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The deadline for all submissions is 12 p.m. each Tuesday.
Pennsylvania Church Celebrates 65 Years

Last Sabbath some 300 former and current members and friends of Pennsylvania Conference’s Chestnut Hill church in Philadelphia gathered to celebrate 65 years of God’s faithfulness. Roy and Cheryl Schaeffer, now residing in Tennessee, conducted the song service while Albert Reece, MD, PhD, a current resident of Maryland, piloted Sabbath School. The Mission Spotlight focused on REACH Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill’s growing church plant, under the leadership of current pastor Tara VinCross. Former pastoral partners, Franke and Kandace Zollman, who served the congregation from 1986 to 1994, delivered a challenge to make “Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

After lunch, the church family gathered for the dedication of the prayer garden, a recent re-landscaping project done in memory of Bill Landherr, a beloved elder who passed away in 2010. The day of celebration climaxed with a music festival and a final rendezvous over a dessert reception before reluctant farewells.—Story by Vishnu Nancoo; Photo by AJ Pastor
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80 Allegheny East Members Take Disaster Preparedness Training

“People are sometimes more likely to listen to us, not when we are preaching, but when we show them that we care,” said Doris S. Boyer, a member of the Mizpah church in Philadelphia.

Boyer was one of 12 people from her church to take a daylong disaster response course at Allegheny East Conference’s Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md. This course was one of four conference-led trainings that took place this summer. The class drew some 80 people in all, and instructors focused on imparting knowledge about managing warehouses and volunteers.

“According to all predictions, the weather patterns will be more challenging this fall,” said Minnie McNeil, the conference’s Adventist Community Services (ACS) director. “Our churches must be prepared, before the disaster comes, to help people recover quickly.” —Story and photo by Taashi Rowe
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Spotted: New Jersey Couple Celebrating 50 Years

Francisco Rivera and Lavinia Rodriguez (center), members of New Jersey Conference’s La Victoria Spanish church in Perth Amboy, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. The celebration took place during the conference’s ninth couples' retreat sponsored by the Family Ministries department and held in Florham Park. Edwin Mendoza, DMin, a pastor from California, along with his wife, Mary, addressed the 80 couples over the weekend.

Ten couples, who were not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, attended the retreat and received a Bible, a copy of Steps to Christ and a small
gift. "We thank God for this blessed event that has the goal of strengthening and supporting the marriages in the conference" said Pastor Jorge Aguero, the conference's Family Ministries director. Pastor Aguero and his wife, Amalia, are pictured flanking the Riveras.

Columbia Union Members Invited to Addictions Recovery Training

Columbia Union members are invited to attend "Adventist Recovery Ministries: Journey to Wholeness." The three-day training is slated to help members recover from or minister to those suffering from various addictions through a Christ-centered, 12-step program. The program, which runs from October 4 through 6, is the official training offered by the North American Division (NAD) and is co-sponsored by the Columbia Union, NAD and Adventist HealthCare. It will be held at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Conference Center in Rockville, Md. Participants will receive expert insights from Christian professionals working in the academic and clinical field of addictions, better understand how addictions and obsessive-compulsive behaviors are formed, and explore the relevance of creating a Christ-centered, 12-step ministry in their churches. To learn more about the program, click here.

How Involved Should Our Church be in Public Policy?

Karl Lawrence shared via Facebook that he doesn't believe the church should play a "direct role in public policy. Its role should instead be an indirect one through its spiritual and ethical education of its members."
Louise Longmooore said this on our Facebook page—“If an issue comes up for vote, we should always take a stand for what is right, otherwise, we are just letting the devil have his way.”

What do you think? Join the conversation on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARYLAND

September 28: The Columbia Union will sponsor Religious Liberty Day at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. Wally Carson, the union’s Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) director and general counsel, speaks in the first service; Brent Walker, from the Baptist Joint Committee, speaks in the second. Sabbath School features John Graz and Orlan Johnson from the General Conference’s PARL department. At 4 p.m. Karla Rivera Bucklew will present a mini-concert, followed by a panel of experts discussing various aspects of religious liberty in the United States and abroad.

September 29: The Metropolitan church in Hyattsville is hosting a vegetarian cooking class with Judith Richardson at 2 p.m. Richardson is a gourmet vegan/total vegetarian chef who has been featured on 3ABN, and who has done cooking demonstrations at various Whole Foods and health food stores in Florida. The registration fee is $20, but if you sign up online you can register for only $10, and you'll be eligible to win a brand new juicer.

September 29: The George E. Peters school in Hyattsville, Md., is inviting everyone to attend their fall festival from 12 to 4 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy moon bounces, pony rides, a dunking booth, face painting and more. The school will also be hosting its first bakeoff. Enter your recipes for cookies, cakes and pies to compete for a cash prize! For more information, call (301) 559-6710.

October 2-5: “Distorted Reality/The Real in Reality” is the theme for the Miracle Temple Back to School Revival. They will tackle the negative effects of reality TV on young people. The programs are from 7 to 8 pm. The church is located at 100 S. Rock Glen Road in Baltimore, Md.

October 4-5: Adventist Recovery Ministries will be host the official North American Division training for Recovery Ministries, “Journey to Wholeness,” in Rockville, Md., at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Conference Center. The registration fee is $50 and includes training materials and Sabbath and Sunday lunch. Pre-registration is required. Make checks payable to the Columbia Union Conference. To register, contact Gerri Davis at (301) 596-0800; (410) 997-3414, ext. 561 or j.davis@columbiaunion.net. Click here for more.

October 5: There will be a special screening of The Adventists 2 across the division. This sequel to The Adventists documentary is being prepared for broadcast on PBS stations nationwide this fall. A special screening will be shown at 7 p.m. at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. Watch the ANN interview with Emmy-winning director Martin Doblmeier. Watch The Adventists 2 trailer. Contact John Dillon for more information.

NEW JERSEY
October 6, 13: The Laurelwood church in Deptford will be hosting two, daylong disaster training sessions. The classes begin at 9 a.m. To register, contact Claudia Ramirez at CARami4144@aol.com.

VIRGINIA

September 28: Vonda Beerman, an Angel Award winner, will appear in concert at the Courthouse Road church at 11 a.m. Beerman travels the nation sharing God’s message of love through music. She is frequently aired throughout the world on 3ABN and numerous other networks. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this wonderful musical ministry. The church is located at 530 Courthouse Road in Richmond, Va.

October 5: Potomac Conference’s free, EQUIP regional training event is coming to the Patterson Avenue church in Richmond. You will have the opportunity to sign up for four classes. The classes are held 3 to 7:45 p.m. To register, click here.

VIRTUAL

October 1: The alumni association for Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md., is collecting stories of how the school has impacted your life. Send your stories by October 1 to Susan Laurence Cooksey, alumni association president, a susan.cooksey@ta.edu, or Ronnie Mills, director of institutional advancement, at mills@ta.edu. The goal is to publish and present this book to alumni during the 2014 Alumni weekend. All proceeds from the book will benefit the Worthy Student Fund.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 28: Leslie Pollard, PhD, Oakwood University’s (Ala.) president and the Advancement & Development Division are hosting a reception for graduates and friends at the Washington Hilton Hotel located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, in Washington, D.C. A short vespers program will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments and fellowship. The Aeolians, recent gold medalists of the World Games, will perform at 7 p.m. Hear about the latest developments at Oakwood, enjoy the lively discussion, get a bite to eat and come prepared to get involved and support your alma mater. For more details, email alumni@oakwood.edu or call (256) 726-7039.

October 3-5: The First church in Washington, D.C., is inviting all youth and young adults to attend their "Stand Up, Stand Out" Youth & Young Adult Fest 2013. Speakers will include C.D. Brooks, former Breath of Life Ministries speaker, Jeremiah Green, youth pastor at Seabrook church in Lanham and Melvin Hayden III, pastor of the Mitchellville church in Largo, Md. There will be several Sabbath afternoon workshops, a praise concert and game night. The church is located at 810 Shepherd Street, NW, in Washington, D.C.

Click here for a full calendar of upcoming events around the Columbia Union.
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Weymouth Spence, WAU president, says the gala is a “watershed moment” in the university’s history.

Dikembe Mutumbo, an NBA legend, signs autographs.

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Bill Miller, Potomac Conference president, who attended the groundbreaking ceremony, added, “I don’t think we’ve even begun to imagine what God wants to do, and I’m just excited to see what’s going on here, to see the possibilities. I think that what’s going to happen is once this church is developed, we’re going to find that this is going to become a seed on which we can plant a lot of other churches.”

RPC started in 2006 as a small group Bible study meeting in the homes of members and was first known as The Lanham-Bowie Project. Since November 2008, the RPC congregation has rented space from a Sunday church. More than 700 people attended the first official church service that November and since then as many as 600 people worship there every Saturday. Henry Wright, pastor of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va., and Melvin Hayden III, pastor of the Mitchellville church in Largo, Md., envisioned the church and prayed for its success. The Lord revealed to both men that Graham was the man for the job. After Graham moved his family from New
York to Maryland, the ministry and membership of Restoration Praise Center grew beyond their wildest dreams.

“‘I just want to let everyone know that this area right here,’” said Hayden pointing to the ground beneath his feet during the groundbreaking ceremony “‘is handpicked by God. If you are a member of Restoration Praise Center, you have been handpicked by God. The only things that will hinder the future growth of this work are the people that are in here ... I challenge each and every one of you to stay connected to Christ, stay connected to each other and the sky is the limit.’”

Graham added, “God is providing for us time after time, day after day so I have to say that I’m excited about what I’m seeing. The only thing I’d like to add is that there’s an old movie called Field of Dreams and the statement or the line of the movie was ‘If you build it, they will come.’ I believe that if you build it, they will come. But if you build it for the right reasons then the people, the community will find this place as [they would] a lighthouse.”

RPC’s new church home will have the capacity to hold 800 to 1,000 worshippers and 60 to 70 daycare children, four adult classrooms and administrative offices and a lobby that connects the upper floor and lower floor. The contractor estimates that the church will be completed by August 2014.

Paul Graham, senior pastor of RPC, speaks to the crowd about the future of the church.
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Last year Adventist HealthCare donated a van to the hospital that allows them to do surgeries in remote areas. Because of the van, the team can now travel deep into the interior and set up a makeshift operating theater where they can perform up to 465 surgeries per day.

He also shared how he performed surgeries in a temple one day. “One of the priests told his devotees that we were performing magic,” Dr. Chindrupu, said. “We told them we don’t believe in magic but believe in a miracle-performing God. He asked us to pray for him and we did. We ended up doing Bible studies with him!”

Dave Weigley, president of the Columbia Union Conference who traveled to India with Robertson last year, said he invited Dr. Chindrupu to speak because he thought committee members would be “inspired by this ministry. We wanted you to learn why we are partnering with Dr. Jacob and see what he’s doing there. It’s a miracle how God uses him to help the poorest of the poor, people who don’t have access to medical care.”

Dr. Chindrupu thanked the union, Adventist HealthCare and Kettering Adventist HealthCare for the donation, which he said will be a blessing to many. He also presented the leaders of the three organizations with a plaque that noted how this partnership was advancing the kingdom of God by “restoring sight in India.”
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Dr. Chindrupu shares statistics from the surgeries he performs.

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Former associate pastors Geoff Patterson, Dale Long, as well as former youth pastors Jeremiah Green, Damien Johnson and Melvyn Hayden III, shared their experiences of serving and learning from Dr. Wright.

In conclusion, the leadership team presented Wright and his wife a financial gift from the congregation, as well as other special gifts to commemorate the day. The day of celebrating concluded with a luncheon for over 700 guests, many who traveled to CPC to be part of this milestone day for Pastor Wright.

The emotions of the CPC members were summed up in the special plaque given to Wright: "Thank you for your servant leadership, preaching the Word, and sincere love for your members." A remarkable legacy of leaders trained, baptisms performed, and marriage united, twenty years in the making."

- Article by Dean Waterman, associate pastor at CPC
- Photos by Richard Gordon
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Please join us for “A Premier Training” Event:

“Adventist Recovery Ministries: Journey to Wholeness”

The Official North American Division Training for Recovery Ministries

October 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2013

Location
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Conference Center
9901 Medical Center Dr., Rockville, MD 20850

Registration Contact
Gerri Davis, Administrative Assistant
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Cost $50.00
Fee includes training materials and Sabbath & Sunday lunch

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SPEAKERS

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Katia Reinert, PhD(c), FNP
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Ricardo Whyte, MD
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Professor of Family Ministry and Discipleship, Masters Program Director, Department of Discipleship and Religious Education Andrews University

ARMin Training Participants will:
- Receive expert insights from Christian professionals working in the academic and clinical field of Addictions. Understand the resilient brain circuitry that God has gifted to humans, and how this truth can be utilized in inspiring hope and behavior change in the recovering addict.
- Understand how addictions (activity and/or substance) and obsessive-compulsive behaviors are formed and how one can heal the resulting family dysfunctions in our church and community.
- Develop an understanding of how working systematically through the ‘Steps’, with accountability, can assist someone to move into healthy wholeness, deepening their personal journey with Christ.
- Explore the relevance of creating a Christ-centered 12-Step ministry in your church and starting an ARMin ministry following Christ’s method and foundation.
- Understand the cycle of addictions and the role of relationships in recovery.
- Be equipped with training and practical resources developed by ARMin and start a support group.
"The J-O-U-R-N-E-Y to healing begins."

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

### MODULE 1
**BIBLICAL & SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS OF RECOVERY AND HEALING**

- **October 4th: FRIDAY 7:00-9:00p.m.**  
  - Christ’s Healing Approach to our Brokenness
- **October 5th: SABBATH 8:30—12:00p.m.**  
  - The Lord, Our Healer
  - Historical Perspective of Recovery
  - Forgiveness and emotional healing

### MODULE 2
**UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION AND PREVENTIVE INTERVENTIONS**

- **October 5th: SABBATH 2:00-6:00p.m.**  
  - Neurobiology, Types, Cycle of Addiction
  - Co-dependency and boundaries
  - Impact on the Family and Community
  - Resilience and relationships
  - Service and mentoring

### MODULE 3
**ADVENTIST RECOVERY MINISTRIES & 12 STEPS AS A TOOL FOR WHOLENESS**

- **October 6th: SUNDAY 8:00-12:00p.m.**  
  - From Brokenness to Wholeness
  - Christ-centered 12 steps to recovery
  - ARMin and Journey to Wholeness resources
  - Starting an effective ARMin program

### MODULE 4
**JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS EFFECTIVE USE**

- **October 6th: SUNDAY 1:30 - 5:00p.m.**  
  - Effective implementation of Journey to Wholeness materials
  - Facilitating a Recovery Group
  - Christ’s commission and anointing for service

**HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:** Hilton Garden Inn 1-800-992-2694 or 1-866-307-5578, Homewood Suites 1-888-370-0983 or 240-507-1900, Courtyard Rockville 301-670-6700

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MARYLAND
October 25-26: “Christ our Rock” is the theme for Highland View Academy’s (HVA) Academy Days. Students in grades 7-11 who have an interest in learning more about HVA should contact Renee Williams by email at rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com or call (301) 739-7480. Registration is required. The campus is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Md.

October 26: The Heritage Singers will be in concert at the Southern Asian church in Silver Spring, Md., at 6 p.m. Known and loved all over the world, these singers will thrill your hearts with their powerful testimony and unique vocal sound. The church is located at 2001 East Randolph Road.

November 1-3: Get a “Total Body Tune Up” at Mount the Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md. Garner practical information for healthier living in workshops presented by John Kelly, MD, and Pastor Inskip Allsop. For details, email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net or call (301) 824-6045.

November 2: Modern day addictions and how they impact children will be the focus of a series of presentations led by Kiti Freier Randall, PhD, director of psychological services in the Department of Pediatrics for Loma Linda University Health Care in California. She will present the 11 a.m. sermon at the Spencerville church on November 2 and hold a seminar at 3 p.m. that day in the church sanctuary. Everyone is invited to her Sabbath presentations at the church, which is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Md.

November 16-17: The Reisterstown church is hosting the Love and Respect video conference on love, relationships and marriage presented by Christian best-selling author Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. According to Eggerichs, women need love, men need respect. It’s as simple and complicated as that! The two-day conference takes place Sabbath, November 16, 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, November 17, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is FREE (a $15 value) but required and seating is limited, so reserve your spot today! Visit ReisterstownSDA.org or call (410) 833-4634 for more info or to register.

OHIO
October 25: The King’s Heralds will performing at The Majestic Theater in Chillicothe, Ohio, starting at 7 p.m. There will be a suggested donation of two cans of food or $3. For more information, call (740) 637-9010.

October 26: Lonnie Melashenko will be speaking at the Chillicothe (Ohio) church at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A potluck lunch and supper will be provided. The church is located at 510 Metzger Avenue. For more information, call (740) 637-9010.

October 27: Lonnie Melashenko will present “Missing the Message: Six Words to Take Us To Glory” at 10 a.m. at the Jackson (Ohio) church. The church is located at 11184 State Route 93. For more information, call (740) 637-9010.

November 1: The Bowling Green State University a capella choir will present a free community concert at the Kettering church starting at 7:30 p.m. The choir will perform a program of sacred choral music, featuring a variety of styles ranging from a 16th-century English anthem to a Brahms motet sung in German. The evening also will feature African-American spirituals and gospel songs. The choir also will perform at Kettering College’s monthly Spiritual Emphasis session on that same Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Kettering church. The church is located at 3939 Stonebridge Road. Everyone is welcome, and a freewill offering will be collected.

November 16: The Wooster church marks their 50th anniversary at their current location of 445 North Bever Street in Wooster. “Circle Up Around the Throne” is the theme for the anniversary celebration. A special worship and reflection service will be held at 11 a.m. A fellowship meal will follow the church service. The Echoliers and Bell Choir from Mount Vernon Academy will hold a concert at 2 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA
November 1-3: “Intimate Moments With God” is the theme of Chesapeake Conference’s women’s retreat, which will take place at Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pa. Over the weekend, attendees will learn valuable strategies for developing a deep, authentic relationship with the Creator. Gwen Foster, former Philadelphia health czar, and “Binding the Wounds” facilitator Sharyn Joseph will present. There will also
be seminars for young women (age 15-21) on topics such as dating/relationships and beauty. For more information and to register, visit ccosda.org, or contact Jennifer Stefan by email at jstefan@ccosda.org, or by phone at (410) 995-1910.

VIRGINIA
November 8-9: “iThurst,” Potomac Conference’s Young Adult Retreat will be held at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Va. For more information, inquire at youth@pcsda.org or online at www.pcsda.org