieve superior performance across many common treatments. The 2014 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence places Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in the top five percent of hospitals nationwide for consistently demonstrating safe and effective clinical care.

The distinction represents research gathered by Healthgrades, an independent organization who evaluated over 4,500 hospitals across the nation for 31 procedures and conditions. Data shows that if all hospitals performed with the same level of quality as AMC, (between 2010-2012), more than 156,000 patients might have been saved in America.

“Our mission calls us to excellence and it is our privilege to provide patients with the best possible care each and every day,” states Tom Russell, President and CEO of Adventist Medical Center. “Our quality outcomes are the result of physicians, nurses and an entire team who are committed to deliver the right care at the right time to every patient. Excellence is embedded in our culture. It is continuous, collaborative and measurable,” continues Russell.

Conditions and procedures evaluated for award eligibility include Cardiac Surgery, Stroke, Joint Replacement, Spine Surgery and Gastrointestinal care. Healthgrades reviewed and analyzed approximately 40 million Medicare patient records to determine mortality and complications in hospitals. Their methodology weighted the inherent risks of age, gender and preexisting conditions.

About Adventist Health Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area is the flagship of Adventist Health services in the Portland area. Adventist Health-Portland, is staffed my more than 2,000 employees and includes 37 primary care and specialty clinics in the metro area.
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We are delighted to be able to bring to you the 2014 Women's Day of Prayer program packet. This year's packet entitled, "He Lifts Up My Head," was written by Guadalupe Savariz de Alvarado, Women's Ministries Director of the Southern Union Mission in the Euro-Asia Division.

What is Women's Day of Prayer?

The Woman's Day of Prayer provides an opportunity for women to learn about each other and pray for one another. It is a time to reunite with God and one another to strengthen spiritual bonds. Prayers for women everywhere create a spiritual network of empathy and understanding between Adventist women. Thousands of women (and men) gather to pray on this day. Although the essential purpose of the day is for prayer, the day can also provide women with an opportunity to strengthen their ties with other Christian women as they pray together.

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