A TOP CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, give the gift of a gathering this next year in Seattle, Sydney, Perth, Brasil, Utrecht, La Sierra University and Auckland.

SEATTLE 2014

We're filling up fast (84%) for the next USA gathering. Book your room, check schedule, and register to reflect on Present Truth.

SYDNEY 2014

The first of two Australian opportunities is on the East Coast, July 19-20, 2014. Register and join us one day early for a special worship: resound.

Seattle 2014 Updates

As we get closer to February, we want to remind you that there are still spots open to register to join us in Seattle, but there are going fast. Please remember to book your hotel room at the same time as well, as our block of rooms are only available for reserving until

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January 7, 2014. You may either go to the Westin website, or call 1-888-627-8513. There's lots of amazing things to do in Seattle, so come early or stay late if you can and make the most of it. We also encourage you to watch the schedule as more revisions are on the way and we explore new opportunities to engage such as the Author's Corner and new opportunities for questions and answers. See you in the beautiful Northwest in just over two months. TOP Kids and generation One closes registration this Sunday.

TOP Announces New Zealand 2014

The One project team is excited to partner with the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, South & North New Zealand Conferences, in bringing the One project to New Zealand in 2014. We invite you to set aside the weekend of November 8 - 9, 2014 where we will gather in Auckland, New Zealand to celebrate the supremacy of Jesus Christ in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Be sure to register by the end of February for the Early Bird rate of US$130, and if you're a student, US$110 for the first 40 to sign-up. Please contact Rod Long if you have any specific questions.
**All Spanish Gathering**

The first gathering in Spanish took place on the campus of Andrews University on November 8-10, with over 100 in attendance. With the growing interest for this type of gathering, there are already plans in place for the second all-Spanish gathering on the campus of La Sierra University, November 7-9, 2014. [Registration is open](#). Limited spaces.

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**Utrecht, Netherlands opens registration**

Thanks to the invitation of the Union leadership from Netherlands, they will be the host for the next European gathering in 2014. We have settled on the city of Utrecht and October 24-26. The [schedule](#) is set. The early bird rate is [open](#) until February 28. Please feel free to contact the local leadership [Tom de Bruin](#) and [Hans Ponte](#).
TOP England Messages Online

On November 1-3, 2013, nearly 200 people gathered on the campus of Newbold College to continue the Jesus conversation. All of the messages from this gathering are now online and may be viewed on our website. May these messages continue to inspire, challenge, and draw us nearer to each other and nearer to Jesus.

Read a report by Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist online TED News.

Board Members Travel

With the holiday season upon us, travel for speaking slows down as all look to spend time with their families and faith communities to celebrate the Advent season. However, some
are traveling in the coming weeks and are always happy to meet and chat with anyone who would wish to talk more about the work of the One project. Here's the schedule:

December 6-7...Wisconsin Academy,  Samuel Leonor

December 7...Hawaiian Mission Academy speaking on "Drawing Boundaries and Resolving Conflict,  Lisa Clark-Diller

January 7-9...Andrews University,  Samuel Leonor

January 14...Monterey, CA: NAD Convention,  Brandy Kirstein

January 27-28...Portland, OR: WWU Nursing Campus Week of Worship,  Paddy McCoy

2015 Theme - Jesus and Ellen G. White

ONE project leadership is already considering themes for our 2015 cycle (beginning in San
Diego, February 9-10). Notably, 2015 is a bit of an historical marker — 100 years since the passing of Ellen White. Previous ONE project gatherings have highlighted the high view of Jesus Christ held by Ellen White — particularly in her later works in books like The Desire of Ages [a comprehensive reflection on Jesus], Christ's Object Lessons [Jesus's parables], Thoughts on the Mount of Blessing [The Sermon on the Mount], Ministry of Healing [Christ's ministry of compassion], and Steps to Christ [practical reflections on how to have a life with Him]. As we plan for 2015 -- the over-arching theme, as always, will be Celebrating the Supremacy of Jesus Christ. And we will pay particular attention to the "Jesus. All." present in the history of the church as we look for the future.

Netherlands, Perth, Sydney, Brasil, Oh My!

Our gatherings are growing and coming to more and more areas around the globe. We hope you'll join us at one of the opportunities below and register soon to ensure better rates and lodging availability. Also be sure to check schedules as they are posted and revised. Here's the list for 2014 so far:

- Seattle, WA, USA...February 10-11, 2014
- Sydney, Australia...July 19-20, 2014
- Perth, Australia...July 26-27, 2014
São Paulo, Brasil...October 13-14, 2014
Utrecht, Netherlands...October 24-26, 2014
La Sierra University, USA...November 7-9, 2014
Auckland, New Zealand...November 8-9, 2014

We are exploring a few smaller gatherings within the USA, France and Japan. We are also focusing on gatherings for Pastors only at the request of local conferences.

Year-end Donations

We are always gracious of any support that you or your organization may feel called to give as we come to the close of another great year of ministry. Of course, all donations are tax deductible to those of you here in the U.S., but all are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting the ministry of the One project as we continue to take the crucial Jesus-centered conversations around the globe and hopefully to an area near you. Contact Japhet De Oliveira if there some specific aspect of the One project you would like to support.

"Silver and gold have I..."

I'm still rattled when I think about this story.

The story can be found in John Ortberg's book, "Who is this man?" He tells about a time when Thomas Aquinas was visiting the Vatican and Pope Innocent IV was showing him the glorious sites of all they had built there. It looked like a mighty kingdom.

As they walked, the pope said to Aquinas, "The church no longer has to say, 'Silver and
gold have I none.'" To which Aquinas responded, "Yes, but no longer is the church able to say, 'In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk.'"

We are celebrating the holiday season of Thanksgiving in the US, and though it is a time to spend with family and reflect on the many blessings we’ve received, the holiday weekend is also being overrun by consumerism and advertisements for "Black Friday." Many are consumed by consumerism and the mad dash for new things. It causes me to think about how counter-cultural Jesus was to be a king who had no place to lay his head. ([Matthew 8:19-21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%208:19-21&version=NIV))

Now, I’m not saying that owning things is bad, but if those things get in the way of our relationship and focus on Jesus, then we just might begin to lose the power found therein.

We serve a humble Lord and Savior who was willing to lose everything in order to gain the only thing that really mattered to Him; you and I. Let us be therefore be thankful for all the Lord has done for us as we enter the Advent season, but let us remember that we are not to store away those blessings, but share them with others.

One for All, All for the One,

- Paddy McCoy
Now available...

Thanks to all the team effort, Terry Swenson has just released our new Facilitator Guide for the One project gatherings. Used as the manual in the training sessions, he is in the process of getting it translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

If you would like an advance preview email Terry for a copy.

View the full list of partners on the One project website »