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Next month, April 16-17, delegates representing churches across the mid-Atlantic United States will gather for the 26th Constituency Session of the Columbia Union Conference to hear reports, elect officers and boards, and handle the business of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In preparation for that event, union president Dave Weigley shares this special 15-page report to members. It highlights our priorities and accomplishments and will update you on our growth, financial status, mission work, education, healthcare networks and ministry initiatives for the quinquennium (2006-2011).

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Desire of Ages, p. 339

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Videos – In 2010 Washington Adventist University celebrated the groundbreaking for its new music building scheduled to open this fall on our Takoma Park, Md., campus. Watch a video of the event, titled “One Small Step,” and find links to video clips of the demolition of the old building.

Adventist HealthCare leaders are working to build a new hospital in White Oak, Md., close to the General Conference headquarters and just a few miles north of our historic Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md. Learn about this project and their exciting plans for the current property in a video titled “Expanding the Vision.”



Under the leadership of Frank Perez, who recently retired after 16 years at the helm, Kettering Adventist HealthCare grew into an award-



winning network of seven hospitals, a medical college and some 60 healthcare facilities. Learn more about their growth and meet new president and CEO Fred Manchur in a video titled “A New Wing of Service.”

Podcast – In our special constituency session podcast, members of the union leadership team share insights about finances, growth, projects, initiatives and opportunities for the church in this union.

My Greatest Desire

My greatest desire in life is to get to know Jesus better and help others know Him better too. And for me, the best way to deepen my faith is to practice it. After being involved in ministry for more than 30 years, I can tell you that this axiom is true: “To know Him is to love Him, and to love Him is to serve Him.”

You see, I grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist home, attended our schools and studied for the ministry at our colleges, but it wasn’t until I became engaged in our mission to spread the gospel to all the world that I really came to know Christ.

I believe that’s why Jesus instructed the young convert whom He freed from demons not to stay with Him, but to “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you” (Mark 5:19, NKJV). Jesus knew that for this new believer to grow in his faith, he couldn’t hang on the coattails of others. He needed to experience it for himself *and share it*.

Ellen White sheds light on this when she writes: “It is in working to spread the good news of salvation that we are brought near to the Saviour” (*Desire of Ages*, p. 339).

That’s my story and that’s the story of so many of you who’ve discovered that if we really want to know Jesus, we must experience His mission. That’s why during this quinquennium, we adopted the motto “Experience the Mission” and provided opportunities and training for members to grow in their faith by engaging in ministry locally and globally. We’ve also shared numerous stories and testimonies in the pages of this magazine, on our website and via video of how your lives have been changed by these experiences.

Is your greatest desire to know Jesus better? If so, join those of us who’ve already discovered what the disciples, that young convert and the founders of our church learned by experience: It is in serving Christ that we really get to know Him!

Courage,

*Dave Weigley, President
Columbia Union Conference*



Experience the Mission

26th Constituency Session Report to Members

In preparation for the 26th Constituency Session of the Columbia Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, President Dave Weigley shares this special 15-page report to members. It highlights our priorities and accomplishments and will update you on our growth, financial status, mission work, education, healthcare networks and ministry initiatives for the quinquennium (2006-2011):

2006-2011 PRIORITIES

Late in 2006, Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee members spent time identifying and discussing our areas of greatest need. At each meeting in 2007, we organized the list and, by the end of that year, voted six priorities for our work together, encapsulated in the theme “Experience the Mission.” Here’s a look at our priorities and how we’ve addressed them:

1 Foster a culture where discipleship, mission, service and evangelism are priorities at every level

Recognizing the value of leadership development, we organized six seminars during the quinquennium for our presidents, conference administrators, executive committee, university trustees, healthcare administrators and office staff. During these events, presenters like Leslie Pollard, Don Schneider, Gordon Bietz, Henry Wright, Art Chadwick, Susan and Peter Glaser and other thought leaders shared vital leadership principles and concepts, discussed conflict resolution, helped us understand the creation/evolution debate, walked us through the reformation and Martin Luther’s experience, and helped us navigate supervisor/employee communication.

To foster a culture where evangelism is a priority, we asked Lillian Torres to serve as union Bible instructor and

trainer so as to help our conferences recruit, train and equip lay members to participate in evangelism efforts. She’s supported initiatives in most of our conferences and helped lifelong Seventh-day Adventists—some who’ve never given a Bible study—feel at ease about sharing their faith. She’s also written instructional articles in the *Visitor*.

In 2010 Ron Clouzet, director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute based at Andrews University (Mich.), and some of his seminary students conducted an evangelism series in Potomac.

2 Encourage and support innovation in ministry

We continue to search for effective ways to share the gospel and prepare people for Christ’s soon return. Through our Office of Ministries Development, we highlight and support innovative ministries and initiatives. During the last five years, this office has distributed more than \$1 million in seed money to help launch 32 conference-approved, community-impacting programs. Read about them on pages 14-16.

3 Seek and create opportunities to disciple and empower members to minister and share our faith

We fully embraced the 2009 Year of Evangelism initiative of the North American Division and saw it as an opportunity to help more members “experience the mission.” All eight of our conferences participated, giving special emphasis to efforts where

pastors and lay members could work together to reach their communities for Christ. Several conferences recruited and trained members to use the ShareHim preaching program. Mountain View, for example, held several ShareHim “boot camps” with nearly 100 graduates. In Pennsylvania, lay members knocked on doors, invited friends to attend meetings and preached the ShareHim sermons, in one case doubling their membership. Denise Hayden, president of our Columbia Union Chapter of Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI), spearheaded a campaign to encourage members to hold meetings in their homes using ASI’s *New Beginnings* DVD series. And, our Hispanic leaders trained hundreds of laity to be Bible instructors through the new School of Theology for Disciples. All of this and more prepared the way for church reaping efforts, and, by the end of the year, we welcomed more than 5,300 new believers.

I also got a chance to work with churches and hold reaping meetings in Roanoke/Salem, Va. (2006); Lewisburg, W.Va. (2007); Hagerstown, Md. (2008); and Middletown Valley, Md. (2009).

4 Engage new generations in the Adventist mission

In 2009 approximately 5,000 young people from our union attended the North American Division’s International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis. There were also two major camporees within our union in 2007 and 2010. We support these events because they cast a vision for mission and service in the hearts of our youth. And at each one, many of our youth take their stand for Christ through baptism.

Just Claim It (2010), Generation of Youth for Christ (2006 and 2010), numerous mission trips and other events engaged thousands of our youth and young adults in mission, service and evangelism.

A number of the projects we supported through the Office of Ministries Development also involved or targeted young adults. They are listed on pages 14-16.

5 Foster excellence in education and support programs that promote increased enrollment in Adventist schools

We’ve made real progress at Washington Adventist University—our union’s liberal arts

school.

Under new president Weymouth Spence, EdD, and his team, the state endorsed our bid to become a university, enrollment is at its highest in 20 years, our financial picture has improved and they’re currently building a new music building—the first new building on our Takoma Park, Md., campus in 40 years! Read more on page 11.

In 2009 Evelyn Sullivan joined our team as associate director for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC). She’s assisting our churches and schools in standardizing curriculum, hiring practices and program evaluation, and ensuring that we comply with federal and state regulations at 60 Adventist-run programs in our region.

In addition, all schools are now required to create and implement a marketing plan to meet accreditation standards.

6 Foster excellence in ministry and support initiatives and programs that promote increased attendance in Adventist churches

The Columbia Union is home to two health-care networks. More people visit our hospitals and healthcare facilities each week than visit our churches. Through these entities we have great opportunity to minister and change lives, which is why I want to see them grow. At Adventist HealthCare, we’ve strengthened and expanded our three main hospitals in Maryland and New Jersey, added two and are working to build two more. Kettering Adventist HealthCare added three new hospitals and is building another, which will bring our total to eight in southwest Ohio. Read more on pages 12-13.

There is great opportunity for evangelism and growth among the multicultural populations of our diverse region. That’s why in 2007, we asked Rubén Ramos to join our leadership team as assistant to the president for Multilingual Ministries. His focus on church planting, training the laity and evangelism has helped our conferences grow their ministries and memberships. Read more on pages 8-11.

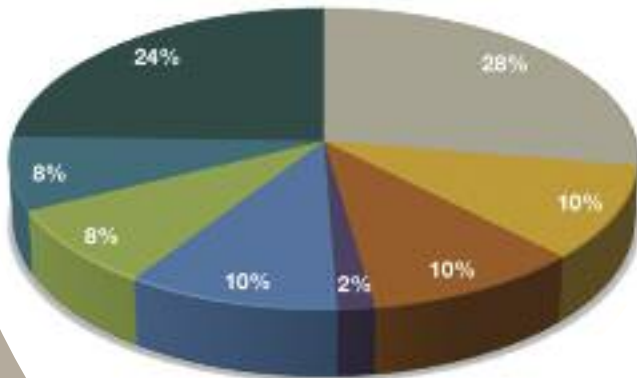
SECRETARIAT



Executive secretary **Neville Harcombe** and his staff monitor the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the mid-Atlantic region by tracking numbers of workers, baptisms and congregations. To do

so, they work closely with our eight conference executive secretaries. They also record and archive meeting minutes and policies adopted by the Columbia Union Conference and its entities. All of this helps us track progress and sheds light on trends and areas of need. The following tables summarize our growth by churches, membership, baptisms and professions of faith during the last five years and in comparison to previous quinquenniums:

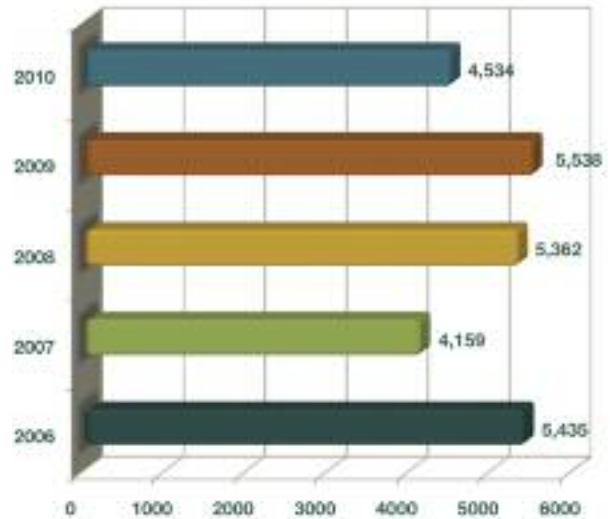
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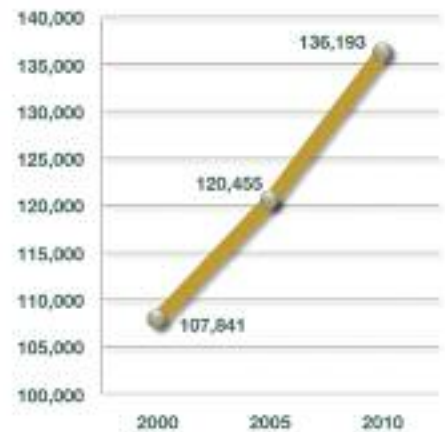
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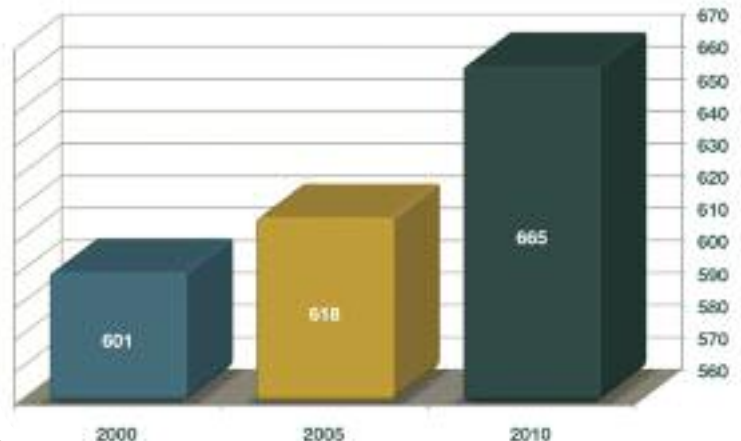
BAPTISMS AND PROFESSIONS OF FAITH



TOTAL UNION MEMBERSHIP



ORGANIZED CHURCHES UNIONWIDE*



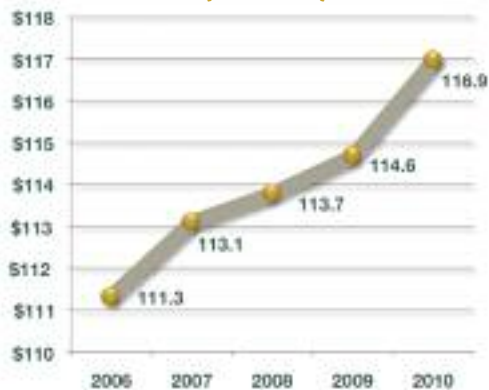
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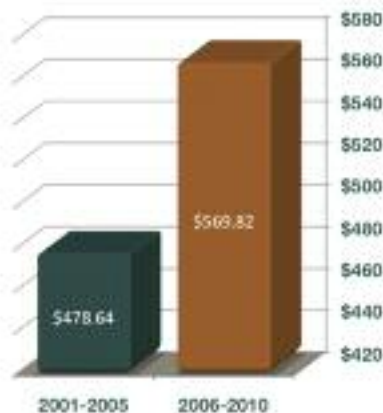


The financial state of the Columbia Union continues to be strong. In spite of the downturn in our economy and massive layoffs nationwide, we never suffered a tithe loss in any of the past five years (see graphs below). Many unions across our division have shown losses over the same period. Treasurer **Seth Bardu** and his team have balanced our budgets in each of these years and operated at or below projected expenses. We are thankful to God for blessing His people, and because of your faithfulness, we have been able to continue to assist in funding various ministries and projects across our territory.

UNIONWIDE TITHE INCOME
(in Millions)



TITHE COMPARISON
(in Millions)



16%
Tithe Increase
Over The Last
Quinquennium

HOW THE UNION ALLOCATES TITHE

Out of \$116.9 million of tithe collected unionwide in 2010, the Columbia Union Conference received \$10.5 million, allocated by the percentage indicated below:



Source: Columbia Union Conference Secretariat and Treasury

MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

OFFICE OF MINISTRIES DEVELOPMENT

Vice president **Frank Bondurant** partners with conferences in developing and supporting ministries that aim to transform and evangelize communities within our union territory. Over the last five years, the Columbia Union has returned well over a million dollars to local conferences to seed 32 community outreach projects. Our investment in these projects is making it possible for many of our churches to build bridges to their communities in innovative ways. Bondurant also serves as a liaison between the North American Division departments and ministries and our local conference departmental personnel. He has hosted annual advisories and training events for conference departmental personnel. He also supervises the evaluation process for conference officers in preparation for their constituency sessions, an ongoing service the union provides local conferences. Bondurant participates in local conference pastors meetings, is a frequent speaker at camp meetings, attends conference executive committees, assists in the annual development of two evangelism-themed issues of the *Visitor* and holds evangelistic meetings.



were later reduced and formulated into 20 strategic objectives, all of which have been addressed. Key elements of the strategic plan included: (1) a distance-education initiative enriching the number of course offerings of small junior academies, addressed through a two-year, \$40,000 contract with Griggs International Academy; (2) bringing approximately 60 school- and church-based early childhood education and day care programs (1,600 children) under the supervision of a recently appointed associate director of our ECEC/Pre-K programs; (3) formulating and approving an education marketing initiative, now including the requirement that all union schools must formulate and implement a marketing plan to reaccredit; and (4) renegotiating the co-accreditation agreement between the Middle



States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Columbia Union, successfully accomplished in the spring of 2010.

Currently there are 70 elementary schools, 14 junior academies, nine academies (day/boarding) and 499 teachers who are driving education ministry in the Columbia Union. In recent years, the state of the national economy has challenged conferences and schools to maintain K-12 enrollment. As is the case across the North American Division, small, rural and suburban-based schools in our field have been particularly hard pressed to remain viable. Challenges notwithstanding, the Office of Education continues to give its best!

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

In the fall of 2006, vice president **Hamlet Canosa, EdD**, and his team hosted 60-plus educators over four days for sessions of both the Columbia Union School Administrators Council (CUSAC) and Curriculum Committee. Focused on developing a five-year plan, both groups cumulatively identified 32 areas of interest that

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Vice president **Walter Carson, Esq.**, provides legal counsel to union officers and church leaders throughout the Columbia Union. His work focuses on three distinct areas: legal services, trust services and religious liberty. In providing legal services, Carson acts as advisor and counselor, reviews contracts and various legal documents, advises on personnel matters and assists in the implementation of

union and church working policy. He also serves as secretary to the union association, which holds title to investments and securities held on behalf of the union and its ministries. In the area of trust services, Carson assists church members who, through gift



planning, seek to fund the ministry of the Adventist Church. He reviews and evaluates estate-planning vehicles, including wills, trusts and charitable gift annuities, and provides educational opportunities for conference Trust

Services personnel, required by the North American Division certification protocols. The latest Trust Services report reflects unionwide gift agreements totaling \$10,035,598 and maturities totaling \$3,435,143. All funds will further the Lord's work.

In the religious liberty area, Carson provides counsel to individual church members experiencing workplace religious discrimination because of the Sabbath. He speaks to such persons, informs them of their rights under applicable law, suggests remedies they might pursue and communicates with employers, on their behalf, in an effort to find an accommodation and save their jobs. This past year, upwards of 200 members have received help with such workplace issues. Carson also speaks at Sabbath services regarding the importance of religious freedom and coordinates the annual *Liberty* magazine offering campaign for our union. During the recent campaign, church members contributed \$68,712 for subscriptions for legislators and judicial leaders, etc.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



As special assistant to the president, **Edward Motschiedler** completes various assignments and coordinates leadership development. In 2006 he developed curriculum and materials for the Columbia Union

Leadership Center.

Since then he has developed leadership programs for conferences and church entities that build and sustain organizational trust. He also represents the union at the local Howard County Community Action Council and chairs the board of a supporting ministry called Reach International. In 2009 he visited several of the union's Missions Abroad projects in Africa.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

In their quest to keep members connected to our church family, **Celeste Ryan Blyden**, assistant to the president for communication, and her team have taken communication to a new level. In addition to publishing an



award-winning monthly news magazine, with a circulation of nearly 50,000, they redesigned and reorganized the union website (columbiaunion.org), transforming it into a news source for more than

20,000 members who access news and information, resources, podcasts, photo blogs and videos, etc. They publish an email newsletter, make each month's print magazine available online and use social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, to keep members informed in real time and engage new generations.

During the quinquennium, they produced a calendar annually, coordinated the union's yearlong centennial celebration in 2007, produced a music CD and created our union DVD series, *Columbia Union Story*. They developed and offer six communication workshops in English and Spanish to train and equip communicators at all levels. Blyden also convened the annual communication advisory for her conference and school counterparts and helped them communicate effectively during more than 30 crisis situations. She serves on several boards and committees, and from 2007-2009 was president of the Society of Adventist Communicators.

MULTILINGUAL MINISTRIES

There is great opportunity for evangelism and growth among the multicultural populations of our diverse region. That's why in 2007, we asked **Rubén Ramos** to join our leadership team as assistant to the president for Multilingual Ministries. During this quinquennium, he has helped conferences develop evangelism initiatives; plant seven churches; and coordinate discipleship-training



programs for 445 students who earned small group, Bible instruction or lay evangelist certificates. He has also held more than 49 weeks of revival and evangelism reaping meetings throughout our territory, resulting in 440 baptisms. Additionally, Ramos reports that more than 90 students are enrolled in the newly created Hispanic Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program organized by Andrews University (Mich.) and held at the Columbia Union office.

COLUMBIA UNION REVOLVING FUND

Started in 1968 and now led by secretary/treasurer **Peggy Lee**, the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF) continues to make ministry possible by helping churches, schools, institutions and other ministries fund their purchasing, building and renovation projects. Adventist organizations have used CURF loans in many ways, such as buying buildings and land for new churches and schools; building, remodeling or expansion projects; starting and building community service centers and day care centers; repairing roofs and heating/air conditioning systems for schools and churches; and building and renovating an Adventist Book Center. During this last

quinquennium, CURF voted 279 loans totaling more than \$101.5 million.

CURF raises money for its loan program by selling interest-bearing notes to church members and Adventist institutions in the Columbia Union. All sales of notes are made through the Offering Circular.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Director **Harold Greene** and his team provide technology and accounting support at the union office and for conferences and schools in the union's eight-state territory. This includes setup and maintenance of network, email and remote access systems. During this quinquennium, Information Technology Services transitioned from Novell to Microsoft networks at eight sites; assisted multiple sites in the transition to the new Adventist Payroll System; upgraded the email system at multiple sites; provided networking,



accounting and software support daily to offices, schools and churches all over the union territory. To better manage and monitor the sites, they established a unionwide network, which interconnected the union, conferences and some of the academies. The team also worked closely with Communication Services to redesign, reorganize and relaunch the union website; keep it updated; and install and use social media tools that enhance unionwide communication efforts.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

We're seeing an amazing turnaround at Washington Adventist University, our union's liberal arts school in the nation's capital. When I came to the union in 2006, our century-old college was saddled with failing infrastructure, decreasing enrollment, \$8.6 million of debt and a growing disconnect with constituents. To determine the best course of action, we convened a summit that involved the college board, faculty, staff, student leaders and representatives from each conference executive committee and our healthcare systems. We earnestly sought



God's guidance, solicited student and constituent input and searched for new leadership.

After a lengthy 2007 search process, we asked **Weymouth Spence, EdD**, to serve as president. He and his team, guided by

the board, are tackling the issues, developing a strategic plan, and creating a culture of excellence designed to engage minds and transform the lives of our students. Their mission is to produce graduates who bring competence and moral leadership to their communities.

Growth Highlights

- In 2009, largely due to our growing graduate program and qualified teaching force—many with terminal degrees—state officials endorsed our bid to become a university.
- Spence and his team have fully implemented the plan to organize the university into three schools—the School of Arts and Social Sciences, the School of Health Professions Science and Wellness and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.
- We now offer eight graduate degree programs through the School of Graduate and Professional Studies and the implementation of our new online degree program.

- Enrollment has grown over the past three years from 996 in 2008 to 1,298 in 2010. This is an increase of 30.3 percent—our highest enrollment since 1991.

- Thanks to the hard work of chief financial officer Patrick Farley, our financial picture has improved. The debt has decreased to \$5.4 million, and since 2006 they've ended each fiscal year with an operating gain (including \$2.6 million in 2010). Our union treasurer, Seth Bardu, has been an integral part of this, chairing the finance committee.

- It was most exciting to participate in the groundbreaking for our new music building, the first new building on our Takoma Park, Md., campus in 40 years! It's scheduled for completion this fall.

- In 2009 the Greater Silver Spring (Md.) Chamber of Commerce recognized the educational partnership with Washington Adventist Hospital and awarded WAU the Business/Education Partnership Award.

- Educational partnerships with three local school districts are providing on-the-job training for students in the areas of elementary/special education and early childhood education.

- Over the last four years, the university has received state, federal and association grants totaling more than \$8.4 million for educational programs and the music building project.

- In 2010 Spence hired Baraka Muganda, former youth director for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, to serve as vice president for ministry and prioritize the spiritual development of our students. Pastor Muganda has already helped to initiate a new focus on missions, involving students in trips to Honduras, El Salvador and Uganda. The Uganda trip resulted in the baptism of 200 people.

- We've also received recognition in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges 2010 edition—ranked second in the North Region for students graduating with the least amount of debt and third in diversity.



HEALING MINISTRIES

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE

Ten years ago, **William G. “Bill” Robertson** came to Adventist HealthCare (AHC) to serve as president and



CEO. Under his leadership, they've strengthened and expanded our three main hospitals in Maryland and New Jersey and added two more. With 6,500 employees, they are the largest employer in Montgomery County, Maryland, and

operate dozens of clinics and other facilities.

During this quinquennium, Robertson and his team focused on extending AHC's mission of "demonstrating God's care" to patients and community, and God has blessed these efforts in amazing ways.

Growth Highlights

- In 2006 AHC opened the Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center, which in 2010 cared for nearly 38,000 people. Two years later, they opened the new Shady Grove Adventist Hospital inpatient tower, increasing the capacity for surgery and emergency services, and providing patients with access to facilities designed to reduce stress and improve healing. The hospital has received numerous recognitions, including the Stroke Center Designation and Gold Performance Award for Cardiac and Vascular Services.

- In 2006 the nationally recognized Reginald S. Lourie Center for Infants and Young Children joined our organization as part of Adventist Behavioral Health, expanding our capabilities to care for infants and children with behavioral health problems. A recent outreach of the Lourie Center is the development of post traumatic stress services for Haitian children, in collaboration with the North

American Division's Hope for Humanity program and Loma Linda University (Calif.).

- Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md., the first member of the Adventist HealthCare family, is in the midst of seeking regulatory approval for its relocation to property a few miles away in White Oak, Md.

- In addition, collaborative plans with Washington Adventist University to redevelop the hospital's Takoma Park campus into the Village of Education, Health and Well-being are well under way. One component of these plans, the Center on Health Disparities, created four years ago, is now a recognized leader in Maryland, advocating for the elimination of health disparities and extending appropriate culturally competent care to our diverse communities.

- Hackettstown Regional Medical Center in New Jersey is consistently ranked among the nation's top hospitals for clinical care and patient experience.

- Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, which turns 10 this year, became the first hospital in a five-state area to obtain accreditation in four specialty areas: brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke and amputation. The hospital also sent a team of professionals to help amputees in Haiti.

- Adventist HealthCare received accreditation in 2007 and 2009 for two clinical pastoral education programs for chaplains. So far, 35 students have enrolled in these programs.

- In August 2010, AHC selected Genesis HealthCare, one of the top providers of senior care in the nation, to take over the Adventist Senior Living Services division of six nursing homes in Maryland. Our chaplains will continue to provide services at these homes.

- AHC expanded our Health Ministries (formerly Parish Nursing) program and now provides support to more than 200 churches, synagogues and mosques. And our extensive Health and Wellness division continues to provide lifestyle programs, screenings and classes for the community at large.

KETTERING ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE

After 35 years in healthcare administration, **Francisco J. “Frank” Perez** retired in December.



He spent the last 16 years building our southwest Ohio-based Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) into an award-winning network of 9,500 employees, 1,500 medical staff, 900 volunteers, 60 facilities and seven

hospitals—three added in the last five years—and another under construction.

As 2010 came to a close, we welcomed **Fred Manchur** as network president and CEO. He worked closely with Perez for several years and is enthusiastically carrying on Kettering’s mission to improve the quality of life for people in the communities we serve and convey God’s love in a healing, caring environment.



Growth Highlights

- Kettering’s newest facility, Fort Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio, joined the network in June 2010. Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia, Ohio, joined the network in 2009 and features KAHC’s only certified trauma center.
- KAHC opened new outpatient centers in the communities of Lebanon, Beavercreek and Bellbrook, providing physical therapy, medical imaging, specialty physicians, labs and other services.
- The five-story Benjamin and Marian Schuster Heart Hospital opened at Kettering Medical Center in October 2010.
- A massive expansion of the Charles H. Huber Health Center in Huber Heights, Ohio, will be

completed this summer, bringing a freestanding emergency department with 10-minute-or-less access to emergency services.

- Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center, the network’s facility for comprehensive behavioral healthcare, opened a new 6,324-sq.-ft. outpatient/partial hospitalization building.
- In 2009 we established the Kettering Innovation Center to cultivate new technologies and foster best practices from industry, academia and healthcare.
- In 2010 construction began on Kettering’s eighth hospital, the Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center, scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2012. Featured services will include emergency and trauma treatment, a birthing center and mother-baby care, heart and vascular care, surgery, intensive care, medical imaging and outpatient services. A medical office building will also be an integral part of the campus.
- The five-story West Wing expansion project at Grandview Medical Center kicked off in the summer of 2010. It’s expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2012.
- Kettering Medical Center is working on an expansion plan to develop a 34-acre parcel of land adjacent to the hospital. The initial proposed plan includes four buildings, including an outpatient surgery center, which will bring jobs and greater patient capacity.
- Kettering has earned *numerous* awards and was ranked among the nation’s “Top 10 Health Systems” by Thomson Reuters for two consecutive years (2009 and 2010). In 2010 they also received the Platinum Level Governor’s Award presented by Ohio Governor Ted Stickland.
- Kettering College, our union’s medical college, which shares a campus with Kettering Medical Center, has experienced record enrollment during the last five years.

HOMELAND MISSIONS

From 2006-2011 we returned more than \$1 million to the local field to assist conferences with church planting, laity training, evangelism initiatives, metropolitan ministries, young adult-led ministries and innovative endeavors. All 32 projects are designed to make a difference in the lives of those served, encourage and support innovation in ministry and reach people for Christ:

1. Montclair, N.J. – Pastor Paula Olivier’s acclaimed summer youth program targets disadvantaged and at-risk teens and teaches them leadership and life skills such as money management, conflict resolution, job interviewing and auto safety (below).



2. Coatesville, Pa. – This ministry provides food and shelter for homeless men; permanent, transitional and low-income housing; and a full-service community center. As Minnie McNeil, executive director, says, “It is a place where men who are weary find rest.”

3. Hyattsville, Md. – Pastor Brenda Billings and her Metropolitan church members shower teen and young adult parents with a baby blessing that includes seminars, counseling and assistance in knowing how to meet the developmental needs of their young children.

4. Columbus, Ohio – From their headquarters here, President Fredrick Russell and his Allegheny West Conference team are working to plant 20 churches across their four-state vineyard.

5. Charleston, W.Va. – President Larry Boggess and his Mountain View Conference team have set out to claim this city for Christ with their Three Angels Over Appalachia initiative. They plan to employ an evangelist, Bible workers and youth literature evangelists; establish a college of evangelism; launch a health ministry; and plant four new churches in and around the state capital.

6. Kearny, N.J. – Pastor Charles Gonzalez and some 20 members of the Harrison (N.J.) Spanish church are working to plant a church in this unentered suburb of Newark.

7. Columbus, Ohio – President Raj Attiken’s Conference on Innovation has grown as pastors, educators, students and ministry leaders gather annually in the Ohio Conference to listen to thought leaders, participate in roundtable discussions (below) and explore innovative ways to share the gospel.





8. Mason, Ohio – To make friends for Christ, Pastor Gianluca Bruno and members of the Cincinnati Village Church operate a community bookstore. They frequently host community association meetings, seminars, local artists, exhibitions and health and family life classes.

9. Cleveland, Ohio – Pastor Kevin Kuehmichel and members of the Walk of Faith Fellowship church provide breakfast for the homeless each Sabbath morning. They also run the Teen Esteem center where youth hang out, get help with homework, use the computers, volunteer in service projects and spend time with caring adults.

10. Toledo, Ohio – Through their Haven of Hope ministry, Pastor Mike Fortune and the Toledo First church are renovating homes and assisting homeless mothers in transition. They've also started a community services center and weekly worship service in a local storefront.

11. Carnegie, Pa. – Just across the river from Pittsburgh, Pastor Lonnie Wibberding recently picked up the mantle from Andrew and Mayda Clark to lead the Greater Pittsburgh Metropolitan Ministry. They engaged in a number of community impacting ministries, ran a café ministry and weekly worship service for local youth and connected with community residents and leaders.

12. Reading, Pa. – In a ballet studio on the fourth floor of a renovated, eyeglass, World War II-era factory called GoggleWorks (above), Kris Eckenroth, Jason Foster, Jeanne Hartwell and a dedicated

leadership team are reaching out to young adults through their Grace Outlet worship service and relationship-building social activities.

13. Philadelphia – By combining a young adult church plant with a student literature evangelism program, Pastor Tara Vin Cross is working to train youth to become missionaries who will share our faith and lead our church.

14. Lanham, Md. – Pastor Paul Graham and some 270 people signed the membership charter as Potomac Conference leaders officially organized this young adult church plant which has already outgrown its spacious sanctuary.

15. Richmond, Va. – Hope is Born is an evangelistic outreach of the Richmond Brazilian church led by Pastor Therezinha Barbalho. They're targeting Portuguese-speaking people through community services and public evangelism.

16. Takoma Park, Md. – In a quest to reach WGTS 91.9 FM's 600,000 listeners, 40 percent of whom are unchurched, vice president and general manager John Konrad asked Pastor Terry Johnson (below) to serve as station chaplain. Their prayer





ministry, mission trips and weekly worship services are engaging listeners and connecting them with Adventist churches.

17. Fort Meade, Md. – Leaders of Clarksville, Md.’s, Triadelphia church are working with the Chesapeake Conference to plant an Adventist church in nearby Fort Meade, a military community. To that end, they’re looking to establish several community-impacting ministries, including a thrift store.

18. Thornville, Ohio – To prepare them for manhood, Allegheny West Conference Youth Ministries director Joel Johnson (above) organized a 10-day mentoring camp for 45 at-risk teens. In addition to recreational activities, the boys attended classes on dressing and grooming, etiquette, self-respect and respect for women.

19. Silver Spring, Md. – Members of the Southern Asian church, led by Pastor Franklin David, brought Messiah’s Mansion (right) to their community. This life-sized replica of the sanctuary featured tours and educational stations where some 2,000 visitors learned the symbolism of each part and the purpose of Christ’s ministry in the heavenly sanctuary.

20. Takoma Park, Md. – Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington, directed by Ron Wylie, is a coalition of seven Adventist churches. This center offers food baskets, utility assistance, job training and referrals. It also operates a thrift store, offers computer literacy classes and refurbished computers to low-income families, provides ESL classes, supports immigrants in transition and manages an indoor community pool for the county year round.

21. Baltimore – For several years, Pastor Darriel Hoy trained youth to serve their community through Baltimore Adventist Community Services and its Youth Service Corps. They organized service days, ministered to homeless people and distributed donated goods and gifts.

22. Portsmouth, Va. – Members of the Prentis Park Worship Center are leading the fight against AIDS, providing HIV testing and prevention education. They’re also serving and ministering to patients.

23. Baltimore – Faith Center for Community Wellness and Advancement, an outreach ministry of Miracle Temple, is working to wholistically heal individuals and families through mentoring, ESL classes, mental health counseling, computer training and exercise and nutrition programs.



24. Fulton, Md. – New Hope church leaders hosted the REVEAL Worship Conference for young adults and led an evangelism meeting using small groups and Bible marking.

25. Trenton, N.J. – From its in-house media studio, New Jersey Conference created a virtual church, where they broadcast the gospel to the world via the Internet 24/7.

26. Takoma Park, Md. – Twelve Washington Adventist University students were trained to hold a full-scale evangelism series using the ShareHim program. When they traveled to Uganda to use their newfound skills, 200 people accepted Christ.



27. Philadelphia – More than 80 couples participated in a one-day marriage conference called From This Day Forward, where they celebrated their marriage commitment, learned spiritually based relationship-strengthening skills and even renewed their vows.

28. Takoma Park, Md. – The Center for Metropolitan Ministry at Washington Adventist University provides research, information and training for evangelism and community outreach. They also help with community-mapping projects to help congregations identify community needs.

29. Harrisburg, Pa. – Pennsylvania Conference's Social Action Leadership teams provide weekend training to help congregations become actively involved in their communities (above) and make

disciples. After learning how to conduct community interviews, mapping and demographic research, churches set goals and plan action steps.

30. Philadelphia – Through the Adventist Humanitarian Resource Center, Allegheny East and Pennsylvania conference churches collaborate to study, impact and reach their community. Their health and community fair and spaghetti suppers are winners.

31. Philadelphia – Young adults formed the South Philadelphia Community Action Group and hosted Bible study discussions in cafés, restaurants and bookstores. They also created a computer literacy training program and online church to encourage unity amidst racial diversity.

32. Newark, N.J. – Through the Adventist Community Development Services, Allegheny East and New Jersey conference churches combined resources to reach their shared community. Their Strengthening Families curriculum and youth-led community-mapping project helped them identify and address local needs.



MISSIONS ABROAD

While we focus on the work at home, we also lend our support to missions abroad, with support from our healthcare networks. These efforts not only change the lives of the people we serve, they have a profound impact on our pastors, leaders and members and enrich their ministries here at home. Here is a look at some of our projects:



In 2007 pastors and lay members from Allegheny East, Mountain View, Ohio and Potomac conferences (above) spent two weeks in India conducting reaping meetings that yielded 419 baptisms. In 2008 we helped finish a church in the Modjadji region of South Africa, started by Chesapeake members, and conducted reaping meetings that filled the new church with new believers. A few hours away, we visited Paul (center, now deceased) and Martha (left) Mawela who tirelessly feed nearly 800 children orphaned by AIDS and care for the sick in their community. We donated a 14-passenger van to help them transport the caregivers who work with their ministry. In 2009 we built a much-needed dormitory at the Jalandar Seventh-day Adventist School in India. And in 2010 we started building a surgery center for the health clinic at LaKankga University in Congo that will be completed this year.



Debbie Eisele, a pastor at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., prays with baptismal candidates in India.



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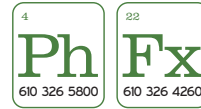
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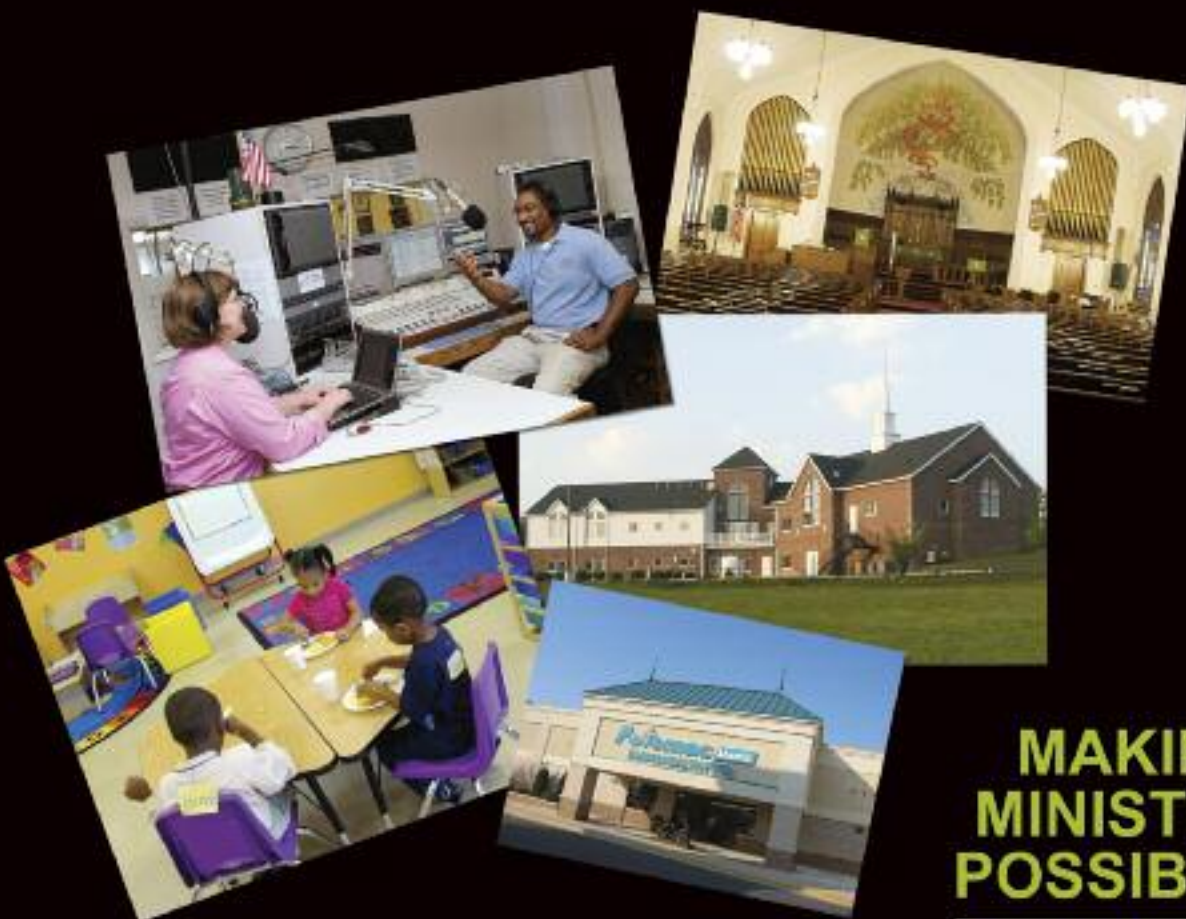
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Called to Share God's Love

Jennifer Swenson

Some individuals may think that being a pastor or missionary is the only way to spread God's love, but I understood at a young age that my calling in life did not lead me down either path. However, growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and seeing the impact that God has on our lives led me to desire a profession that would allow me to share His love.

Unlike some minister's children, I loved my childhood and my experiences growing up in the church. One of those experiences was seeing my father sit on the board of the Paradise Valley Hospital in San Diego, Calif. I saw clearly that I could serve the Lord and reach others through a healthcare profession.

Hospitals see hundreds of patients each day, which gives staff opportunities to reach out and touch individuals whom may not want to step foot in a church. Working in healthcare would allow me to share God's love with patients, employees and physicians. Plus, the Adventist Church's approach to healing sets our facilities apart from other regional and national hospitals. Our Adventist heritage is built on health and healing, and the teachings of Ellen G. White and the Bible inspires our Adventist facilities.

EMBRACE CHANGE

Last fall, while finishing 20 years of working in Adventist hospitals throughout California, I felt God was calling me to use my talents in a new area. Soon an opportunity arose for me to travel to Dayton, Ohio, and interview for a position at Kettering Adventist HealthCare. They had just finalized the purchase of Fort Hamilton Hospital, which is located in one of Cincinnati's northern suburban areas.

I ended up moving my family across the United States to start a new path for God. It has been challenging, but I believe that God knows how much we can endure. He opens doors so that we can spread His Word. Fort Hamilton Hospital has embraced the Kettering Adventist Healthcare culture and love for the community. I can see that God has set our path, now it is up to us to follow it and spread His Word to a new community.



GROW WITH GOD

We are all like vines, and it is important for us to draw the nutrients from the water that God has given us. In turn, we need to grow and spread His Word to others. He gives us the ability to share His love and makes it our *job* to fulfill His Son's mission of healing and spreading the message of Jesus Christ. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5, NIV).

Jennifer Swenson serves as president of Fort Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio.

Fort Hamilton Hospital Chooses Kettering Adventist HealthCare

David Seidel, vice president for clinical and support services at Grandview and Southview Medical centers, wasn't surprised Fort Hamilton Hospital chose Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) when its leaders decided to merge with a new health system. "They have a positive culture. You can feel it right away when you [enter] the hospital," says Seidel of visiting the Butler County, Ohio-based facility. "The sense of community and mission are strikingly similar to KAHC."

Fort Hamilton had been partnering with one of the largest healthcare systems in Cincinnati since 1998. Earlier this year, they left that system in search of a better fit and found it with Kettering Adventist HealthCare.

"Fort Hamilton could have chosen any number of organizations, but decided to go outside the Cincinnati market," said Joseph Nicosia, KAHC's chief learning officer. "That was a significant decision."

Seidel added that Fort Hamilton actively pursued other organizations but found that KAHC possessed qualities and characteristics that resonated with their leadership: an inclusive, collaborative atmosphere; a participatory management style; a focus on achievement of measureable outcomes; and a rich heritage of healthcare as a mission—not a job.

"Fort Hamilton now aligns itself with a network that is highly rated for quality and patient satisfaction," conveys Jennifer Swenson, new Fort Hamilton Hospital president. "Our missions are the same in that we want



to provide the best care for our patients at the right time and in the right place."

A THOROUGH SEARCH

As part of its search, Fort Hamilton executives spent a great deal of time interviewing and meeting with management teams at Grandview Medical Center near downtown Dayton and Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia. Grandview merged with KAHC in 1999; Greene Memorial merged 10 years later.

"Fort Hamilton staff heard good reports about those mergers," says Dave Weigley, chair of the Kettering Adventist HealthCare Board and president of the Columbia Union Conference. "They were also excited about our welcoming atmosphere, as well as our level of excellence and support."

Other accolades KAHC has received in recent years that encouraged Fort Hamilton officials include national recognition as one of the top 10 networks two years in a row, as well as acknowledgement as a topnotch workplace.

SPIRITUALLY LED EMPLOYEES

One of the areas that KAHC staff members rate the highest on employee surveys is the belief that their



Jennifer Swenson, new Fort Hamilton Hospital president, introduces herself to hospital volunteer Bernie Greisinger.

YOUR HEALING MINISTRY



HAMILTON: Small Town, Big Spirit

The City of Hamilton dates back to 1794, and is centrally located in southwest Ohio between the cities of Cincinnati and Dayton. Though Hamilton fell victim to the Great Dayton Flood of 1913, many of its historical buildings survived and remain in use today. Visitors can enjoy monumental architecture and turn-of-the-century homes. While considered a regional center of business, industry and government, Hamilton remains committed to retaining its small-town charm and the character of its pioneer past.



job contributes to the mission of the organization, reports Nicosia.

“We believe this is sacred work,” adds Seidel. “Many of the people at Fort Hamilton have worked at the hospital for dozens of years. They take ownership of their work and have strong feelings and emotions about its importance. Our network can amplify that.”

Stan Dunk, director of Pastoral Care at Fort Hamilton, says the hospital has a history of providing quality spiritual care for patients, and it receives solid support from local churches. Still, he’s excited about the merger because “inspiration can come from being a faith-based system,” he states. “A lot of us are very encouraged.”

Plans are in place for members of the KAHC Spiritual Care team to meet with staff at Fort Hamilton for an introduction and training. “We’re breaking ground and making new,” says Dunk.

A COMPLETED MERGER

While a definitive signing of the agreement took place July 12, 2010, the merger is retroactive to July 1, the start of Fort Hamilton’s fiscal year.

As part of the agreement, a new Fort Hamilton Hospital Board was formed. It includes representatives from its existing board as well as newly appointed KAHC community members. The first official meeting of this new board was held on August 4, 2010. An integration celebration followed.

Fort Hamilton Hospital, established in 1929 in Hamilton, Ohio, now represents KAHC’s seventh member hospital. With the addition of the 175-bed facility, KAHC now boasts 9,500 employees and 1,500 active physicians.



Kettering Ministers Anoint Hospital Administrators

Lonnie Melashenko, vice president of Spiritual Care and Missions for Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC), has solicited the help of Karl Haffner, pastor of the Kettering (Ohio) church, to administer blessings and prayers on KAHC leaders. The two spiritual leaders have performed an anointing service on the presidents of six of the network's hospitals and one for new network president and CEO Fred Manchur. The ministry team felt it important to ask God to bless and guide the leaders' daily decisions.

Anointing ceremonies start with an explanation of the power to bless and how God created each of us with love and how He wants us to fulfill our intrinsic function. They conclude with prayer along with oil rubbed on the forehead and a scripture reading.

"In my private consecration and anointing services for these leaders, we weep before the porch and altar pleading for the promised Holy Spirit to wrap His arms around our dedicated leaders, who represent millions of sick individuals needing the touch of the Master himself!" notes Melashenko. "Jesus spent more time in healing than preaching. How significant that we set apart our healthcare leaders to do the medical missionary ministry of Christ."



Lonnie Melashenko (back), vice president of Spiritual Care and Missions for Kettering Adventist HealthCare, and Karl Haffner, pastor of the Kettering (Ohio) church, anoint Jennifer Swenson, new president of Fort Hamilton Hospital for service.

Kettering Touts, Shares Top Cardiovascular Services

For a second consecutive year, Thomson-Reuters selected Kettering Medical Center (KMC) as one of America's Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals. Based on an independent research center's study of 1,022 hospitals across the country, KMC is the only hospital in the greater Dayton area to receive such recognition,

and the only hospital in southwest Ohio to receive it two years in a row.

Kettering Adventist HealthCare dedicated the month of February to further demonstrate their commitment to heart disease awareness and prevention. The special month included heart and body composition screenings offered to community residents and hospital guests at each of the network's seven hospitals.



Additionally, staff members and Heater (above), the mascot for the Dayton Dragons, distributed information cards and red roses in the hospital lobbies.

"This is really a tribute to the quality and dedication of the physicians and staff who commit their lives daily to excellence in cardiovascular care," said Walter Sackett, KAHC vice president for Clinical Services. "This recognition is for our physicians and staff that bring phenomenal expertise, compassion and stewardship to every patient, every time, every place."



Kettering Medical Center Quality Control administrators and employees pause from distributing information about heart disease to visitors.

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Mitchellville Members Knock on Doors

More than 50 church members and guests from the Mitchellville church in Largo, Md., distributed 1,000 bags of gospel lead cards and invitations to health seminars at the church. Participants stepped out of their comfort zones and were able to reach 1,000 homes in less than 90 minutes. This is all a part of the church's Operation Friendship Explosion plan. After reaching the community for Christ, participants attended a presentation on how to give Bible studies. Literature evangelists working in the community have also brought to the church 44 Bible study interests.



The outreach efforts have been so successful that every third Sabbath, the members have agreed to end the main service early and continue the service out in the community. The church's pastor, Pastor Melvyn Hayden III, often drives them in a 36-passenger coach bus called The Gospel Movement. Pastor Hayden says that, in his 15 years of pastoring, he has never seen such an enormous response as he has seen at the Mitchellville church.

"God is moving in a mighty way, and His Holy Spirit is motivating us to share His love consistently with joy and power," he says.

200 Baltimore Area Lay Leaders Receive Training

Some 200 lay leaders from all the churches in the Baltimore Extended Area Ministerium, recently received training in their respective ministries. Held at Miracle Temple in Baltimore, the lay leaders came from as far away as Harrisburg, Pa., for the daylong training.

The presenters came from the North American Division, the Columbia Union Conference and the Potomac and Allegheny East conferences. They not only equipped church leaders with practical tools specific to their ministries, but also taught attendees the principles of servant leadership, to think creatively so as to keep their ministries relevant and to enhance those things already working well.

The training was the first of its kind for the ministerium, which is led by Maurice N. Taylor, pastor of Berea Temple in Baltimore. It came out of the pastors' desire to equip their ministry leaders with the skills necessary to effectively build up the kingdom of God. They hope to make this an annual event.

Pastor Errol Stoddart, DMin, Miracle Temple's senior pastor, began the day with a devotional, and then participants attended two out of 13 ministry-specific seminars for elders, deacons, Children's Ministries, clerks, Youth and Young Adult Ministries and communication, etc.

"Our leaders are excited and energized after today's training. We are anticipating great things in 2011," said Gary Adams, pastor of the United in Christ church.

One attendee shared, "The training met my needs. I plan to use what I have learned to enhance my relationship with Christ and my church community."

—David Franklin



Church elders beseech God's guidance during their breakout session.

Millsboro Celebrates Native American Heritage

Instead of holding a secular service at a civic center, several Nanticoke Indian members of the Millsboro (Del.) church recently held a special, daylong service at their church in honor of Native American Indian Heritage Month. Pecita Lonewolf, Native American Ministries coordinator for the church and a Nanticoke Indian, says this is the second year of holding this service. “We celebrated in the morning and in the afternoon,” she said. “We even invited [Native Americans] from the community and other churches.”

Fred Rogers (pictured), Native American Ministries director for the Southern Union and a Cherokee Indian, was the day’s guest speaker. During the service, they also read President Barack Obama’s 2009 proclamation that created this special month.

Lonewolf encourages other churches to reach out to Native Americans, even if there are none in their churches.



Voice of Truth Baptizes 10, Inducts 13 Pathfinders



In keeping with the Great Commission in Mathew 24, the Voice of Truth church in New Castle, Del., recently welcomed new members to its fold and new Pathfinders to its ranks.

Pastor Haywood Weatherford led in the baptism of 10 new members. On that same Sabbath, some 13 youth were inducted into the church’s Pathfinder club. The entire congregation gave glory to God for this milestone and thanked Pathfinder leaders Stanley McGinty, Marquest Clark, Steven Clark, Fiona Johnson and Willie Taylor for a job well done.—*Carlan Spencer*

Dupont Park Church Honors Community Teachers

The Dupont Park church’s Sabbath School department recently honored five teachers in its Southeast Washington, D.C., neighborhood with 20 or more years of experience. They were honored during the divine worship service. Each teacher received a certificate and a gift bag, which consisted of a copy of *Bible Readings*

for the Home with his or her name and the church’s name inscribed on the cover.

“Congratulations to all of our honorees who have given many years of dedicated teaching services to our children and youth in the ... community,” said Yvonne Wiley-Pitt, the general superintendent of the Sabbath School department.—*Connie Mitchell*

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Yvonne Wiley-Pitt, Sabbath School superintendent, and Jimmy Ferguson, senior pastor, flank honoree Lynne Evans of a local public school.

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Ramah Cook, Coach Touted as “Big Man” With Big Heart

Dan Conwell, Ramah Junior Academy’s culinary specialist, also happens to be the coach of the boys and girls basketball and soccer teams for the Cleveland-based school. So not only is Conwell whipping up delicious meals for the students, but he is also drawing up plays for the athletes to execute. Conwell is by far the most popular staff member at the school. He holds this status not because of his bright smile, but because he is much more than a cook and a coach.

When students were asked what they loved about Conwell, they had plenty to say. D’Andre Burley, a member of the basketball team, is constantly imitating Conwell’s speech and demeanor. “Mr. Conwell says so many funny things,” he notes. In addition, Conwell employs students in the summers (out of his pocket), buys meals for his players, drives them home after the games and sometimes provides financial aid.

Conwell is much bigger than his “big man” status, he is modeling for students quintessential Christianity. He meets people where they are, helps those who are in need and never turns anyone away. His selfless character truly portrays love—the greatest of the fruits of the Spirit.—Kevin Cameron



Soccer players gather around Dan Conwell, Ramah Junior Academy’s beloved cook and coach.

PHOTO BY BRYANT TAYLOR

Columbus Academy Teaches Money Basics

Fifth- and sixth-graders at Columbus Adventist Academy in Columbus, Ohio, are learning basic money skills in fun and practical ways. The school recently acquired a game called FETCH, which stands for Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy

Habits. Developed by The Ohio Society of CPAs, FETCH teaches students about budgeting, saving and spending through a fun and interactive board game. FETCH is set in a dog park where student teams manage the finances of owning a pet. With each turn, they use critical math and thinking skills to earn money for basics like a leash and collar, budget for unexpected expenses and save money for the future. The game teaches children that sometimes you must delay buying what you want right now so that you can afford what you need later. The team that ends the game with the most money in their savings account and the most items for their pooch wins.

Cheryl Patterson, a FETCH presenter and member of Ephesus church in Columbus, Ohio, knows that her students are learning to manage money early in life so they will grow into adults who make intelligent financial decisions.



Renee Lee works with her fifth- and sixth-grade students.



Glenville Pathfinders Help Cleveland Mayor Feed the Hungry

Early on a recent Sabbath morning, the Glenville Superstars Pathfinder Club, dressed in their red and black fatigues, joined Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson for community service.

“Yeah, we have to get up early in the morning but it is fun to give,” says Derrick Jones.

For the second consecutive year, Glenville’s Pathfinders joined the mayor to distribute groceries to the

indigent population at two community centers and the city food bank.

The Superstars reported to the food bank at 6:30 a.m., where they packed groceries in assembly-line fashion. Each package included turkey, potatoes, macaroni and cheese, celery, onions, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake mix, butter, eggs and bread.

When recipients arrived to pick up their groceries, Pathfinders greeted them and carried the 50-pound bags to their cars.

“This is an excellent opportunity for the kids to give back to the community as well as to see how blessed they are,” shared Nyoka Seymore, a companion counselor.



Pathfinders from the Glenville church in Cleveland pause from their work of packing groceries to take a photo with Mayor Frank Jackson (center).

Church Growth Evangelism Rallies Scheduled

The Allegheny West Conference invites members to attend the following rallies in their areas that will help inspire them to host their own evangelism meetings:

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- A report on evangelism plans from each church in the area
- A prayer emphasis led by Fredrick Russell, conference president

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Calendar

March

- 11** Latino Elders Retreat
- 12** VAWW Elders Association Meeting
- 13** Community Service Directors Training
Central Ohio Audio/Visual Training
- 13-Apr 2** Church Growth Evangelistic Meetings, *Huntington, WV*
- 15** Campground Opens *Thornville, Ohio*
- 17-18** Outdoor School, *Thornville*
- 19** Festival of the Arts, Central Church
- 20-23** Spring Pastors Retreat, *Thornville*
- 25-27** Final Four Basketball Championships, *Columbus, Ohio*

April

- 2** Virginia Sabbath School/Children’s Ministries Training
- 9** Southern Ohio Elders Association Meeting
- 10** Family Life Training
- 10-30** Church Growth Evangelistic Meetings, *Appomattox, Va.*

May

- 1** VAWW Community Service Federation
- 13-14** Marriage Retreat
- 13-14** Prayer Summit, *Thornville*
- 14** Ohio Elders Association Meeting
- 15** Southern Ohio Community Service Spring Federation
- 15-June 4** Church Growth Evangelistic Meetings, *Erie, Pa.*
- 20-22** Church Planting Conference, *Thornville*
- 22** Northern Ohio Community Service Spring Federation
- 27-29** Latino Camp Meeting, *Thornville*
- 28** Singles Conference

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The Power to Think and Do

Ellen White wrote, “Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality, power to think and to do. ... It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men’s thought. ... Let them contemplate the great facts of duty and destiny, and the mind will expand and strengthen” (*Education* p. 17).

At Blue Mountain Academy (BMA), we have several examples of students who exercise their powers to think and do. One group formed an organization they call MITZVAH. Each month they plan “little acts of kindness” to help others. In December they spent an afternoon wrapping gifts at a mall and raised \$65 for the Easton Children’s Home. A BMA board member who heard about their project matched their gift.

Six students, along with their government teacher Doug Stewart, participated in the Pennsylvania Senator for a Day program for Berks County. They spent the day at the state capitol in Harrisburg, where they sat on committees and role-played the life of a senator. During the afternoon, the committees presented their bills to the full session.

Paige Burnett (’11) volunteered for the role of chairperson for the Education Committee. She said, “I was met with heavy opposition to some of my opinions. It is no simple undertaking to speak up for one’s self, let alone to speak up for thousands of people.”

We need to encourage our young people to become involved and to stand up for Christian principles. At BMA, we make it a point to provide these Christ-centered learning opportunities for our students.



Craig Ziesmer
Principal

Alumnus Realizes Childhood Dream

Aaron Adams (’98) recently achieved his dream of working as an animator for Disney. After graduating from BMA, he attended Southern Adventist University (SAU) in Tennessee, where he earned a degree in character animation. Following his SAU graduation in 2002, Adams was hired as a professor at the university, where he worked for eight years. During that time, he earned a master’s in animation and design at Savannah College in Georgia.

In January of 2010, Adams went to work as a technical animator for Walt Disney Feature Animation. His first film work for Disney was *Tangled*, which was released last November. He was one of the team members who cleaned up the gaps in the heroine’s hair and clothing, which is an extremely detailed, frame-by-frame process.

Adams is listed as a technical animator on the film, and his son, Isaac, is listed as a “production baby,” because he was born during the film’s production. Aaron, his wife, Holly, and their son now live in California.

“We’re so proud of Aaron,” said Kathleen Sutton, a longtime family friend and BMA’s Advancement director. “Even as a young boy he always said he wanted to work for Disney, and now his dream has come true!”



Computer Science Class Incorporates Robotics

The new informational technology director at BMA might have binary blood. Mel Wade is also director of the Adventist Robotic League (ARL) and is incorporating

the robotics challenge into his computer science classes.

The ARL works in conjunction with FIRST LEGO League to sponsor regional robotic competitions across North America. The students build robots to meet nine different challenges. Using LEGO Mindstorm sets, teams have two-and-a-half minutes to build and program their robots for each challenge. Various objects have to be identified and manipulated by the robots without human interference.

During the competition, student teams are interviewed about all aspects of their robots, from

design philosophy and strategy to actual construction details and programming. The robots are then turned loose on the competition table to meet the challenges. To meet each challenge, students use skills from mathematics, mechanics, science and computer programming.

“One of the exciting aspects of robotics is that it teaches much more than technology. It also teaches life skills, including teamwork, project planning and gracious professionalism,” Wade says.

For more information about the Adventist Robotics League, visit adventistroboticsleague.net.

—Cary Corbin



Adam Johnson ('14) shows enthusiasm as he builds his robot.

Physics Students Test Speed of Sound

How fast is it moving?” is a common question in BMA’s senior Physics class. Students often use digital video cameras to record the motion of objects, and then analyze the images on a computer. Recently they measured the speed of sound.

Equipped with two-way radios, stopwatches, a GPS unit and a 12-gauge noisemaker, most of the class went to a hill southwest of campus. Brendon Boyd located the exact position of those running the stopwatches.

Senior Fred Wasmer and Cary Corbin, Physics teacher, hiked up

the mountain to the north of campus. Wasmer keyed the radio and gave a countdown. Corbin fired the noisemaker. The sound was heard instantly over the radio channel. Radio signals travel at the speed of light, which is really fast.

Back in the classroom, they analyzed the data. They used the GPS coordinates to calculate the dis-

tance between the noisemaker and the timers, then averaged the times. Distance divided by time yields velocity, which—voilà—indicates the speed of sound.—Cary Corbin

In calculating the speed of sound, Tim Wilkins handles the communication, Brendon Boyd reads the GPS data and Rebecca Richards and Kelsey Landa record the data.



Library Renovations Near Completion

BMA’s library renovations are nearly complete.

There are now 30 computer stations and a place for students to relax with access to computers for homework, research and email.

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THE CHALLENGE

chesapeake conference newsletter

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Think About *These Things*

I don't listen* to the news very much these days. I think journalists place too much attention on the things that are wrong with our world. I guess it's understandable. There's plenty wrong with it. I also don't have much tolerance for gossip anymore. It's like one author put it—"There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly pays any of us to talk about the rest of us." Both types of "news" bother me.

The apostle Paul knew that peace of mind and power for living did not come from focusing on the negative. Paul never suggested that we ignore the horrors that surround us; he had been through too much in his own life to pretend that bad things do not happen to good people. But he also knew that we should not dwell on the negative to the exclusion of the positive—whether it is with the events or with the people in our lives.

That is why, at the end of his life and ministry, some of the very last words he wrote to his beloved friends in Christ, were: "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things ... and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:8-9, RSV).



Rob Vandeman
President

**I choose to read the news because it gives me control over the content. I also choose what "news" about people I will listen to and then try my best to catch people doing things right.*

Conference Staffer Retires After 37 Years

After working 37 years at the conference office, Barbara-Lee Boyd retired March 1. Considered the office historian, she seems to have the answer to



any question or know whom to ask. She has worked under the leadership of six presidents and worked in every department except Education. Most recently she served as the conference membership clerk and executive assistant to the conference executive secretary, handling service records and processing retirement requests.

"There is no way to overstate the value that Barb has been to our staff or to our conference," said Rob Vandeman, conference president. "She has a thorough knowledge of our conference—past and present. And she has a great love for the people of Chesapeake. This is her home, and we are all truly her extended family."

Several times throughout her career, other organizations tried to persuade Boyd to come and work for them. She says she chose to stay at the Chesapeake Conference because "you see things change year after year after year, but what never changed was the family atmosphere in the building—the people caring for people." She has appreciated the openness and accessibility of conference administration and department heads and the way staff pitch in to help each other.

She plans to make her home with family in Hendersonville, N.C.



THE Gathering

A RENEWED CAMP MEETING EXPERIENCE

JUNE 14-18, 2011 – HIGHLAND VIEW ACADEMY IN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND.

Plan now to participate in this fresh approach to a reunion of the Chesapeake family of believers. Dick and Brenda Duerksen, host of the weekly online mission feature for Maranatha Volunteers International, will share how their experiences have provided glimpses of an "Irresistible God." Dick Stenbakken will bring the Scriptures to life in family worship experiences. And there will be seminars on family life, biblical studies, health, and spiritual growth, as well as programming for children and youth.

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1

You can register:

1. online at www.ccosda.org
2. by phone at 410-995-1910
3. by mailing a **check payable to Chesapeake Conference** to Chesapeake Conference Locating Committee, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, MD 21044

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2nd floor - mens' rest rooms			
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MOUNTAIN VIEW POINT

MARCH 2011

Compelled to Share Him

Nearly a year ago, the lay delegates from each of the churches in the Mountain View Conference met with pastors, teachers and conference leaders to cast a vision for the accomplishment of the gospel commission in our territory. This resulted in the development of a Visioning Conference document. At the end of the day, the delegates agreed that one crucial element to the vision includes training lay members to share Jesus in the marketplace.

We agreed that a close relationship with Christ often inspired people to share Him. Ellen White writes of this in *Steps to Christ* when she says, "No sooner does one come to Christ than there is born in his [her] heart a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he [she] has found in Jesus; the saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in the heart. If we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ and are filled with the joy of His indwelling Spirit we shall not be able to hold our peace. If we have tasted and

seen that the Lord is good we shall have something to tell" (p. 78).

Additionally, the General Conference president's call for revival, reformation, discipleship and evangelism, has made it clear to me that fulfilling the conference's vision can be accomplished only by *knowing Jesus*. We must position the work of the church in such a way that members can share their experience as they experience revival in their heart.

With our Visioning Conference document as a compass, continual prayer and encouragement from lay members, the Lord has now provided us with COMPEL, a training ministry for evangelism here in the Mountain View Conference. The Lord has providentially brought together a team to train members, regardless of age, to share Jesus with others.

Jesus is not looking for lip service. He is looking for active



Larry Boggess, Justin Howard and Elaine and Jim Buchanan lead the newly formed COMPEL ministry team.

participants in growing His kingdom. We must urgently get Christ's invitational message to everyone. We cannot wait for lost people to come to us. As Jesus shares in Luke 14:23, we must "go out into the highways and hedges, and *compel* them to come in, that My house may be filled."

Justin Howard, pastor of the Huntington (W.Va.) church and former director of the Mission College of Evangelism (Ore.), will lead the COMPEL ministry. Jim and Elaine Buchanan, who lead the Summersville, Braxton, Richwood and Webster Springs churches all in West Virginia, also attended and worked at the Mission College of Evangelism and will now serve as COMPEL staff members. Other mission-oriented staff are already in place, and the first three-month training intensive will happen later this year.

As COMPEL moves forward, please pray for and support this ministry. For more information, call (304) 422-4581.



Larry Boggess
President

Elkins, Glenville Welcome New Members

Lacey Stecker's family has a long-held belief that a baptism is the most important ceremony a person ever enjoys. They work to make the event memorable for a lifetime. When Lacey decided to be baptized, her mom, Shelly, and aunt, Shari Leader, from North Carolina, went to work planning the service. Relatives came from all over the country to help decorate, prepare the reception and conduct a memorable baptismal service for Lacey. Megan Pudder and Crystal Buresh of the Elkins (W.Va.) church and Kahelena Giltner from the Glenville (W.Va.) church shared the same baptismal date. The Buckhannon (W.Va.) church hosted the baptismal service, which included family and friends performing music that focused on commitment.

Pastor David Sharpe, baptized his granddaughter, Lacey, while Pastor Rick Cutright and Pastor Don Jacko baptized the others. One of the service's highlights occurred when Lacey's cousin, Jeffery Leader, entered the church dressed as Jesus and challenged the newly baptized members to a life of service. To signify that commitment to service and fishing for men, each one was given a fishing pole.—Cheryl Jacko



Lacey Stecker, Megan Pudder, Kahelena Giltner and Crystal Buresh hold their fishing poles signaling their commitment to become fishers of men.

Wheeling Reaches Out in Moundsville

With no Seventh-day Adventist church in Moundsville, W.Va., Wheeling (W.Va.) church members have decided to reach out to their neighbors to the south. They recently organized several events in that community. They invited former Wheeling members Roger Gallant, MD, and his wife, Margaret, to lead a free health seminar at the Sanford Center in Moundsville, W.Va., and a vegan cooking seminar at the church.

The following month, the Wheeling church sponsored a ShareHim prophecy seminar at the

Sanford Center. Some 42 adults, three teens and 13 children visited the meetings at various times.

Gail McCauley and Erin Howe attended the seminar after bringing their children to Vacation Bible School. Both have started attending church services and have now asked to be baptized. Dara Whiteman is studying the Bible and is attending Sabbath services and prayer meeting. She also came forward and asked to be baptized during the series.

Jim Cerra is a former member who attends church regularly and reads Ellen G. White's books continuously. Cerra came to three of the seminar presentations and asked to be re-baptized. Alasdair Hicks, Cameron Hicks and Ashley Garvick came to the seminar and are also preparing for baptism.



Ashley Garvick, Amy Garvick, Yonnie Michael and Gail McCauley pause for a photo. Both Ashley and Gail are preparing for baptism.

Mountain View EVENTS

March

- 17-20 Pathfinder Classoree
Valley Vista Adventist Center
- 19 Union-Level Pathfinder Bible
Achievement, Valley Vista
- 21 Conference Executive
Committee & Annual
Financial Review

April

- 3 Education Fair
- 10 Board of Education Meets
- 29-May 1 CHIP Training, Parkersburg
- May
- 8-22 Wellness Camp, Valley Vista

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NEWS NEW JERSEY

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Praise the Lord for Local Church Elders!

March and April are the months each year when the New Jersey Conference hosts an annual spiritual retreat for the local church elders. This retreat is just one small way that we at the conference can show our appreciation for the great work and leadership that our local church elders provide each week in their home churches. I treasure these annual weekends when we can gather as a team to worship and pray together and to also lay plans for the growth of our churches.

Without the faithful leadership of our church elders, the work of our pastors in this conference would be greatly hampered. They make it possible for our pastors to function efficiently, and they greatly help the conference to stay connected with each church and all the members. I praise the Lord each day for each one of you and what you do to provide spiritual leadership in our churches.

I look forward to seeing you at our retreat weekends. The Spanish meeting is March 25-27, and the English meeting is April 8-10. Both will take place at Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility.



José H. Cortés
President



Spanish-speaking church leaders take time to re-dedicate themselves at last year's elders retreat.

Retired Pastor Uses Hobby to Witness

Robert Hoyt, a retired pastor and member of the Browns Mills English church, loves his hobby of restoring classic cars. For years he has hosted an annual classic auto show at Meadow View Junior Academy in Chesterfield to assist the school with its fundraising efforts. Several years ago, Hoyt expanded his hobby of restoring cars into reproducing and marketing vintage state registration stickers for classic cars, which match the year and state where the car was first registered. Last December the *Auto Trades Classics* website published an article about his new venture.

This new enterprise of marketing classic state registration stickers for classic vehicles has grown rapidly. Pastor Hoyt's business is conducted through the Internet and his website is inspectionsticker.net. He uses his business to offer free Bible studies and, with every mailing, invites customers to tune in to 3ABN and Hope Channel programming. His website announcement reads: "We do not do Saturday shows. We honor God's 4th commandment to rest on the 7th day of the week."

One couple has been baptized as a result of Pastor Hoyt's witnessing to individuals who share his same interest in classic cars. Hoyt donates 50 percent of his profits to Seventh-day Adventist television ministries.



Robert Hoyt, a retired pastor, proudly displays his 1950 Studebaker.

NEWS

Conference Sees Record-Breaking Tithe

The New Jersey Conference closed 2010 with an historic amount of tithe. Tithe totaled \$11,184,000, which is an 8 percent gain over the previous year. "God has blessed our faithful members with over \$110 million in income even during this time of economic challenges," shared José H. Cortés, conference president. "This just proves God's Word where He has promised to bless those who are faithful in returning their tithe and offerings. I believe that the decision of the conference to make the 2010 theme 'Return Unto Me ... Living a Life of Stewardship' has resulted in God's blessings being poured out on our faithful members and this conference even during difficult financial times."

All Nations, Bethel, Philadelphia Pastor Ordained

Pastor Jean-Michel Etienne was recently ordained into the gospel ministry. He is a native of Haiti and has been pastoring in the New Jersey Conference for the past six years. He currently pastors the All Nations church in Maplewood,



José H. Cortés, conference president, gives Pastor Jean-Michel Etienne (right) the charge to ministry in the presence of his wife, Adele, and Jim Greene, executive secretary.

Bethel church in Irvington and Philadelphia church in Jersey City. Pastor Leonel Pottinger, Ministerial secretary, preached the ordination sermon, and José H. Cortés, conference president, led the ordination service. Other conference officers and fellow pastors joined in this sacred service.

Luzo Brazilian, Jersey City Heights Youth Feed 350 Homeless

The Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs from the Luzo Brazilian church in Newark and the Jersey City Heights Spanish church recently collaborated to feed



homeless people in Newark. The two churches fed 350 people in two different homeless shelters in the city. Each hot meal included a gift with a special message attached from the clubs, wishing them a year filled with blessings. They also brought gifts for 20 homeless children at the shelters.

The North American Division Children's Ministries department also sent a box of goodies for the clubs to distribute to the children at the Apostle House in Newark.

"This year will be a year of service for both clubs," said Mairym Azcona, Adventurer area coordinator for the Northeast New Jersey region. "We pray that God helps us search and rescue the lost. We want to give hope to those in need."

dates

NEW JERSEY

March

- 5 Womens Day of Prayer
- 6 Children's Ministries Training
Conference Office
- 12 Youth Ministry Zone Training
5-7 p.m.
- 19 Annual Orchestra Concert
Waldwick School Gym, 6 p.m.
- 25-27 Spanish Elders Retreat
Tranquil Valley Retreat Center (TVRC)
- 25-27 English Womens Retreat
Florham Park

April

- 1 Central New Jersey Prayer & Praise Evening, *Mt. Holly Church*
- 3 Children Ministries Training
Conference Office
- 8-10 English Elders Retreat, *TVRC*
- 8-10 Spanish Womens Retreat
Cape May
- 8-10 Master Guide Backpack Trip
Appalachian Trail
- 15-17 Singles Ministries Retreat
TVRC

May

- 7 Education Emphasis Day
Local Churches
- 13-15 Family Time Out *Zones 5-7*
- 20-22 Pathfinder Camporee
Zones 5-7
- 21 Sabbath School Friends Day
Local Churches
- 27-29 Pathfinder Camporee
Zones 1-4

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A Gentle Giant Joins Canton Congregation

When Tonee Purnell first walked into the Canton congregation, members were taken aback by the 6'4" tall man dressed in a tattered sweatshirt and flannel pants. But, he had a smile that could light up a room and a face that shone with God's love. Purnell soon shared his story, and it was one that rang of a life filled with pain and hurt. He was born in a subway, left in a dumpster and lived in six foster homes before he was finally adopted by a wealthy family in Akron. But even in adoption, he ended up with a family that severely abused him, leaving him emotionally scarred and confused as to why a God, if He was there, would allow this to happen to him.

"I should be an angry man, I should be raging at God, but I am not," Purnell says. "I should have been on the streets, causing harm and living a life of crime, but in all things God brought me to Him." Some how, some way, God came down and filled this man with a peace that passes all understanding. He is an athlete, a successful actor in a local theater and he works for the state caring for abused teens. He loves God, and he is glad the Lord led him—through a co-worker's testimony—to the Canton church. He declared that if he heard the truth, then he would know he was in the right place. He heard the gospel, and God filled his life with everlasting joy.—Lori Whitted

Pastor Lori Whitted welcomes Tonee Purnell into the Canton church through baptism.



Camp Mohaven to Host 2012 Union Camporee



Camp Mohaven occupies 700 forested acres in the Danville area and will welcome Pathfinders from all across the Columbia Union for the 2012 Camporee.

Last fall Pam Scheib, Pennsylvania Conference Pathfinder director, contacted Dave Robinson, Camp Mohaven director, and inquired if Camp Mohaven could accommodate the Columbia Union Conference Pathfinder Camporee in August 2012. After confirming Mohaven did in fact have the availability and the capacity to host an average of 3,500 campers, Robinson was invited to make a formal proposal highlighting the camp and surrounding areas.

After extensive preparation, Robinson and Betsy Colon, Central Ohio area coordinator, presented an eight-page proposal as well as a large tri-paneled display to Columbia Union leaders. They highlighted the camp's many offerings, including swimming, canoeing/kayaking, drama, crafts, horseback riding and a ropes course. Local attractions include close proximity to Amish country, lakes, amusement parks and metropolitan areas. When asked if Robinson and his wife, Karen, were up to the challenge, Robinson replied, "The challenges are what keep us going."

Camp Mohaven, founded in 1962, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2012. To learn more about upcoming activities and celebrations, visit summeratmohaven.org or check them out on Facebook (Camp Mohaven).

Faith Community Nurses Provide Service, Compassion, Mercy, Dignity

A Faith Community Nurse (FCN)—sometimes known as a parish nurse or congregational nurse—practices nursing within a faith community. It is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition, consistent with the basic assumptions that we care for self and others as an expression of God’s love. Faith Community Nursing is a recognized specialty practice, which combines professional nursing and health ministry, and emphasizes health and healing. An FCN understands health to be a dynamic process, which embodies the spiritual, psychological and social dimensions of the person.

Chris VanDenburgh, MSN, RN, has been involved in Faith Community Nursing since 1996. She is also a Health Ministries director for the Ohio Conference, an educational partner with the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, a member of the taskforce working with the American Nurses Credentialing Center developing a certification process for FCN and a member of the *FCN Scope and*

Standards revision committee. She is also the coordinator of Faith Community Nursing and Health Ministry for the Kettering Health Network.

VanDenburgh says FCN can be a part of the solution to the nation’s healthcare crisis. “Imagine an FCN in every congregation and how that would look: The lonely being visited, those needing rides to the doc will have a ride, those with healthcare issues getting answers from someone who understands how to treat the whole person, congregations having health promotion programs that meet their specific health needs ... I could go on and on,” she says.

VanDenburgh’s own Kettering church began their Health Ministries program in 1999 with the installation of an FCN as part of the church staff. They now have a very active Health Ministries team with many healthcare professionals and interested members promoting whole person health within the congregation and community.

After four years as a volunteer FCN, the Kettering church recently



hired Mel Miller (above) on a part-time basis. “I am excited to bring a holistic approach to the members of our church. The physical, emotional and spiritual [state] is so important in the treatment of the whole person,” said Miller. During her time at Kettering, Miller has helped the church offer flu vaccines to members, reorganize their blood pressure screening program and started a Coronary Health Improvement Program (CHIP).

“My goal and vision is that there will be an FCN for every Ohio Adventist congregation! Many are serving as volunteers in other Ohio Adventist congregations,” VanDenburgh reports.

The Ohio Conference fully supports this program, agreeing to provide several scholarships for Adventist nurses in Ohio who want to be trained. There are presently 14 nurses in the online FCN Basic Preparation Course who will complete their training by the end of April. Interested pastors or nurses should contact VanDenburgh at chris.vandenburgh@khnetwork.org or (937) 395-8021.



Nursing students Jennifer Meade and Mandy Clark flank Chris VanDenburgh who mentors them on Faith Community Nursing.

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Grace Outlet Officially Organized

Grace Outlet began with prayer. Jeanne Hartwell, Pennsylvania Conference Family Ministries director, and Pastor Kris Eckenroth began praying in June 2008, for a way to reach the more than 300 young adults living in the Berks County area who had at one time been connected to a Seventh-day Adventist church or school and were no longer regularly attending church.

That November they transformed a ballet studio at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts in Reading into a place of worship and Grace Outlet was born. Just over two years later, attendance on Sabbath morning has reached more than 80 people. Ray Hartwell, conference president, and Pastor Eckenroth recently led the organizing service as Grace Outlet officially became the newest Pennsylvania Conference church.

Nearly 60 became charter members of this new church that is committed to connecting the disconnected. "It was such an awesome day to see so many people who may have not been connected anywhere, choosing to be part of the body that will continue to take the good news to our community," states Eckenroth.

Praise band members Mason Horst and Tyler Newman happily participate in Grace Outlet's organization service.



Samuel, Tatiana and Keyla Laguna sign on as Grace Outlet church charter members.

Campolo Urges Youth to Relieve Poverty, Suffering

Many have asked Pastors Brian Cassell and Kris Eckenroth how they got Tony Campolo, a well-known author and speaker, to appear on their monthly television program, "Berks Youth Live." Their answer? They asked.

Campolo accepts 350 invitations a year—and is committed to considering all invitations, not just "big" ones. On this particular show, Cassell, Eckenroth and Campolo, along with Mike Kaucher, director of the Reading Council of Churches; Shawnessey Cargile, Blue Mountain Academy chaplain; and Tom McMann, Reading city mayor, discussed how to engage young people in ministering to the poor. Several recent studies have ranked Reading as one of the nation's poorest cities, with its families having the highest poverty rate in Pennsylvania and the sixth-highest in the country.

Campolo asked young people and adults, "Did you relieve the poor and suffering?" He then challenged them with Jesus' idea that ministering to the poor is an opportunity to minister to Jesus. "Reading is poor. Jesus calls Christians to help them," he said.

The live television program airs the first Thursday night of each month as part of Berks Community

Television on area cable television programming. "We are committed to providing programming that will help young people make positive decisions and will inspire young adults to mentor youth," states Eckenroth. To watch the archived video, visit bctv.org, click on "Archives" and search for "Youth."



Pastors Brian Cassell (left) and Kris Eckenroth recently hosted Tony Campolo (center) on their television program "Berks Youth Live."

Havertown Begins New Year With New Members

The Havertown church welcomed two new members on New Year's Day. Pastor Lance Moncrieffe baptized 13-year-old Naceem Antenor, who joined his parents and two sisters as members of the church. Kessellie Wolo joined the church through profession of faith.

Last year Havertown welcomed eight new members through baptism. Nine people transferred their membership to Havertown. Five of the 17 new members that joined the Havertown church last year are in their mid-20s. And with Naceem joining at age 13, Pastor Moncrieffe says 2011 looks promising. The infusion of young members is a pattern that the church hopes to see continue.

"Naceem's desire to learn more about Jesus is infectious and, for me as pastor, it's so very encouraging to see young people like Naceem seeking out a deeper relationship with Christ," Moncrieffe says.—*Havertown Communication Department*



Naceem Antenor, 13, started a new life in Christ on New Year's Day.






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Potomac People

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Richmond Academy Holds First Bike-a-thon

About 25 riders and as many volunteers and parents recently gathered at 8:30 a.m. to make the rounds on the half-mile course marked out on specially closed streets around Richmond Adventist Academy in Richmond, Va. They were participating in the school's first fundraising bike-a-thon. The students rode 25 miles, bringing in approximately \$1,500.

Katherine Taylor Thompson, a parent, alumna and school board member, organized the bike-a-thon as a fundraiser for special projects, including air conditioning installation in the school's gymnasium. Several projects are planned to enhance the school before its much-anticipated 100th anniversary this fall.

Rachel Brossfield and Taylor Brossfield, both third-graders at the school, said even though it was a little cold they enjoyed riding their bikes and helping to raise money for their school.

Even the school's neighbors got in the spirit and came out to cheer on the participants. One father and his daughter even joined the students in a ride around the block.

Angie Weems, principal, provided refreshments, and the participants enjoyed a picnic lunch following the event. Zachery Kirstein, a fourth-grade student, "liked the donuts and that it was for a good cause."

Plans are already underway for next year's event.—*Eryn Montgomery Savoy*



Cameron Kirstein, a first-grader, and Zachery Kirstein, a fourth-grader, ride their bikes to support their school.

Churches Lend a Helping Hand

Potomac Conference churches of all sizes are lending a hand to those in need. Below, three churches help to feed people in their communities.

Students from C.F. Richards Junior Academy joined with Staunton (Va.) church members to carry boxes of food to cars for food bank guests.



PHOTO BY DIANNE WATTS

Agnes Wolosuk and Pete Watts, Petersburg (Va.) church members, prepare to receive visitors at their food bank.

Pathfinders at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., help sort food for more than 600 families. This is the church's 35th year of providing groceries for families in need.



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Potomac People

1,200 Hispanic Women Enjoy Retreat

Seeking a closer walk with Jesus, more than 1,200 women met in Lancaster, Pa., for the Potomac Conference's 11th annual Hispanic Ministries Women's Retreat. The theme was "Be of Good Courage, Daughter! Your Faith has Saved You."

These women were blessed with

powerful, inspiring messages from professional speakers and plenty of music. In addition to the adult meetings, some 200 teens enjoyed separate services, worship and seminars. On Saturday night, they attended a pajama party with the theme "Keeping Ourselves Pure."

"It was a joy to see such a big

group of Christian ladies sitting together at Jesus' feet," said Carmen Esposito, the Women's Ministries director for Hispanic Ministries. "For a few hours, they left behind their troubles and cares to enjoy worshiping together, singing, praying, laughing, learning and growing in Jesus."

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Christian singer Ysis Espana shares inspiration through music.

Fire Department Fills Smith Mountain Lake Baptistery

It was on a recent Friday afternoon, when the cry came: "We have no water!" On any other Friday that would not have been a problem for the Smith Mountain Lake Church in Moneta, Va. However, they had a

baptism scheduled for the next day and no water to fill the baptistry.

Danny Poff, the lay pastor, and four other members went to work to try to resolve the problem. They contacted several local plumbers and tried to come up with other resolutions. They thought about local contractors who could haul water and having church members bring in five-gallon buckets of water. The situation did not seem promising.

Then the Lord gave them the idea to contact the Moneta Fire Department. Though not sure it was even a possibility, they were

impressed to try anyway. When they shared their plight, the fireman said they would have 900 gallons of water to the church in 15 minutes. Shortly thereafter, a large fire truck rolled into the parking lot and pulled up to the door. When he turned the water on, a huge gush came out and within five minutes the baptistry was full.—Rhonda Poff



Pastor Danny Poff (right) helps a fireman from the Moneta Fire Department fill the church's baptistry.

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Spotlight on Spencerville

MARCH 2011

True Independence

When we were in our teen years, the idea of independence was at the forefront of our thoughts. Our imaginations ran wild as we pictured how we could manage our lives without our parents. We had vivid images of going to bed when we wanted, rising when we felt like it and eating our favorite food. The most exciting thoughts often involved a set of keys for a car that was perpetually full of fuel and friends.

We soon learned that independence is a mirage in the journey of our lives. Some continue to strive toward this elusive idea only to learn that independence is at the root of a lot of pain. True happiness lies in a total dependence on Christ. He set the perfect example while He walked here on Earth. Ellen White tells us, "As the Son of man, He prayed to the Father, showing that human nature requires all the divine support which man can obtain that He may be braced for duty and prepared for trial. As the Prince of Life, He had power with God, and prevailed for His people" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 28). If Jesus Christ was in continual need of His Father and surrendered to Him in daily prayer, then we should do the same. Let's all take a moment right now to relinquish our fierce independence into total and complete dependence on Christ.



Brian Kittleson
Principal

Spencerville Swimmer Makes "Team of One"

Spencerville Adventist Academy's (SAA) athletic program doesn't include all sports. Sometimes there isn't enough funding, available facilities or interest in some sports. The fact that SAA does not have a swimming pool or a swim team has not stopped Kacey Banks, a freshman and accomplished teen swimmer, from participating at local swim meets as a representative of the school.

Banks has been competing in swim meets in local communities since age 5. Impressed by her desire to represent her Seventh-day Adventist school and community, SAA staff spent a couple months making phone calls, sending emails and investigating how they could get her to participate in organized swim meets. SAA was recently approved as a nonmember of the Maryland Public Secondary School's Athletic League for swim meet participation. Banks now represents Spencerville as a "team of one" in swimming, which allows her to participate against other schools as a Christian athlete.

"My hope is that other students will want to join me and expand the team," Banks says.

"We believe that our athletic program is an important part of our overall mission of 'preparing the whole person for service to God and man,'" said Marty Cooksey, athletic director. We also "look forward to growing our program as others see what Kacey has accomplished."



Kacey Banks, a freshman swimmer, is representing her school and her church in the Maryland Public Secondary School's Athletic League swim meets.

Students Collect Books to Start Library in Haiti

The Spencerville Adventist Academy elementary grades collected more than 1,000 books to start a library for the Eden Garden Orphanage school in Montrouix, Haiti. The students also

created school kits containing educational supplies that will help the Haitian students with their studies. When Jane Lanning, SAA music teacher, visited the school last summer, she noticed the library only contained a very small single shelf of old books.

SAA's staff and students then made it a mission to start a library for the children with pre-owned and new picture books, encyclopedias, teacher aids and exciting stories. The books were sent via the sponsorship of International

Relief and Development.

SAA students are excited to play a part in enhancing the learning experience of the students in Haiti.

Rebekah Hess, a first-grader, wanted to donate books to Haiti "so they could learn to read, learn about God and just have fun reading."

Stefanie Rackley, also a first-grader, says, "They didn't have many books in the orphanage so I wanted them to be able to learn how to read and have some books."



Spencerville Adventist Academy's third-grade students are thrilled to contribute books to a school library in Haiti.

Honors Chorus Performs at Epcot Center

The Spencerville Adventist Academy Honors Chorus was selected to perform at Walt Disney World's Candlelight Processional at Epcot Center in Orlando, Fla. Students performed arrangements with a mass choir of more than 300 singers and Disney's very own professional orchestra.

"It was a lot of fun hanging out with friends and singing in front of so many people and really being a

part of something that was bigger than just our choir," said soprano Ashley Colomb ('12).

On their return trip, the chorus sang at the Fletcher church and Fletcher Park Inn, a retirement center, in North Carolina. "I know that the people there enjoyed it. It's fun to be a part of something that brings them joy," said Stephen Wade ('13), who sings baritone.

"This experience was very positive for my students because it gave them the opportunity to sing sacred music on a world stage," said Robert A. Martinez, choral director. To see more interviews and selections from this tour, visit the Honors Chorus' blog at web.me.com/rammozart/SAA_Choral_Department/Blog/Blog.html.



Honors Chorus members Sasha Gramkow (left) and Stephen Wade participate in the candlelight processional at Epcot Center.

Calendar

March

- 6 Spring Banquet
- 13 National Honor Society Induction
- 14 Prospective Student Open House
- 19-27 Spring Break

April

- 4 Prospective Student Open House
- 10 ACT
- 14 12:15 Dismissal—Staff Development

29-May 2 Senior Class Trip

May

- 9 Prospective Student Open House
- 21 SJA/SAA Alumni Sabbath
- 22 Acro-Squad Home Show
- 23-25 Semester Finals
- 27-29 Graduation Weekend

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SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY



HAPPENINGS

MARCH 2011

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Senior Directs Drama Team

This year Shenandoah Valley Academy's (SVA) Christian Drama Team members have been busy presenting skits and plays for various programs such as Week of Prayer, youth festivals and Friday evening vespers.

Callie Williams, a senior, is the director of the drama team. After watching Williams in action at a recent play, it is clear that she is the driving force behind the drama team.

"I enjoy all aspects of drama, but what I want to come across is that we are passionate about what we are doing and that we are giving God the glory and praise," she says. She adds that although she is the earthly director, she has asked God to be the actual director of the drama team, as He is the ultimate director of all things.

While many of the skits and plays the team performs are from previously published material, Williams has written several plays. Her most recent was her version of the birth of Jesus with six main characters. She also directed her fellow students in this play and presented it to students, staff and parents.

Williams is now at work writing a play that will be performed during the Easter season and will cover the crucifixion and the resurrection.



PHOTO BY TONY WILLIAMS

Callie Williams ('11) receives flowers following the presentation of a play she wrote and directed.

Alumni Weekend Slated for April

All former students, staff and friends are invited to enjoy this year's Alumni Weekend, April 15-17, featuring honor classes 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001. The weekend's events also include:

- The 14th annual golf tournament on Friday, April 15, will be held at Bryce Resort. The tournament fills up quickly so interested golfers should contact Jan Osborne at jan.osborne@sva-va.org or (540) 740-2202. The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the unrestricted annual fund.
- Friday evening reception in the cafeteria from 6-7:45 p.m.
- Sacred concert in the New Market church, Friday at 8 p.m. featuring classically trained vocalist Karla Rivera Bucklew ('96)
- Sabbath School program at 10 a.m. featuring music from alumni
- Worship service at 11 a.m. in the gymnasium with speaker Bonita Joyner Shields ('81), an editor in the General Conference Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Department
- Sabbath afternoon concert at 4 p.m. featuring the SVA music department
- Sabbath retirement celebration for Don Slocum, 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Center



Karla Rivera Bucklew



Bonita Joyner Shields

- Mexican Fiesta Worthy Student Benefit Brunch on Sunday. To reserve a spot at the brunch, contact Jan Osborne at jan.osborne@sva-va.org or (540) 740-2202.

HAPPENINGS

Basketball Player Recognized for Kind Words

To Nick Mamedes ('12), a forward on the SVA men's basketball team, it was nothing more than a quick show of support—a brief comment that happened so quickly, he forgot about it as soon as he said it.

It happened at the beginning of the fourth quarter, during a game in which SVA held a commanding lead. The opposing team was from a public school that was in the state finals last year and was well-respected within the conference.

As often happens during a

frustrating game, the players on the opposing team started talking to one another, and some of the language started to get rough. As the frustrations grew, one of the opponents said something to one of his teammates, and heated words were exchanged.

As Mamedes watched, he understood the frustration, and felt sympathy for the opponent who was taking the berating. This opponent also happened to be guarding Mamedes. After the words were exchanged, Mamedes quietly

leaned in and said, “Hey, don’t let it bother you. You’re playing a great game. Just keep your head in it, and keep doing what you’re doing.”

With that, the game continued, and Mamedes never gave it another thought. Unbeknownst to him, this player would later share with his father all that occurred on the court that day. To his father this simple act of kindness deserved some recognition.

The next day, he contacted Josh Jetter, SVA’s men’s basketball coach, and told him about the exchange. “His father was so impressed by that simple act of kindness,” Jetter recounts. “This father shared with me that he had been involved in basketball for nearly 30 years, and not once had he ever witnessed a player give an opponent words of support the way Nick had.”

Coach Jetter added, “It’s a rare kid who can exemplify Christ on the court, and Nick is one of those kids. He loves the Lord, and it clearly shows by the way he treats others, both on and off the court.”—*Dan Jensen*



8th-Graders, Others Invited to Academy Days

All students in grades 8-11 are invited to attend SVA’s Academy Days on Sunday and Monday, April 3-4. Public school and homeschooled students are especially encouraged to visit. Over the two days, parents and students will get a good overview of what students gain when they attend SVA.

Students can try out for music and sports scholarships as well as undergo testing for academic scholarship on Sunday. On Monday students will see what SVA life is all about and visit the classrooms to meet the teachers.

For more information or for housing, call (540) 740-2210 or email wendy.dean@sva-va.org.

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In Pursuit of Peace and Love

Under the leadership of A. Jean Warden, vice president for Student Life, Washington Adventist University (WAU) sponsored our first community prayer breakfast honoring the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., PhD. At this wonderful meeting, many offered prayers for peace, freedom, justice, unity and love. Samuel Thomas Jr., director of Marketing for *Message* magazine, was the keynote speaker. He focused on the need to keep King's dream alive through service.

Throughout the day, I read and watched various events honoring King's life and messages. However, I found an email message from Michael Lee, PhD, associate professor of Computer Science, most inspiring and indicative of the people serving on this campus. He wrote, "In a time where people list hundreds of 'friends,' tweets fly by constantly and our attention spans are often limited to about as many words [as] happen to fit in a text message, how do we measure our ability to truly love and fellowship? To really understand each other? To support each other and work together in the way God wants?" He continued to say, "May God's grace and love enable us to live and work together as brothers and sisters, acting as one body in Christ to do much good in the world."

Lee's email also brought to mind a Bible text: "We love because He first loved us ... And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister" (1 John 4:19-21, NIV). Every day, in each and every way, we at WAU try to reflect God's love to our students with the hope that we will make an eternal impression on their hearts and minds. Who knows, they may one day become our world's next arbiter of peace and love.



Weymouth Spence
President

International Students Promote Culture on Campus

Hailing from 47 countries, Washington Adventist University's international students are a growing part of the university's record enrollment. According

to Emile John (left), registrar, one of the needs of this growing population is the ability to acclimate to the school and activities. He says it's important that "students be fully immersed into the university program and not be split into groups."

However, this does not mean students lose their unique heritage upon arriving at WAU. Instead, the university promotes cultural awareness and education through several clubs and organizations such as the Philippine Student Union and the Hispanic Club. Jo Likyani, from Kenya, appreciates the university's efforts saying, "Studying in the capital of the United States has brought many opportunities to meet and interact with many different cultures." Korean student Dam Pho, also appreciates the culturally diverse atmosphere created on campus. Pho explains, "I want to be a part of this school first and foremost because of its spiritual ties to the [Seventh-day Adventist] Church, but when I saw how international students are embraced by the school, I knew this is where I would spend my next four years."—*Alexis Ivey and Kevin Manuel*



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Student Exhibits Personal Art

The Department of English and Modern Languages recently featured the artwork of Alain Thomas Coefe (below), a senior business management major. Coefe titled his exhibit “Journey Home.”

Among the eight paintings included in the exhibit, are portraits of his younger brother and sister and also a self-portrait. Coefe says each painting is modeled on a photo where the subject

had distinctive facial expressions.

Additional works in the exhibit include “The Phlegmatic Cicada” and “The Melancholy Dreamer.” One outstanding piece, “Candy-Girl,” shows what Coefe describes as a self-confident young girl. The background is made of a colorful Skittles-like candy and the subject wears glasses and has ice cream for hair. In creating “Candy-Girl,” Coefe wanted to express the joy and free-spirited innocence of a 5-year-old girl.

Departing from his usual portraits and abstracts, Coefe also included a landscape painting called “Wisdom Tree.” The painting is infused with color and movement that he hopes is inspiring to viewers.

Coefe says he paints as a “way of expressing myself, a way of expressing things that are impossible to express through words.”

Bradford Haas, director of the department’s honors program, said although the school does not



In this painting, senior business major Alain Coefe expresses the joy and free-spirited innocence of a 5-year-old girl.

PHOTOS BY KEVIN MANUEL



have an art program nor usually display student art, Coefe’s solo exhibition was “a chance to show the work of a well-rounded individual who has art sense despite not being an art major.”

He adds, “We will keep working to bring art to the campus, and hopefully these exhibitions will stimulate further projects and even art programs at WAU.”—Kevin Manuel

Women Residents Become “Biggest Winners”

The women residing in Halcyon Hall are participating in an 11-week program, providing encouragement and steps to let go of the spiritual, mental and physical weights of the world. Called

“Biggest Loser, Biggest Winner,” the program is designed to help students let go of the weight of the world and begin their journey toward an eternal life with Christ.

Physically the program focuses on aerobic exercise, but ultimately the goal is to become the biggest winner in Christ. Katya Calderon, a junior biochemistry major, has already benefited. “This program has given me advice that is applicable to my life and helps me draw closer to God. It has [also] given me more energy,” she says.

Arielle LaGuerre, a junior Public Communication major, and Regina Johnson, a senior Religion and Business Administration major, make time to exercise.

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Calendar

April

- 8-10 Alumni Weekend
- 10 WAU Family Fun Festival
12-5 p.m.
- 15 Washington Adventist
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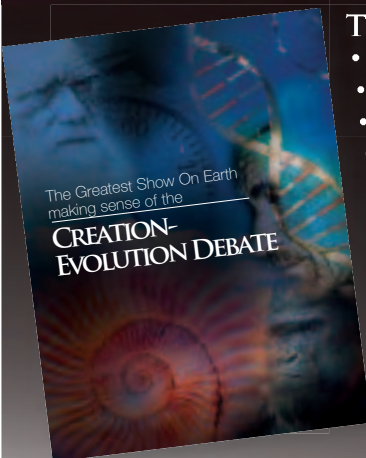
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Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that a constituency meeting of Washington Adventist University Incorporated, a corporation organized and existing under and by the virtue of the laws of the state of Maryland, will be held Friday, April 15, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect a board of trustees, hear reports of officers and transact other business that may be necessary or proper to come before the constituency.

Weymouth Spence, President

COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE INCORPORATED, A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CORPORATION, CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the constituency of Columbia Union College Incorporated, a District of Columbia Corporation, to be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011, in the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church on the campus of Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Maryland.

The purpose for which the meeting is being called is to consider and approve the merger of Columbia Union College Incorporated, a District of Columbia corporation, into Washington Adventist University Incorporated, a Maryland corporation, with Washington Adventist University Incorporated being the surviving entity.

Dave E. Weigley, President, Columbia Union Conference

Weymouth Spence, President and Secretary

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COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 26th regular constituency meeting of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held April 16-17, 2011, at the Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 2001 East Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. The first meeting will convene at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 16. The

second meeting will begin Sunday, April 17, at 9 a.m.

This 26th meeting of the constituency will be held for the purposes of receiving reports for the five-year period ending December 31, 2010; the election of officers and an executive committee for the ensuing term; and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

**Dave E. Weigley, President
J. Neville Harcombe, Secretary**

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held Sunday, April 17, 2011, in connection with the 26th constituency meeting of the Columbia Union Conference, at the Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 2001 East Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect a board of trustees for the ensuing five-year period and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to the 26th constituency meeting of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are likewise delegates to the association meeting.

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**John Preston, School Board Chair
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Discover

When we were young, our brains took in countless bits of information through new stimuli and experiences. Scientists are now finding that God created our brains to need this kind of mental stimulation throughout life for peak brain function and fighting the effects of mental aging. To keep mentally fit, we need to keep learning!



Think of your brain as a muscle, and find opportunities to flex it. Turn off the television and engage in activities that challenge you to think and learn. Take a class. Work a puzzle. Memorize Scripture. Play Scrabble. Master a foreign language. Study the Bible. Write a book.

Another way to keep your brain fit is by shaking up your everyday routines and engaging your senses. Try using your opposite hand to eat, brush your teeth, dial the phone or operate the computer



mouse. Take a different route through the grocery store or home from work. Close your eyes while dressing, unlocking your door or preparing a meal. Neuroscience researchers at the

Duke University Medical Center have found that this type of exercise, called “neurobics,” helps your brain activate underused nerve pathways and connections and manufacture neurotrophins that strengthen our brain cells and protect against cognitive decline.

REFLECT - What will I do today to shake up my routine and/or engage my senses? How can I give my brain a workout?

RESPOND - Gracious God, You have created me with an incredible brain. Help me to engage, reflect and strengthen my mind to glorify You. Every day may I learn and put to practical use the lessons You have taught me. Amen.

RELATE - I take charge of my overall mental fitness by adopting daily strategies for exercising my brain.

REMEMBER - “The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge” (Prov. 18:15, NASB).

RESOURCES - Visit neurobics.com, plus watch Katia Reinert, MSN, FCN, North American Division Health Ministries director, talk more about this topic at youtube.com/user/ColumbiaUnion.

Wellness coach Lilly Tryon is the principal contributor for the 2011 Visitor Calendar, expounded upon here each month.

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