A record-breaking gift commitment of $100 million from Dennis and Carol Troesh was announced yesterday at Loma Linda University Health (LLUH), that will set a new course for education at LLUH and kick start a $1.2 billion strategy to transform health care for millions of families throughout the Inland Empire and beyond.

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1) A new, 100-bed LLU Children’s Hospital tower which will be connected via glass walkway with the existing Children’s Hospital; 2) a new, 276-bed Adult Medical Center, including 96 intensive care beds and 180 medical-surgical beds; and 3) a new, $60 million LLUH Center for Discovery, a unique interdisciplinary hub for research and the Wholeness Institute to improve health outcomes for people in the Inland Empire and beyond. 

The Awards Luncheon at the 2014 Conference on Philanthropy honored volunteers for their meritorious service. Carolyn Hamilton, VP for philanthropy at Loma Linda University Health received the Milton Murray Trailblazer in Philanthropy Award; Dr. Jack Blanco, professor emeritus of religion at Southern Adventist University was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Other awards were also presented and moving stories were told about how honorees had served.

A new NAD ministry, the Southern Asia Ministry, has been formally organized as a part of the Multilingual Ministries of the NAD. It will be directed by Vic Louis Arreola III, also director of Pacific Asian Ministries. Arreola is located at the Pacific Union. Selected representatives of the NAD Southern Asia language groups met for the first time at the NAD headquarters on June 9, for the formal organization of the new Southern Asia Ministries, and to plan and strategize for reaching out to Southern Asia congregations in the NAD territory.

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Registration is now open for the 25th Anniversary Convention of the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC), to be held October 16-18 in Jacksonville, Fla. Seminars, exciting keynotes, tours, networking opportunities, entertainment, are planned. Anyone interested in writing, editing, photography, videography, social media management, journalism, public relations, marketing and all fields and aspects of communication is invited to attend. Former members and officers are especially welcome.

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"Addressing the Global Challenge of Preventing Child Abuse in Ministries," presented by Arthur Blinci at the 2014 Summit on Abuse

"Child abuse is a direct assault on the mission of the Church... It destroys the mission of the Church. And when it occurs, in the aftermath our duty is to revitalize and to restore that mission again in our community. It's all about mission," says Arthur Blinci, VP Chief Risk Management Officer for Adventist Risk Management.

Why does the faith-based community act like an ostrich? We must be willing to recognize and acknowledge that child abuse does happen in our church and we must be willing and ready to do something about it.

The average age of abuse victims is between 8-11 years old. Why? In addition to their being trusting and vulnerable, one more answer is that the devil is cunning and "like a raging lion." That also happens to be the average age when children are learning about and making decisions for baptism. We must learn how to protect our children. Watch the video.

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About a dozen Los Angeles-area pastors who preach in languages other than English have begun podcasting in their language or dialect. The group, under the direction of the Southern California Conference Communication Department, is affiliated with Adventist World Radio.

"Adventist World Radio has provided two training sessions for the podcast groups in the Southern California Conference," said Daryl Gungadoo, AWR global distribution manager, who served as the instructor for both sessions. A grant from the Pacific Union Conference has covered project costs.

The program already had nearly 700 subscribers before local promotion began, and it now airs on Adventist radio stations in Guam and Saipan, in addition to being listed on the AWR Web site. They also have begun posting podcasts on their own website at www.linguaspirita.net.

A major challenge for the pastors has been to find technicians to assist in recording and editing. MORE
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$100 million gift jumpstarts campaign to open new hospitals, research center at Loma Linda University Health by 2020

by Herbert Atienza

LOMA LINDA, CA – July 15, 2014 – Amidst a celebration joined in by more than 2,000 people, officials of Loma Linda University Health announced on Tuesday (July 15) a gift commitment of $100 million from Dennis and Carol Troesh that will kick start a $1.2 billion strategy to transform health care for millions of families throughout the Inland Empire and beyond, and set a new course for education at Loma Linda University Health.

The pledge from Dennis and Carol Troesh, long-time Riverside, Calif., residents and business leaders, brings the total raised so far for Vision 2020 to $149 million.

Officials of Loma Linda University Health revealed details of Vision 2020, including the gift, believed to be the largest single-gift commitment to health care in the history of the Inland Empire, providing the cornerstone for the transformation of Loma Linda University Health.

By 2020, the following projects are expected to be completed:

- A new, 100-bed Loma Linda University Children's Hospital tower, connected via glass walkway with the existing Children's Hospital, boosting to 359 the total number of licensed beds, including expansion of the Loma Linda University Health Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs), already one of the largest in the country.
- A new, 276-bed Adult Medical Center, including 96 intensive care beds and 180 medical-surgical beds.
- A new, $60 million Loma Linda University Health Center for Discovery, a unique interdisciplinary hub for research and the Wholeness Institute to improve health outcomes for people in the Inland Empire and beyond.

"The world is asking what Loma Linda University Health and our people have to offer. Now is the time to be bold, to look toward what can be, and be daring, so it is with profound excitement that I have the privilege of revealing Vision 2020, a dream of a healthier, more whole world that has been in our hearts and minds for the past few years," said Dr. Richard Hart, president of Loma Linda University Health.

Carol Troesh said the gift to Loma Linda University Health reflects her family's support for the institution's commitment to creating a health and education hub that will benefit people worldwide.

"Over the years, God has abundantly blessed our family, and it is our privilege and honor to give back to the community we have called home for most of our lives," she said.

In the 1970s, Dennis Troesh founded Robertson's Ready Mix, growing the company into one of the largest ready-mix
and construction aggregate operations in the western United States. Writing under the name of C.A. Hartnell, Carol Troesh has authored four historical fiction books for children. In 2013, she received the Mom’s Choice Silver Award for excellence in family friendly media products and services. Both are active members and supporters of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital Foundation Board.

The expansion plans will significantly boost Loma Linda University Medical Center’s total licensed beds from the current 1,076 beds in the six hospitals that make up the hospital system. The plans will also help assure that all inpatient beds at the hospital meet state-mandated seismic and safety standards for 2020.

In addition to developing the Center for Discovery, the campaign will also make a major investment on education and research, including funding for more laboratories, programs, scientific research discoveries, scholarships, and faculty development.

Apart from philanthropic gifts, such as the $100 million from Dennis and Carol Troesh, funding for Vision 2020 projects will come from federal, state, and local funds; fund raising efforts; and loans.

Vision 2020 is the largest initiative in the history of Loma Linda University Health, and represents the largest investment in health care in the region. The initiative builds on the institution’s core strengths of pursuing new discoveries, developing strategies for a healthier world, and building on foundations of education, research, clinical care, wholeness, and service.

"Vision 2020 is a campaign for a whole tomorrow, it is a catalyst that will bring together a vision for the future for the health of our community," said Rachelle Bussell, senior vice president of advancement at Loma Linda University Health.

For over 100 years, Loma Linda University Health has played a leading and influential role in health care and education, graduating more than 45,000 health care professionals.

At present, more than 16,000 alumni are living and working in Southern California, two-thirds of whom are based in the Inland Empire. Loma Linda University Health has graduated more than 10,500 physicians, and, at present, half of the practicing medical doctors in San Bernardino County received their education or training at Loma Linda University. A total of nearly 7,000 dental health professionals received their education at Loma Linda University Health.

Vision 2020 opens a new chapter in Loma Linda University Health’s history, allowing it to reach even greater achievements and heights in the future.

**Photo Caption:** Dr. Richard Hart, (right), president of Loma Linda University Health, welcomes Dennis and Carol Troesh to the stage after announcing the couple’s commitment of $100 million for Vision 2020 during ceremonies held on campus on Tuesday, July 15. The Vision 2020 initiative will see construction of a new Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital tower, a new Adult Medical Center, and a new Loma Linda University Health Center for Discovery, along with numerous other projects, by 2020.

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**About Loma Linda University Health (LLUH)**

Loma Linda University Health includes Loma Linda University’s eight professional schools, Loma Linda University Medical Center’s six hospitals and more than 800 faculty physicians located in the Inland Empire of Southern California. Established in 1905, LLUH is a global leader in education, research and clinical care. It offers over 100 academic programs and provides quality health care to 40,000 inpatients and 1.5 million outpatients each year. A Seventh-day Adventist organization, LLUH is a faith-based health system with a mission “to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ.”
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Adventist Philanthropy Leaders Honored at Awards Luncheon

7-15-14 Adventist Philanthropy Leaders Honored at Awards Luncheon
by Julio Muñoz

At a recent awards luncheon which closed out the 2014 Conference on Philanthropy, Philanthropic Services for Institutions (PSI) and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America honored five individuals for their visionary leadership and support of the mission of Adventist Institutions around the world.

The volunteers were honored at the Trailblazer and Adventist Philanthropy Luncheon on June 26 in Baltimore. The event was attended by nearly 350 fundraising professionals and nonprofit leaders. Each honoree was introduced by the person who nominated him or her for the award.

For demonstrating creativity, initiative, and providing consistent professional leadership in the area of philanthropy throughout her career, Carolyn Hamilton, CFRE, vice president for philanthropy at Loma Linda University Health, was awarded the Milton Murray Trailblazer in Philanthropy Award. The award was presented by her colleagues and 2011 Milton Murray Trailblazer award-winner Rachelle Bussell, senior vice president for advancement at Loma Linda University Health.

Hamilton was joined onstage by three other Trailblazer award winners and was surprised by her husband who also joined her onstage to share the celebratory moment.

Dr. Olen Netteburg, a missionary physician in the African nation of Chad and a regional director for Adventist Health International, made an emotional presentation to Garwin McNeilus, president of One Day Church Project, Inc., who was awarded the Adventist Philanthropy Leadership Award for Supporting Ministry.

"I don’t have to worry about chasing down my donor to tell him my needs," Netteburg said. He became emotional as he described how McNeilus went above and beyond the typical involvement of a philanthropist, often waking Netteburg in the middle of the night with an idea for solving a problem at Bere Adventist Hospital where Netteburg and his wife serve as primary care physicians. He spoke of his gratitude to McNeilus for his philanthropic support and ideas, which helped to strengthen the mission of the hospital.

The Adventist Philanthropy Leadership Award for K-12 Educations was presented to Dr. Ramona Clark, a radiologist and longtime supporter of Monterey Bay Adventist Academy. Charlotte Henderson, director of development at the coastal California school, nominated and presented her with the award.

Dr. Myron Krueger, a doctor of internal medicine for Parkview Medical Associates, received the Adventist Leadership Award for Healthcare, presented by Bob Cundiff, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northern New England.

The recipient of The Lifetime Achievement Award was Dr. Jack Blanco, professor emeritus of religion at Southern Adventist University. It was presented to him by Christopher Carey, vice president of Advancement at the university, for Dr. Blanco’s life-long commitment to the vision and mission of Adventist Institutions and in recognition of the lives
that were influenced by his years of service.

Blanco, clearly humbled by the award, pointed upward as he began his remarks, reminding attendees that the credit for all he had done belonged to God.

During her keynote address during the awards luncheon, Lois E. Peters, a philanthropist and president of At Home Pediatric Nursing Team, challenged other philanthropists to lead by example to inspire and encourage more charitable contributions to Adventist Institutions.

Addressing the honorees and conference attendees at the awards luncheon, she said, “We need [philanthropists] to teach us to know what we're able to give. God’s wealth is bigger than you can imagine. All of you philanthropists go out today and bless somebody.”
7-15-14 Southern Asia Ministries Now Formally Organized in NAD

By Maricel P Felarca

Selected representatives of the North American Division (NAD) Southern Asia language groups met for the first time at the NAD headquarters on June 9, for the formal organization of the Southern Asia Ministries and Southern Asia Ministries Advisory and to plan and strategize on how to reach out to Southern Asia congregations in the NAD territory. The historic meeting was convened and chaired by R. Ernest Castillo, NAD Vice President for Multilingual Ministries, and co-chaired by VicLouis Arreola III, NAD Asian/Pacific and Southern Asia Ministries Director. During the meeting, three SAM coordinators were appointed: Mehbub Khan for Western Region USA, Franklin David for Eastern Region USA, and George Ali for the SDA Church of Canada.

VicLouis Arreola III had a positive remark about the event: “We had a very productive meeting and I’m looking forward to working with our team in achieving our goal of nurturing and growing Southern Asia churches and reaching out to our Southern Asia brethren in the North American Division.”

The Southern Asia Ministries Advisory is comprised of R. Ernest Castillo and VicLouis Arreola III as chair and vice chair respectively, and members including George Ali (Alberta Conference), Rick Bacchus (Ontario Conference), Franklin David (Columbia Union Conference), Mehbub Khan (Pacific Union Conference), Daniel Khokhar (Pennsylvania Conference), John Satgunan (British Columbia Conference), and Paul Dean (SDA Church of Canada).

Countries in the Southern Asia region include Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Burma.

“Southern Asia Ministries will be a bridge in bringing the Three Angels’ Messages to all Southern Asia communities in the end time. I see a bright future for this new ministry,” Arreola concluded confidently.
Loma Linda University Health unveils $1.2-billion rebuilding plan

Loma Linda University Health is launching a campaign to raise $1.2 billion to upgrade its Inland Empire medical campus.

The Seventh Day Adventist organization unveiled plans Tuesday to expand its children's hospital, construct a new adult hospital and build a research center that will enable high-tech collaboration.

"It's unprecedented and it's bold," Rachelle Bussell, senior vice president of advancement for the organization, told a crowd of more than 100 people gathered for the event.

The organization had already raised nearly $150 million in contributions and pledges as of Tuesday. Much of that is coming from what it is calling the largest gift to healthcare in Inland Empire history -- a $100-million pledge from local business leaders Dennis and Carol Troesh.

Dennis Troesh purchased Robertson's Ready Mix, based in Corona, in the 1970s and grew the business into one of the largest ready-mix and construction aggregate operations in the western United States. In 2013, Mitsubishi Materials Corp., based in Japan, completed a buyout of Robertson's for an estimated $2.2 billion. Carol Troesh is a children's book author.

"So many people have made money in the Inland Empire and then left to Newport Beach or to Los Angeles and take their money with them," Dennis Troesh said. "The money is needed here."

The couple are longtime residents of Riverside.

"Our money was made in this community," Carol Troesh said in a video played at the event. "How better to help this community?"

Troesh's pledge jump-starts a campaign to raise $350 million in philanthropic gifts to support the expansion effort. It's the largest philanthropic campaign in the history of the Seventh Day Adventist church and six times larger than any campaign Loma Linda has done in the past, Bussell said.

An additional $175 million is expected to come from state bond earmarks.

Founded in 1905, Loma Linda University Health comprises eight professional schools, six hospitals and more than 800 faculty physicians in Southern California's Inland Empire. More than 45,000 healthcare professionals have graduated from the university, including more than 10,500 physicians.

Dr. Richard Hart, Loma Linda president, told the audience the organization's plan for the future is "nothing short of historic."

Spurred in part by state seismic requirements that will make the current adult hospital unusable in 2020, the organization said the effort would also improve accessibility and provide the latest in state-of-the-art equipment for students and faculty.
Groundbreaking on the hospital facilities is expected in 2015.

The date for breaking ground on the new research facility, dubbed the Center for Discovery, have not yet been set.

The facility will also include an academic-based Wholeness Institute, which will look beyond health and wellness to research ways of addressing the needs of the whole person, including spiritual needs, hospital officials said.

The new facilities are “designed from the ground up to match the quality of our care and the passion of our mission,” Hart said.

The plans also call for funding student scholarships, faculty development and opportunities for local youth and students interested in service work.

“It’s that campus transformation not just of buildings but of processes that I think is so critical to what we’re about,” Hart said in a pre-recorded interview.

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July 10, 1934: 'Observe Sunday' slogan on stamp cancellations sparks protest

By Chris Zdeb, Edmonton Journal July 11, 2014

Seventh-day Adventists forwarded a letter to Canada's postmaster general objecting to the "Observe Sunday" slogan on cancellation stamps.

"The observance of a day is purely a religious question and one which a person must determine as between himself or herself and the Maker, without any interference or pressure from civil government," said the letter, written by M.N. Campbell, secretary of the religious liberty department of the Canadian Union of Seventh-day Adventists, after receiving many letters of protest from church members.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, which had several thousand adherents in Canada, is Christian, but observes Saturday, or the Jewish Sabbath, instead of Sunday.

"If a government may issue such counsel as 'Observe Sunday' on post office cancellation stamps, it may with equal consistency advise to 'Attend Mass,' 'Be Baptized,' or 'Go To Confession,' " Campbell contended.

The dictum of Christ is that man should render to God the things that are God's and onto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, he noted.

Campbell warned that certain associations were urging the government to promote religion. Such a principle was responsible for all religious persecution and resultant bloodshed in the past, he wrote.

Finally, the words "Observe Sunday" on cancellation stamps were a violation of the British principle of both civil and religious liberty, and the practice should be speedily terminated, Campbell said.

The Sabbath was first observed by the ancient Hebrews. In Hebrew, the word means "week," but it is also explained as "rest from all labour." The Sabbath was the last day of the Hebrew week and lasted from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday.

The origin of the rest day or seventh day was to commemorate the completion of creation, the story said.

Legislation on behalf of the observance of Sunday appeared in the early days of the Roman Empire. In Britain, compulsory observance of the Lord's Day dated back to King Canute in 1028.

The Adventists' objection doesn't seem to have swayed the postmaster general, since variations of the cancellation stamp "Observe Sunday," continued to be used until at least 1965.

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Adventist Health System, which manages Takoma Regional Hospital, has received the prestigious 2014 Gallup Great Workplace Award for the fourth consecutive year.

"This award signifies that Takoma -- and AHS -- have one of the best-performing and most productive and engaged workforces in the world," Jack Lister, Takoma's human resources director, said in a company news release.

"We are proud to be part of this organization because AHS and Takoma truly care about their associates -- and that's what creates an engaged workplace."

Daniel Wolcott, Takoma's president and CEO, agreed.

"This award also demonstrates our associates' deep connection with our mission to be an extension of the healing ministry of Christ, and with our vision to be the best place to work, practice medicine and receive care," Wolcott said in the release.

The Gallup Great Workplace Award is based on rigorous workplace research, according to the release. A panel of workplace experts assessed each applicant based on its 2013 employee engagement results and application portfolio.

Then, results were compared to a workplace research database composed of millions of work teams in more than 100 countries.

AHS was one of only 36 organizations to receive the award earlier this month at a Gallup summit in Omaha, Neb.

AHS is a faith-based health care organization headquartered in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

It has around 70,000 employees, including more than 550 at Takoma.
Volunteers Sought to Treat 5,000 Patients in San Antonio

Andrew McChesney News editor, Adventist Review

Dentists and optometrists are especially needed for the church’s “Mission to the Cities” program.

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If you have a DDS or OD after your name, Lela Lewis wants to meet you.

Lewis, who has an MD and MPH after her name, is co-organizing an event that is expected to make waves next year in San Antonio, Texas: an opportunity for thousands of local residents to receive free medical care.

Hundreds of volunteers, especially dentists (DDS) and optometrists (OD), are needed to care for the 5,000 to 6,000 people who are expected to show up at the AlamoDome stadium over three days.

“We will also need many physician specialists and various medical professionals as well as a host of non-medical volunteers,” said Lewis, who is a medical doctor and master of public health.

“All in all, I would like to have 1,200 to 1,500 volunteers,” she said by e-mail.

Lewis, president of Pathway to Health, as the project is called, has good reason to be concerned about the event, which will be held several weeks before the Adventist Church’s General Conference Session in the same stadium in July 2015.

So many people showed up for a similar project that she organized in California’s Bay area in April 2014 that volunteers had to turn some away. The event, Bridges to Health, attracted significant coverage on local television and was even mentioned in The Wall Street Journal. In the end, nearly 3,000 people received $5.2 million worth of free treatment during the three-day event in Oakland and San Francisco.

BRIDGES TO HEALTH: The video that President Ted N.C. Wilson showed during his sermon in Geneva.

The California and Texas events are part of a “Mission to the Cities” effort spearheaded by world church President Ted N.C. Wilson in which Adventists share Jesus in big cities through programs that meet the physical and spiritual needs of residents.

Wilson showcased both events in a sermon that closed a major health conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 12, 2014. He showed a five-minute video from the California event and said similar footage had inspired the San Antonio mayor’s office to cover the cost of the use of his city’s stadium for the 2015 event.

“This can happen anywhere in the world," Wilson said.

In addition, a Seventh-day Adventist newspaper owner, Paul Cobb of Oakland, and the mayor of Oakland contacted the San Antonio mayor’s office to lend their support, and their influence went a long way toward securing the mayor's backing, Lewis said.

San Antonio has asked that medical services be provided to 5,000 to 6,000 patients if possible in exchange for the use of the stadium, Lewis said.

“This will mean that we will need two to three times the number of volunteers that we had in the Bay area," she said.
She said volunteers could sign up on the project's website, http://www.bigcitybenevolence.org/.

Lewis is excited to see how the event unfolds. “As we as the people of God seek to fulfill the old phrase ‘disinterested benevolence,’ I believe that we will see God's miracles abound,” she said.

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