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## Coming to Grips With the Great Commission

Toward the beginning of each new school year, I look in the eyes of our new students here at Columbia Union College (CUC), and I see looks of anticipation and determination. I listen to their questions about what to expect as they start this new adventure in life, and I hear the awe they feel at attending an Adventist college in the nation’s capital. They have heard about the opportunities they will have for academic excellence, internships, and professional hands-on experience. Whether it be in nursing, psychology, pre-law, theology, history, communication, education, business, or any other learning track, each student knows that there are limitless possibilities at Columbia Union College. They also know that our teachers are committed to their personal nurture and growth.



### OUR GREATER MISSION

But students get more than a good academic and professional education. Columbia Union College has a greater mission than that which I have already mentioned. I often ask myself the question that Jesus posed in Luke 18:8: “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” Adventist education is about faith building. It is about developing knowledge and wisdom in the context of faith and mission. It is about restoration of the image of God physically, mentally, and spiritually. It is about knowing what’s *in* the box before we launch *out* of the box.

Graduates of CUC have been and will continue to be transformers of the society around them. Ellen White summarized it nicely when she wrote: “From the Washington training college, missionaries are to be sent forth to many distant lands. Let the students improve every opportunity to prepare for missionary work, while at the school. They are to be tested and proved that it may be seen what their adaptability is, and whether they have a right hold from above. If they have a firm hold on Christ, they will have a right hold on all with whom they come in contact.”



“The Lord will surely bless all who seek to bless others. The school is to be so conducted that students and

teachers will be continually increasing in power through the faithful use of the talents given them. By faithfully putting to a practical use that which they have learned, they will continually increase in wisdom and knowledge” (*Review and Herald*, April 27, 1905).

What better place for this to happen than in close proximity to the most influential city in the world. This new generation of Adventist Christian young people—your daughters and sons—are called to come to grips with the great commission entrusted to the body of Christ in these last days. This is not a task that we as faculty and staff at CUC can do without the power and blessing of God. Therefore we claim this promise: “As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 333).

Please join me in praying for God’s blessings to accompany the faculty and staff of CUC in this new school year. Our students are depending on it.

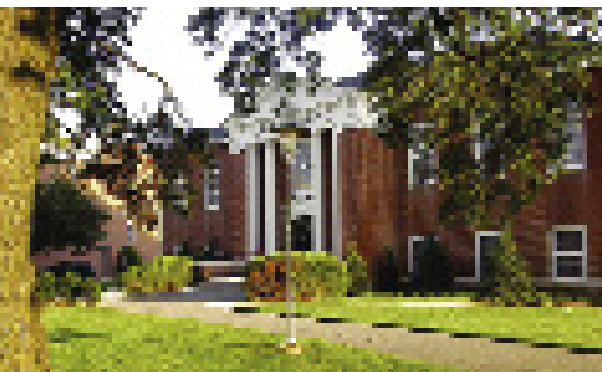
*Gaspar Colón, PhD, is a professor of theology at Columbia Union College. He is currently serving the college as interim president.*

## Newsline

CELESTE RYAN BLYDEN

### CUC to Sell Radio Broadcasting License

After several months of discussion, the Columbia Union College Board of Trustees (CUCBOT) has voted to sell its radio broadcasting license. Talk of liquidating this nonacademic asset was renewed last year when the commission assigned to study the college's needs and opportunities gave its report. The possibility was also discussed by delegates to the college's constituency session last November. It became a serious consideration in January when college administrators received a \$20-million-plus offer from American Public Media, a public radio broadcaster based in Minnesota. Additional offers followed.



According to Dave Weigley, president of the Columbia Union Conference and chair of the CUCBOT, the board carefully considered what would be best for the college and whether now was the time to accept an offer. Among many factors, two strongly influenced their decision to move forward—mission and need.

“Our primary role is to provide quality Christian higher

education for students in the Columbia Union and beyond,” Weigley says. “And that mission has not changed.”

Board member Margaret McFarland, JD, agrees. “Our commitment to provide a solid future for Columbia Union College (CUC) and the Adventist Christian education we provide for so many talented young people, many of whom are working their way through school, ultimately, was the basis for my prayerfully considered decision,” she says.

The college's financial position was also a motivating factor. “There's no doubt that this will provide a tremendous lift for the college,” Weigley says. “But we will not pour millions of dollars into a cup with holes. The majority of the funds will be used to grow the current \$4 million endowment (an interest-bearing savings fund) and ensure a more vibrant future for our college. This will help us improve facilities, provide scholarships, and enhance the academic quality of our liberal arts programs.”

A small portion will be used to assist in building a new music building and improve working capital for the college, but both Weigley and Patrick Farley, CUC's vice president for finance, say the endowment will be protected through various checks and balances.

The move will also aid the board in pursuing its plan to organize three distinct schools within the college. In addition to the flagship liberal arts program

and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, the goal is to create a third school for Allied Health. This would boost high-demand majors like nursing and respiratory care, which are already a strong part of the college and two fields where there is great need and opportunity.

Despite this positive opportunity for the college, board members say they also considered the downside of selling the license. For 50 years it has been used to broadcast the college's radio station, WGTS, which was started by a CUC professor to enhance students' educational experience. A format change 10 years ago to contemporary Christian music has attracted generous support and a strong following in the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area and on the Internet at [www.wgts.org](http://www.wgts.org). “We are currently the second largest noncommercial Christian station in the United States, drawing an average of 250,000 listeners a week,” says vice president and general manager John Konrad.

After the college announced the sale, listeners sent hundreds of emails and letters asking the CUCBOT to reconsider. Weigley, who also sees merit in the station's ministry, says he would like to see the license remain in Adventist hands. “I'd like to see a consortium of Adventists purchase the license, and several have showed serious interest in pursuing that possibility,” he says.

The board hopes to solidify a deal with one of its interested buyers at its meeting later this month. Comments or questions about this topic should be emailed to [comments@cuc.edu](mailto:comments@cuc.edu).

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# 1,200 Attend "Friends in Christ" Camporee

Just before school started last month, 1,200 members from across the Columbia Union made their way to Front Royal, Va., for the first union-wide Pathfinder Camporee in five years. Despite the brutal

heat each day, the dangerous thunderstorm one night that struck a Pathfinder leader, and the fact that there was no running water for show-

ers or bathrooms, they pitched their pup tents, proudly hung their club signs, and took care of business in electric blue Porta Potties.

During the four-day event, they worshipped together under the open sky, enjoyed numerous activities like mountain boarding and the obstacle course, and focused on earning as many honor badges as possible. "One of the key

components of this camporee is helping the Pathfinders earn honor badges," explained Pennsylvania Conference Pathfinder coordinator Pam Scheib, who co-coordinated the event with Allegheny East Conference (AEC) executive Pathfinder coordinator Dennis



Moore. "They had 37 different honors to choose from."

Robert Gallew of Mountain View Conference's Elkins (W.Va.) Black Bears club came to see what camporees are all about. He earned a badge for attending the marine invertebrates class, but acknowledged "sumo wrestling was my favorite thing."

For Brenda and Richard Griffin (pictured), area coordinators for the Chesapeake Conference's western region, Pathfinding in general is their favorite thing. "I joined Pathfinders when I was 10; that



was 50 years ago," Richard beamed. "And as a couple, we've been involved in it for 30 years." They taught a class called Camping Skills II.

Though she didn't attend that class, Jamie Majano, from the Potomac Conference's Alexandria (Va.) Spanish club, had fun learning camping skills on her own. She and her friends enjoyed "splashing around" in the nearby river, but came back in time to tidy their tent before Sabbath's campsite inspection.

Being ready for inspection was also key to the 10 clubs who participated in the drill team competition, coordinated

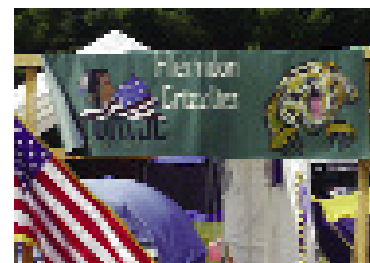
by a Potomac Conference master guide, Joel Hutchins, and six judges. "This is really a non-competition competition where the Pathfinders are judged on a standard with set points for creativity, routine, precision, uniform, etc.," he explained. "Ninety to 100 points earn first place, 80 to 90 points is second place, and so on, but everybody goes home with a trophy."

Teams could perform basic, advanced, or crowd-pleasing freestyle routines like AEC's Germantown (Pa.) Lanapes, whose four female members (pictured above) ranged in age from 12 to 17. "I like doing competition because you have to be sharp and it takes discipline," said Zama Mathuthu sporting the team's emerald green "uniform B" T-shirt that touted their club name, which comes from a New Jersey-based Native American tribe and means "the original people."



In between their play, work, and spiritual activities, attendees naturally achieved what their theme said they would do and made "Friends in Christ." James Black, Youth Ministries director for the North American Division, also appreciated the theme. "We have so many lonely young people who feel they have no one to talk to and no one who understands them," he said. "This event reminds them that Christ is their Friend, the best One they'll ever have."

preach the gospel to your generation because friends don't let friends die!" At his appeal for the youth to make at least one friend for Christ, they bounded to their feet. On Sabbath morning, when he invited them to accept Christ and be baptized, nearly 100 came forward.



"This is what it's all about," said Mike Stevenson (pictured), Ohio Conference youth director and unionwide Youth Ministries coordinator, who sat at the back of the stage praying during the appeal. "We love our youth and we want to see them in the

kingdom." Before they packed up and headed back to South Plainfield, N.J., first-time attendees Davis Harahap and Belva Wantan (pictured) of the First Indonesian Eagles club reflected on their first camporee. "I came looking for a great experience and got one," said Harahap. "My favorite part was Pastor Laffit's preaching," added Wantan. Now they, and their new friends in Christ across the Columbia Union, are looking forward to Oshkosh in 2009.



speaking. "It's not about the pins, patches, knots, drill teams, or parades," he told the youth in a compelling message Friday night. "It's about making sure your friends make it into the kingdom. Seventy-seven percent of people who come to Christ do so during their Pathfinder years. You need to



Youth/Pathfinder Ministries directors Denise Moran from Pennsylvania (left), James Black from NAD (center) and Denny Grady from Potomac (far right) invested Allison Rettiger from Pennsylvania (second from left) as a master guide and Amada Avalos of Potomac (second from right) with the Pathfinder Leadership Award.



After youth from the West Wilmington (Del.) Wolverines earned badges in physics, geology, navigation, African lore, Aboriginal lore, and marsupials, staff members Grishka Woodie, Sierra Koerting, and Annette Boyd, sew the patches on their uniforms.



Above, left: Members of Allegheny West Conference's Temple of Praise Cardinals from Cleveland, fold the American flag at sunset. Above, right: Jeremy Robinson of Maryland leads attendees in worship.



What's New?

**Books >**  
**Finding My Way in Milwaukee**

Growing up is not easy, so moving to a new city and joining a new school is something most teenagers dread. In this new *Guide True Story Book* (part of an ongoing series), author, singer, songwriter, and speaker Jennifer Jill Schwirzer tells the tale of Jennifer Wilson and her struggle to find her place among new peers. She faces the crushing reality that “being cool” won’t fill the emptiness within her. Surrounded by crushes, boyfriends, cheerleaders, and rebellion, Jennifer finally realizes that only God can fill the hole in her heart.



Schwirzer knows a thing or two about the tricky growing-up years, not only through her own experiences, but now—again—through her two daughters. Schwirzer, her husband,

Michael, and their daughters are members of Pennsylvania Conference’s Chestnut Hill congregation in Philadelphia. Read more about her ministry at [www.jenniferjill.org](http://www.jenniferjill.org). Get the book at your local Adventist Book Center.

**Adventist Flybabies**

With a desire to help others

get their houses in order, Hagerstown (Md.) church member Alyssa Truman and her Utah-based sister, Amy Minett, have launched Adventist Flybabies. This website is for Adventists who want to share in the joy of obtaining true Sabbath rest through thoughtful preparation.

“Our site is for any person, anywhere in the world, who desires Sabbath rest—not only in their home, but in their hearts!” shares Truman, pictured with her husband, Trent, and daughters Moraya (3) and Reily (1). “I’ve always struggled to keep my house clean,” the Chesapeake Conference member admits, “but I not only want to have a clean house, I want our home to be ready for Sabbath. This is a struggle for many people.”

The site offers members baby steps for changing old habits. Get daily reminders of a Sabbath preparation activity, devotionals, and read resource reviews, prayer requests, announcements, and more. Sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/adventist-flybabies>.

**A Different Kind of Health Club**

Scottish patriot Sir William Wallace—in the movie *Braveheart*—said, “Every man dies, but not every man really lives.” What does it take to *really* live, to lead a happy, healthy, meaningful, and fulfilling life?

University of Pennsylvania psychologist Martin Seligman describes living a meaningful



life as using one’s strengths in service to others and for something larger than oneself. Interestingly, recent findings from a review of more than 30 research studies indicate a significant correlation between volunteering service to others and our physical and mental health. Those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, lower rates of depression, and less incidence of heart disease, even when controlling for socioeconomic status, education, marital status, age, gender, and ethnicity.

Research suggests that helping others may be particularly beneficial to the health of those serving 100 hours annually. You could view this level of commitment like joining a different kind of health club. In exchange for two hours a week in community service, you’ll improve your own health and life. Perhaps that’s what Galatians 6:9 means when it reminds us to “give away your life; you’ll find life given back ... with bonus and blessing” (*The Message Bible*).

—Lilly Tryon, MSN, RN, *Adventist WholeHealth*

In the Spotlight

**Truth Tabernacle Technology Ministry**

Although active members of a relatively small Allegheny East Conference congregation in York, Pa., Stanley Lewis and Gillian Foster are making a big impact on their community. These Truth Tabernacle members and ministry leaders established and continue to operate a 4-year-old technology class located in the church’s fellowship hall.

Through the innovative “Technology Ministry,” residents can learn basic computer skills through a free, 12- to 15-week course. The one-hour classes are held every Tuesday night for as many as 11 students. The curriculum includes an introduction to Microsoft Office programs as well as digital photography and the Internet. Since the first class in January 2004, nearly 90 students have completed the technology course. There is currently a three-year waiting list for future classes.

Beyond teaching technology skills to an eager audience, each class begins and ends with prayer. And on the first day, students are introduced to church leaders and Bible workers. Upon finishing the course, each student receives a completely refurbished personal computer donated by the Capital City Computer Project in Harrisburg, Pa. They also get a copy of *Steps to Christ*. A graduation ceremony—complete with cap and gown—is held during the church’s divine service, where they receive a Certificate of Completion.

The Technology Ministry



*The Allegheny East Conference awarded Gillian Foster and Stanley Lewis for creating and leading the innovative Truth Tabernacle Technology Ministry in York, Pa.*

upholds the church’s mission: “to spread the truth and love of God to its members and the local community,” relays Lewis, an instructor/technical writer for more than 20 years, both in the Marine Corps and as a Department of Defense contractor. “We have stories of students who have used the skills acquired to start new jobs and gain independence,” beams the father of five.

“We ended up leading the center because technology is our passion, plus we have a desire to help those less fortunate in our community,” adds Foster, the

originator of the program, and an administrative assistant proficient in many Microsoft programs.

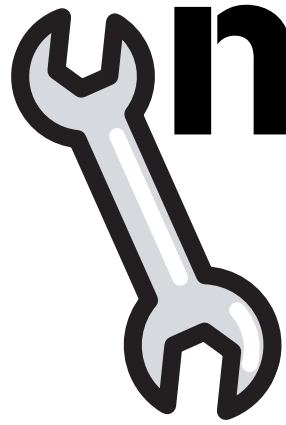
Due to the immense popularity of Technology Ministry, Lewis and Foster are in the process of launching Knowledge is Power (KIP) Incorporated. This program will extend computer training to the elderly and those with handicaps. KIP will also include a vocational apprenticeship program called “Off the Street” to provide vocational training to high school graduates or youth who have not attained a high school diploma. For more information,

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# Homeland Mission



How One Ohio Church is Uniting Their Community

Beth Michaels

**P**aintbrushes. Ladders. Anxious residents. Energetic teens. Dedicated church volunteers. Community support. This is the recipe that the Stillwater Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vandalia, Ohio (a suburb of Dayton), mixed together to cook up their largest community outreach project to date.

With building supplies in hand, Stillwater members put Jesus' commission into action: to reach the brokenhearted by first meeting their needs. And they fulfilled that responsibility in a big way, uniting residents, community and business leaders, and neighboring church congregations through a project they called Crossroads Mission.

## Prepping for Success

It took 16 months of resident interviews, home inspections, presentations, fund raising, and planning—to name just a few items on the long to-do list—for project director Julie Staats and her Stillwater church leadership team to prepare for the big event. Crossroads Mission was going to give the members a chance to magnify



their 5-year-old home improvement program to a grand scale, involving more than 400 youth from 10 states and uniting their community.

“As a church, we already work with the city to bring some homes in our area up to zoning codes, so when they have problems, they call us and we go out and fix them,” explained Staats. So, when asked to co-sponsor and plan the large-scale project with a well-established youth mission group called Group Workcamps Foundation, the church was up to the task. “When I called our city contacts and asked, ‘We’ve got this opportunity, is it something you guys would be interested in?’ they said yes!” she exclaimed.

Working with city officials, not only in Vandalia but several other neighboring towns, Staats and her team helped narrow the search for homes that were in great need of repair. Homeowners who qualified were elderly, disabled, or suffering from economic or social hardships.

With a final list of 100 potential homes, Stillwater youth, joined by youth from neighboring church congregations, prepared the way for the Crossroads Mission project to begin. They delivered supplies and power-washed homes and decks to prepare them for paint and other improvements.

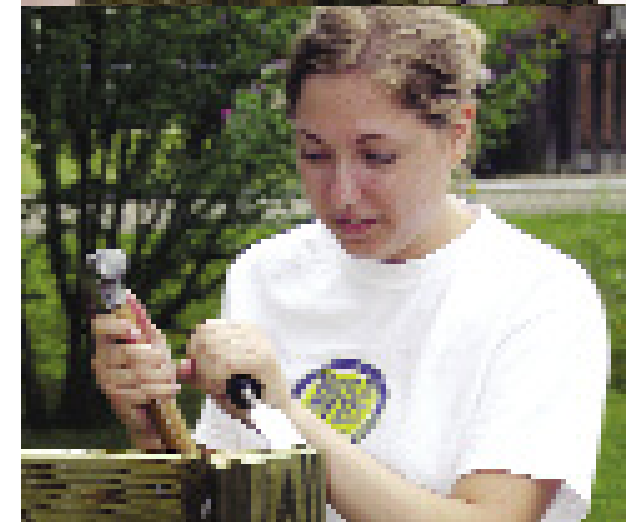
## Adding the Final Ingredient

With all necessary supplies—paint, ladders, wood, nails, etc.—ordered and delivered; with all homes prepped and ready; and with all work details finalized; Crossroads Mission was ready for takeoff. The event's final ingredient was added when nearly 380 teenage volunteers and their adult leaders, from 10 states, arrived and poured out of their busses and vans ready to work.

The teenagers, representing 17 churches of various denominations, were organized into 63 “crews.” The crews spent six days finishing interior and exterior painting, clearing away brush, building or repairing porches and handicap-accessible ramps, etc. The Stillwater leadership team was there to

It was fun to help and the residents became like instant grandparents.

—Hannah Schaefer, Stillwater Church





The Crossroads Mission leadership team: (top row, left to right) Rich Hopkins, from the city of Vandalia, and Stillwater church members Matthew Hutman, Rusty Bartley, Pastor Dave Hutman, Chris Staats, (front row, left to right) Deb Belcher, Hannah Hutman, Amanda Davidson, and Julie Staats.

"I bought this home on my own over 20 years ago. It was a handyman special but it was my dream place where I could keep my first horse," wrote resident Janet Hamilton, pictured with her father, Roy, and horse, Monte. Addressing those responsible for fixing up her home, she added, "I am seeing my house transformed, and it reminds me of those first happy days 20 years ago. I am so impressed with your generosity and joy in helping others. I sincerely thank you for all the work you have done."

While resident Marla Kovacs (right) makes cookies for the teens—with her disabled son, Brent (11) looking on—she explains the benefit of a ramp on their back deck, "One thing will be that [his twin] Jeremy can take him out now and play with him. Before it was hard to get him out because it was just steps on the deck. And he loves to be outside." With tears in her eyes she added, "It's been a blessing. All the people that have come have been so nice. We just can't say enough about how much we appreciate it."

troubleshoot, run for supplies, answer questions, and visit with the residents and team members. "There was just a phenomenal response from the residents," stated Dave Hutman, Stillwater senior pastor. "This has been a pretty incredible partnership for a small town to put together. It's a springboard for building relationships and earning the right to be heard in the community. For us, outreach is about taking the love of God to the people and demonstrating that love through action." That action also showed in the Stillwater members' service to their visiting volunteers. The church made sure that there were representatives from area businesses and organizations to distribute



snacks and happily greet the young crews when they returned from their work sites each afternoon. Pastor Hutman, also the Vandalia Rotary president, even arranged for the organization to provide a barbeque for them.

Ohio Conference leaders (pictured above) made sure to get involved as well, donating funds for the event and helping deliver snacks to the tired teens. "I think this is awesome!" stated conference president Raj Attiken. "This project is in character with who the Stillwater church is and what they've been doing in this community. They have been establishing a real presence and building a lot of bridges."

"The hard work that Julie and her teams put in during the last year and a half has really set us up for successful experiences with the teens who have come to serve," commented Betty Wingerter, a volunteer director for Group Workcamps. "The Stillwater church has gone above and beyond the call of duty in terms of being a co-sponsor," she added. "They have made the young people and adults so welcome and so much a part of the community. They have been a blessing to us."

**Blessings are Served**

After six full days of hard labor—along with fun and worship—the most important aspect of this community event was that God's love was magnificently demonstrated. The residents not only got their homes repaired, but were invited to worship with the volunteers each day at lunchtime. The teens got to make a difference and participate in a



**The Final Tally**

- 40,000+ hours of planning and labor
- 400+ local and visiting volunteers
- 137 ladders
- 63 crews
- 61 homes repaired
- 26 businesses/organizations that donated time and goods
- 18 churches represented
- 10 states
- 2 co-sponsoring organizations
- 1 community blessed



successful homeland mission experience. And the Stillwater church, which has been building relationships with the residents and offering them a spiritual home for their weary hearts, started to see the fruit of their labor.

"We're really starting to have a presence and voice in our community," Pastor Hutman explains. "Right now it's about really making a difference—helping people, serving people—and that is adding a value to what we're doing."



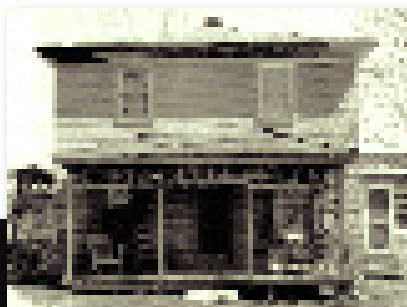
"I never dreamed it possible that something like this would come to us," said homeowner Mike Kovacs (front row, far right), posing with volunteers. "It's God's blessing."

# Early Virginia Adventists Made Historical Impact

New Market, Va., is well known as the home of Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) and the Potomac Conference camp meetings. It's no wonder that the establishment of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Virginia began in this auspicious setting.

Although Adventism was not officially introduced into the Shenandoah Valley until 1876, Isaac Zirkle got the ball rolling in 1869. The former New Market resident moved to Indiana, attended meetings held by brothers Elbert B. and Sands H. Lane, and was subsequently baptized. Zirkle then sent Adventist literature to his brother John and his wife, Elizabeth, back in New Market.

The couple asked for a minister to come teach them, and Elbert B. Lane and J. O. Corliss, from Battle Creek, Mich., arrived at the Zirkle's home on Wednesday, January 28, 1876. The next day they



A group of new believers in front of Abraham C. Neff's home.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF RICHARD E. HARRIS

held Virginia's first Seventh-day Adventist worship at the nearby Oak Shade schoolhouse (inset below). The following Sunday evening they preached at the Polytechnic Institute, a newly re-chartered high school.

Unfortunately, after one meeting the trustees prevented them from using the hall. The meetings were moved to a Christian church at Soliloquy, located on the farm of Ephraim Woods, approximately four miles north of New Market. "Father Woods" had nine sons who fought for the Confederacy, during the Civil War, and all returned home safely.

## STRUGGLES AND TRIUMPHS

But, according to a *Review and Herald* report by Lane and Corliss, March 9, 1876, the New Market citizens didn't take kindly to the trustees declining the use of the hall. They were so "aroused" that they obtained permission to use the Methodist Episcopal church and re-invited the ministers. The pair divided their time between meetings in Soliloquy and New Market, with about 60 attendees at each site.

In their *Review* article, July 6, 1876, the ministers explained how they grappled with clergy opposition when a Lutheran minister influenced the Methodists to close their church to them. After moving the meetings into a home, attendance dropped to about 20. Then they pitched what was known as the "Virginia tent" in New Market. Continuing with the Soliloquy meeting, about 50 worshippers attended combined Sabbath services.

Ellen, Lane's wife, was a vital worker in her own right. She visited homes and gave public lectures on temperance. On one occasion 650 people attended. While speaking in a United Brethren church, half of the listeners were turned away due to lack of space.



On June 17, 1876, Elizabeth Zirkle (pictured left) became the first Adventist in Virginia, when she was baptized in Smith Creek near New Market. Her husband, John, followed her nine years later and their son, Charles, a year after that.

On a sad note, the September 7, 1876, issue of the *Review* indicated that Corliss' 20-month-old daughter, Lou Ellen, died of whooping cough and was buried in New Market.

On January 13, 1877, after much hard work, the evangelists organized Virginia's first Adventist church in Soliloquy. The second church was organized on October 30, 1879, in Marksville, Va. In 1887 this congregation erected a building in nearby Sands, later known as Stanley. Ellen White visited the newly constructed church November 7-10, 1890, and spoke seven times. She also enjoyed some sightseeing at nearby Luray Caverns.

## CONFERENCE AND SCHOOL BEGINNINGS

By March 4, 1883, with 86 members and three churches, Corliss was sent back to organize the Virginia Conference. Abraham C. Neff, a charter member and Virginia's first ordained Adventist minister, served as the Conference's first president from 1883-1887. He served a second term from 1888-1889. The Virginia Conference and the District of Columbia Conference (organized in 1909) were reorganized into the Potomac Conference in 1924.

Neff's son, John Peter, later served 25 years as secretary of education for the Columbia Union Conference.

Robert D. Hottel (pictured right), the eldest son in a family of 14, heard the Adventist message before



leaving for Battle Creek College, where James White baptized him. Hottel married Mollie Zirkle (pictured, bottom), the daughter of John and Elizabeth. He and A. C. Neff were among the founders of Shenandoah Valley Academy (pictured below). In 1911 Hottel's son, John, graduated from SVA's first class and went on to become principal of the school in 1921. He also served as principal at Mt. Vernon Academy in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The elder Hottel became the second conference president. He also served two terms from 1889-1891 and 1900-1907.



It's no doubt that these pioneering families paved the way for Virginia's strong Adventist history. With numerous churches and schools, and the Potomac Conference headquarters firmly entrenched in the state, its history continues to unfold.

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# Hyattsville Church

## Celebrating 75 Years of Family-Friendliness

It was the perfect day for a celebration and a reunion. The rays of sun streaking across the clear blue skies seemed to confirm the presence of God. The pristine sanctuary was filled with current and former members of the Hyattsville Seventh-day Adventist Church. They were there to celebrate the 75th anniversary of this Potomac Conference church located at 4905 42nd Place in Hyattsville, Md.

A plaque in the entryway outlines its austere beginning: *In the autumn of 1931 there was held in Hyattsville a series of meetings by the workers of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The effort was underwritten largely by their generosity and that of the publishing house. On the first Sabbath in January 1932, there was organized a company which consisted of certain Review and Herald workers, a few other believers, and the fruitage of the meetings.*

*On the first Sabbath in January 1939, the church moved into this house of God. ...*

Interestingly enough, the congregation still carries its original name, which is Review and Herald Memorial church. However, because of its location, it also goes by Hyattsville.



### FEELS LIKE FAMILY

Sabbath School opened with the Parade of Nations. Members representing Ghana, Eritrea, Trinidad, and Native America wore cultural attire and carried flags as they passed the plaque into the church.

Manasseh Berhane, a member since 1991, represented Eritrea. "This church sponsored my family to come to the United States," he remembers. "The members are fantastic."

Berhane is a living fulfillment of the church's mission statement: "We, the Hyattsville Seventh-day Adventist Church, ... cherish individuals and families, embrace cultural diversity, and lovingly serve our community until Jesus Christ's second coming."

Diane Bryson, a member for almost 20 years, likes the family atmosphere. With 152 members, and 90 weekly attendees, familiarity is a given. Peggy Lee, a 50-year member and church treasurer for the past 22 years, says, "Our motto is 'A Place That Feels Like Home.'" Linda Lundberg has been feeling at home at Hyattsville for 47 years. "The adults nurtured us and cared about us," she states. "We still try to do that."

From its beginnings, Hyattsville has also served the community. In February 1933, during the Great Depression, the church created a medical clinic for the needy. Prominent Catholic lawyer George B. Furman was so impressed by the clinic



Platform participants for the 75th anniversary celebration included (left to right): Joe Graves, current lay pastor; Elmer Herrera, former elder of the Hyattsville Spanish congregation; Nancy and former Hyattsville pastor Ric Pleasants; and Kurt Allen, Potomac Conference vice president for finance.

that he gave them a lot of land. From 1933 to 1972 the clinic, during the height of its service, assisted nearly 4,000 individuals annually.

And today is no different. "We have held small group meetings, training seminars, and been a downlink site for several worldwide evangelism satellite series," says pastor Ebenezer Samuel. Hyattsville also hosts Regeneration Ministries meetings, Vacation Bible School, and a bread ministry.

Another noteworthy heritage of the members' missionary labor is the outgrowth of the Spencerville, Decatur Heights, Beltsville, and Hyattsville Spanish churches.

### A DAY TO REMINISCE

The worship service was filled with soul-stirring prayer and heavenly music. Luanna Campos played the violin; 10-year-old Bryan Joseph, the steel pan; and Gloria Suescun and Jeka Unnikumaran also gave spirit-filled renditions. Kurt Allen, Potomac Conference's vice president for finance, presided over the tithe and offering, while former pastor Ric Pleasants (1977-1980) delivered the sermon. "God was not at his best when He made the sun, the seas, or humans—it was when He made Salvation available to us," proclaimed Pleasants.

After the service, attendees made their way to Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., for lunch and to reminisce. Pastor Samuel visited the church in 1999 and was drawn to the fellowship and unity. "I was so impressed by the way they

greeted the guests and made them feel at home. Little did I know that one day I would be pastoring this church."

Starting in 2000, Samuel worked for two years as a volunteer associate pastor, at the request of former pastor José Cortés. He took over full time after Cortés left. "It all happened because they welcomed me with open arms and made me feel at home."

Pam Johnson met her husband, Byrd, when they were kids in the Sabbath School Junior Division. "We started dating while we were in the Youth Division and eventually got married," she says. "Our lives centered on church and church family."

Samuel wants to ensure the continuation of this legacy. "As a pastor I'm responsible for training the young people and making them strong members and pillars in the church," he explains. "I try to encourage members to be reflectors of Jesus Christ and His character."

In mirroring His character, the church's multicultural family also reflects the family of God. "You can't experience heaven without experiencing it here on Earth," Samuel notes. For the last 75 years, Hyattsville has been preparing its members for that eternal experience.

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Pastor Ebenezer Samuel first visited the Hyattsville church in 1999 and became a member. Today he pastors the family-friendly flock.



Hyattsville members enjoy a music-filled anniversary service, including steel pan and violin renditions.

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### Sycamore Building a Brighter Future

Richard Haas

**W**ith an expansion underway, this is a pretty exciting time for the Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore (KMC-Sycamore) campus. Obviously the expansion will increase services, but it will also make the hospital more appealing and convenient for patients and their family members. Sycamore will also have a new address, a new main entrance drive, and a *higher* profile, thanks to a massive, four-story addition to be completed this fall.

The steel framework for the 130,000-square-foot addition was completed in February. By mid-May, all the precast panels were affixed to the building, giving area residents a pretty good idea of what the finished facility will look like.

In the past couple of years, we have worked to enhance the inpatient, medical imaging, surgical, emergency, pulmonary, and rehabilitation services. This project will really bring our campus up to the next level. We will have a spacious front lobby with new retail shops, a pharmacy, and refreshment center.

A sleep center, Kettering Breast

Evaluation Center, wellness education, patient registration, lab, and outpatient services will also inhabit the space. Several new physician specialists will relocate to the new facility. Looking forward, plans call for the addition of an interventional heart catheterization lab and expanded private patient rooms.

The KMC-Sycamore physicians and staff are also very proud of their recent national recognition. For the past three years, KMC-Sycamore has been the only hospital in the region to be recognized by J.D. Power and Associates for "service excellence." It has also been noted as a Solucient Top 100 Hospital, by HealthGrades, for

pulmonary and stroke care, and by Premier, Inc., for delivering the highest quality pneumonia, hip, and knee care—in a cost-effective way. Sycamore has also recently been recognized as a stroke center of excellence by JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), and as a bariatric center of excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery.

As the community continues to grow, KMC-Sycamore will continue to broaden its services. Our ultimate goal is to be well prepared and ready to meet their healthcare needs.

Richard Haas is a senior executive officer at Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore in Miamisburg, Ohio.



Kettering Medical Center-Sycamore's expansion will feature a spacious front lobby with retail shops, a pharmacy, and refreshment center. A sleep center, breast evaluation center, wellness education, patient registration, lab, and outpatient services will also be housed in the new facility.





## Ultrasound Expert

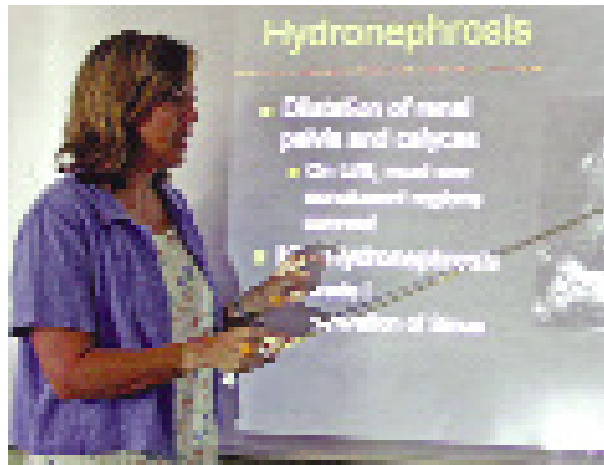
Stacy Schwan

People think that the lives of Micronesians, who live on beautiful tropical islands, are carefree, and a constant paradise,” said Susan Price, MS, ED, reflecting on her mission trip to the Marshall Islands earlier this year. “The islands are a great place to be if you’re healthy, but—if you’re sick—life can be challenging and short.”

Price was planning her fourth teaching trip to Micronesia when she learned of the need for an ultrasound machine at a Marshall Islands hospital in Majuro, where she would be serving.

The associate professor at Ohio’s Kettering College of Medical Arts, and an expert in ultrasound technology, was not surprised.

“On every island where I have worked, the ultrasound machine has been old and in poor working condition,” she said. “And while caring for people on the islands of Micronesia, my experience is that the extent and effect of disease is far more advanced than other areas. Because there is a lot of gestational diabetes and late prenatal care, an ultrasound machine is crucial.”



Susan Price’s lecture series at a Marshall Islands hospital was attended by 178 medical personnel.

The resourceful Price called on several friends who sell ultrasound machines and asked them about possibly donating one. “The timing of your call was incredible,” said one friend. It turned out that, just the day before, this friend learned of a machine that was available for donation. The machine was ideal because it had a specific ob/gyn package and utilized “color flow Doppler,” a specialized capability that detects blood flow and is highly useful for cases involving obstetrics and vascular structures.

The ultrasound machine was shipped to Majuro, and Price followed to set it up. She then trained hospital staff in using the machine by performing 84 ultrasound studies with them. Enlarged thyroids and gallbladders, leukemia, and advanced cervical cancer were some of the conditions they encountered. Both the ultrasound machine and the training were tremendous blessings to the staff. In the past, they had to leave the island for instruction and did not have the benefit of hands-on, one-on-one training.

Price also gave a lecture series, which was attended by 178 hospital personnel. “As always, I was struck by the good-heartedness of the people I met on the islands and their eagerness to learn about how we practice medicine in the United States,” she said. “I stressed that early detection of medical conditions is an important key to successful treatment and can save many lives.”

Reflecting on her experiences serving, Price says, “In Micronesia, sick people from the outer islands sometimes travel for days in small boats just to get to the nearest clinic. Once they get there, the clinics many times don’t have the proper medications or diagnostic equipment to make them better.”

An excerpt from her journal chronicles one of Price’s many poignant memories. It also reminds her of the incalculable value of both the equipment and training to the island people:



Susan Price, associate professor at Kettering College of Medical Arts and an ultrasound expert, trains X-ray technician Junior John to use a newly donated ultrasound machine.



...Yesterday in the ob/gyn clinic I did an ultrasound on a woman from the outer islands who had advanced cervical cancer. Her uterus was so enlarged that it was obstructing both ureters and causing severe bilateral hydromehors. She was so afraid; I tried to comfort her by touching her arm, but I knew that she and her husband could understand that her prognosis was not good. My heart went out to her. Even though she was from the other side of the world, and we could not understand each other, I realized how much we had in common. She was a woman like me with children, a husband, and a family of which she was an integral part. But she was dying of a cancer that is literally unheard of in my country because of a simple procedure called a pap smear.

According to Price, experiences like these renew her appreciation for the blessings of being born in the United States and having the opportunity to go to

college. However, along with these God-given blessings comes the obligation to use them for good.

“I think when you are given opportunities it is your responsibility, as a citizen of the world, to help other people who may not have had the same chances in life,” says Price. “These trips are very meaningful to me because they always help me to put my life in perspective. As people of Christian faith, it is part of our calling to assist people in need. This type of unconditional help for the sick and needy is, to me, the real meaning of Christianity.”

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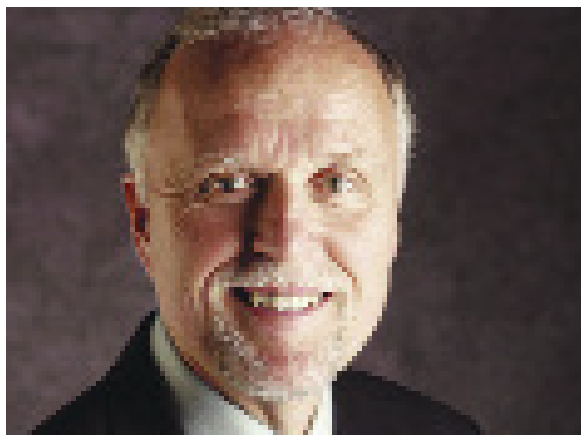
## Kettering College Gets New Dean

Victor Brown is the new dean for enrollment management at Ohio's Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA). "Victor will bring great depth of experience, and remarkable energy and passion to his work on behalf of our college mission and community," said Charles Scriven, KCMA president.

"I believe the college has a bright future, and I am excited to be part of it," says Brown. He replaces David Lofthouse, who recently accepted a position at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. "My wife, Laurie, and I are looking forward to joining the Kettering College team."

Brown has been vice president for Enrollment Services at Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash., since 1998. Prior to that, the ordained minister served as chaplain and vice president for Enrollment Services at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, for 13 years. He also had ministerial, teaching, and recruitment experience at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va., and Mile High Academy in Denver, Colo., between 1976-1985.

Brown completed a master's degree in theology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and a bachelor's in both history and religion from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. —*Mindy Claggett*



## Grandview Helps Employees Become Homeowners

Grandview Hospital has launched an exciting program to encourage its employees to purchase homes in four targeted neighborhoods surrounding Grandview's campus. This initiative is part of its Renaissance Project.

There are many benefits to employees, such as proximity to RiverScape, the Dayton Art Institute, the bike train system, and downtown Dayton. Shortened commuting times and fuel savings are additional

perks. The hospital also benefits by strengthening its surrounding neighborhoods and community.

"There are so many wonderful aspects of our neighborhood already, and the Renaissance Project has several community partners working to make it even better," said Grandview Medical Center president Roy Chew, PhD. "We will have increased green space, better traffic flow and parking, and new area development. There are so many homes around here with a great deal of charm, and it is exciting that our employees can play a part in Renaissance through this home-buyer program."

Grafton Hill, Five Oaks, Riverdale, and Dayton View neighborhoods are eligible for the program, which offers a broad range of housing and prices. Grandview—in partnership with The HomeOwnership Center, Fifth Third Bank, and the city of Dayton—will provide funds to pay for credit reports and counseling, home ownership and maintenance classes for first-time home buyers, plus an incentive of 3 percent (up to a maximum of \$4,000). The HomeOwnership Center may also be able to offer additional financial incentives to income-eligible employees.

"This is essentially free money," said Beth Deutscher, executive director of the HomeOwnership Center. "It's the most liberal down payment assistance program available in the community, with no income requirement for potential buyers."

All employees (.4 full-time equivalent and greater) are eligible for the incentive, including interns and residents. The only restriction on the funds is that buyers must live in the home for a period of three years. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We have had 30 employees inquire about the home ownership program so far, and we just had our first closing," said Kelly Fackel, vice president for Development, Grandview Medical Center. "It's such a win-win situation. Employees get a good bit of help in realizing their dream of home ownership, we have more of our workforce in close proximity to the hospital, and the neighborhood just keeps getting better."



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# ALLEGHENY EAST *Exposé*

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## Nearly 70 Attend 29th Annual Fitness Camp

Nearly 70 summer campers, supported by 25 volunteer staffers, recently traveled to the Allegheny East Conference (AEC) headquarters in Pine Forge, Pa. They arrived with their bedding, swimsuits, summer clothes, cameras, and air conditioners. But this was no ordinary summer camp. This was Fit 4 You, the Allegheny East Conference's 29-year-old Health Ministries initiative that's changing lives and freeing people from chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and heart disease.

For two weeks every year, adult campers from all over the East Coast and from as far away as

Bermuda and Colorado, head to camp to learn and practice the secrets of longevity and good health. Many come because they can't seem to lose weight. Others come because they can't get a handle on their diabetes or blood pressure, but all come ready to embark on a health educational journey filled with seminars, cooking classes, and early morning walks.

One of those campers was an 18-year-old man from Philadelphia who is



Stretching, led by Faye Gregory, is taught as an important part of proper fitness.



obese and already has high blood pressure. After two weeks of daily exercise (and no TV), gourmet vegan meals, lots of water, lots of encouragement, and strictly following the natural health principles espoused at Fit 4 You, he lost 20 pounds and his blood pressure normalized.

"It was very rewarding for all of us—the staff and the campers—because everyone realized the importance of a lifestyle change. They left understanding how simple it is to adopt and how it can be done, something heavily emphasized in our theme Mission Possible!" said Leah Scott (pictured), executive director of the camp. "Many can't believe that this place exists, and they can't wait to tell their friends and come back next year with those friends."



Two ladies who attended last year went home and started a group called Soy Sistas, which meets weekly to enjoy vegan meals using the Fit 4 You recipes and share health tips. This year they returned with several friends who enjoyed losing weight and getting healthy together. "After seeing the results of the Soy Sistas, I came to jumpstart the healthy new me," exclaimed one attendee from New Jersey.

The event ended with a graduation, where attendees received diplomas and congratulatory hugs, and enjoyed a vegan Caribbean celebration.—*Celeste Ryan Blyden*



Campers of all ages and fitness levels learned the value of a daily morning stretch and walk.

## Prison Ministries Federation Leaders Recharge

The annual AEC Prison Ministries Federation retreat in Waymart, Pa., recently gave ministry workers an opportunity to refresh. Clinton Joyner (pictured) of the Prentiss Park church in Portsmouth, Va., delivered the opening worship on Friday evening, with the admonition to stay prayerful and vigilant and to work harmoniously together.

Sabbath morning dawned beautifully with New Jersey Chapter president Morris Wilder leading a



wonderful Sabbath School study. Minnie McNeil, ACS, Inner City, Prison, and Women's Ministries director, followed with her sermon. She shared her experiences and lessons learned on how God uses his servants to influence ministry.

For the first time, the Prison Ministries retreat participants shared the facility with another group, the Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship International (FGBMFI) of Harrisburg, Pa. Initially, the two groups only shared meals together, but as the weekend progressed, the FGBMFI leader requested to participate in some of the Prison Ministries services. At the conclusion of their meetings, both groups agreed they should join efforts in ministry whenever possible.

Prentiss Park church pastor Armando Reid turned communion



More than 120 Prison Ministries officers and members from the Allegheny East Conference enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship and renew their spiritual connection during the annual retreat.

into a thank-you service for the Lord on Saturday evening, but then awakened attendees to the importance of how they are ministering during his Sunday morning presentation. "What Time Is It?" was certainly on time and appropriate as we consider where we are in Earth's history according to prophecy.—Edith Tucker

## Philadelphia Church Launches Discipleship Ministry

After more than two years of praying for the Lord to give them a way to effectively reach into the surrounding community, the Women's Ministries sisters of the Southwest Philadelphia church got their answer. At His appointed time, the Lord gave direction to Hazel P. Matthias (pictured), Personal



Ministries leader.

Finding a plan that would meet the needs of church members, as well as disadvantaged local

residents led Matthias to the Bible study series *Master Life*. The series is designed to assist each participant in the development of a rich, personal relationship with Jesus.

*Master Life* is intended to enable participants to make Christ the master of their lives by mastering their own life and developing a personal, lifelong, obedient relationship with



Southwest Philadelphia church members Edval Hunter and Verna Scott take part in

Him. The process of becoming effective disciples for Christ encompasses six specific courses, including "Spend Time With the Master" and "Pray in Faith."

Member Tressie L. Staten developed a visual presentation that clearly depicted the message of *Master Life*. After presenting the video, church members committed—by signing a pledge—to participate in four, six-week Bible studies in

preparation for their new role as disciples. Once their training is complete, they will set out to witness to the lost and disenfranchised in their communities.—Janice D. Jenkins

## Upcoming Event

### Family Ministries Convention October 5-7

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## Conference Hosts Zimbabwean Camp Meeting

The Association of Zimbabwean (called Zim) Adventists of North America (AZANA) hosted their third camp meeting, held at the Allegheny West Conference (AWC) campgrounds. AZANA was formed in 2005 "to assist in stabilizing the Zim faith community and to meet its specific needs," explains president Trust Hogo. It started with members of the Zim faith community from nine states, but the Lord has blessed their work by expanding their territory quickly. Members from 18 states and four countries were present at this year's meetings.

The AZANA camp meeting activities included prayer sessions and a morning manna worship service. There were morning seminars for Pathfinders, children, youth, collegiate, and adults. Guest presenters included George Dzmiri, DMin, from Loma Linda, Calif., who gave workshops on stewardship, and Ronnie Mache, a member of the Ephesus church in Columbus, who covered the topics of marriage and parenting.

Following midday preaching and afternoon seminars, the evening started with lively music followed by soulful preaching. The guest speaker was Pastor Tobias Tunhira (pictured) from the Central Zimbabwe Conference. One member compared him to "a stick of dynamite—once the fuse was lit, he was powerful and explosive with the Word of God."



## Ramah Students Earn Cleveland Marathon Medals

As a part of the school's wellness program, three students from Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland recently participated in Motivating Movement Through Marathon. This program is sponsored by Steps to a Healthier Cleveland, a program of the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Cleveland and the Cleveland Municipal School District.

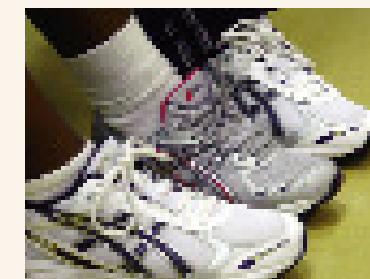
The 200 fifth- through eighth-grade students from the participating schools ran several times a week for a



The Ramah marathoners were students (left to right) Russell Thomas, LeDreitha Bennett, and Riley Thomas. One of their trainers for the running event was parent/

total of 25 miles over a period of nearly three months. The three Ramah students who participated were eighth-grader LeDreitha Bennett and brothers Russell and Riley Thomas, seventh- and fifth-graders respectively. A team made up of the school's

physical education teacher André Nickens, parent/coach Russell Thomas, and a fitness director from the Euclid YMCA, led their training. While training for the program,



the students were allowed to workout at their local YMCA. Each student also received free running shoes (pictured), a T-shirt, pedometer, shoe bags, a water bottle, and other incentives for reaching mileage goals.

On the morning of the Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon, the students all met at the downtown YMCA for a pre-race event. Anne Audain, a professional runner and former teacher, gave a motivational speech. Professionals from the CDPH and the YMCA were also there to congratulate the students. After the speeches, the excited students ran the final 1.2 miles of their 26.2 miles with the professional marathon runners.

"It was an honor to run in a real marathon with my friends and brother," stated Riley. At the finish line, the students received their medal and then returned to the YMCA for a celebration party.—Tara Taylor

## Attendees Blessed by Camp Meeting Diversity

Driven By A Vision One More River To Cross” was the theme for this year’s camp meeting. Among the many esteemed speakers were Delbert Baker, PhD, president of Oakwood College (Ala.), and Alvin Kibble, a vice president of the North American Division, who addressed adult



Pathfinders, led by director Marsha Ragland, march to post colors in the

attendees. The youth hosted Rupert Bushner, DMin, Oakwood College chaplain, and Nathaniel Lyles, Jr., youth pastor of Cleveland’s Glenville church. Pastor and author Charles Bradford spoke for the annual Sensational Seniors banquet, where each senior was presented with a lap throw (top, right) commemorating the conference’s 40th anniversary.

The Multicultural Ministries Camp Meeting weekend also gave Hispanic and Brazilian members a chance to be blessed. The keynote speakers were conference president James L. Lewis and executive secretary Carl Rogers. In his presentations, Hispanic speaker Armando De Leon emphasized a commitment to the Lord’s work. De Leon is the Hispanic coordinator for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Another speaker was Jason Ridley, a new pastor in Charleston and Huntington, W.Va. He challenged young members to follow more in Jesus’ footsteps. “Praise the Lord for His presence during camp meeting,” exclaimed Libny H. Dubreuze, Multicultural Ministries director.



Conference leaders and pastors gather for the ordination prayer of Jack McCrary and Andrew Kim. McCrary is pastor of the Charlottesville and Gordonsville (Va.) churches, while Kim pastors the Korean church in Worthington, Ohio.



Geraldine Cannon and Jacquelyn Johnson, twins from the Glenville church in Cleveland, Ohio.

The orchestra from the Korean church in Worthington, Ohio, plays for the ordination service.



Delegates of the 1967 constituency session are honored for their work in helping to form the Allegheny West Conference.

Elder Mamie Clemons from Hillcrest church in Pittsburgh proudly holds her Point of Light award. She was one of five to receive the honor, which is presented to members who have shown exemplary service to church work.

## Calendar

### September

- 14-16 Women’s Ministries Retreat, Roanoke, W.Va.
- 29 Northern Ohio Youth Federation, Cleveland

### October

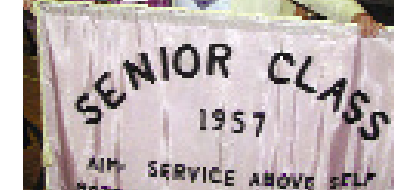
- 20 Southern Ohio Youth Federation, Dayton, Ohio
- 27 Virginia/West Virginia Youth Federation, Charlottesville, Va.
- 28 Midterm Constituency Session, Cleveland

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## Attendees Blessed by Alumni Weekend

God blessed Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) with a great alumni weekend! It was wonderful to see so many there, but we missed those who didn’t come.

The weekend started on Friday with the ever-popular golf tournament. Friday evening, the Class of 1987 and Philadelphia Academy alumni welcomed the Sabbath hours with a thought-provoking vespers that took us back in time and encouraged us to look forward to where our lives are heading spiritually.



Roy Dingle, 1957 class agent, and his wife, Betty, proudly parade their class banner for the alumni honor class ceremony.

many memories, as did members of the Class of 1957 who represented BMA’s second graduating class.

The Class of 1982 presented the worship service Sabbath morning. The guest speaker was Dave

Sabbath morning offered the option of Sabbath School with the Class of 1977 or the Class of 1997. The stirring parade of honor class banners, accompanied by the drum corps, brought back



Alumni Robert Nixon (left) and David Malin presented their 1957 class gift of more than 180 new chairs to replace broken and damaged ones in the gymnasium. Alumni president Karen Holland challenged others to match the gift. As a result, enough funds were raised for more than 500 new chairs.



Alumni (left to right) Marian Ruvo ('55), Daneen Achenbach ('55), and Joan Stirewalt ('57) enjoyed catching up.

Weigley ('70), Columbia Union Conference president. He touched our hearts with the message of Christ’s relentless love, and how an alumni weekend was the catalyst for his brother Paul to realize that it is never too late to come back to the loving arms of the Savior.

Sabbath afternoon the BMA String Ensemble presented an inspiring, sacred concert. The Sabbath hours were brought to a close with a vesper program presented by the Class of 1967, followed by the annual alumni-student basketball game. To view this year’s honor class photos visit our website at [www.bma.us](http://www.bma.us).

At the Sunday brunch our new alumni officers were presented as follows: Jim Fazio ('83), president; Shari Nash ('79), first vice president; Glen Newhart ('87), second vice president; and Kim Collins ('77), secretary/treasurer. As the new alumni officers take their places, I want you to know that it has been a pleasure to serve as your alumni president. Thanks for your support, shared ideas, and talents. How blessed we are to be part of the BMA family!

Plan now to attend alumni weekend, April 25-27, 2008. The worship speaker will be Ken Stout ('64), professor of theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.). May each of us plan to be part of that grand reunion when Jesus comes to take us to our heavenly home!



Karen Newhart Holland ('75), Past Alumni President

## Students Benefit From Prayer PATCH

In 1995 Michael Cauley, then Pennsylvania Conference president, presented the idea of establishing Prayer PATCH (People Actively Touching Children's Hearts) in Pennsylvania. In 1997 Sue Shobe (pictured) became the Prayer PATCH coordinator. "I was excited that Prayer PATCH would involve parents, alumni, friends, and constituents in praying for our youth and would be a powerful tool in winning the war for our children," she said of the 12-year-old program.



We all know our young people are being attacked. Children struggle with acceptance, loneliness, and peer pressure. Prayer PATCH is a way for adults to support these young people while they are away from their parents and, in many cases, making life-impacting decisions. While it is not necessary to write letters or cards, a note can really make a difference. It may arrive on a day when a student is having a difficult time or just needs to know someone cares.

If you would like to be involved in Prayer PATCH during the 2007-08 school year, provide your name, address, phone, and email, along with how many individual students you would like to pray for, and the conference will send you an information sheet with a photo of your student. You can send this information to Shobe at 104 Creamery Road, Hamburg, PA 19526, by email at pwschobe@hotmail.com, or by phone at (610) 562-4533.

## Insider Tip: The Bathrooms Need an Upgrade

Psst! Want an 'insider' tip on the next big thing?" asks 1983 alumnus Jim Fazio (pictured below), BMA Alumni Association president and Development Committee member. "In a movie from the 1960s, Dustin Hoffman played a recent college graduate who was given advice by a friend who summed up a spectacular potential business and career opportunity in



one word, plastics. At BMA the future is not in plastic, but in *bathrooms*."

Fazio is referring to the "Continuing the Dream... Capital Campaign," which has helped fund improvements made to Edison Hall, expansion of the curriculum, completion of the sewer plant renovation project,

and improvements made to landscaping through the campus beautification project. Additionally, campaign funds have been used to help more than 50 students through the student aid program.

Future needs include a \$350,000 renovation of the dormitory bathrooms. The bathrooms have not been upgraded in more than 50 years, and they show it! The school received a jumpstart on this huge undertaking when BMA alumni Herb and Marilyn Dennison (pictured) donated the toilets, sinks,



and labor needed for the plumbing part of the project. Since the bathrooms and floors under them will need to be completely gutted, much cement and steel work will be required. If you or your company has supplies, equipment, or skills that will help reduce the cost of these renovations, you are encouraged to contact Kathleen Sutton at kathys@bma.us or (610) 562-4214.

Let God speak to your heart as you consider the needs of the academy. Get in early on this opportunity and partner with BMA, your friends, and God! Make your gift online or mail it to Continuing the Dream, Blue Mountain Academy, 2363 Mountain Road, Hamburg, PA 19526.

## Coming EVENTS

### September

- 6-8 Union Leadership Retreat
- 11, 12 ITED Testing
- 19-23 Home Leave
- 30-Oct. 1 Sports Festival
- CUC College Days

### October

- 12-14 Leadership Retreat
- 17-21 Home Leave
- 23 Recognition Dinner

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# THE CHALLENGE

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## Come! Go!

Healthy Christianity is elliptical. It polarizes around two opposing, harmonious forces. One is centripetal: the invitation "Come." The other is centrifugal: the commission, "Go!" One without the other produces the eccentric. Together they put the Christian in orbit.

Jesus said, "Come unto me," and the Christian life begins with a sincere response to this invitation. But that is just the beginning, as there is also the commission, "Go into all of the world." A person must know Christ to serve Him. It is pointless to go to others until you have first come to Jesus yourself. You have to have something to give when you go.

The coming and the going are held together in dynamic tension. One without the other creates a distortion of true religion. The one who comes to Jesus and abides in Him, and then goes in His strength and love to others, is a blessing to everyone in their orbit. Their lives, filled with the resources of grace, are constantly channeling those resources to others.



Rob Vandeman  
President

## Berkeley Springs Youth Earns Military Honors

Private First Class Brennan Marte (pictured) recently graduated from basic and Initial Entry Training at Fort Knox, Ky. At his graduation he was awarded the prestigious Association of the United States Army



Patton Award. This award is presented to the soldier who "best expresses the qualities of leadership, honor, initiative, loyalty, high morale, courage, positive attitude, and consistent competitive spirit, which inspires peers and cadre." Marte was one of only five (out of

a class of 30) to graduate from the Excellence in Cavalry training course and received the Excellence in Cavalry award for "possessing the ability and drive to excel in leadership, fitness, technical and tactical proficiency, with an increased knowledge of Cavalry skills beyond his peers."

Marte is the son of Heidi and Marcos Marte. They are all members of the Berkeley Springs (W.Va.) church. Military recruiters report that following the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City that there has been a surge of patriotism and enlistments among young people. Included in this increase are many Seventh-day Adventists, who, like Marte, feel called to serve both God and country. Our Chesapeake churches have both the responsibility and opportunity to reach out and minister to these young

people during their military service and let them know that we as a Church are proud of them and that they are important to us.

Adventist Chaplain's Ministry (ACM) is there to assist our churches in this important ministry. ACM provides spiritual and pastoral support and Bible retreats for our members in uniform. They also provide Military Bible Kits, church journals, devotional books, Military Chapel Worship Groups, and literature for outreach. To learn more about how your church can minister to young people in active service in the military, and to discover the resources that are available, visit [www.adventistchaplains.org](http://www.adventistchaplains.org), or call (301) 680-6780.

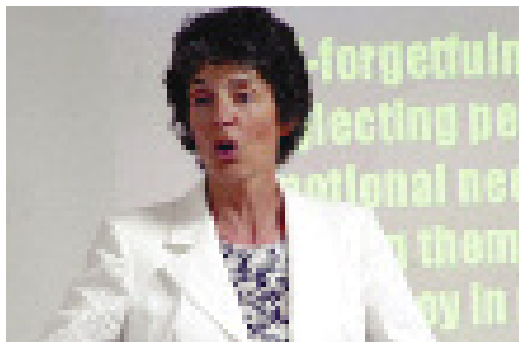
## Annual ACS/Disaster Response Summit Planned

Hear inspiring reports, tour the new ACS/DR trailers, talk shop, enjoy lunch, and leave better equipped to serve at the annual ACS/Disaster Response Summit. Planned for September 16, the theme is "Can The World See Jesus In You?" The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the conference office auditorium.

The registration form deadline is September 10. For more information, contact Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910 or (301) 596-5600.

## Camp Meeting Provides Spiritual Feast

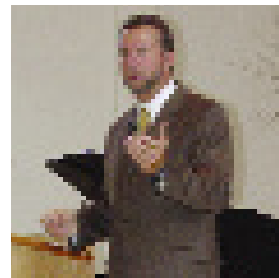
The 2007 Chesapeake Camp Meeting was, by all accounts, one of the best spiritual feasts in recent memory. Inspiring preaching, practical seminars, wonderful music, and well-designed children's programs all combined to make for a memorable gathering. Here are some highlights:



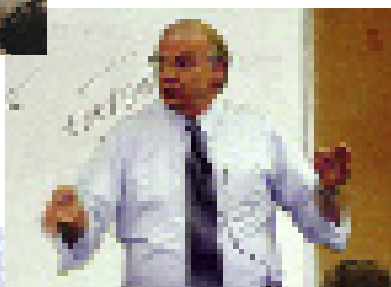
Vicki Griffin, author, speaker, and director of the Lifestyle Matters Health Intervention series, helps attendees find freedom from hurtful habits.



Gary Krause, director of the Office of Adventist Mission for the worldwide Adventist Church, challenges members to keep the world on their hearts.



Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference president, sets the tone for evangelism.

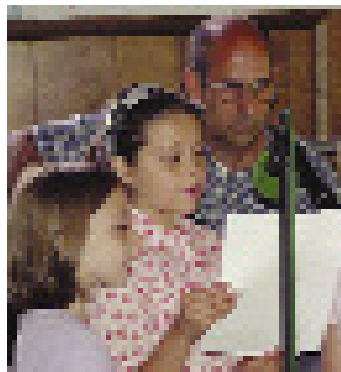


Will Eva, associate pastor of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., outlines practical methods for gaining greater appreciation of the Bible.

Randy Roberts, DMin, senior pastor of the Loma Linda (Calif.) University church, "feeds" attendees during the weekend.



Speakers and grandparents Bob and Myrna Tetz share practical principles on parenting.



Junior girls lead a song while the class focuses on a spiritual body-building theme.



Mike Tucker, speaker/director of Faith for Today, connects with our weekday evening audience.



Primary leaders Wayne and Sheri Wuerstlin create a visual lesson from the wilderness tabernacle.

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# THE GATEWAY

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# Columbia Union College

## 62 Graduate at Summer Commencement

Columbia Union College (CUC) recently graduated more than 60 students during the summer commencement exercises at Sligo church on campus. The summer Class of 2007 had seven Master of Business Administration degrees, 52 baccalaureate degrees (18 Bachelor of Arts and 34 Bachelor of Science degrees), and three Associate of Applied Science degrees conferred.

CUC interim president Gaspar Colón (pictured) encouraged students to look beyond the obvious during his commencement address. He urged the graduates to stand firm to moral absolutes and used Philippians 3:12-14 to illustrate his point of pressing toward the goal.



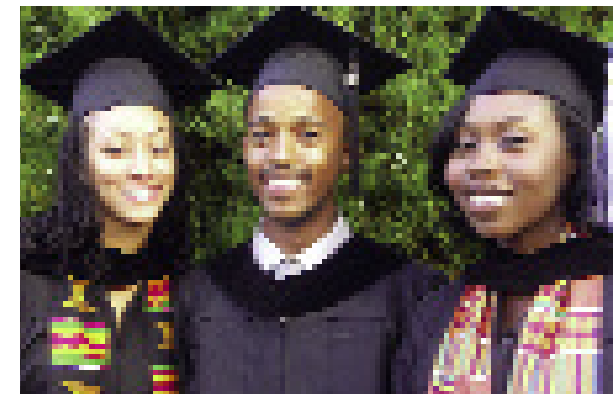
"You must be willing to say 'no' to the good enough so that you can say 'yes' to the best," said Colón, also the director of CUC's Center for Metropolitan Ministries and a professor of religion at the college. "Service will change you, your family, and it can change the world."

During the tribute, many graduates took a moment to reflect upon their spiritual commitment, academic achievement, and future plans. Classically trained tenor Javier Gonzales ('04) delivered a powerful musical selection that reminded students to prayerfully ask God to direct their paths.

Among those receiving their diplomas were 17 from the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, seven from the graduate program, six from the External Degree program, six from Newbold College (England),



Noriko Sato (left), the first Intercultural Communication graduate, enjoys the moment with her advisor, Tami Shipowick Hoyt.



Respiratory Care program graduates (left to right) Tenisha Imbert, Edward Crowder, and Rachael Calhoun enjoy their final moments as CUC students.

and 26 traditional graduates. The graduates were challenged to take the core values they learned at CUC and continue to be people of compassion and excellence, who stand for absolutes, integrity, purity, self-control, freedom, and humility.—Tanisha Greenidge

## Radio Station Partners to Promote Education

CUC's School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SGPS) recently partnered with one of Washington, D.C.'s, highly rated radio stations to offer one free, full-time semester of classes to its listeners. The two-week, on-air promotion, titled "A Dream Deferred," asked listeners to submit an essay describing why they wanted to return to school and the impact it would have on their life.

CUC approved the winning essay chosen by the panel of radio judges and offered the worthy listener the free semester of undergraduate SGPS classes.

"This is an exciting opportunity for CUC and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies to give someone a chance to live out their educational dreams," said Lynda Hodges, executive director of operations for SGPS. "We are hoping that the student will see the advantages of going to school here and will stay to complete their degree on our Christian campus."—Scott Steward



## NEWS

### Campus Prepares for Service Day

Students, faculty, and staff will tackle community projects during Service Day on October 3. This annual event brings the campus community together to serve others through beautifying parks, feeding the homeless, and revitalizing the surrounding areas.

### Nursing Department Raises Exam Scores

The Edyth T. James Department of Nursing recently announced that the pass rate for the 2006-07

National Council Licensure Examination was 90 percent. A total of 20 students took the exam between July 1, 2006, and June 30 of this year, 18 of whom successfully passed. In recent years, CUC has held a record in the state for high test scores.—*Renee Winkfield*

### Basketball Camp Builds Community

CUC hosted a summer co-ed basketball camp for children and teens from the community. Kids between the ages of 9 and 17 converged at CUC's gymnasium for the five-day program. They learned about defense, inbound plays, how



to dribble, pass, shoot, and more. "I received an enormous response from the community. The camp was a win-win situation for the school, the community, and the county," said Todd Fong (pictured), head coach of the women's basketball program.

—*Candace Hamilton*



## Acro-Airs Perform at Fourth of July Parade

Members of the CUC Acro-Airs gymnastic team heard the familiar calls of "Do another flip," or "That was incredible!" from community residents during the annual Fourth of July parade in Takoma Park, Md. Each year people expect to be thrilled by brave tumblers, high flying moves, and well-executed stunts. This year was no different as the team received the First Prize Directors Award.

"They are amazing. Everyone loves them. We all hold our breath when they toss someone in the air," said Belle Ziegler, coordinator of the city's Independence Day Committee. "They are certainly a good example for the young people to follow and one of the most outstanding features of the parade."

During stops along the route, members turned back flips that reached 15 feet above the pavement, held balance positions with

one hand, performed complex combinations of gymnastics, and stacked impressive pyramid shapes. For the past 11 years, CUC's Acro-Airs have represented the college and have garnered eight top recognition awards at the event.



"Performing in front of crowds brings great excitement to the team," said Merlissa Polius, a senior education major. This is her third year as an Acro-Air and first year on the stunt team. "It takes a lot of hard work and discipline but we have fun."

The team volunteers to participate in the parade even though the school's premiere exhibition team is inactive during the summer.

CUC's gymnastic performance group travels around the nation promoting healthy, God-centered lifestyles and visits local schools to perform skits about the dangers of drugs.—*Ben Johnson*



## CALENDAR

### September

- 7 December Graduation Contracts Due
- 15-18 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 18 Success Night, School of Graduate Professional Studies (SGPS), Takoma Park, Md.
- 19 Success Night, SGPS, Gaithersburg, Md.
- 24-28 Week in Spiritual Emphasis
- 30-31 College Days
- Oct. 1

### October

- 3 Service Day
- 15-17 Midterm Exams
- 18-21 Midterm Break

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## El trabajo de la juventud se conmemora en el campestre de Ohio

Los asistentes celebraron el centésimo aniversario del Departamento de Jóvenes mundial durante el campestre hispano de Ohio del 2007. El tema del campestre fue "Un ejército de jóvenes".

Ernesto Castillo, vicepresidente de la División Norteamericana (DNA), y José Rojas, director de la Red de Ministerios Voluntarios de la DNA, participaron en la celebración del fin de semana. Rojas presentó el sermón del sábado en el que desafió a los adultos y jóvenes a trabajar juntos. Les recordó que cuando la sabiduría adulta se combina con la energía joven, se realizan grandes cosas para el reino de Dios. Salvar las diferencias culturales es algo importante a considerar, dijo él. Los hijos de los inmigrantes se vuelven americanizados, pero todavía sienten su propia cultura hispana dentro de ellos. Rojas desafió a los líderes a abrir espacio para sus hijos en la iglesia.

El sábado por la mañana Castillo compartió las metas del Departamento Multilingüe de la DNA. Las metas incluyeron evangelismo, ministerios televisivos, y el man-

tener a los hijos de hispanos de segunda y tercera generación en la iglesia hispana. Desafió a los participantes del campamento a hacer que su vida cuente en la iglesia y a que se involucren para hacer una diferencia.

Robert Holbrook fue honrado por sus 28 años de liderazgo juvenil en la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día. Holbrook creció en una familia misionera en Sudamérica. Como ministro bilingüe, Holbrook ha sido un líder de jóvenes en Perú, Ecuador, Brasil, y en Estados Unidos, en Alabama, Mississippi e Illinois. Holbrook fue el director mundial de Conquistadores de nuestra iglesia de 1988 a 1991, y ahora es director de jóvenes en la Asociación de Oklahoma. El sábado por la tarde Holbrook dio un informe especial sobre la historia del trabajo de los jóvenes.

En el centro del plantel de la Academia Mount Vernon, una nueva placa fue desvelada para conmemorar el centésimo aniversario del Departamento de Jóvenes.

Los oficiales de la Asociación, directores de departamento, y pastores hispanos (en la foto) se unieron con los participantes del campestre para conmemorar este evento importante.—*Nancy Barnett*



**Noticias de la Asociación de Allegheny West**

**La congregación brasileña crece en Pittsburg**

Recientemente, la joven congregación Brazilian Temple en Pittsburg realizó su primer servicio de sábado en su nuevo edificio. Desde su primera reunión en julio del 2006, el grupo de 40 feligreses ha estado adorando en un hogar en Moon, Pa. Su nuevo y pequeño lugar es un antiguo banco.



El nuevo pastor del grupo, Paulo Von Neutegem, con su esposa, Sara, y sus dos hijos adultos, Guillermo and Paulo

Enrique (en la foto), ha estado pastoreando a la congregación desde que se trasladaron al área en febrero. El pastor proclama que su visión es simplemente "aumentar el área de Pittsburg para que resulte en una congregación grande".

Libny H. Dubreuze Sr., director de los Ministerios Multiculturales en la Asociación de Allegheny West (AWC), y su esposa, Sara, organizaron el grupo en sus inicios. Dubreuze estaba feliz de dirigirse una vez más al grupo en crecimiento.

"Desde que los Von Neutegems se trasladaron a Florida, la obra aumentó rápidamente," expresó Dubreuze. "Alabamos al Señor por la visión dinámica de Paolo y Sara y le damos la bienvenida a esta nueva familia al equipo pastoral de la Asociación de Allegheny West."

**La misión de Ohio presenta un seminario de entrenamiento**

Cerca de 50 líderes laicos e instructores bíblicos voluntarios se reunieron recientemente en la Misión Manantial de Vida en Columbus, Ohio, para recibir entrenamiento en la plantación de iglesias y crecimiento. El orador invitado fue el Pastor Julio Juárez (en la foto) de la Asociación de Illinois. Leonardo Castillo, el pastor de la congregación, estaba satisfecho por tener al invitado especial dirigiéndose a sus miembros.

"Todos disfrutamos de este seminario de entrenamiento. Es lo que necesitamos para nuestro campo, para nuestros pastores, y para nuestros líderes laicos", dice Libny H. Dubreuze Jr., diácono de los jóvenes.

**La Compañía Central Hispana marca crecimiento**

Este ha sido un año bendecido para la Compañía Central Hispana en Cincinnati, Ohio, marcado por su crecimiento bautismal. Desde enero, 12 personas han tomado la decisión de bautizarse y se han ingresado a la familia de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día.

Algunos oradores invitados que se han dirigido a la congregación este año son el secretario ejecutivo de AWC, Carl Rogers y su esposa, Tacora Rogers, Ph.D., y el director de mayordomía de la AWC, Marvin Brown. Los Rogers bendijeron a los 120 asistentes con su mensaje sobre la importancia de aumentar su fe en el Señor. Aquella tarde, cinco personas entregaron su vida a Cristo a través del bautismo. Más tarde, Brown aconsejó a los miembros a administrar mejor sus finanzas.



Un nuevo converso de la Compañía Central Hispana en Cincinnati, Ohio, es bautizado por Libny A. Dubreuze (derecha), director de los Ministerios Multiculturales de la Asociación de Allegheny West.



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**Adventist Community Services: Ministries of Compassion**

Why ministries of compassion? This question is pulled from the title of the first chapter in *Ministries of Compassion, Handbook for Adventist Community Services* by Monte Sahlin, Ohio Conference's director of Research and Special Projects. The answer is found in the great commission that Christ gave His followers: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them ... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ..." (Matt. 28:19, 20). In the original language, "teach" means to "make disciples."

Divine inspiration has given us the formula for making disciples and performing deeds of compassion: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

One way that Seventh-day Adventists can make disciples is to establish a "ministry of presence" in our communities. A healthy, Spirit-driven congregation does not wait passively for the people to come to the church and its activities, but proactively reaches out to the surrounding communities. ACS volunteers work to foster a strong public awareness of the Adventist Church as a caring, Christ-centered resource in the community. A growing, healthy Adventist congregation works to make itself visible in the community and known as an asset to the neighborhood.

Is it possible for every church in the Mountain View Conference to make the effort to invest in at least one solid, needed "good neighbor" activity and provide it consistently and visibly in the local community? The answer is yes! In Mountain View, ACS is actively meeting the needs of the local community through such programs as food pantries, Better Living centers and thrift stores, Health Ministries, Campaign for Community, and childcare centers, just to mention a few. Why not jump on board and use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given you?



Robert L. Michael  
ACS Director

**Toll Gate Sponsors 10 Kids for Summer Camp**

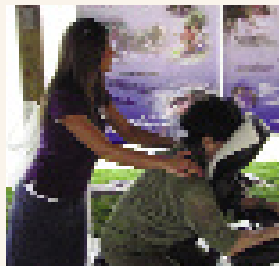


These are four of the happy campers sponsored by the Toll Gate congregation who got to experience a Christian setting at Valley Vista Camp.

Young people really look forward to summer camp, and several youngsters from the Cairo and Pennsboro (W.Va.) area were no exception this summer. Each year the Toll Gate (W.Va.) church sponsors children to attend Valley Vista Camp in Huttonsville, W.Va., with assistance from their Campaign for Community reversion funds. This year the church made it possible for 10 young people to enjoy camp activities. All 10 children came from homes with parents who are not Seventh-day Adventists. Wilton Williams, Toll Gate church head elder, believes that the summer camp is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to receive a special blessing with the help of Christian staff and the able leadership of Pastor Geoff Starr. The young people were very happy with this year's summer camp experience and want to return next year!

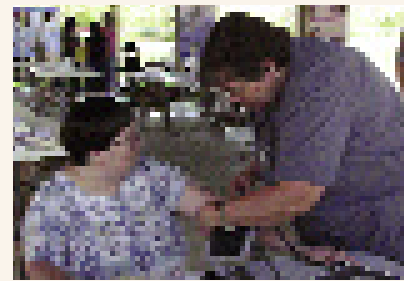
## Point Pleasant Members Host Health Expo

Members from several area Adventist churches gathered recently to lend a hand at the Point Pleasant (W.Va.) church health expo. Held at a nearby park, eight stations were set up to test and educate visitors about blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose testing, hydrotherapy, and body fat analysis, among other topics. Additionally, a local therapist offered massages (pictured) and a chiropractor checked for proper body alignment. Afternoon lectures covered topics such as beating addictions and eating right.



Skilled cooks provided tasty and healthful food samples, along with recipe sheets, and a live cooking demonstration was provided in the afternoon. Free information was available, and a drawing was held for several baskets full of gifts. The expo was an excellent way to get people excited about the plant-based cooking classes the church is now offering. With West Virginia being one of the least healthy states, the health expos are a good reminder that living and eating right can be fun and delicious.

Mountain View health director Pastor Daniel Morikone was happy to see church members working together at the expo. He especially appreciated the willingness and hard work of member Elizabeth Iannacone, who spearheaded the event.—*Bryan Graham*



A community volunteer checks the blood pressure of a health expo attendee.

## Culloden Living Center Expands Its Ministry

Good things are happening at the Culloden (W.Va.) Better Living Center! For more than a year, local residents came for great bargains and friendly, cheerful service, even though they had to squeeze through cramped quarters and narrow aisles. Little did center volunteers know that God was about to open a door of opportunity, literally!

When the thrift store first opened, their next-door neighbor was a popular, down-home hot dog shop. Then suddenly the restaurant packed up and moved out. After two more restaurants opened and closed with-



Jane Cooper prepares to offer healthy, homemade vegetarian food samples to expo attendees.



in a few months of each other, volunteers got to thinking. Was it possible that God wanted the thrift store and better living center to occupy the entire building? Several members of the nearby East Pea Ridge church made it a matter of prayer.

Soon God provided the answer and the opportunity and the center bought the newly vacant space next door. East Pea Ridge church member Corbie Fyffe soon got out his tools and cut out a five-foot-wide opening into the new space. After hours of skillful labor, a beautifully trimmed doorway connected the two spaces.

The first event the center decided to host after their expansion was

the launch of a health expo series, something they hope to offer each month. The event was a blessing for volunteers and attendees alike. The East Pea Ridge church has a team that's on fire for God and they are thankful that their first event, in their newly expanded facility, was a success.—*Annie Morgan*



East Pea Ridge member Corbie Fyffe performs a step test on expo attendees.

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## Celebrating Another Quadrennial

This year, 2007, brings the New Jersey Conference to the end of another quadrennial. It is a time for members to reflect on what has happened since conference delegates gathered at the last regular constituency meeting in 2003. What the Holy Spirit has done in the lives of our members brings praise to our lips. Two things especially stand out. First, more members than ever are proclaiming the gospel. Our heavenly Father richly blessed the efforts



Joel Soto (far left), pastor of the Bridgeton Spanish church, poses with baptismal candidates and other church leaders during a recent evangelistic crusade.

of all who gave of their time to share their Savior with others. Last year we experienced the largest number of baptisms in the conference's history. We now have a membership close to 12,000, a number that does not even include the first half of 2007.

Secondly, God-centered hearts have resulted in financial blessings. In giving unto Him there has been a significant increase in tithe for operating His Church.

We also praise God for the continued growth of new small groups. These opportunities for sharing faith in a home setting each week provides a spiritual environment that promotes spiritual growth, as well as training to share the gospel with others. The small groups lead people who are strangers to God's love to discover and accept Him. These groups also provide an opportunity to develop new friends within our Church. Once they become part

of our church family, they already have caring friends who will keep them from slipping out the back door.

We praise God for those who have attended our schools, seeking to get better acquainted with Jesus and to improve their academic skills. The most significant thing happening in our schools is the emphasis on Jesus and spiritual growth with a strong focus on academic excellence. We continue to pray that every child will find safety for their spiritual lives, and knowledge for their future, in our schools.

The Lord has brought our New Jersey family together to help us fulfill His prayer in John 17 that we might all be one. The many evidences over the past four years of unity within diversity have been glorious to behold. Although the conference is 65 percent first-generation immigrants, from many parts of the world, there is a spirit of cooperation. We look forward, with eager anticipation, to what God will continue to do in us.



LeRoy Finck  
President

## NEWS



### Luzo-Brazilian Church Welcomes New Pastor

Pastor Paulo Macena accepted the call to shepherd the Luzo-Brazilian church in Newark. Macena recently pastored Hispanic churches in British Columbia, Canada. He loves public evangelism and received his bachelor's in

theology from Ensino Adventist Institute in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a master's in Youth Ministry from Andrews University (Mich.) He is currently pursuing his Doctor of Ministry in Leadership at Andrews. Pastor Macena is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and English. The conference welcomes him, his wife, Cristina, and daughters Luisa (7) and Paula (5).

### Korean Pastors Visit Conference

Conference president LeRoy Finck (front, center) was recently treated to a visit by several of the conference's Korean pastors. Visiting were (left to right) Pastor Yung Min Kim, the recently ordained associate youth pastor of the Central New Jersey Korean church in Rahway; Pastor Doo Pyo Hong, who recently accepted a call to the Chesapeake Conference; Andrew Ahn, pastor of the Trenton Korean church; Pastor Don Kim, president of the Korean Council;



## Camp Meeting Highlights Unity Among Many Nations

Beginning with camp pitch and ending with camp strike, pastors put their hearts and souls—and their backs—into making 2007 camp meeting a truly spiritual event. Because New Jersey is so multicultural, attendees met in different locations around the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility, but it felt like a united world church.

On Sabbath, the fast growing French Haitian group met in the Ellis Hall Chapel. More than 900 youth of varying nationalities—all using the English language—met under a large tent in an area across the lake. Younger children met in their own tent. Worshipping under the “big tent” were the various Spanish-speaking groups. The camp gymnasium was filled with those who chose to worship in English. The grounds were filled with voices uplifted to the heavens. Adults, youth, and children all enjoyed the special guest speakers who touched lives with their testimonies.

As it is every year, the Parade of the Nations was a favored event for camp meeting attendees. Marchers proudly carried their country’s flag and were attired in the familiar dress of their homeland. It is so heart warming to see the body of Christ coming together in such display. This year the parade theme was “The New Jerusalem” presented by Zoraida Duany, the wife of Pastor Efrain Duany of the Passaic I and II churches.

Presented in a dream format, the event was described as follows: Duany hears the music of the hymn “Jerusalem” being sung by the Luzo-Brazilian choir (pictured). She looks and sees numerous angels welcoming people from many nations. She then sees an angel announcing the entrance of each country, while another angel plays the trumpet. The Trinity Steel Drum Band from the New Brunswick English church, filling the gym with joy, provides more music and praise to God. José Cortés, conference executive secretary and evangelism director, holds the Christian flag and is accompanied by those representing great personalities of Christianity: Stephen, Ellen and James White, and Joseph Bates. Next come the members representing many nations escorted by angels. Applause bursts forth from the brethren as country after country enters the “kingdom.” Sheep, llama, and donkey are not left out.

The peak moment of the program was when conference president LeRoy Finck, holding the United States flag, walked onto the stage. All of the brethren stood and applauded with acclamation and sang “America the Beautiful.” The Luzo-Brazilian choir followed with Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus.” Finck made an appeal to the congregation, asking them to continue spreading the Word so that the dream might become reality soon. Fausto Mercado from the La Esperanza church in Union City sang the final song, “Praise Him.”



Many thanks go to the Duany family and all the volunteers from the Passaic I and II churches, including those behind the scenes that made this climactic parade such a success.

Indeed, many people need to be thanked for the many blessings of camp meeting 2007.



## dates

### September

- 5 Directors Advisory
- 4 Pastors Meeting, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 9 ABC Open, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Nominating Committee
- 13-16 New Jersey Pathfinder Camporee
- 23 Constituency Session
- 25 Principals Council, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
K-12 Board of Education Exec. Comm., 2-5 p.m.
- 30 School Board Members/Home School Leaders/School Treasurers Workshop, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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# Mission Ohio

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## Highlights of Ohio Camp Meeting

**Venue:**  
Mount Vernon Academy

**Presenters:**  
Alden Thompson, professor, Walla Walla College (Wash.)  
Chris Blake, professor, Union College (Neb.)  
Ron Halvorson, Sr., revivalist  
Paula Reiter, Nedley Health Solutions

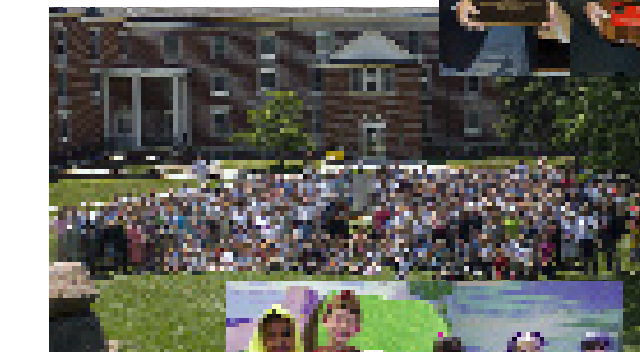
**Music:**  
Linda Shelton  
O'Bryant Family Singers  
The Hoppers  
Ghanaian Choir of Columbus  
Ed Wagner, pianist

**Attendee Response:**  
Spiritually invigorating;  
intellectually stimulating;  
biblically anchored;  
authentically Adventist;  
family-oriented;  
age-appropriate.



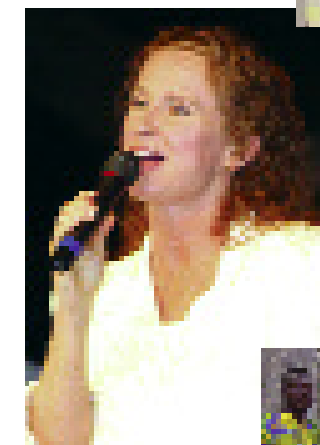
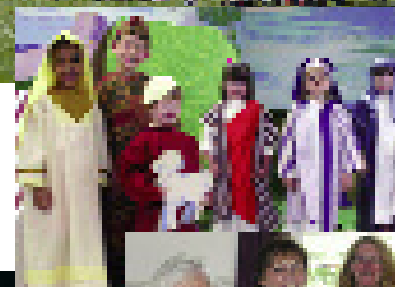
Revivalist Ron Halvorson, Sr., presented a memorable and unique description of Jesus.

Youth director Mike Stevenson (far left) and conference president Raj Attiken (far right) awarded Norm Middag (second from left) for his many years of service to the youth. His



Attendees gathered at the center of campus to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of Adventist youth work in Ohio. A new plaque was unveiled that recognizes today's young disciples.

Children got to enjoy the specialized programs for each age category.



Linda Shelton warmed attendees with a beautiful concert.



Ladies got to meet and make friends at the annual Women's Tea, a camp meeting highlight.



The Ghanaian Choir of Columbus was a wonderful addition.

## Second Lakeside Friendship Get-A-Way Unites Family, Friends

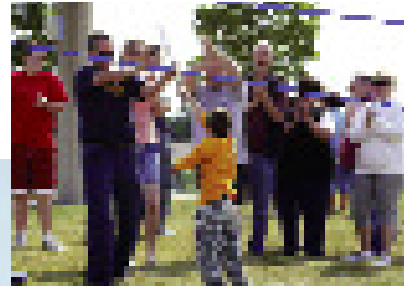
**Venue:**  
Maumee Bay State Park Resort, Lake Erie

**Presenters:**  
Smuts Van Rooyen, pastor, Glendale (Calif.) Church; Brian G., "Seeker of Truth"

**Music:**  
Grace Notes of Worthington Warren Church Praise Team

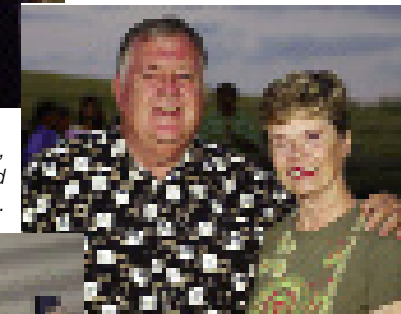
**Attendee Response:**  
Grace-filled; peaceful; joyful. Amazing Beach Race, boats, cruises, hikes, badminton, golf, and sunsets enjoyed. Christ-exalting, unique, family-focused, cool, awesome.

The Amazing Beach Race was

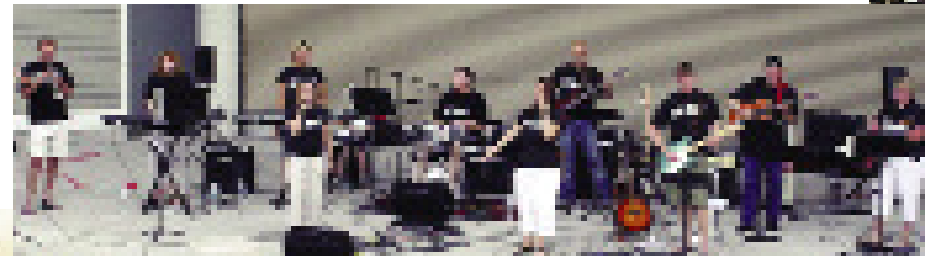


Pastor Smuts Van Rooyen, here with his wife, Arlene, presented Jesus as the heart of Adventist living.

Willoughby church Pastor Antonio Conway, his wife, Casandra, and their daughters, Rebekka and Alexandria, enjoyed cheering for participants of the Amazing Beach Race.



Grace Notes filled the air with praise music.



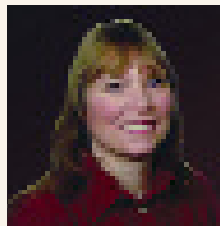
Attendees got a visual treat during the Friday meeting held at sunset.



Families and friends got to enjoy food and fun together.

## Upcoming Events

**Ohio Conference Women's Retreat** – This event will be held October 12-14 at the Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center in Mt. Sterling. The theme will be "My Heart Will Go On." Hear author Joy Swift's (pictured) riveting story of tragedy and her journey to wholeness through the power of Christ.



**Teen Girls Retreat** – This event will be held October 19-21 at Camp Mohaven in Danville. Applications and additional information are available at [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org) by clicking the "Events" link.

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# Pennsylvania Pen

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## Pennsylvania Korean Sponsors Golf Tournament for NEWSTART Program

Members of the Korean community in Philadelphia recently decided that the Pennsylvania Korean church's NEWSTART program no longer needed to be a best kept secret. As a result, the residents organized a golf tournament to raise awareness and funds for this Huntingdon Valley church's health ministry that has greatly impacted many of their lives.

Hung Min, DVM, a local veterinarian, has lived in Philadelphia for 30 years and is well aware of the health problems facing the Korean community. First-generation immigrants came to America wanting to provide opportunities for their families. They worked hard and tirelessly so that their children could attend college. After their children were on their own, they thought they could slow

down and enjoy life. But the years of overworking and poor health habits took their toll.

Min believes NEWSTART can make a difference and that people should know about it before they start relying on medication. He knows the difference it made in his life. He recommends it to all of his friends, but he wanted to do more. Realizing that all of his friends played golf, Min decided a golf tournament would be an excellent way to raise awareness for the program and raise funds at the



Pennsylvania Korean church pastor Myoung Joon Choi (left) and Hung Min, DVM, stand by one of the sponsor signs displayed at each hole on the golf course. Community members paid to sponsor the holes, not only raising funds for NEWSTART, but also raising awareness of this outreach ministry of the Korean church that has greatly impacted their lives.

same time. He and a group of community leaders impacted by NEWSTART started planning.

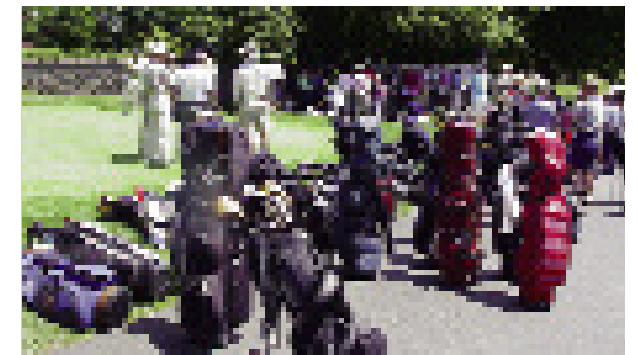
Organizers expected about 100 people to attend the event, held at a course in Bensalem. Instead, about 150 showed up to give their support. Despite long lines, attendees chatted, read the NEWSTART sponsor



Golf carts with 150 participants line up and wait to start the first golf tournament organized by community leaders to support the Pennsylvania Korean church's NEWSTART program.

signs at each hole, and munched on the box lunches provided by the Korean church. While community members organized, promoted, and oversaw the event, members of the Korean church covered the event in prayer and prepared the lunches as well as the banquet held at the conclusion of the tournament. Thirty prizes, including four registrations for the next NEWSTART program, were given away at the banquet.

Proceeds raised from the event will go to support upcoming NEWSTART programs held at the Korean church. Their 13th program will be held September 24-29. Participants stay at the church during the program, learning how to live healthy lives, eating healthy meals, and exercising. And they not only hear about God, but also see His love and care lived out through the church members who work with them.



## Conference Announces Transition for Education Position

Vaughn Jennings (pictured) has served as vice president of education for the past three years and is ready to say farewell to his lengthy service in church ministry. Before his roles as an educational administrator, including five years with the Potomac Conference, Jennings was a teacher for 33 years. He worked at schools in Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.



Jennings states that he loved working with children and is what he'll miss the most. He often asked his classes, "What is something you'd like to learn this school year?" and together they would search out the answers. For example, one student wanted to know how the locks on the doors at home worked. So Jennings led the class in studying about different locks, doing research, and talking to locksmiths. He enjoyed learning right along with them.

Jennings and his wife, Marlene, are retiring in Elizabethtown where they plan on spending lots of time with their five grandchildren.

David Morgan (pictured) recently assumed Jennings' role as vice president of education. Morgan taught and served as principal in one-room schools, multi-room elementary schools, junior academies in Coudersport, South Williamsport, and Reading, and most recently served as vice principal at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) in Hamburg, Pa.



In his new role, Morgan plans to grow teachers professionally, increase exposure of Christian education in the conference, and challenge schools to impact their communities as they treat Pennsylvania as a mission field. He has a passion for seeing schools and students involved in their communities, making a difference, and even setting an example for others.

Morgan and his wife, Rose, live in Reading with their children, Ricky and Melissa, both students at BMA.

## Upcoming Events

**Fall Women's Retreat** - Learn how to live with joy, no matter where the journey takes you, by attending the Pennsylvania Conference Fall Women's Retreat. Under the theme "Joy in the Journey," the event is being held October 12-14 at Laurel Lake Camp in Rossiter.

The weekend speaker is Laura Wibberding, wife of Pastor James Wibberding of the Lansdale and Souderton churches. She has traveled with God through valleys and

The weekend will include seminars and small group times, an annual Saturday night slumber party, great vegetarian meals, quiet time, and joy! Cost for the event is \$95 per person. To download an application, go to [www.paconference.org](http://www.paconference.org) and click on "Ministries" and "Women's Ministries."

### Mother/Daughter Conference -

This one-day event for teens and their moms will be held on October 27 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey. This "Real Beauty" conference will feature interactive sessions that will get moms and daughters talking about beauty: what it is, the lies we believe, the message our clothes gives to others—especially boys—how we impact each other by the way we feel and talk about ourselves, and how to be the person you were created to be. Space is limited to 50 people. To download an application, go to [www.paconference.org](http://www.paconference.org) and click on "Ministries" and "Women's Ministries."



mountaintops and has learned how to have joy in the journey by clinging to the Bible's promise of fullness of joy.

## What's happening

### September

**14-15** Western Camp Meeting  
*Laurel Lake Camp*

**21-23** Adventurer Retreat

**23** Arise and Build Big Day  
*Everett (Rain date is September 30)*

### October

**5-7** Pathfinder Fall Campout  
*Pathfinder Hill,  
Laurel Lake Camp*

**12-14** Fall Women's Retreat  
*Laurel Lake Camp*

**20** Living the Mission  
*York Church*

**27** Mother/Daughter  
Conference, *Hershey*

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# Potomac People

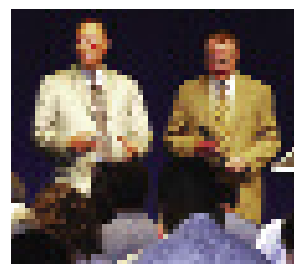
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## Spiritual Recommitment Sought at Camp Meeting

A deeply spiritual experience for the Adventist family," is how many described the 2007 Potomac Conference Camp Meeting. At this year's event, the theme was "Watch, Ye Saints," and attendees were challenged to stay focused on what is most important in their lives and in the church—Jesus.

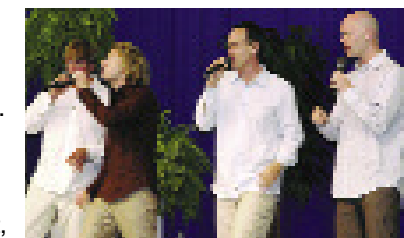
Charles Drake III, PhD, executive secretary and vice president for administration at Mid-America Union Conference in Nebraska, reminded the audience

how the Sabbath is a vital part of "watching" and how God is constantly looking for His people. Henry Wright, senior pastor of Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va., alerted everyone to the pitfalls of keeping their eyes on others in the church rather than on their own lives. Many came forward during the daily altar calls, committing their lives to the Lord. Wright (pictured with conference president Bill Miller) concluded with a message about Christ's second coming. His final call was for individu-



als who had never made a commitment to the Lord, and many responded. Cheri Peters, founder of True Step Ministries, shared her life story of drug addiction, pain, and how she found God.

Many people, including youth, attended her series and connected with her story, including a local newspaper reporter who covered her riveting talks. In her final message, Peters invited all those seeking spiritual and emotional healing to attend the anointing service, which lasted for more than three hours. The Holy Spirit was undoubtedly present and changing lives at camp meeting.—*Jeanie Allen*



Guest artists Valor warmed attendees with southern gospel music.

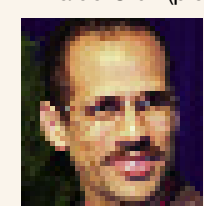


Carol F. Fox, a 99-year-old Silver Spring (Md.) church member, hasn't missed Potomac Conference Camp Meeting in over 40 years. Fox's daughter, Ina Masters, described how her family first learned about the Seventh-day Adventist truth: "I vividly remember going to the movies with my mother and brother

during the summer of 1945. We saw a tent meeting on Pennsylvania Avenue [Washington, D.C.] and my mother said, 'If they are still meeting when we come out, we will attend.' In 1946 my mother was baptized in the Pennsylvania Avenue church."

## Hispanic Camp Meeting Inspires Outreach and Growth

The Potomac Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting offered something for everyone. Approximately 2,300 attended this year's inspirational event at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va., including 400 youth. Arnaldo Cruz (pictured), pastor and evangelist from



Puerto Rico, challenged the attendees to become a disciple for Jesus.

"It was thrilling to witness the 36 individuals who were baptized Sabbath evening, bringing the total for the year to more than 500," reports Jose Esposito, conference

Hispanic Ministries director. "It was equally exciting to see members bring their Bible study interests to camp meeting, approximately 75 in all."

Esposito added, "It is my hope to baptize 800 more souls this year and plant at least four more churches. With God's help this is possible."—*Jeanie Allen*



Ondas de Esperanza (Waves of Hope) Radio Ministry volunteers Paty Serrano (left) and Addy Fajardo enjoyed the inspiring messages at camp meeting.

## New Communication Director Appointed

The conference recently appointed Don Wood (pictured) to serve as its director of communication, ending a vacancy in that leadership area. During that time, communication assistant Jeanie Allen enthusiastically tackled the heavy load of responsibilities as the search for a director progressed.



Wood, a member of the Radford (Va.) church, most recently served on the communication faculty at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. Along with regular departmental duties for the conference, he will assume the role of assistant to the president for communication to help the conference effectively articulate the ministry vision president Bill Miller has for the 154 congregations in the conference territory.

"Having taught in the classroom, having preached both revival and weekly sermons at the local church, having owned a graphic design shop, and having edited and developed media presentations, Don brings to this conference experience that will help the local church, school, and conference expand our connection with each other, as well as the communities we have been called to serve," reports Miller.

Wood notes that the job of informing and inspiring a diverse and dynamic constituency presents his most exciting challenge. "We have a story to tell in Potomac, and my job is to enlist the members and leaders in the task of telling that story together," he says. "That's a big job, but it's the best job in the world."

## Juniors Raise Money to Help Tanzanian Pastors

At Potomac Conference Camp Meeting, the Junior Division got a chance to make a difference in the lives of people on the other side of the world. It all started when Sligo (Takoma Park, Md.) church pastor Debbie Eisele and her husband, Herbert—Human Resource Development director of the ADRA Professional Leadership Institute—traveled to Nairobi, Kenya. They



conducted workshops and visited various ADRA projects, including a water project in the Hanang Province of Tanzania. The women there walk up to three hours with buckets on their heads (pictured) and strapped around their bodies to a site where 6- to 12-foot-deep water holes (3 to 5 feet in diameter) have

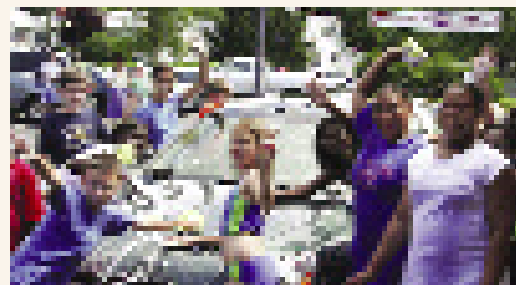
been dug to reach ground water. This is an arduous task, and the water they collect is muddy and polluted.

In an effort to minister to the people of this region, one of ADRA's team goals was to buy bicycles for the pastors who serve there. The bikes could help them more easily share the "Living Water" with a greater num-

ber of people in a nation that is also thirsting for drinking water. A bicycle is a luxury in their villages and would take years for a pastor to save about \$85 to buy one.

When the Eiseles returned from Kenya, they asked the juniors to help with the bicycle project. They thought the young people might raise enough money for one or two, but the juniors surprised everyone and raised enough for 20 new bikes!

"The juniors taught us all a lesson in faith and the joy of serving," say the Eiseles. "Parents told us how touched they were that their children showed so much enthusiasm for this project. We were all blessed in the process and look forward to hearing how the story unfolds as more lives are touched in Tanzania."



The Junior Division washed cars for passing motorists to help raise funds to buy bicycles for Tanzanian pastors.

## Prison Ministries Union Convocation Planned

This all-day event, sponsored by the Potomac and Allegheny East conferences, will take place September 15 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Columbia Union Conference headquarters. If you are involved in Prison Ministries or would like to launch an outreach at your church, don't miss this event. Afternoon presenters include J. Alfred Johnson II, NAD Prison Ministries director; Martin Feldbush, NAD Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries associate director; and many others. For more information, visit [www.pcsda.org](http://www.pcsda.org) or contact Edith Tucker at (410) 730-7795.

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## New Year Touts New Faces, Upgraded Dorms

The Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) campus is bustling with activity. Perspective students and their families visit almost daily with an interest in attending. By the time you read this, SVA will have enrolled more new students than returning students for the 2007-08 school year; all a part of the school's revitalizing process.

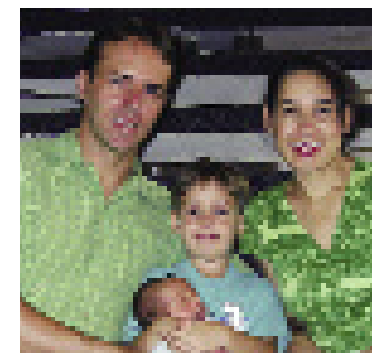
Construction vehicles and crews are busy as renovations are completed in Hadley Hall, the ladies' residence, and started in Price Hall, the gentlemen's residence. The girls are very excited to have room-controlled air conditioning, new furniture, carpeting, and updated suite-style bathrooms. The guys look forward to enjoying similar upgrades by the end of the calendar year.

Another familiar sight on campus is moving vans as new staff members continue to arrive. Here are a few of the new faces SVA is proud to introduce:

Donna McDonald (pictured) is the new girls' dean. McDonald is an SVA alumna ('74) and a graduate of Columbia Union College. She is a Certified Medical Assistant and has nearly finished certification to become a Christian Conciliator. She has also been involved in Children's Ministries for more than 10 years. A devoted Adventist, she models Christ-like qualities and enthusiasm for life that are infectious. "Mrs. Mac" has two grown children and is very excited about mothering the ladies of Hadley Hall.



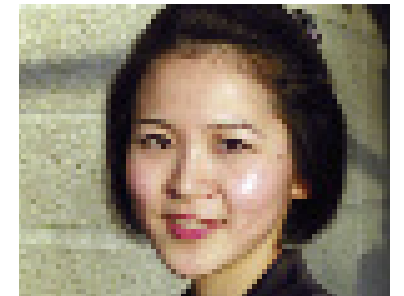
Edgardo Ullrich is the new dean of boys. Because the remodeling of the boys' dorm is in progress, he gets the



unusual assignment of of deaning boys living in the west wing of the girls' dorm until Christmas. (You can be sure extensive measures have been taken to keep the "iron curtain" up between the genders!) Ullrich, a native of Argentina,

will also be teaching our Spanish classes. He has a master's in teaching languages as well as previous experience in both deaning and teaching Spanish: three years at Bass Memorial Academy (Miss.) and six years at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. Ullrich gets support from his wife, Lily, 4-year-old Stephan, and newborn Alex (all pictured).

Gerald Davis, our new assistant boys' dean, will begin his responsibilities in August. Davis has an undergraduate degree in physical education and will also be involved in helping all of our students develop individualized health and fitness plans.



Kuriko Maeki (pictured) is our new ESL teacher. A native of Japan, Maeki just completed her master's in teaching ESL and has a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Maeki has 10 years of experience in teaching a variety of classes from grade 1 through college level. She has lived in English-speaking countries for the past 17 years and developed excellent rapport with students from various cultural backgrounds and social strata. She is committed and enthusiastic about bringing Christian education to SVA students.



Dale E. Twomley, PhD  
Principal

## Calendar

### September

- 12-16 Home Leave
- 17-22 Week of Prayer
- 23 SVA Invitational Soccer Tournament
- 30 Academy Day

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News you can use from Takoma Academy

## Alumni Give Back

Takoma Academy (TA) teachers train students well for their lives here on Earth. But most importantly, teachers help prepare students to meet Jesus and live eternally. These young men and women leave TA with the best wishes and highest expectations of the school's faculty and staff. They know that someone from TA will be looking for them in the city made new. The most recent 69 graduating seniors will now join the club of more than 6,000 other alumni, since 1904, who have learned these core values. As they transition from being students to alumni, they are expected to maintain their high levels of moral and physical integrity. They must continue to demonstrate their respect for racial and cultural diversity. These young people will also continue the spirit of service that was ingrained in them. This includes service to God, their church, the local community, and to the world at large.



The Class of 1947 was recently honored during TA's alumni weekend.

They will also be expected to give back to their school—sharing their time, talents, and resources. The partnership between alumni and their alma mater is crucial for a school's survival, especially in the private sector. Strong support from alumni will help TA thrive, not simply survive. For more than 100 years, TA has worked to fulfill the mission of the Adventist Church. We will continue to do so until Christ's return.

If you're an alumnus of this great institution, and you're not yet involved with the school, please consider this as your invitation to rejoin the TA family. For more information about Alumni Affairs, call (301) 434-4700, Ext. 711, or visit the alumni page at www.TA.edu.

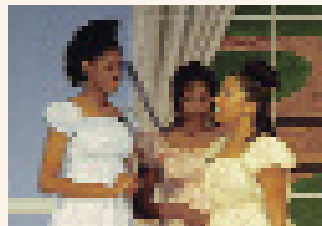


Linda McLaughlin  
Alumni President

## NEWS

### Students Perform *Pride and Prejudice*

This year's annual fine arts presentation was the romantic comedy *Pride and Prejudice*. English and drama teacher Myrna Candelaria directed the play, while art teacher Marquita Halstead created the colorful backdrops. Accompaniment music was provided by music

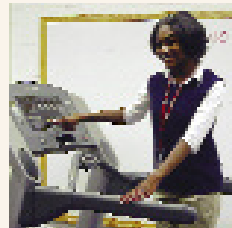


teacher Tim Vandeman. Staff, students, and parents had fun collaborating to make the production a success.

Students (left to right) Dawn Peters, Nichelle Warren, and Shavika Singh perform in *Pride and Prejudice*.

### Fitness Emphasized With New Treadmill

TA instituted a new policy that requires each student to take three years of physical education before they receive a diploma. Under the leadership of Laura Benn, department chair, and Vashon Williams, athletic



Tiffani Jackson ('09) demonstrates how to use the new treadmill.

director, the goal is for students to learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As a result of the policy, an anonymous donor recently provided significant funds to the department, which were used to help the school purchase a new treadmill. Students can now measure their heart rate and blood pressure, and achieve various fitness and stress levels.

**Correction:** In the June 2007 issue of *TA Today*, it was incorrectly printed that South Lancaster Academy is located in Pennsylvania. It is actually located in Massachusetts. We regret the error.

## Calendar

### September

- 6-9 SALT Retreat
- 19 Hispanic Heritage Assembly
- 24-25 ITEB Testing—Noon Dismissal
- 24 Finance and Board Meetings
- 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 28 Fall Picnic

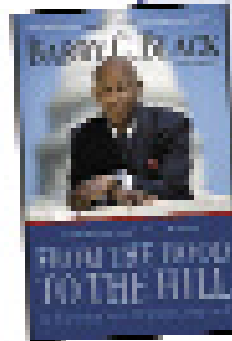
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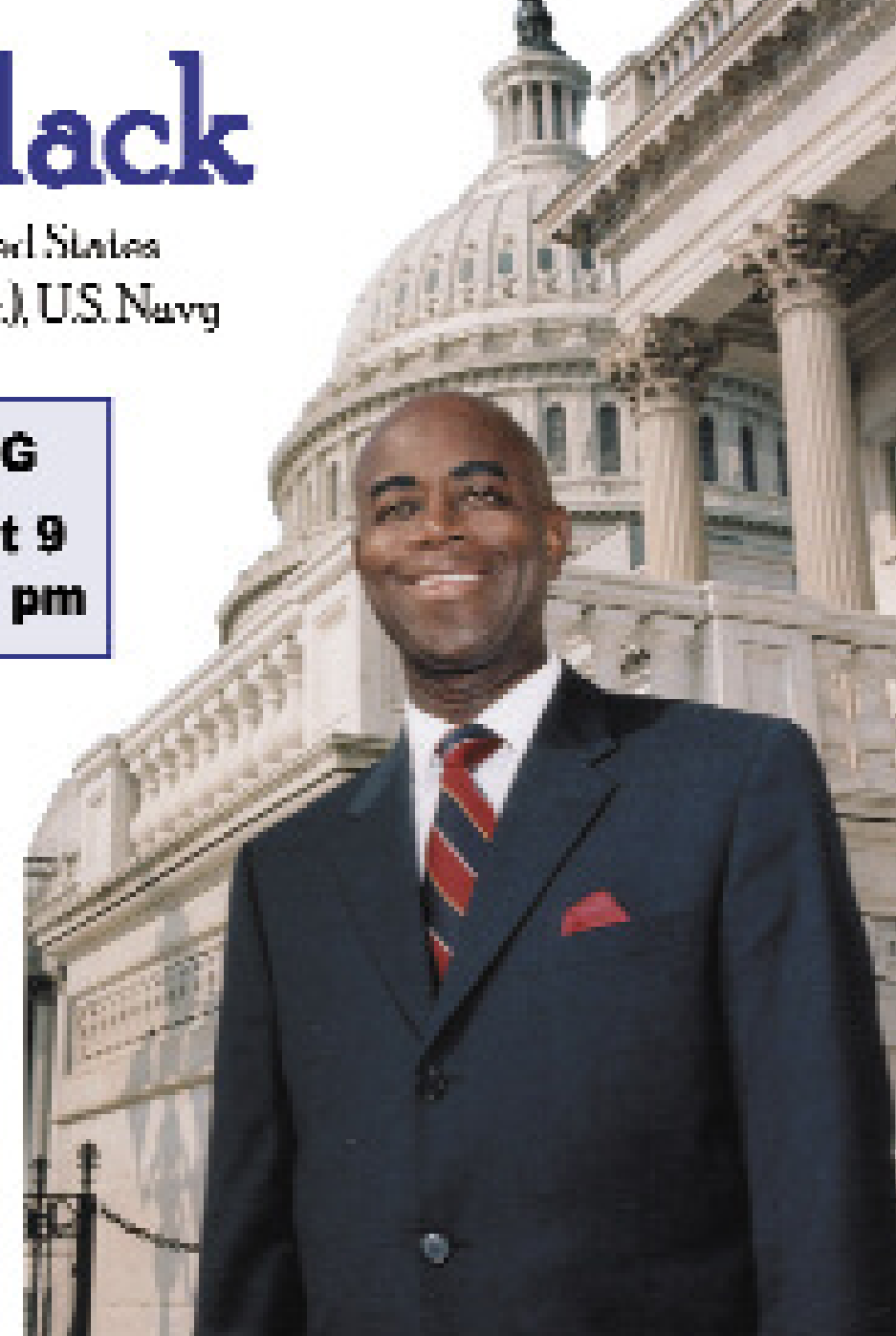
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**OBITUARIES**

**LANG-CAMERON, Barbara**, born May 22, 1935, in Takoma Park, Md.; died March 10, 2007, in Tamarac, Fla. She was a member of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. Barbara graduated in 1958 from Washington Missionary College with a degree in nursing. She had no children.

**POHLE, Catherine Jean**, born June 1, 1927, in Spencer, Tenn.; died February 24, 2007, in Dayton, Ohio. She was a member of the Centerville (Ohio) church. She was a long-time member of the Far Hills church in Dayton, Ohio, serving as church organist, MV leader, Pathfinder leader, and Home and School leader for many years for the Dayton Junior Academy. She graduated as an RN from Washington Missionary College in 1949, and got her BS in nursing at Columbia Union College in 1960. She was one of the first three nurses recruited by George Nelson for Kettering Memorial Hospital, serving 18 years as the director of continuing education and assistant nursing supervisor. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Pohle of Dayton, Ohio; sons Pastor Robert G. Pohle and his wife, Gabriela Pohle of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada, and Barry Ray Pohle and his wife, Cheryl of Ooltewah, Tenn.; daughters Rebecca Sue and her husband, Steve Daugherty, of Ringgold, Ga., and Candance Jill, and her husband, Ken Tiff, of Dayton, Ohio; her son, William Bradley Pohle, and his wife, Irmgard of Lexington, Ky.; 18 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; a brother, Jack Pohle, and his wife, Barbara Fritzsche, of Kettering, Ohio; and two sisters: Barbara Hofacker, and her husband, Tom, of Waynesville, Ohio; Dr. Peggy Hasso, and her husband, Dr. Tony Hasso, of Redlands, Calif.; and sister-in-law Luella Fritzsche of Kettering, Ohio.

**SHAFER, Velma M.**, born October 28, 1908, in Des Moines, Iowa; died April 16, 2007, in Hagerstown, Md. She was a member of the Hagerstown church. Velma taught for 35 years at church schools in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Georgia, and at Helderberg College in South Africa. She also taught in the Columbia Union at Edgecombe Academy and Mt. Aetna Elementary in Maryland and in Richmond, Va. She and her husband have had 69 foster babies in their home, and in 1981 were named "Outstanding Foster Parents of the Year." For 17 years, they also volunteered at the Adventist Community Services Center. Velma is survived by her daughters, Sandra L. Martin and Carla-Vel Keastead; her sister, Alice Louise Walker; brothers, Louie Millard, Orville Millard, Russell Millard, and Wesley Millard; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandsons.

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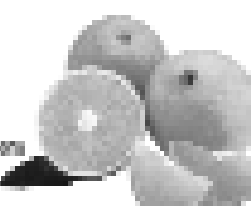
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**In the Ministry of Judging**



I am willing to judge people. This is a service I provide without charge. People can come to me, and in just a few minutes, I'll let them know where they fall short of my standards. I don't even need to meet a person to judge them. For example, I can judge you as you read this column. No offense, but shouldn't you be getting ready for Sabbath?

So you may be asking me, "Why are you willing to take time to provide this service for the public?" It's simple; I want to do my part to make the world a better place. And if I can do that by pointing out your flaws, well, I'm just glad I can give something back to the community.

For example, you may be driving too slow. I'm happy to bring that to your attention with a helpful toot of the horn. Or, you may be consistently late for my Sabbath School class. Might I suggest a wake up call?

**WANNA GET INVOLVED?**

Now, you may be wondering: How can I get involved in this ministry? I'll tell you, it's easier than you think. We all have the gift of discernment when it comes to other people's defects. I can tell when people use the word "hopefully" incorrectly in a sentence, and I feel obligated to point out such mistakes. You might be surprised by the shocking lack of appreciation that some people show when I offer them assistance with their grammar.

But, you think, how will I find time for a judging ministry with my busy schedule? Yes, you'll have to give up a portion of the time you spend minding your own business. But this ministry comes with rich rewards. Taking time to focus on the faults of others can invigorate your self-esteem. It's a good feeling when you realize that, hey, at least you're not as bad as other people.

For example, you're not as miserly as the church treasurer who wouldn't let you redecorate the sanctuary with Laura Ashley curtains. Of course, when you suggested they cut back on the children's Sabbath School supplies, you were just being a good steward.

I hope you'll consider taking up a judging ministry of your own. Right now someone is doing something wrong. Let them know it hasn't escaped your attention.

But first, step over here a little closer. Is that a speck in your eye?

*Kim Peckham is a Sabbath School teacher at the Willow Brook church in Boonsboro, Md.*

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