General Conference Makes Decision on "Record Keeper" Series

The Seventh-day Adventist World Church (General Conference) has asked the North American Division to release the following statement regarding the web series "The Record Keeper".

Decision to suspend “The Record Keeper” comes with strong endorsement for creative outreach

Adventist church leaders questioned some of the series’ theological implications

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Seventh-day Adventist world church leadership today announced their decision to suspend the release of the 11-episode series called “The Record Keeper,” but agreed to explore the possibility of supporting similar creative outreach projects.

The decision came after carefully reviewing the Web series which dramatizes the epic struggle between good and evil. Seventh-day Adventist church leaders from different parts of the world and the world headquarters evaluated the series, participated in the discussions and the decision-making process.

“Seventh-day Adventist world church leadership is committed to using and developing creative methods of outreach that are faithful to Scripture and Seventh-day Adventist ideals
to reach segments of the population that will never be impacted by traditional evangelism,”
said world church president, Ted N. C. Wilson.

“The Record Keeper” follows the story of Cadan and Larus, two angels who struggle to
maintain their friendship after universal civil war breaks out. Meanwhile, another angel,
Raina, pursues a record of events while trying to make sense of the chaos.

Seventh-day Adventist Church theology sees the controversy between good and evil as
central to understanding the turmoil witnessed throughout history and evident in the world
today.

The church’s Biblical Research Institute provided a biblical analysis of some of the
problematic and theologically inaccurate matters raised in the Web series. In addition,
church leaders were looking for a much stronger portrayal of the love of God, the creation
of a perfect world, the Plan of Salvation and the final renewal of heaven and earth as
recorded in the Bible.

While Bible studies were to be prepared to accompany the series and encourage further
study, according to the Biblical Research Institute, the content of “The Record Keeper”
would have put the church in the difficult position of endorsing the misrepresentation of
biblical truth while at the same time offering studies which conflicted with the dramatic
presentations. This would invite misunderstandings and cause confusion.

Church leaders at the world headquarters expressed their continued desire to produce
creative material that would be in harmony with Scripture and capture the attention of
people seeking divine truth.
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