Vivian Brarron Passes Away Today
Southeastern just received word that Vivian Barron, the wife of Pastor Richard (Dick) Barron, passed away today. Funeral services information is forth coming.

Funeral Services for Maude Scott
Funeral Service for Sis. Maude Scott will be Tuesday August 28 at 12:30pm Bethany SDA Church- 2500 NW 50th St. Miami, Fl 33142. Condolences can be mailed to Ms. Barbara Glenn 2221 NW 152nd Terr. Miami Gardens, Fl and send flowers to Range Funeral Home instead of Church 5727 NW 17th Ave. Miami, Fl 33142.

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By Milicent Taylor
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The feature event of the day was the Tug-of-War, which pitted the men against the women. After much discussion about weight and sizes of the boys verse the girls the tug began. The boys put up a great show but the girls were victorious. Now it was time for the adults to take hold of the rope. The men quickly took their places and the women, some dressed with industrial gloves to hold on, went on the opposite side. Guess who won? Finally, it was time for Antwon Mells, pastor of Perrine, to give the results.

The winner was the yellow team. The day ended with prayer. It was a day well spent, a day of fun and enjoyment not just for members but for community visitors as well. We were grateful that God held back the clouds that this year the program could have closure. Plan to be there next year, said a member of the church.
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participants were the practical stories shared by Kwon. Kwon himself shared that his most enjoyable moment throughout the week was interacting with the various ethnic and cultural backgrounds represented by the attendees. Kwon hopes that through programs like this the Adventist Church can bring about a new paradigm shift that will make community outreach more relevant by following crisis methods. NLCP Session two training will be held at the Southeastern Conference on September 23-27. To register for the training visit www.communityservices.org. View photos from this event at www.flickr.com/secsda.
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Ellen G. White Estate officials said they had confirmation earlier this year that hackers stole material from a password-protected database of Whites letters and manuscripts. Hackers also stole a mailing list, which they used to solicit sale of the stolen documents, estate officials said.

In response, the estate has filed a complaint against a group who identified themselves as the distributors of the stolen material.

White, who died in 1915, published more than 35 books and about 5,000 articles. In addition, she left with her estate some 8,300 letters and manuscripts, many of which have appeared in compilations since her death. Nearly 25 percent of that collection was published between 1981 and 1993 in a series of 21 volumes titled Manuscript Releases.

All of Whites letters and manuscripts have long been available for viewing, researching and photocopying within guidelines at White Estate research centers and branch offices worldwide. The collection is also being annotated for publication. The first volume is currently at the press.

Seventh-day Adventists believe White manifested the gift of prophecy during her 70-year ministry. Her estate was incorporated in 1933.

White is one of the most widely-translated female authors. Her well-known titles include The Great Controversy, The Desire of Ages and Steps to Christ. For more than a decade, all of her published materials have been available for free on the estates website. Her books are available online in more than 50 languages.
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In a special session this afternoon, constituents of the California-based Pacific Union voted 79 percent to 21 percent to approve ordinations to the gospel ministry without regard to gender. The Adventist Church currently does not ordain women as ministers.

Pacific Unions move comes three weeks after a union in the mid-Atlantic United States voted a similar action. The Maryland-based Columbia Union Conference on July 29 voted to recommend to its Executive Committee to approve ordination without regard to gender. Also, the North German Union in April voted a similar measure, but leaders there later agreed to not implement as policy at this time, church officials said.

General Conference officers said the three actions are contrary to policy. Leaders appealed to all administrative units to refrain from independent and unilateral decisions and said the world church Executive Committee will determine how to respond at its next meeting in October.

The response from General Conference officers follows in its entirety:

A RESPONSE TO THE ACTION OF THE PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012
The 17 million members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are united through the Holy Spirit in a common commitment to Christ and the truths of His Word, an urgent end-time mission, and a divinely inspired church organization. A threat to any one of these places at risk the unity of the church. It is for this reason that the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church affirms the Pacific Unions action not to change their Constitution and remain in harmony with the world church. This represents a step in a positive direction. The General Conference leadership is seriously concerned, though, with the Pacific Unions subsequent action to preempt the collective decisions of the world church regarding ordination. Unilateral actions contrary to the voted decisions of the global church seriously threaten the unity of the church.

The world church recognizes the vital role that women play in the life, ministry and leadership of the church and encourages their active involvement. Because the General Conference Administrative Committee has already voted and commenced the most comprehensive study in our history on the subject of ordination, which will include the study of the ordination of women, the action of the Pacific Union to grant Ministerial Ordination without respect to gender preempts the process voted for the current study of ordination theology and practices by committing the Pacific Union Conference to a particular outcome before the study-and-discussion process is completed. It also expresses a lack of trust in the integrity of the general process accepted and voted by General Conference administrators and personnel, division officers, and pastors and lay members from all the world divisions who serve on the General Conference Executive Committee, which includes the presidents of the 125 unions representing the world church, regarding how we approach common challenges.

Further, the action is contrary to General Conference Working Policy and sets aside the 1990 and 1995 decisions of the General Conference in Session respecting the practice of ordination. The action taken by the Pacific Union Conference represents a serious threat to the unity of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, and thus, at its next meeting in October 2012, as indicated in another recent public statement by General Conference officers and division presidents, the General Conference Executive Committee will carefully review the situation and determine how to respond. In the spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the officers of the General Conference appeal to all entities, organizations, and individuals, including the Pacific Union Conference, to refrain from independent and unilateral decisions and from implementing any such actions.

It is our prayer that the oneness Jesus prayed for in His great intercessory prayer in John 17, and that which the disciples experienced in Acts 2, will be manifest in His church today. We pray that the result of this oneness will be lives transformed by His grace, united in His love, and empowered by His Spirit to proclaim His last-day message in all of its fullness to a perishing planet, hastening the glorious return of our Lord.

Ted N. C. Wilson, President
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