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Adventist Forum Board Elects Lugenbeal Vice-President

by Dana Lauren West

The Association of Adventist Forums has a new vice president. He is Edward Lugeneal, vice president of a computer systems company. The board of the association, at its annual national meeting held September 2-4 in Washington, D.C., also elected as director of chapter development Walter Douglas, professor of church history and mission at the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Two board members were re-elected: the editor of *Spectrum*, Roy Branson, a research fellow at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University, and the director of membership, Ronald Cople, an executive with the National Automatic Sprinkler Industry.

In other actions, the board appointed a committee to consider strategies for growth in membership, reviewed constitutional changes proposed by a specially appointed committee, and approved a budget based on *Spectrum* appearing five times a year, with every issue including a four-page newsletter.

Lugeneal's background in both academia and business, particularly computers, is directly relevant to an association that is considering greater reliance on computers for editorial and promotional activities. Lugeneal received a B.A. from La Sierra College, a B.D. from the SDA Theological Seminary, studied theology one year in Europe with Oscar Cullmann and Karl Barth, and obtained his Ph.D. in prehistoric anthropology and archeology from the University of Wisconsin. From 1964 to 1979 Lugeneal, except for his years at the University of Wisconsin, lived in Berrien Springs, Michigan. During that time he was a member of the faculty at Andrews University, a staff scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute, and vice president of Interlink, Incorporated. He and his wife recently moved to Kettering, Ohio.

Walter Douglas received his B.A. from Carib-

bean Union College and his Ph.D. from McMaster's University in Canada, after which he joined the seminary faculty. For many years he has been involved with AAF at both the local and national levels, including two terms as representative of the Lake Region. Working with regional representatives, he is expected to visit existing and potential chapters in different parts of the United States and possibly overseas. The board heard that the association now has 44 chapters worldwide.

Lyndrey Niles, president of the association, is chairman of a committee comprised of four other members of the board that will examine the potential growth of the association and what expenditures in equipment are needed to achieve that potential and adequately service its needs.

Modifications in the constitution were proposed to the board, including clarification of length of terms of office. A specially appointed *continued on p. 3*

AAF Conference Features Oxford Sociologist of Religion

by Dana Lauren West

The Second National Conference of the Association of Adventist Forums to be held March 15-18 in Loma Linda, Calif., will feature many distinguished speakers.

Conference Speakers

Bryan Wilson, a professor at All Souls College, Oxford University, is Britain's most highly respected sociologist of religion. Sergio Mendez Arceo, bishop of Cuernavaca, has the reputation

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of being Mexico's most progressive bishop.

Samuel L. Terrien, an associate editor of the *Interpreter's Bible* and *Dictionary of the Bible*, is one of this era's most distinguished contemporary theologians of the Old Testament. John Kelley, an Adventist foreign service officer in the U.S. State Department, manages the State Department's El Salvador Election Project.

Charles J. Stokes, Charles Anderson Dana Professor of Economics at the University of Bridgeport and former dean of Atlantic Union College, has been a senior staff member at the Brookings Institution and a three-time Fulbright Professor of Economics.

The speakers will, in various ways, develop the theme of the conference, "The Search for a Usable Future." Bryan Wilson, who has written many books on religious groups, including Seventh-day Adventists, will lecture on a church's typical stages of growth. Samuel Terrien, who has written books such as *The Psalms and Their Meaning for Today*, *Job: The Poet of Existence*, and *The Elusive Presence: Toward a New Biblical Theology*, will talk on "The Day of the Lord and the Lord's Day."

Bishop Sergio Mendez Arceo will describe the role of the Christian churches in social change in Central America.

John Kelley grew up as an Adventist missionary's child in Montemorelos, Mexico, graduated from Andrews University, received his doctorate in Latin American anthropology at Columbia University, then served as the chief program analyst of American development projects in Honduras before returning to Washington and his present assignment. He will explore whether and how the Adventist church might influence public policy in Central American nations.

Charles J. Stokes, who has been assistant director of the General Accounting Office and author of economics textbooks such as *Managerial Economics* and *Economics for Managers*, will introduce an entire morning of seminars examining specific areas of Adventist institutional life (publishing, health-care, education). His presentation has the provocative title, "Mega-church, Mega-failure?"

Registration and Travel Information

The planning committee for the conference urges those interested in attending to register as early as possible; they must register by March 5, 1984. The committee reminds physicians attending the Loma Linda University Medical School Alumni Post-graduate Convention that immediately upon the completion of their convention the AAF conference will start. The committee is

providing useful information for those planning to attend.

Discount prices for registration are: students, \$55; AAF members, \$55; and non-AAF members, \$70. After February 1, registration fees are: students, \$55; AAF members, \$70; and non-AAF members, \$85. Fees for non-members include one year's subscription to *Spectrum*. The fee, which must be received by March 5, 1984, covers all meetings and four meals (Thursday dinner, Friday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch).

The planning committee reports that Ther 'N' Bak Travel has offered to provide, for individuals who make travel plans through their agency, a shuttle service from Ontario International Airport to a pre-arranged destination. The shuttle will make three trips on Thursday, March 15, to meet major incoming flights and three more trips on Sunday, March 18, to deliver attendees to outgoing flights. The agency has offices in Berrien Springs, Takoma Park, Thousand Oaks, La Sierra, and Loma Linda.

The planning committee urges attendees to stay with relatives and friends if possible. However, the following accommodations are available within two to three miles from Loma Linda; they should be contacted directly.

San Bernardino Hilton, (714) 889-0133. Service includes shuttle to and from Ontario airport and to and from Loma Linda University. Rates: \$61, single, \$75 double; \$56 weekend.

Travelodge, (714) 888-6777. Rates: \$30, double; \$34, two twin beds; \$36, one double and one twin.

Super 8 Motel, (714) 381-1681. Rates: \$34, single; \$38, double; \$29, two twins.

Mexico Tour to follow 1984 AAF Conference

by Vinette Anderson

A Loma Linda University Mexico tour to include Mexico City and the Caribbean Island of Cozumel is scheduled for March 18-25, 1984, immediately following the 1984 AAF national conference in Loma Linda. In addition to providing opportunity for conventional sightseeing, the tour will offer such options as an archeological excursion to Chichên Itzá, seminars in church and social change, and diving trips on Cozumel's famed Palancar reef.

Charles Teel, Jr., associate professor of Christian Social Ethics at Loma Linda University, is tour director. He has participated in six tours of Mexico, four of which have included interviews
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with thought leaders from the ecumenical and evangelical wings of Christianity who care deeply about religious, social, and political developments in Mexico and Central America. These optional sessions in Mexico City and Cuernavaca will provide an extended postscript to the AAF conference session on the church in the third world.

The tour will include guided excursions to the Pyramids of Teotihuacan, the National Museum of Anthropology, and the Zocalo, and participants will also have opportunity to clap for Mexican dancers, and swim in Caribbean waters.

The tour is sponsored jointly by LLU's International Dimensions and Honors Programs, administered by professors Margarete Hilts and Jacques Benzakein, respectively. Cost of the eight-day tour will be \$590. Academic credit may be arranged. Interested persons desiring further information may write:

International Dimensions/Honors Tour
Loma Linda University
La Sierra Hall 101
Riverside, CA 92515

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committee, chaired by Walter Douglas, will make some further refinements in the changes that were accepted, then the revised constitution will be submitted to the membership for approval.

The board heard reports from existing projects such as the task force on lay participation and the committee planning conference sponsored by the AAF. The task force plans to announce its final report and its model local conference constitution in the February issue of *Spectrum*. It will also make a presentation to the national conference of AAF, March 15-18, in Loma Linda, Calif. (See article in this newsletter.) The committee on conferences, in addition to reviewing the plans for the national conference, has been scheduling conferences on Adventist history and religion and science. Information concerning these conferences will appear in subsequent issues of the newsletter.

An informal roundtable discussion among members of the board took place on Sabbath afternoon concerning possible models for understanding the future nature and role of AAF. One was the model of an academic or professional organization devoted to exploring, discussing, and writing about the truth and meaning of Adventism and the Adventist way of life. Another model was that of a healing and reconciling community, concerned with ministering to more than the intellectual needs of Adventists. A third model was of a social movement dedicated to

achieving institutional change in the church. The purpose of the meeting was not to reject one or more of these models but to devote time to reflection and self-examination concerning the long-term direction of the association.

The board was led in worship services by Lance Butler, treasurer of the General Conference, who talked about the importance of prayer in the Christian life, and by John Brunt, dean of the school of theology at Walla Walla College, who spoke about the centrality of forgiveness in the Christian's attitude toward other people.

Three Regions to Elect Representatives to Association Board

by Claire Hosten

In accordance with the AAF constitution, section C, representatives that have served one two-year term, in regions where other candidates have not been nominated, may be re-elected if: (1) their names are submitted by the AAF board to the members of their regions, and (2) they receive more Yes than No votes.

This year members in the Columbia region are asked by the AAF board to vote on their representative, E. Theodore Agard, who is willing to continue in office. The Columbia Region corresponds to the area included in the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The members of the Central Region are invited to do the same thing concerning their representative, Darrel Huenergardt. The Central Region includes the states within the Southwestern and Mid-America Unions, as well as the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference in Canada.

In regions where a representative has completed two terms or resigned, members of the region are invited to nominate candidates to serve as their representatives on the AAF board. Following the procedure outlined in the constitution, ten members of the Central Pacific Region signed a nominating petition, accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve, and submitted these to the AAF board by the time of its annual board meeting.

Two individuals have been nominated according to this procedure in the Central Pacific Region of AAF, which includes the area covered by the Central California, Nevada-Utah, and

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Northern California Conferences and the Hawaiian Mission. Members in the Central Pacific Region are invited to mark a vote for either Bonnie Wilson or Norman Sossong, tear off the ballot below, and put the ballot in the envelope included in *Spectrum* and mail it to: Elections

Committee, AAF, P.O. Box 5330, Takoma Park, Md. 20912. Ballots should be postmarked no later than December 31, 1983.

Provision has been made for two votes, if necessary, in the case of households with two AAF members.

CENTRAL PACIFIC REGION

Norman D. Sossong Profile: graduate of Walla Walla College, received his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, in 1969. He also obtained an M.D. from the University of Chicago and currently practices medicine at the St. Helena Hospital. Sossong is an active member of the PUC Chapter and has been active in chapters wherever he has been in various parts of the country: Kettering, Chicago, Walla Walla, Seattle, and Berkeley.

Goals: "I see the Association of Adventist Forums as one of the only organizations devoted to free and open discussion of topics of concern to Adventists. It is not to be regarded as a soap box for particular minority groups, but as a vehicle for better communication for Seventh-day Adventists with various perspectives. Keeping it healthy and vibrant should be a top priority during this time of doctrinal turmoil among Seventh-day Adventists."

Bonnie Wilson Profile: received her B.A. from Washington State University, two Masters degrees from Chapman College and UCLA, and is presently attending law school. Bonnie Wilson is president of an engineering firm, Advanced Electronic Engineering Education. Currently she is secretary-treasurer of the Monterey Bay Chapter and has assisted other chapters in the Central Pacific Region.

Goals: "I would like to see all the chapter officers in the Central Pacific Region working together as a unit. We could possibly have a weekend session with the group where we spend time together exchanging ideas, making plans for chapter activities, deciding what we could and should accomplish in the interest of the organization. My overall desire is to see the membership in the Central Pacific Region grow."

Members of the Central Pacific Region should vote for one candidate.

Member []
Spouse []

Member []
Spouse []

Clip and mail by December 31.

Central Region

Darrel Huenergardt has been a partner in the law firm of O'Brien and Cook, Kimball, Neb., since 1970. He graduated from Union College in 1965 and the University of Nebraska Law School in 1968. He was deputy county attorney before entering private practice. He has served on the Central Union Conference executive committee for five years and is the head elder of the Scotts-Bluff Church.

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Columbia Region

E. Theodore Agard is a radiation physicist at Kettering Medical Center, Kettering, Ohio. He received an undergraduate degree in physics and mathematics from the University of Toronto, Canada, in 1970. For three years he was an associate professor at Wright State University School of Medicine.

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