Dear Lexie,

"The Lost King of England"

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This Sabbath:
April 19, 2014

Speaker:
Charles Tapp,
"The Hope of the Resurrection"

Special Musical Guests:
Sligo Sanctuary Choir,
Jon Gilbertson, director
Sligo Bell Choir,
Ardyce Griswold, director
Ovibrass Quintet

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Richard III was the last English King to die in battle. He was buried without pomp and ceremony in what is now the City of Leicester. The original tomb is believed to have been destroyed during the Reformation and for five centuries the place of his burial could not be identified. However, in 2012 a skeleton was discovered during excavation of a car park in Leicester, which later proved beyond doubt to be King Richard’s.

The conclusion that this was the remains of Richard III was based on the location of the skeleton, carbon dating, which places the time of death between 1460 and 1520, and a comparison between his mitochondrial DNA and that of two matrilineal descendants of one of Richard’s sisters. Despite the fact that Richard died over 500 years ago, it was still possible to identify his remains by his DNA. Amazing!

Watching the documentary on Richard III and the process by which his remains were identified got me thinking about a question that has been asked of me several times: How will God resurrect people whose bodies were completely destroyed by fire or by other means? In fact, some have instructed their loved ones to bury them when they die as opposed to cremating them, in that they are not quite sure how one whose body has been completely destroyed can be brought back to life. The identification of Richard’s remains, while not providing a full answer to that question, suggests that it really is not a big thing for God to bring all the dead back to life as the people they were before.

The science of DNA confirms that each of us has a particular DNA profile. It stands to reason that God knows what that profile is. Therefore, whether I am consumed by sea creatures, cremated or buried, God knows who I am and on the morn of the Resurrection will unite my DNA with a physical body. That will undoubtedly be me and not another. Only as I am ‘Donald McFarlane,’ with my unique experience, memories and preferences, will heaven be meaningful to me. At the end of the day, I really don’t need to worry about the process by which God will make me ‘me’ again.

What is important is that I trust Jesus as Lord and as the “Resurrection and the Life,” as the One who has conquered death and the grave and who has chosen to share that conquest with me. It is that hope that we celebrate on this Resurrection Weekend at Sligo Church.

Don W McFarlane
The Hope of the Resurrection

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– 1 JOHN 2:25

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Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

April 17 – April 20

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CELEBRATE HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION

THURSDAY, April 17
Holy Communion: "A Taste of Hope"
Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 18
The Passion Experience: "The Death of Hope"
Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.
Music by Loma Linda Wind Symphony
Drama Presentation: Takoma Academy

SATURDAY, April 19
Church at Worship: "The Hope of the Resurrection"
Sanctuary: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Speaker: Charles A. Tapp, Senior Pastor
Music by Sligo Sanctuary Choir
Reception to follow, Atrium

SUNDAY, April 20
Resurrection Celebration: "Keep Hope Alive"
Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
Speaker: Charles A. Tapp, Senior Pastor
Music by Sounds of Steel, Steel Pan Orchestra
Reception to follow, Atrium

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On March 20, 2014 after eight years of dedicated service to our church and Sligo children, Charisse Sullivan-Mensah, Children's Choir Director, felt the calling of God on her life to explore new areas of ministry. Charisse shared, “God is calling me in a new direction so it is with a heavy heart that I am submitting my notice.”

Charisse's contribution expressed through her love and musical expertise has been an immense blessing to our congregation and to scores of our young children. It is a joy to see the light in the eyes and the glow in the face of each child in the choir as this energetic group proudly played its part in filling the sanctuary with worshipful music. We will cherish these experiences for years to come.

As Charisse moves on to other areas of ministry service, we will endeavor to build on the strong foundation that she laid with the children. We intend to continue growing great kids through the musical development offered by our Children's Choir. We plan for the choir to resume at the end of the summer and continue its legacy of musical excellence. We trust that God will continue to develop the choir’s gifts and talents for His glory. Our prayers go with Charisse as she follows God’s leading in her life.
Children's Choir at Sligo's Festival of Praise
Homes of Hope training sign up

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Join us April 5/6, For a training session for our spring cycle of the Homes of Hope

- Saturday April 5, 3-5pm in the Sligo Atrium Suite

We will be presenting new materials and resources as well as workshops for Home Coordinators, Discussion Leaders and Assistant, and Supporters.

This Year you will have three curriculums to choose from:

- Hope and Health
- John, a Gospel of Hope
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I want to share Hope!