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President Barack Obama recently named 94 researchers as recipients of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. Among the recipients was James Gulley, MD, PhD, a member of Potomac’s Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md.

Gulley is a clinical director/cancer researcher at the National Institutes of Health. He designs cancer vaccines to help patients’ immune systems recognize and attack the tumor. Prostate cancer is his primary interest area, and, last year, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first prostate cancer vaccine.—Story by White House Press

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“We had a communication focus group a couple of years ago and they recommended that we utilize more technology. So we are really trying to oblige our constituents by moving into the 21st century,” said Robert Booker, AEC’s communication director.—Story by Taashi Rowe

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Ohio Conference Names New Clergy Care, Leadership Director

The Ohio Conference Executive Committee unanimously recently appointed Oswaldo Magaña to serve as director of Clergy Care and Leadership Development. He will also continue as Hispanic Ministries coordinator for the conference. Magaña brings a rich experience and background in pastoral ministry and denominational leadership. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from the Unedeca Seventh-day Adventist University in Costa Rica, and a Master of Arts in Administration and Leadership from La Sierra University (Calif.). He replaces Marwood Hallet, who retired after 38 years in church ministry.

“We welcome Oswaldo to our leadership team with the confidence that the Lord will make him a
blessing to our pastors, our churches and to the advancement of God’s kingdom in Ohio,” said Raj Attiken, conference president.—Story and photo by Heidi Shoemaker

New Jersey Conference Opens Filming Studio

Installation of the cameras and lights in the New Jersey Conference’s new filming studio was recently completed. A special test taping and operation of the new cameras and equipment was conducted. As part of the testing of the studio, President José H. Cortés sang “How Great Thou Art” accompanied by Joyce Greene, associate treasurer. Jorge Pillco, associate communication director for media, is pictured operating a camera.

“My desire is that this equipment will be used wisely to fulfill the mission of the church,” said Modesto Vazquez, vice president for finance. Other equipment includes three Panasonic high-definition video cameras, a jib and teleprompter.—Story and photo by Jim Greene

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16: Highland View Academy’s First 5K Run/Walk will benefit the school’s athletic program. Runners and walkers of all ages are encouraged to get out and move and enjoy a day of fun. Area churches will also provide a vegetarian buffet for attendees, complete with recipes. Register at hva-edu.com. Applications will be accepted up to the event date. For more information, contact John Henline at jhenline@highlandviewacademy.com or (301) 331-1016.

October 21-22: William Shea, PhD, who holds a doctoral degree in Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, will present the first part of “Christ in the Heart of Prophecy” at 7:30 p.m. at the Southern Asian church in Silver Spring, Md., on October 21. He will present part two on October 22 at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., at 2:30 p.m. For more information on the seminars, contact the Southern Asian church at (301) 879-7222, or the Sligo church at (301) 270-6777.

October 22: ACTS 2011 Adventists in Ohio will come together to honor our past, celebrate the present and learn how to shape the future for the glory of God. This daylong convocation, held at the Roberts Center at the Holiday Inn, Wilmington, will bring together Adventists from across Ohio and neighboring states for a day of worship, study and fellowship. Speakers include Rebekah Liu, a pastor from Southwest China; Ted Wilson (pictured), president of the General Conference; and Ganoune Diop, the Adventist Church’s newly-appointed liaison to the United Nations. A free lunch is available for those who pre-register online at ohioadventist.org. Deadline to register for your lunch is Friday, October 14. Groups need to register with Heidi Shoemaker at the Ohio Conference, (740)-397-4665, ext. 165, or email information@ohioadventist.org.

October 28: Join Metro Area Adventist Young Adults (MAAYA) in conjunction with Miracle Temple Drama Ministry at 7:30 p.m., for “Beware of Angels,” a dramatic presentation in which God’s children wrestle with doing the unimaginable for Jesus. Spiritual viewer discretion is advised. The play will be held at Miracle Temple, which is located at 100 South Rock Glen Road in Baltimore. For more information, contact Pastor Moses Eli at (856) 362-1227 (mosese@hotmail.com) or Trevor Fraser at (909) 648-4955 (trevorfraserrdds@gmail.com).
October 29: WGTS 91.9 FM will celebrate the ministry of radio host Gerry Fuller, DDS, who served the station for 45 years. The program, which starts at 6 p.m., will include performances by the National Christian Choir and tributes to Fuller, will be held at Sligo church located at 7700 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park, Md. The event is free and open to the public.

October 30: The Adventist Choice College Fair and Financial Workshop will be held at the Jerusalem French church in Philadelphia from 1-3:30 p.m. All 14 accredited Adventist colleges and universities in the United States will be represented. Students can attend a college financial planning workshop to learn how a Christian education is affordable, apply for free to the colleges (at the event only) and meet with admissions counselors. More details are available at www.AdventistColleges.org. Questions? Contact Rachelle Martinez, fair coordinator, at (215) 510-3361, or email rmrachellemartinez@gmail.com.

November 4-6: Allegheny East Conference’s Hispanic Women’s Ministries retreat: will be held in Lancaster, Pa. For more information, contact Dolores Orellana at (717) 343-2968.

Noviembre 4-6: El Ministerio de Mujeres de la Conferencia de Allegheny tendrá su retiro de damas en Lancaster, Pa. Para mayor información, llame a Dolores Orellana.

November 6: The New Jersey Conference will host the grand opening of Revive, its book and health food store, at 10 a.m. The new store is located in the conference building at 2303 Brunswick Avenue in Lawrenceville, N.J.

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Ware noted that he and his wife, Susan, were inspired to coordinate the readings when he heard that the Globe Theatre in London would host readings of the King James Version of the Bible between Palm Sunday and Easter Monday.

In addition to reading the Bible out loud in various churches, several speakers presented lectures associated with the sections that were to be read out loud.

The Fredericksburg church read from Proverbs to Lamentations, starting around 4 p.m. and ending around 2:30 a.m. "Overall, we must have spent some 70 hours reading the entire Bible," Ware said. During this time Ware also discovered that "it was enjoyable and easy to listen to what the Bible has to say without getting distracted."

Rebekah Tremaglio, also a Fredericksburg church member said, "My husband and I didn't have a copy of the King James Version of the Bible. We are NIV folks, but this was something really special. Also, having the Bible read orally at different churches in our area felt like an exercise in unity."

The readings ended on October 2 with a reception at the Ferry Farm Baptist Church. Check out the church's Facebook page created for the celebration.
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WAU wishes AUC well in its efforts to continue to provide an Adventist Christian higher education in the Atlantic Union Conference.
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"Jesus is coming," Escalante stressed. "What are you doing for Him? A lot of our folks are working but we need a greater revival. We want to put 100 percent of our brothers to work for the Lord. This is a great opportunity and privilege for service."

Keynote speaker Matias Solis, a pastor from Puerto Rico, continued on the same theme of Christ's second coming. He noted that while evil forces are working even harder to fell God's people, heaven's activities on behalf of God's people have increased to combat those efforts. "God's covenant with us is more meaningful than ever and He will help us to fulfill our assignment," Solis said.

The day of fellowship continued with 14 baptisms, more leadership seminars, a season of prayer and anointing and a recognition service for outstanding lay leaders. Attendees have agreed that they will plant 10 new congregations over the next year and many will attend the conference's new School of Theology for Disciples, which offers training on how best to reach people for Christ.
Después de explicarle un asunto a su estudiante Luis Estrada (derecha), Ricardo Norton, D.Min., extrecha su mano.

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“Jesús viene”, resaltó Escalante. “¿Qué estás haciendo por Él? Mucha de nuestra gente está trabajando, pero necesitamos un reavivamiento mayor. Deseamos que el ciento por ciento de nuestros hermanos trabaje para el Señor. Es una gran oportunidad y privilegio para el servicio”.

El orador principal Matías Solís, un pastor de Puerto Rico, continuó bajo el mismo tema de la segunda venida. Mencionó que mientras las fuerzas del enemigo hacen todo lo posible por hacer caer al pueblo de Dios, el cielo aumenta su actividad para combatir esos esfuerzos. “El pacto de Dios con nosotros es más significativo hoy que antes, y Él nos ayudará a cumplir con nuestro cometido”, dijo Solís.

El día de la hermandad continuó con catorce bautismos, más seminarios sobre liderazgo, un tiempo de oración y unción, y un programa de reconocimiento a los líderes laicos destacados. Los participantes acordaron plantar diez congregaciones nuevas el próximo año, y muchos de ellos asistirán a la nueva escuela de teología para el discipulado donde se prepararán para alcanzar mejor a las personas para Cristo.
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“With her deep commitment to [Seventh-day] Adventist values and long-time service to enhancing the lives of the underserved, Ms. Buchanan will make a valuable addition to the board,” says William G. “Bill” Robertson, president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare.

Further cultivating her passion for improving the lives of the underserved, Buchanan returned to PDS as the deputy director in 2002, and was appointed as the director two years later.

“I look forward to helping Adventist HealthCare as it works to fulfill its mission to ‘demonstrate God’s care by improving the health of people and communities through a ministry of physical, mental and spiritual healing,’” Buchanan says.

She has been a member of the Allegheny East Conference’s Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., for 38 years. By joining the board, she also looks forward to serving the Adventist community in a new capacity.

Buchanan received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Spanish with high honors from Michigan State University and earned her law degree at Harvard Law School (Mass.). She has been an active resident of the Washington, D.C., community for a total of 33 years.