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for All Learning Styles



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### WATCH THE BLUEPRINT

Chesapeake Conference's Spencerville Adventist Academy is one of six schools featured in Martin Doblmeier's third documentary about Seventh-day Adventists. *The Blueprint: The Story of Adventist Education* shares the story of Adventist education and why it has become an integral part of our mission and ministry. Look for it in April on PBS stations nationwide and consider hosting a screening in your community.



### 5 QUESTIONS FOR LARRY BLACKMER

It was Larry Blackmer, vice president for education for the North

American Division, who pitched the idea for the documentary *The Blueprint*. In an online interview, I asked him why, why he still believes our schools are worth attending, who his favorite teacher was and what he's praying about right now. Read it at [columbiaunionvisitor.com](http://columbiaunionvisitor.com) in our Education section.

### THE VISITOR GOES VIRAL

Many members log on to our union website, [columbiaunion.org](http://columbiaunion.org)—nearly 35,000 in 2013—to access news concerning the Columbia Union family, resources for ministry, and links and information about our ministries, schools and services. It remains available, but to quench the growing thirst for news and information in real time, we've developed a designated *Visitor* news website. Find it and find out what's happening—anytime and all the time—at [columbiaunionvisitor.com](http://columbiaunionvisitor.com).



### FROM THE PULPIT

"Stay in the faith and invite others to join you," advises Choon Sun Kim, 90, our March *Visitor* calendar model who hails from Centerville, Va. Heard any other good advice this month? Tweet a sermon quote to @visitornews for



a chance to win a download for a free e-book published and sponsored by Pacific Press Publishing Association.

—Celeste Ryan Blyden



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## The Personal Touch Pays Off

Early in our marriage, my husband and I decided that, regardless of the circumstances, it would be Seventh-day Adventist education all the way for our children. We were passionate about this because we had witnessed what it had done for our respective families and experienced firsthand its impact in our lives. Adventist education has grounded us, given us purpose and direction, and, more importantly, helped us to stay committed to our belief system.



When we arrived in this wonderful country, from our native Costa Rica, with our three young children, we looked for an Adventist school. To our surprise, we received a considerable amount of input from local members: "It is too expensive." "The teachers are not as professional as those in the public system." "The buildings are in horrible need of repair." "This is the city; it is not the small, rural, Adventist school your kids are accustomed to attending."

Despite the well-intended advice, we stuck to the plan and chose Adventist education for our children. In addition to the culture shock and distance from friends and family, our children did not know any English—*none whatsoever*. Tearfully they would ask, "¿Mami, como vamos a asistir a la escuela? ¿Nosotros no sabemos hablar ingles?" ("Mom, how are we going to go to school? We don't know how to speak English.") Our apprehension was soon assuaged because their loving and patient teachers gave them extra time to complete projects, customized their assignments and allowed them to use a dictionary or call on their peers to translate during class time and even during tests. They were offering differentiated instruction to our children, who, in no time, were thriving and experiencing success.

### ONE ON ONE

Whether in a single or multigrade classroom, anywhere from early childhood through higher education, Seventh-day Adventist teachers understand that optimum learning happens when they adapt any area of the curriculum and its delivery to meet the needs of a student. Many have practiced it all along, and now the Columbia Union Conference Office of Education is providing professional development and training.

We strongly believe that at the heart of differentiated instruction lies a compelling spiritual component. Adventist co-founder Ellen G. White says, "In all true teaching the personal element is essential. Christ in His teaching dealt with men individually. ... The same personal interest, the same attention to individual development are needed in education work today" (*Education*, p. 231).

Thank you, Seventh-day Adventist teachers, for the phenomenal work you did in educating my children, and thank you for the work you continue to do every day to guide all of our children to God's kingdom. Join me, dear Reader, in praying for and supporting the ministry of education.

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## ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE TO DIVEST NEW JERSEY HOSPITAL

Last month Adventist HealthCare (AHC), based in Gaithersburg, Md., announced plans to transfer their 111-bed, New Jersey-based Hackettstown Regional Medical Center to Atlantic Health System. AHC officials noted that the \$54 million transaction is subject to state regulatory review and could take several months.

“This decision was not an easy one for our organization because Hackettstown has been a valued member of Adventist HealthCare,” says William G. “Bill” Robertson, AHC president and CEO. “However ... it was decided that by partnering with a health system in its region, Hackettstown would be in a better position to serve its community and receive help with future growth opportunities.” Read more at [columbiaunionvisitor.com](http://columbiaunionvisitor.com).—*Tom Grant*

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION SUPPORTER DIES

Stewart Bainum, founder of Choice Hotels International, the second-largest hotel chain in the world, recently died at 95. But, Bainum wasn't known only for his

PHOTO BY JAMES FERRY



business savvy. This member of Potomac Conference's Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md., was also known for founding and operating the Commonwealth Foundation through which his family donates millions of dollars every year to support educational programs and projects.

In a November 2011 *Visitor* cover feature titled “Giving Back,” Bainum shared, “We believe that each individual has value and potential and deserves a quality learning environment. Our goal is to provide them with that.”

Upon hearing about his death, Hamlet Canosa, EdD, director of the Columbia Union's Office of Education, said, “[We] mourn the loss of a true friend, generous benefactor and model Christian servant. Mr. Bainum's tireless efforts to make a real difference ... will continue to be deeply appreciated by all who were directly or indirectly touched by his kindness and support.”

## TRANSITIONS

### KETTERING COLLEGE SELECTS SEVENTH PRESIDENT



Last month the Kettering College Board of Directors named Nate Brandstater, PhD, as the college's seventh president. Brandstater transfers to

the Kettering, Ohio, college from La Sierra University in California, where he served as associate professor of chemistry and accreditation liaison officer. Read more on p. 44.

—*Elizabeth Long*

### ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE PRESIDENT TO LEAVE



After serving as president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare for 14 years, William G. “Bill” Robertson announced last month that he will be leaving

the Gaithersburg, Md.-based organization in April. He will become the president and CEO of a not-for-profit based in Washington state. Read more at [columbiaunionvisitor.com/robertson](http://columbiaunionvisitor.com/robertson).—*Tom Grant*

### SPENCERVILLE PASTOR ACCEPTS CHESAPEAKE POST



The Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee recently elected Jerry Lutz, MDiv, to the position of conference executive secretary. He

replaces Kleyton Feitosa, who accepted a call to serve as president of the Egypt-Sudan Field. Read more on p. 23.

# WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR LAST 30 BUCKS?

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# Noticias

TAASHI ROWE



## PUBLICACIÓN DEL LIBRO: *VIDA SANA CON JESÚS*

Mayra Guillén, miembro de la iglesia Glenn Dale Spanish, en Glenn Dale, Md., de Chesapeake Conference, acaba de publicar su primer libro *Vida Sana con Jesús*. Habiendo llegado a los Estados Unidos a los 17 años de edad, Guillén se sintió sola y vacía en su interior. No fue sino hasta que se mudó a vivir con Dimas y Sofía Romero que comenzó a estudiar la Biblia. Con el tiempo comenzó a asistir a la iglesia y a ganar almas para el reino de los cielos. A continuación ella nos habla de cómo Dios la sanó de su cáncer de estómago y colon.

### P: ¿Qué hizo como tratamiento para su enfermedad?

R: Comencé el tratamiento médico convencional que los doctores en Nicaragua me dieron. Dos meses más tarde regresé a los Estados Unidos con mi esposo e hijos. Busqué una segunda opinión, y me dijeron que se estaba propagando. Una noche en casa, me dio un fuerte dolor de cabeza y de pronto no podía respirar. Mi esposo me llevó al hospital y me ingresaron. Me hicieron exámenes y notaron que casi tenía un derrame cerebral causado por mi estómago. Necesitaban operarme

enseguida para extraer mi estómago y en su lugar colocar una cánula. Me advirtieron que la operación era muy riesgosa y que no me podían asegurar que la intervención fuera exitosa.

Al escuchar estas palabras me sentí aterrada y preocupada, pero a la vez confié en Jesús más que nunca antes. Allí mismo comencé a orar y llorarle a Dios para recibir su fortaleza. Sentía que mi vida llegaba a su fin cuando de pronto sentí como que alguien tocaba mi brazo, y escuché una voz decir: “Estoy aquí contigo. Levántate”. Miré hacia arriba y en ese mismo instante llamé a las enfermeras y les dije que me dieran de alta porque no iba a ser operada. Eran las 2 a.m. cuando esto sucedió. Le dije a los doctores: “Sé que mi Redentor vive y Él me

salvará. Él es mi doctor divino”.

Lea el resto de la historia de Guillén en [columbiaunionvisit.com/vidasana](http://columbiaunionvisit.com/vidasana) o envíele un correo electrónico a [ebelyn12142002@gmail.com](mailto:ebelyn12142002@gmail.com) para obtener una copia de su libro.

## SERIE DE EVANGELISMO EN LA IGLESIA TINY ALLEGHENY EAST

Los cerca de 50 miembros de la iglesia Rehoboth Spanish en Allegheny East Conference en Reading, Pa., saben que el tamaño no es importante. Se alistan para una gran serie de evangelismo este verano. La iglesia invitó a tres iglesias hispanas vecinas (Reading Spanish, Emmanuel Spanish y Shalom Spanish) pertenecientes a Pennsylvania Conference, a unirse

			
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a este esfuerzo. Invitaron a Andrés Portes, un evangelista internacional, para dirigir una sesión de entrenamiento en evangelismo. Bajo el tema del fin de semana “Testificando por Jesucristo,” los asistentes aprendieron herramientas efectivas de evangelismo.

A pesar de no tener fondos, estos miembros avanzan por fe. Planean comprar tiempo de transmisión en una estación local de televisión para emitir los sermones de Portes, alquilar un local grande para las reuniones, organizar mítines en las calles y varias semanas de oración antes de la serie

de evangelismo. “Tengo una sensación en mi corazón que el Señor va a bendecir esta ciudad como nunca antes”, comparte Rabiél Torres, un anciano de la iglesia Rehoboth y coordinador de esta serie de evangelismo. Para más información sobre cómo puede aportar, comuníquese con Torres al (610) 568-8115.

### **LOS MIEMBROS DE POTOMAC SPANISH AYUDAN A FUNDAR UNA IGLESIA HINDÚ**

Recientemente, los miembros de la iglesia Herndon Spanish de Potomac Conference en Herndon, Va., llevaron a cabo una feria de salud e invitaron a los vecinos, muchos de los cuales son de Asia del sur. Los miembros de Herndon se interesaron en evangelizar esta comunidad cuando un señor hindú comenzó a asistir a los servicios sabáticos. Los miembros de Herndon Spanish trabajaron mano a mano con los miembros de la iglesia Southern Asian en Silver Spring, Md., para ministrar este grupo.

Sus vecinos de Asia del sur disfrutaron el relacionarse con los miembros de Herndon Spanish y el probar comidas hispanas. “Era un panorama un poco raro”, dijo Willy Benzaquen, el que era pastor de esta iglesia. “Los dos grupos no se entendían entre sí, pero en este caso, la comida fue su lenguaje”.

A causa del interés que mostraron los miembros de Herndon Spanish, la iglesia Southern Asian en Silver Spring ha fundado una iglesia en Herndon con alrededor de 180 asistentes.



### **ARTÍCULO ESPECIAL DE VISITOR:**

## **Cómo los maestros hacen que la educación funcione para todos los estilos de aprendizaje**

Los maestros en Columbia Union están adoptando un concepto que los funcionarios de educación esperan que se establezca como práctica común. La enseñanza diferenciada (DI por sus siglas en inglés) insiste en ver a los estudiantes como individuos y tener en cuenta sus niveles de aprendizaje, intereses y estilos al momento de enseñarles, para que así todos—los que tienen problemas, los promedio y los avanzados—tengan la oportunidad de aprender y triunfar. La Unión se encuentra en el segundo año de una iniciativa de cinco años que promueve una atención más intencional en este enfoque, y así mejorar el aprendizaje estudiantil.



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“La enseñanza diferenciada demuestra buena enseñanza”, dice Donovan Ross, director asociado de educación secundaria en Columbia Union Conference. “Obliga al maestro a expandir su repertorio de estrategias de enseñanza”.

Diferenciación es “solo una forma de pensar en el aula”, dice Carol Tomlinson, directora de liderazgo educativo, fundaciones y pólizas en Curry School of Education en la Universidad de Virginia, quien ha investigado y escrito extensivamente sobre enseñanza diferenciada y currículo.

El concepto también va de acuerdo con “lo que los Adventistas [del Séptimo Día] creen: que todo niño puede aprender; todo niño tiene el don dado por Dios” dice Ileana Espinosa, directora asociada de educación elemental. Lea más en inglés en la pág. 12—*Arin Gencer*



## Underscore

TAASHI ROWE

# Is the End Near for Brick-and-Mortar ABCs?

It's been years since the Mountain View Conference had a physical Adventist Book Center (ABC). It was housed at the conference office in Parkersburg, W.Va., where, in addition to books, locals could pick up vegetarian foods. The store was eventually closed because only one or two persons would shop there each month. However, "We still have some folks, either passing through or living in the community, that stop by the office from time to time, still expecting that we have an ABC operating here," shares Valerie Morikone, an administrative assistant at the conference office.

When two ABCs in the Columbia Union closed at the end of last year, one in Mount Vernon, Ohio, the other in Hamburg, Pa., some members say they felt the loss keenly. Bob Hoyt, a retired pastor and member of Ohio's Mount Vernon City church, says, "I spent over 25 years in the publishing work, followed by 25 years in the ministry. I see [a] tragic mistake taking place. ... The ABC



is a strong evangelistic tool for witnessing to [the community]."

Although his local ABC was not affected, Charles Battles, a member of Allegheny East Conference's Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., suggests, "We should be opening more ABCs, not closing them! Closing them will limit our outreach to [community members]."

### A CHANGING MARKETPLACE

Keeping open a physical outlet for the Seventh-day Adventist message was the main reason the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Nampa, Idaho, eventually took over the management of as many as 26 North American ABCs.

"About 15 years ago, some local conferences were ready to close their stores. The stores were just too expensive to operate, and they were taking precious funds away from the conference's evangelism programs," explains Jerry Thomas, a vice presi-

*Carolina and Mattias De Paoli manage two Revive ABCs—one based at the New Jersey Conference and the other, open only on Sundays, at the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility, N.J.*

dent at Pacific Press. "Rather than see that happen, Pacific Press entered into management agreements with these conferences ... hoping that time would lead to a way to operate the ABCs efficiently."

However, the Pacific Press may have only delayed the inevitable. The changing marketplace has not only affected mainstream bookstores but Christian booksellers too. In the 2008 report "Christian Retail Research," Cathedral Consulting Group, LLC, studied how a market change trifecta impacted members of the Christian Booksellers Association, a group of independent Christian booksellers and publishers. While religious consumers were once limited to finding their favorite

#### VISITOR FACEBOOK POLL:

## Where do you buy Christian books?

**66%**—Amazon (many for their Kindles)

**33%**—Publishers, local Christian stores, or other websites

**26%**—Adventist Book Center

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music or books at niche Christian bookstores, a changing marketplace gives them options. They can now find goods at a deeper discount at mega bookstore chains, their local “big box” retailer and online.

The writing on the wall started early for Jay Cole, a former manager of the Hamburg ABC and now manager of trade sales at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., but it was not from lack of effort. Cole noted that while he managed the Pennsylvania ABC, he developed a wholesale food program, took the bookmobile all over the Pennsylvania territory, escalated advertising and, as a result, saw some success. Cole says he never figured out why sales dropped in Hamburg and found the closure to be “especially painful.” He adds, “We put 14 years of blood, sweat and tears into that store.”

If Jim Greene, New Jersey Conference’s executive secretary, is any indication of today’s typical consumer, Cole may have his answer. Greene says he shops at the ABC for food and health products, “but not a lot for books. I carry all my new books on the iPad, including various Bible translations and the app that has all of Ellen G. White’s writings. So I’m not buying

much in hard copy from anybody.”

Matthew Berry, who manages the ABC at Highland View Academy (HVA) in Hagerstown, Md., can attest to the decline in book sales. Although that ABC is officially a charity with proceeds funding scholarships for students at HVA and the nearby Mount Aetna Elementary School, “Our books don’t sell well,” Berry says. “In general, book sales have been difficult, even when reduced in price.”

Even so, the Association of American Publishers reports that between 2012 and 2013, hard-cover book sales jumped by 11.5 percent while ebook sales increased 4.5 percent.

Another issue could be that the stores are not often easily accessible to the public, which several ABC managers admit limits their customer base. Unlike the Potomac ABC, which is nestled among secular stores in a shopping center, most ABCs are located at our conference offices and schools, where the average community member would not happen to walk by and stop in. Greene also believes that since many of our stores only sell books by Adventist authors, that further limits the base.

## 3 Ways to Support the ABCs

**Become a Review and Herald ambassador.** Periodically they will send you new books free of charge and encourage you to promote those books at your church. For more information, email [jcole@rhp.org](mailto:jcole@rhp.org).

**Commit to sharing Jesus.** “A person cannot share what he or she doesn’t have,” Carolina De Paoli says. “Make a commitment to always have at least 10 or 20 books and tracts—in your car and at home—to share Jesus with whomever you come in contact with.”

**Shop at [adventistbookcenter.com](http://adventistbookcenter.com).** If there is an ABC nearby, they can ship your items to the store to save on shipping costs.

When the Pacific Press severed their management contracts with 17 ABCs last year, the two Columbia Union conferences impacted were left with a big decision. After reviewing their finances, they realized

## Where Americans Purchased Books

Source: Association of American Publishers



**2012**

43.8% online  
18.7% large chains  
3.7% independent bookstores



**2010**

25.1% online  
31.5% large chains  
2.4% independent bookstores



**2011**

35.1% online  
28.7% large chains  
3.7% independent bookstores

they could not afford to return to managing the stores, so they closed last December.

Still, conference leaders are trying to fill the resulting gap. While members can get some items online at [adventistbookcenter.com](http://adventistbookcenter.com) or at camp meeting, some members are fond of walking into a store. Ohio hopes to provide vegetarian products at the old ABC site while the Southern New England ABC is planning to open a branch at the old Pennsylvania ABC.

## STILL REACHING THE COMMUNITY

Those managing the remaining ABCs have hope. Mattias and Carolina De Paoli, managers at New Jersey Conference's two Revive ABC stores in Lawrenceville and Tranquility, are working to revive their client base. "We are doing our best and praying," De Paoli says. Sometimes people may think the results are not great, but we see it here every day. We have witnessed to pastors from other denominations, and one of our vendors who is not Adventist is now buying vegetarian products. I've also shared with him one of our books, so who knows what will happen next."

When they moved to a shopping plaza in Silver Spring, Md., in April 2000, the Potomac Conference ABC store started out as the world's largest Christian bookstore. However, a short time later, the store was forced to reduce its size.

## What's in a Name?

As the Columbia Union's five remaining ABCs continue to find ways to grow their audience, two have chosen to focus on their name. When the New Jersey Conference moved their office two blocks up the street, the Review and Herald Publishing Association, who manages it, reopened the ABC in 2011 under a new name—Revive. Mattias and Carolina De Paoli, who recently became store managers, said that, for the first year, the new name did not take off until they added "ABC" back into the title. "When you Google the name 'ABC,' you'll find an alcohol store, so those who are not Adventist may not know that we are a health food store," Carolina says. "Now that we've changed the name to Revive ABC, we answer the phone by adding the slogan 'hope and health for you and your loved ones.'"

After doing some market research, Lisa Myaing, manager of the Potomac ABC, discovered, "Our name, at best, is confusing to people and, at worse, it downright turns people away. Some see the name 'Adventists' and think the store is only for church members, others don't know who Adventists are and others don't even realize that we are a health food store," she says. By changing the name "we are not moving away from the Adventist message. We are trying to bring more people to it."

Myaing says they are in the process of choosing their new name and will announce it soon.—*Taashi Rowe*



Lisa Myaing, manager, says some 110 years after the store first opened in Takoma Park, Md., the Potomac ABC remains true to their mission of reaching the community. The staff host health classes and Bible studies, and the store is even a place of worship for one local congregation. Myaing notes that while sales of books and music are down, food is 57 per-

*Trudy Eide, a part-time Potomac ABC staff member, shares samples of gluten-free cookies topped with chocolate sauce.*

cent of their sales. "Interest in food and health continues to grow, especially with the popularity of *The China Study* (a book touting the benefits of vegetarianism). People are interested in finding out how to get rid of diabetes and lower their blood pressure," she says.

The Potomac ABC has active food demonstrations throughout the store on Sundays and Fridays. This year they hope to add a deli into their store. "Our focus is ministry and community outreach and, so, we are realigning our efforts to reach out to our community," Myaing says.



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*Arin Gencer*

## How teachers are making education work for all learning styles

**F**lexibility is at the heart of Carrie Hess' English classes at Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) in Spencerville, Md. That flexibility is manifested in several ways: Assessing students before test days and rescheduling if they haven't quite grasped a concept. Allowing some to do alternate assignments or giving others more time to complete papers if inspiration has yet to strike. Coming to school with an agenda that can change once she gauges where her class stands.

"You're not lowering your standards, but the way you're able to get your students to that standard may vary from student to student," says Hess, who teaches juniors and seniors. "It's about doing what's right for that student at that point in time."

Hess' approach to teaching embraces a concept that education officials in the Columbia Union hope

becomes common practice. Differentiated instruction (DI) emphasizes viewing students as individuals and factoring in their learning levels, interests and styles when teaching so that all—whether struggling, on level or advanced—have the opportunity to learn and succeed. The union is in its second year of a five-year initiative to encourage a more intentional focus on this approach and, ultimately, improve student learning.

"Differentiated instruction speaks to good teaching," says Donovan Ross, the Columbia Union Conference's associate director of secondary education. "It forces the teacher to expand his or her repertoire of teaching strategies."

The concept also aligns with "what [Seventh-day] Adventists believe: that every child can learn; every child has God-given talent," says Ileana Espinosa, the union's associate director of elementary education.

### **Differentiation: A Quick Primer**

Differentiation is "just a way of thinking about the classroom," says Carol Tomlinson, chair of educational leadership, foundations and policy in the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education, who has researched and written extensively on differentiated instruction and curriculum.

"It begins with the belief that kids come to you with different learning needs, and as teachers, we have to make a decision whether we do anything with those differences," Tomlinson says. "The core of it is really the decision about whether a teacher needs to study his or her students and responds to what the students bring."

Research shows students bring three key elements to the classroom, Tomlinson says, all of which differentiation responds to: a readiness to learn, which can vary by subject; personal interests; and learning profiles—a combination of gender, culture, how children's brains are wired and their learning style (i.e., whether they learn better by reading or listening).

Readiness—assessing where a child is in a given subject on a given day—is the most important, she



says. "Addressing readiness is necessary for academic growth. If we don't get a kid ... in the right ballpark, they don't learn. They can't learn."

As classrooms have grown more diverse in the past 15 to 20 years, more people have seen the need to differentiate, Tomlinson says. "Differentiation is very broadly accepted as good practice, and in public schools in the United States and Canada, it appears as a key element in systems for evaluating teacher effectiveness."

### A Union-Wide Initiative

The Columbia Union's initiative primarily serves as a resource for conferences—not a mandate, education officials say. Last summer, with a grant from the Commonweal Foundation, the union hosted a three-day training session for teachers from each of its eight conferences. More training is planned to further help them incorporate the approach into their classrooms, says Evelyn Sullivan, the union's associate director for early childhood education and care.

Conference superintendents have been very supportive of the effort, Espinosa says. "Each school, in its own

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way, has started down the path." Several, such as SAA; Spring Valley Academy in Centerville, Ohio; as well as a number of teachers in the Pennsylvania Conference, had already embraced DI. Some have practiced it for years. And, in many multigrade classrooms, some level of differentiation is already the norm. Now superintendents are pursuing conference-wide approaches.

"We're just taking it one step at a time," says Jeff Bovee, Pennsylvania's vice president for education. He

## ★ FIVE CLASSROOM ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLING ★

**01** Setting up a classroom system that offers both flexibility and stability.

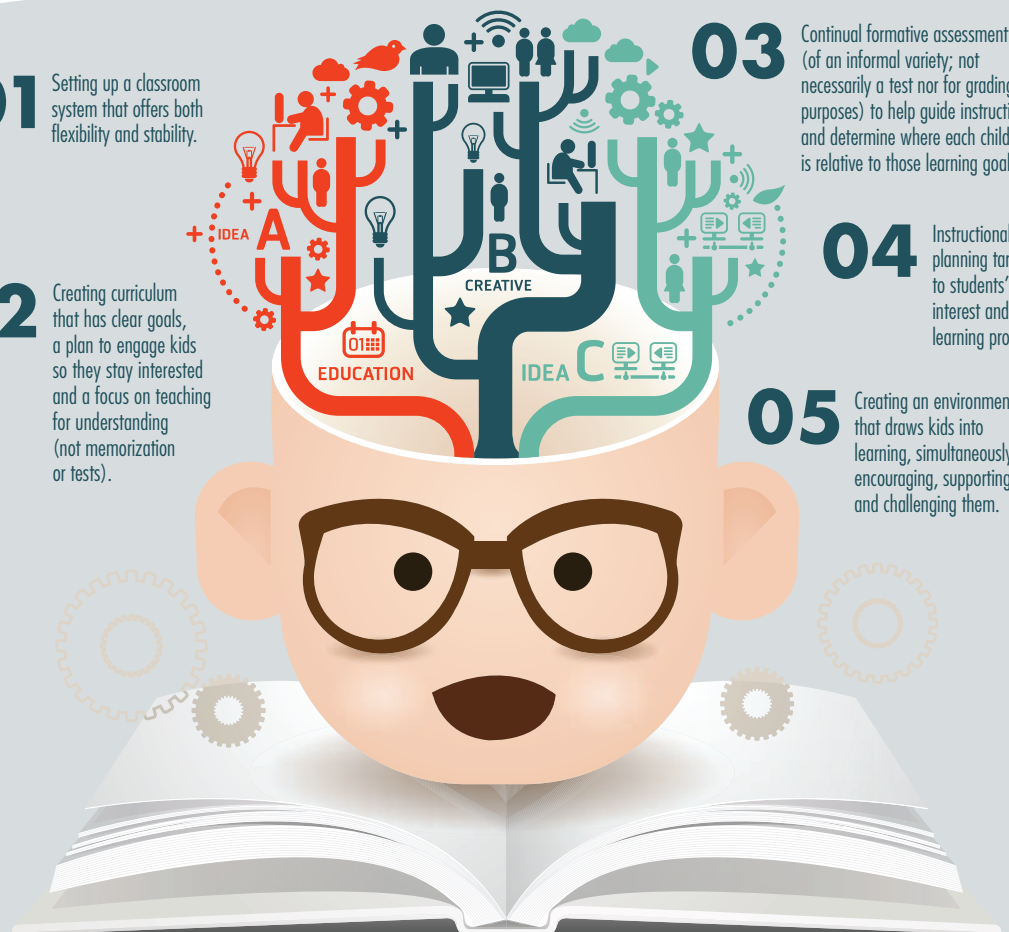
**02** Creating curriculum that has clear goals, a plan to engage kids so they stay interested and a focus on teaching for understanding (not memorization or tests).

**03** Continual formative assessment (of an informal variety; not necessarily a test nor for grading purposes) to help guide instruction and determine where each child is relative to those learning goals.

**04** Instructional planning targeted to students' interest and learning profile.

**05** Creating an environment that draws kids into learning, simultaneously encouraging, supporting and challenging them.

Good teaching relies on an understanding of five classroom elements and how they work together, says Carol Tomlinson, chair of educational leadership, foundations and policy in the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education. Differentiated instruction built on these key elements will really grow in its power, she adds.



# STUDENT VOICES

How does your teacher help you understand difficult subjects?



"I like [having a clear to-do list] because then you can check off what you did so you don't forget anything."—*Marisa DeLong, a seventh-grader at Tranquility Adventist School in Tranquility, N.J.*



"When we're learning a subject . . . every aspect of the subject is covered (i.e., he brings in speakers who are experts on the issues to give more understanding).—*Mitchell Jackson, an eighth-grader at Spring Valley Academy (SpVA) in Centerville, Ohio*



"My [math] teacher helps me by showing models, such as bar graphs, to me. He also puts [us] into groups so we can discuss things together.—*Shaine Price, a third-grader at SpVA*



"She gives us different strategies. Like in math, if I don't know an answer, she tells me to use a number line or sometimes to draw a picture."—*Rachel Unnikumaran, a first-grader at the Beltsville Adventist School in Beltsville, Md.*

asked eight teachers to volunteer to attend the union training last summer, hoping they'd help generate excitement among their colleagues. They all "came back energized," he says.

The 16 Allegheny East Conference teachers who attended the same union training are now regional mentors supporting their peers, says Gloria Perry, associate superintendent. "Modulars" scheduled throughout the school year introduce teachers to different aspects of DI, which they are expected to start applying in their classrooms.

"For teachers, it's a mindset change," Perry says. "Right now, we're asking our teachers to learn the process and learn it well—and once you learn it, you'll realize you're already doing it."

With the help of the union, the New Jersey Conference trained the teachers in its five schools last

September, and Sadrail Saint-Ulysse, superintendent, says he's "already seeing a difference, even in the lesson plans that the teachers present to me." He adds, "We were doing some type of differentiated instruction in the past, but now we're being more specific, and it is becoming more purposeful to helping students based on their individual needs. I'm very encouraged and very pleased with the way that our teachers are implementing it."

## Transformed Classrooms

Teachers say the "intentional flexibility" at the heart of DI gives them freedom to deviate from their plans if students need more time with a concept. The focus is on mastery.

Yoel Paredes uses a similar approach with seventh- and eighth-graders at Meadow View Junior Academy in Chesterfield, N.J. "If there's an improvement, that's a good day," he says. "That's what I grade—if they learn something. . . . At the end of the day, I don't care about the grade as much as I care about learning."

Paredes, who teaches math, social studies and science, encourages his students to do their own exploration. He considers their passions, asking one to create a video for a project, telling another to pretend she's working for a newspaper as part of an assignment. He records his lessons for those who learn better from watching the video.

The New Jersey Conference's September workshop on DI led Nita Connell, principal at the Tranquility Adventist School in Tranquility, to create individualized

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daily lesson plans for the 13 students (grades 4 through 8) in her classroom. Students pick up a sheet outlining their objectives for the day and set to work. This gives Connell time for one-on-one meetings while the rest of the class moves forward in their own ways—and cuts out the busywork she sometimes used to resort to. “I can keep them thinking,” Connell says.

### A North American Focus

The Columbia Union’s initiative runs parallel to a similar effort in the church’s North American Division to encourage DI in all Adventist schools. Some unions have long embraced the concept and actively put it into practice, says Larry Blackmer, the division’s vice president for education.

“Every union does it a little differently, but most unions are doing something,” Blackmer says. In early 2011, the division provided professional development on differentiation for union directors and associates and offered training again in December for new ones. “We’re hoping that it becomes the norm automatically because teachers feel that it’s the best way to teach,” he says.

### The Challenges

Still, DI can present challenges for teachers. In an age when they and their students are judged by standardized tests, differentiating seems counterintuitive, Tomlinson says. And, put simply, changing habits is hard.

“We have a few teachers who have been teaching for 25-plus years, and if they’re used to teaching in one particular way, it’s really difficult to change that,” says Carla Thrower, principal at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md. Why change what they’re doing, they ask, when many students go on to meet with great success? Thrower—who transferred from a local public school system where differentiation was a way of life—responds by pointing to the students for whom it *didn’t* work: How many more would have benefitted from more individualized instruction?

Others feel swamped with more going on in the classroom. And, one of the biggest challenges is the time it takes to plan lessons, says Dulce Morales, a second-grade teacher at New Jersey’s Lake Nelson Seventh-day Adventist School in Piscataway. But, she adds, the extra time is worth it.

“What I’m doing now works much better,” Morales says. “It helps me to know exactly where my students are struggling and helps me to set goals for them. ... Kids are being challenged in the right place.”

She also can communicate better with parents on where their children are, where she wants them to be and how she’s getting them there. “I don’t feel like I’m leaving anyone back,” she says.

Connell echoes that sentiment; she already sees a difference in her students. “They come in with a smile on their face,” she says. “They’re getting more engaged. ... The kids now feel like they own their education.”

*Arin Gencer writes from Baltimore.*

## DIFFERENTIATION SPARKS ENTHUSIASM IN YOUNG LEARNER

**A**fter a class lesson that went particularly well, New Jersey Conference teacher Dulce Morales asked her second-graders at the Lake Nelson Seventh-day Adventist School in Piscataway how they’d like their accomplishments to be celebrated—an idea she picked up from a DI workshop. “It’s kind of like a positive affirmation,” Morales says.

Some kids chose a cheer. Others a certain sound. Seven-year-old Jaelyn Johnson chose fireworks, a motion that involves moving the hands up while clapping them together, then lowering them down.

“It’s fun to do,” Jaelyn says, adding that it makes her feel special. The figurative sparks could reflect her newfound excitement and confidence in Morales’ differentiated classroom.

During parent-teacher conferences last year, Morales explained some of the changes she’d be introducing, says Jayné Johnson, Jaelyn’s mother: She planned to challenge Jaelyn, an avid writer, to advance above grade level.

Having more directed attention has taken school from being “just routine” to “more of a highlight” for her daughter, Johnson says. “Her enthusiasm level for school and her excitement really have soared. ... She seems really excited that she’s able to do challenging work.”

Jaelyn also responds well to the varied approaches Morales takes to teaching different subjects—a mix of hands-on activities, group interaction and individual work, Johnson says. She adds, “There’s a more personalized nature to it, to the instruction, that adds value and makes her feel valued in the classroom.”



Jaelyn and  
Jayné Johnson

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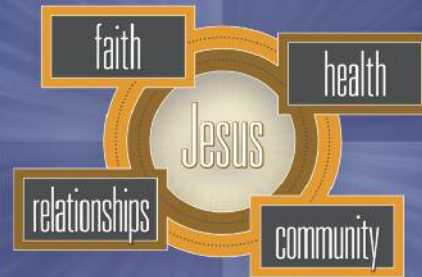
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## Sharon Temple Students Celebrate MLK Jr.

Students at the Sharon Temple Adventist School recently participated in two of the most prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day celebrations in Wilmington, Del. Students in kindergarten to grade 7 performed for an audience of more than 700 at the 30th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, sponsored by the Organization for Minority Women. They paid tribute to King and the late Nelson Mandela by singing a freedom medley comprised of “Oh Freedom,”

“We Shall Overcome” and the South African national anthem “Nkosi Sikelel’i.”

Teachers report that the students were very diligent in preparing themselves for this event, evidenced by the audience’s response when they played one of King’s favorite songs, “If I Could Help Somebody,” on their violins. One program participant remarked, “That song brought back a flood of emotions—thank you for playing it.”

Only a few city blocks away, sixth-grader Ricardo



Students of Sharon Temple Adventist School play one of Martin Luther King Jr.’s favorite songs for a crowd of 700.



Sotilleo (pictured) was recognized during the DuPont company’s annual MLK celebration. He was one of five winners, out of a total of 28 submissions statewide. Sotilleo, who teachers say exemplifies outstanding character, won because he fulfilled one of the company’s core values—respect. Teachers further add that Sotilleo’s upbeat personality enables him to effectively interact with students, school staff and community, gaining respect through service. He received an iPad mini as well as a certificate. Needless to say, his parents, the school and his church are very proud of him!  
—Robin Rene Jackson

## Pine Forge Equips Students for Standardized Tests

When it comes to preparing students for their college entrance exams, teachers at Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pa., start early. They’ve implemented the ACT College Readiness Track, where twice a year, ninth- and 10th-graders are assessed for college readiness and the efficacy of academic instruction received.

Data from these tests are used to enhance and remediate the students, preparing them to achieve scholarship eligible scores by their junior year at the academy. This year the college readiness program was extended to include an 11-week intensive to prepare them for the American College Test (ACT). Under the coordination of Renee Whiting, guidance counselor/learning specialist, along with the assistance of principal Delmas Campbell, teachers Neil Thomas, Michael Jones, Stewart Jenkins and Wayne Henry designed the program. As a result of the program, 62 students registered to take the ACT.

“When it comes to the education of His children, we at Pine Forge Academy implicitly trust the promises of God and that, through Him, excellence can be a tangible reality for every student,” Campbell shares.



## Calvary School Sees Record Enrollment

In 2010, because of declining enrollment and troubled finances, Calvary Adventist School in Newport News, Va., faced the real prospect of closure. In the spring of that year, enrollment dwindled to 13 students. It was at



*Students at Calvary Adventist School participate in class.*

that time that a group of young adult parents rolled up their sleeves and decided they wanted more for their school.

“Since that time, because of the hard work of a committed school board, a dedicated administrator and exceptional teachers and staff, Calvary school has made a complete turnaround!” Trevor Kinlock, pastor of the Calvary church reported. “We recently reached a record enrollment of 44 students—an all time high!”

There is even a waiting list for the lower grades, and they are three slots shy of being at capacity for the upper grades. Over the last three years, the school’s financial picture has also improved, and they have been able to pay off their obligations to the Allegheny East Conference. How did they do that? They opened an early learning center last year, ran a summer camp for the past two years and spent time in prayer.

Because of the hand of God, our church school is thriving!” Kinlock shares. “Our students are learning, our parents are elated and our church is rejoicing over such a dramatic turnaround! Truly God’s hand has moved miraculously at our school.”

## Capitol Hill Members Invest in Adventist Education

Because of the generosity of members of the Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., this year, 82 students are able to afford a Seventh-day Adventist education. For the past five years, with unwavering support of Gene Donaldson, DMin, senior pastor, members have invested \$650,000 in supporting their students. The church provides parents a monthly subsidy between \$150-\$200, which adds up to about \$136,000 annually or about 25 percent of the church’s overall expenses.

Because of this help, Janice and Teddy Allen are able to send their son, Jaden, to Dupont Park Adventist School. “For parents who are struggling, this help with tuition makes a difference,” Janice shares. “I know it does for us. It’s an awesome, awesome help. Christian education is very important to us. When other schools are teaching children about evolution and different types of lifestyles, I’m assured that he is getting a great education while learning about God and learning how to be a witness.”

Pastor Donaldson says the church is committed to providing this help because “Christian education is a core value for us, and we believe that education is one

of the pillars God uses to grow productive members of His kingdom. For us, it is important that our children not just learn their ABCs and how to add, but also *Who* to serve.”



*Pastor Gene Donaldson shares a laugh with a few children after a Sabbath service.*

## Southeast Members Help 30 Enroll in Healthcare

About 30 people signed up for or received help in getting health insurance coverage during an enrollment event at the Southeast church in Cleveland. For many healthcare enrollees, it was also the first time they visited a Seventh-day Adventist Church. Many seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet members, visit the facility and participate in at least some of the divine service, says Pastor Jerome Hurst. Attendees asked questions about the new law, got applications submitted for Medicare or navigated the healthcare websites, a convenience for those who may not have access to the Internet.

“Southeast ... did a great job setting up the location for the event,” said Hugh F. “Trey” Daly III, Ohio state director for Enroll America. He, along with federal and county officials, joined Cleveland groups at the event.

The church also worked with Brenda Delgado, external affairs liaison/marketplace outreach lead for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regional office in Chicago, to organize the event. Delgado is also an Adventist and spoke to the congregation during worship service. She complimented Pastor Hurst and Southeast members for hosting the event. Hurst, who is also the conference’s Adventist Community Services director, is helping Delgado set up similar events at other churches in the Cleveland area.



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Members of the Southeast church in Cleveland get ready to sign up community members for health insurance.

The Southeast church is an official certified application counselor organization, and several church members are training to assist in enrollment. Open enrollment continues until March 31, and Pastor Hurst says there will likely be other enrollment events at the church.

The enrollment day was one of three community events at the church that weekend. They also distributed food and hosted a Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration. “These events are a fulfillment of one of our frequent prayers—for our church to be a beacon on the corner and our light to shine brightly,” shares Pastor Hurst.

The church also spent 10 days earlier this year in intercessory prayer. Groups of members met at the church at 5 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. each day to pray for one hour as part of a worldwide church initiative. Brothers and sisters around the globe met and followed the prayer guide provided by the General Conference. Each day’s theme centered around The Lord’s Prayer.

Each attendee was asked to write five names of individuals that they wanted to pray for during the 10 days. These names were then prayed over each day at each of the three services. “As we prayed and discussed the various aspects of The Lord’s Prayer, God opened a depth of meaning to those in attendance that we never dreamed possible. We were led to the very heart of God,” reports Pastor Hurst.—Deborah Donbraye



As part of the Southeast church’s 10 Days of Prayer program, members petition the Lord on others’ behalf.



## Glenville Church Will Move, Build a Place for Grace

Those who have been affiliated with the Glenville church say it has been a rock to the Glenville community in Cleveland for the past 60 years, where members have made a difference and helped transform lives. However, after many seasons of prayer and fasting, the Glenville church has decided to move from its current location to the growing city of Euclid. Members see the move as a new journey to expand the mission and reach of the church. “We want to be a congregation that adapts to the times so that we can impact as many people as possible for the soon return of Jesus,” says Pastor MyRon Edmonds.

The Glenville church family and friends recently gathered for the unveiling of their future home. Orlando Grant, the building project director, got the afternoon



says Pastor Edmonds. It is clear their new church—purchased with a loan from the Columbia Union Revolving Fund—is designed to directly meet the needs of the community, with an inviting atmosphere for worship and fellowship that directly aligns with the church’s mission: “Ready in Worship. Set in Fellowship. Go!”

Grant, a lifelong Glenville member, has taken this project by the helm, actively working with contractors, developers and community members to incorporate the church’s vision into the building design. Additionally, the church launched a capital campaign themed “Building a Place for Grace” to support the building project.

The new building is expected to open in early 2016. For more information and to take a virtual tour of the new facility, visit [gvillesda.org](http://gvillesda.org) and click on the “A Place for Grace” link.—Marna Borieux



*The Glenville church’s new sanctuary, which will seat 750, will serve multiple purposes as the congregation seeks new ways of drawing in the community.*

program rolling. After a session of praise and worship, Khandice Jones, councilwoman for the city of Euclid, welcomed Glenville into the Euclid community and expressed anticipation to work with the Glenville church as partners in reaching the community. Jones gave her full support of the building project, inducing a round of applause from the audience.

As the official renderings for the new building streamed on the screen, slide after slide elicited continued cheers from attendees. A virtual tour of their future home invigorated their motivation and sense of pride,

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# Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

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## Vocational Education Adds to Expanded Curriculum

As a college prep high school, Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) strives to educate for academic success. To add to their high standards, BMA administration recently added the course vocational education to teach students skills and character development. It is a required class with transcript credits that support students' future success in any chosen vocation.

"Students often come to BMA with no knowledge or experience in proper skills and attitude, nor know how to function at a high level in the workplace when they leave," shares Dave Morgan, principal. "Now, not only are we preparing students for success in their chosen field of studies, we are also training them to be ambassadors of Jesus in values, ethics and character."

Aaron Webber, director of operations, developed the new curriculum, which has a unique grading system based on a building block model and tailored to each student's abilities and growth. Staff members teach the daily, half-hour class for the 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. sessions.

There are five levels of achievement in the class:

**Level 1** includes obedience, time management, respect for authority, quality and integrity

**Level 2** adds organization, adaptability, thoroughness, helpfulness (serving others) and cooperation

**Level 3** includes professionalism, initiative, self-respect, self-discipline and self-improvement

**Level 4** adds wisdom, commitment, healthy lifestyle, conservation, loyalty and positive influence

**Level 5** includes outstanding communication skills, courage, humility, motivation (helping others reach their potential) and management skills



*Vocational education students review their portfolios at the beginning of class.*

"I am learning how to adjust myself to serving a customer, not a friend or peer, and to respect myself, and how to make the best of what I don't like," says sophomore Vicki Emilaire, who prepares and serves meals in the cafeteria.

Trina Murphy, the morning food service supervisor, says she is impressed with the vocational education grading system, which is based on the individual's progress. "This is God's program. It is teaching a standard above the world," she says.

Cory Enochs and Jason Foster, boys deans, have also embraced the new curriculum. "It's great to be with our guys as they are learning real values and ethics in specifically assigned responsibilities," says Foster. These lessons include topics such as integrity, hard work and honesty. "Down the road it will all make sense," adds Enochs.

While senior Angelique Spellman appreciates the concept, participating in the pilot program has been challenging. "It will be better once the bugs are worked out," she says.

Senior Nick Choban says the class is extremely useful for preparing him for future success. "It teaches us labor laws and educates in the practical. I didn't know why I needed to bend my knees when lifting something heavy," he explains. "Now it makes sense. I wish I had this class for all of my four years at BMA."



*Cory Enochs, boys dean, reviews homework with his student staff Mike Retemiah, Nick Choban and William Snell.*

## Music Program Gives Opportunities to All



**B**MA is serious about their music program, and they make a place for any student who wants to excel. In addition to Bel Canto, BMA's touring vocal ensemble, and the orchestra, classes and learning opportunities include La Sonnette Ensemble, a touring handbell choir, the Sylvan Singers, the concert choir and concert orchestra.

Lawrence Galera, music director, says that during second semester, the touring groups look forward to their weekend travels to local churches and schools.

"Here, I feel strongly called to pursue music as part of my life," says sophomore Rachel Jackson (pictured), a violinist, who chose BMA because of the music program. She is also learn-

ing guitar and piano through private lessons.

Private music lessons are available for both beginner and experienced musicians in guitar, band instruments, piano, organ and strings. There are also two classes offered: dimensions of music and music theory.



*Bel Canto watches as the orchestra performs during the Christmas weekend worship service.*

## NEWS

### Physics Students Enjoy "Play Days"

Teacher Cary Corbin is occasionally seen surrounded by his senior physics class of eager learners during "play days" (as pictured). These days are a break from the rigorous study schedule, and the experiments the class performs apply mathematical formulas they recently studied, like accelerated motion.

"Play days happen whenever our available equipment fits the topic of the day. They are fun and reinforce what they are learning," Corbin says.

Tyler Horney looks forward to a career in engineering and says, "The opportunity to apply physics is all around us. To know how things work is always useful."



### Grounds Crew Works Through Snow

Neither rain, sleet, snow nor a wind chill factor of minus 16 degrees stops Glenn Sutton (pictured), BMA's plant manager, from his workday. Along with Chris Kramer, director of maintenance, and their team of students, the grounds, sidewalks and parking lots are guaranteed to be clear and safe. This school year,

the BMA campus has had an unusual number of winter storms, with single-digit or below-zero conditions.

"We would prefer [the storms] were north or south of us," laughs Kramer. But, he notes they are always ready for the next one. "Our student staff numbers around 14—seven on each side of the day. They begin at 5:30 a.m. to clear sidewalks for breakfast when needed," he says.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Alumni Weekend, April 25-27:** Honor classes are 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 2004. The weekend's programs will be provided by the 10-, 20-, 25-, 30- and 40-year classes. For more information, contact Karyl Kramer at [kkramer@bma.us](mailto:kkramer@bma.us).

**Academy Days, May 2-3:** Students in grades 8 through 10 and their parents are invited to meet the BMA family and experience academy life. Visit classes, tour the campus, eat in the cafeteria, experience dorm life, worship and attend the Ariel Aires Gymnastics Home Show. For more information, contact Tracy Enochs at [tenochs@bma.us](mailto:tenochs@bma.us).

# THE CHALLENGE

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## Adventist Education Has the Edge

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- Our professionally trained and highly effective teachers daily prepare students for the challenges of the rapidly changing world.
- By educating the mind, body and spirit, Adventist schools are outperforming the national average across all demographics in all subject areas.
- Our students head to college, vocational training and/or mission work having received a firm spiritual foundation.
- Our strength and success comes from networking and community. Our families, churches, principals and teachers come together to collectively unite learning. This collection of wisdom enables us to support, uphold and nurture our students on every front.

Educating the whole child with the traditional “three Rs” along with emphasis on spiritual and physical development gives Adventist schools a measureable edge over other schools.

I urge you to see *The Blueprint: The Story of Adventist Education*, a new documentary by independent filmmaker Martin Doblmeier. It’s an inspiring collection of short stories that demonstrates how the Adventist approach to education is transforming lives. Find the DVD at Adventist Book Centers, or visit [journeyfilms.com](http://journeyfilms.com) to find out how you can host a screening at your church or school. Thanks for supporting your local Adventist school!



**Jacqueline Messenger**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## Spencerville Senior Pastor Named Executive Secretary

The Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee recently elected Jerry Lutz, MDiv, to the position of conference executive secretary. He will assume the duties of his new position April 1. He replaces Kleyton Feitosa who accepted a call to serve as president of the Egypt-Sudan Field.

“We’re delighted to have Pastor Lutz join our staff at the Chesapeake Conference. His many years of capable and effective leadership in various congregations have prepared him well to be a strong support to our churches and schools,” says Rick Remmers, conference president. “We look forward to working more closely with him.”

Lutz, an ordained minister, has been senior pastor of the nearly 1,800-member Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md.—Chesapeake’s largest church—since 1996. Prior to moving to Maryland, Lutz was the senior pastor of several churches in central California. Until recently, he also taught church leadership and administration classes as part of the graduate program at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. He has authored articles published in the *Adventist Review* and other Seventh-day Adventist publications, and has designed and taught a Bible-marking course to help church members share the Good News. He hosts and moderates the weekly, national broadcast television program *The American Religious Town Hall Meeting* ([americanreligious.org](http://americanreligious.org)), on which expert panelists of various faiths and religions discuss and debate current news.



After accepting the call, Lutz said, “I love the Chesapeake Conference, believe in its mission and vision, and, with the Lord’s help, will do my very best to aid and assist the advancement of the work in our part of the Columbia Union.”

Lutz and his wife, Janet, have one son, Jarrod, a teacher of English and history at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Spencerville, Md.





## THE Gathering BY GRACE ALONE

**JUNE 17-21, 2014 – HIGHLAND VIEW ACADEMY IN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND.**

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# MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

MARCH 2014

## Highland Adventist Students Dig Deep, Produce High Yields

High school students at the Highland Adventist School (HAS) in Elkins, W.Va., have started a business. Most days after school, in the school's driveway, they sell vegetables they have cultivated.

The project, which is being managed by the school's entrepreneurship class, started after the school installed a high tunnel (measuring 32 feet by 20 feet) near the school. After hours of hard work preparing the ground for planting and research to determine what plant species would be best for winter growing in the high tunnel, the students planted kale, spinach, hardy lettuce, swiss chard and a few other experimental plants.

Carol Carter, PhD, associate professor and chair of the Davis and Elkins College Department of Business and Entrepreneurship, and Harry Henderson, associate professor in the same department, provided expert business advice while the project was in the planning phase. Carter also supplied the school with an entrepreneurship curriculum she coauthored.

The students also enjoyed a visit from Mike Kwasniewski, owner of the Charm Farm in Beverly, W.Va. Kwasniewski talked to the students about the basics of starting and running a small business followed by a visit to the greenhouse, where he made some management and growing suggestions. As the greenhouse crops began to grow, the students hand picked, packaged and priced the produce before selling. The students report that they had no trouble selling their winter vegetables.



Students of the entrepreneurship class at Highland Adventist School plant vegetables in their new greenhouse.

"The students are really enjoying this project and learning a lot about small business management," states Cheryl Jacko, principal and entrepreneurship teacher. "We are very appreciative to the Tucker Community Foundation and our matching donors, Dr. Carter, Mr. Henderson and all the others who have contributed to this project. Besides learning small business skills, a goal of this project is to help our students discover ways they can develop business opportunities right here in our area. We want to see our graduates stay here to build our local community while supporting themselves through private enterprise or learn how to become a self-supporting missionary. They are also learning a lot about sustainable, local agriculture, which we promote. It is a win-win opportunity for our students."

## How Have Trials Brought You Closer to Jesus?



"I've found it to be true [that] whenever I experience difficulties in my life, it is principally at those times that I really begin to recognize my desperate need for Jesus. I am learning that my trials are often accompanied by great blessing, because through those experiences, Jesus becomes dearer and dearer to me."—Jane Lawaty, a member of the Spencer (W.Va.) church

## East Pea Member Turns From Giving Tattoos to Giving Bible Studies

Chris and Rebecca Trent have firsthand experience with one of God's most beautiful promises: "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth ..." (Jn. 16:13).

Before joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church last August, Chris and Rebecca belonged to a non-denominational Pentecostal church. Chris said he and his wife had always attended church, but "I always believed [that] if the pastor said it, then it must be true."

After searching the Scriptures for himself, Chris came to the conclusion that he could not believe everything being presented to him. His attendance became sporadic, and one day he decided he could not be in a church that taught things not presented in Scripture.

In a desire to learn more of God's Word, Chris searched for other pastors online but was not satisfied with their teachings. One day in his search, he found a "little bald guy" named Doug Batchelor preaching on YouTube about the 10 commandments and the Sabbath. Chris went to talk to his pastor about the new information he had just learned, only to be met with a brick wall.

"I felt like I had just discovered a new secret and wanted to share this information with the world," he said. "It was such a revelation to discover I had been lied to all my life."

After realizing what he was saying made sense, the couple continued watching Batchelor's programs online. Rebecca, who taught a children's Sunday school class, continued to attend church but also read and studied the Bible with her husband. Though his desire to be in church was strong, Chris wanted to find a church that was teaching the Bible or just not go at all. The couple finally decided to see what church Batchelor belonged to and then to search for that church in their area. Their search led them to the East Pea Ridge church in Huntington, W.Va.

"On our first visit, everyone was at camp meeting," Chris said. "There were only about 10 people, and I was afraid my wife wasn't going to want to go back, but, when we left, she told me she believed God sent us to that church."

Chris said the journey has been a blessing to his family, but it has not been met without difficulty. Chris was a tattoo artist for 12 years, and throughout the years, had been told that he shouldn't get or give tattoos. He didn't know why until he read Leviticus 19:28. Once he learned that our bodies belong to God because they were "bought at a price" (see 1 Cor. 6:19-20) and should be "presented as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God" (see Rom. 12:1), he stopped doing tattoos and applied to train at an evangelistic training center.

Chris now helps others learn the Word of God and says, "We are giving Bibles studies, not as Bible workers, but just for the love of God and to teach people the truth." He adds, "We have been so blessed through our experience and hope to share the joy we have found with those God puts in our path."—*Angelina Dickson*



Chris and Rebecca Trent and their children recently joined the East Pea Ridge church.



## You're Asking for the Wrong Things

Before the Internet, preaching the Good News to the entire world was a gigantic task for the disciples. One would think that Jesus would promise them a set of new skills, put them in an important church position, give them knowledge and influence over the church board, or give them money and recognition. Instead, Jesus promised, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth" (Acts, 1:5, 8). Please, don't get me wrong, all these things have their place in any organization, however, these things by themselves will not make any difference for God's kingdom.

If you think about it, God yearns to give us good gifts (see Luke 11:9-13). One of those gifts is the Holy Spirit, free to those who would just ask! Have you ever had a problem or a desire to serve God and prayed for Him to give you things? I know I have. I have asked for a new job, for more baptisms in the church, for higher tithe or for better leaders, but sometimes I forget to ask for the Holy Spirit.

As a good Father, God has been answering many of our prayers, however, He is waiting and eager to hear one prayer—"Please, give me the Holy Spirit." Our Father in heaven, the originator of all good gifts, will gladly offer you all the power you'll need to accomplish His mission if you would only ask.



**Paulo Macena**  
*Communication and  
Youth Ministries Director*

## Phillipsburg Member Preaches in the Streets

Mavie Brown, a 2009 graduate from the New Jersey Conference's School of Evangelism and member of the Phillipsburg church, recently preached a sermon in her hometown. Brown did not preach in a church, school or community center. Instead, she preached during a street fair.

Brown, who is also a member of the conference's executive committee, decided to take this bold step when she learned the conference's 2014 goal is to make an impact. "That is exactly what I wanted to do in my community, and God already told me to go downtown to the center square," she said.

Concerned about youth growing up with occult practices and about the country turning away from God, Brown decided to base her sermon on Matthew 24:37, which says, "When the Son of Man returns it will be like it was in Noah's day" (NLT).

Although she was nervous, Brown's desire to win souls for Christ won out. She started preaching in the town square and several people listened to the message. When she finished preaching, she distributed several copies of Ellen White's *True Revival*. She was even able to talk with two passersby, one of whom requested an impromptu Bible study on Revelation.

"The powers of darkness fear God's children when we begin to let Him use us to bring people to Jesus,"

Brown said. "I'm so glad I listened and was willing to do what God wanted because I saw the impact God made on the people that day."—*Cristina Macena*



## Holy Land Tour Results in Five Baptisms

More than 45 recently joined Jorge Aguero, the conference's Family Ministries director, and Joey Pollom, senior pastor of the Robbinsville church, for a 10-day, life-changing journey through the Holy Land. They walked through the streets of Jerusalem—the city Jesus loved—prayed in the same Garden of Gethsemane that Jesus did, climbed to the top of the Mount of Olives and had a powerful worship experience beside the Pool of Bethesda. They traveled through the Sea of Galilee region, the town of Nazareth, Mount Carmel and Jericho, and went to the Meguido, En Gedi and the Dead Sea.

But, attendees said the highlight of the trip was seeing five ladies (including Mildred Maxie, Mavie Brown, Simone Aurelien and Carmona Cadet) from the Robbinsville church rededicate their lives to Jesus. All five were baptized in the Jordan River.

New Jersey Conference members are invited to join the next trip to the Holy Land this December. "You will



never be the same if you do," says Pollom. "Your spiritual life will be recharged, refreshed and reinvigorated!" For more information, contact Pollom at [pollomj@mac.com](mailto:pollomj@mac.com).

## Elizabeth English Members Witness the Healing Power of Prayer

When their 5-year-old son, Chinaza, was diagnosed with a skin disease, Ebere and Esther Nwaji, members of the Elizabeth English church, turned to prayer. Henoch-Schonlein Purpura (HSP), a disease of the skin and other organs, causes inflammation of the blood vessels in the skin, intestines, kidneys and joints.

Patients must be continually observed for signs of intestinal obstruction and abnormal kidney function and damage. As a result of the disease, Chinaza began to



*Pastor Andre Ascalon (left) and the Nwajis rejoice over Chinaza's healing.*

experience significant swelling on one side of his head as well as in his hands and feet. The swelling was so bad that he was unable to walk or stand. For five days, he was in extreme discomfort with considerable and continual pain. He had been to two different hospitals when his parents decided to bring him to church, where Pastor Andre Ascalon and the church's elders prayed over and anointed the boy. The entire congregation also appealed to God for divine intervention

The very next day, Chinaza's parents informed Pastor Ascalon that their son was much improved. All the swelling in his head, hands and feet and all the inflammation of the joints, pain and discomfort were gone! Chinaza was once again walking and behaving like a 5-year-old.

"How great is our God! It was a powerful testimony of the mighty God we serve and how merciful and powerful He is. All praise and honor we give to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," says Pastor Ascalon.

### ¡Anota la fecha!

El 27 de abril, New Jersey Conference presentará una capacitación de liderazgo para hispano parlantes. Para más información vea la página 6 en nuestra sección de noticias.



## New Health Ministries Coordinator Urges Better Health

To help their constituents better achieve health goals, the Ohio Conference is pleased to introduce Dan Thorward, MS, RN, CCEMT-P, as their new Health Ministries coordinator. Thorward replaces Chris VanDenburgh, who resigned last summer after serving Ohio for more than eight years.

“I am very excited about this opportunity to work with people from around Ohio to improve their health,” says Thorward.

One of the first things Thorward has planned is a Health Ministries seminar at the Worthington church next month. The seminar will focus on various components and aspects of establishing and maintaining a local church Health Ministries program.

Seminar content is designed specifically for pastors, elders and local church Health Ministries coordinators. Topics covered will include CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program), the Full Plate Diet, community health fairs, blood drives, healthy cooking classes and exercise programs.

“In Worthington, we have had success in using programs, such as CHIP and the Full Plate Diet, to provide health education to our parishioners and to our community,” says Thorward. “I hope to empower local congregations to use these and other programs to develop their local health ministry so that, together, we can make a healthier Ohio.”

Under Thorward’s leadership, the Worthington church collaborated with other central Ohio churches to participate in the 10TV Health and Fitness Expo last summer, drawing more than 800 visitors over two days.

Looking to expand participation and exposure at similar conference events, he has already applied for a grant to purchase materials and equipment, which would be used at the expo again this summer.

Those interested in learning more about beginning a health ministry at their church can contact Thorward at [rdthorward@gmail.com](mailto:rdthorward@gmail.com).



## Constituency Delegate Meetings Scheduled

A series of regional town hall meetings are scheduled for delegates to the 41st Regular Constituency Meeting of the Ohio Conference. The purpose of the area meetings is to provide delegates an opportunity to hear and discuss reports on various aspects of conference operations and specific agenda items for the upcoming May 18 constituency meeting.

All elected delegates are urged to attend at the location nearest them. For more information, email [information@ohioadventist.org](mailto:information@ohioadventist.org) or call (740) 397-4665. Church addresses and directions are available at [ohioadventist.org](http://ohioadventist.org).

Region	Date	Location	Time
Cleveland Area	April 15	Lakewood Church	7 p.m.
Northeast	April 17	Akron Church	7 p.m.
North	April 22	Toledo First Church	7 p.m.
Columbus Area	April 24	Worthington Church	7 p.m.
South	April 29	Chillicothe Church	7 p.m.
Dayton Area	May 1	Centerville Church	7 p.m.

## Members Learn Leadership Principals Through Webinars

The Ohio Conference suspended Ohio Ministry University (OMU) for 2014 so they could offer constituents something they say they believe is even better: leadership webinars.

After a successful series in 2013, another series of leadership webinars for local church leaders will be presented this year. Each one will be a live event with an opportunity for church members to ask questions and interact with the presenters. Recorded versions will be made available later, but both webinars for each of the scheduled weekends will be live even though they cover the same topic. Members should pick the one that best fits their schedule or that of their local church.

Members can access the webinars from any computer. Groups are welcome to gather at their church if the building has a video projector and access to the Internet. Or, groups can gather in someone's home for the same purpose.

The events are scheduled for Sabbath afternoon from 4 to 5:30 (EST). The same topic will be presented Sunday morning at 11 (EST). The topics were selected with input from pastors and church boards.

The first of the new series of leadership webinars is on the topic **“Dealing With the Dropout Problem: How to Reconnect With Former & Inactive Members”** and will be presented Sabbath afternoon, March 29, at 4 p.m., and again on Sunday morning at 11. These are duplicate sessions to provide more opportunity for groups and individuals to participate.

■ For *Sabbath* afternoon, reserve an opening at [www2.gotomeeting.com/register/413811322](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/413811322).

■ For *Sunday* morning, reserve an opening at [www2.gotomeeting.com/register/774975762](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/774975762)

*Other topics and times include:*

■ May 3 at 4 p.m./May 4 at 11 a.m.

**“Recruiting Volunteers: How to Find the Help You Need”**

■ June 21 at 4 p.m./June 22 at 11 a.m.

**“Creating a Strategic Plan for Your Church: Setting Goals & Steps to Implementation”**

■ September 27 at 4 p.m./September 28 at 11 a.m.

**“How to Increase Giving in Your Local Church”**

■ October 18 at 4 p.m./October 19 at 11 a.m.

**“Helping Church Members to Be Effective at Sharing Their Faith”**

■ November 15 at 4 p.m./November 16 at 11 a.m.

**“How Your Church Can Impact Your Community & Become Visible”**

**Monte Sahlin** is the key presenter and coordinator for these leadership webinars. He has served as an Adventist minister since 1970, including roles as a pastor, evangelist, administrator and resource person for local and union conferences, the North American Division and General Conference. He is the author of 21 books, more than 100 research monographs and many magazine articles. He consults with scores of churches each year, teaches courses for the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews University and continues to do regular research through the Center for Creative Ministry.

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# Pennsylvania Pen

MARCH 2014

## Grace Outlet Connects With the Community



Every month GoggleWorks, a community center in Reading for local artists to set up studios, teach classes and make a difference for art in the community, hosts an event called Second Sunday. On that day, the community is invited to this open house event to meet the artists and observe their art in progress. Since the Grace Outlet church has its young-adult friendly worship services at GoggleWorks on Saturdays, the church usually did not have a presence at these monthly events. But, Amy Newman, a member at Grace Outlet, planned an event to make sure that the community coming to Second Sunday knew about the church group that worshipped there each Sabbath.

Newman, with the help of her church family, prepared an international food fair that they opened to every community member

who attended a recent Second Sunday event. They featured samples of delicious vegetarian foods from India, Poland, Mexico, China, Sweden, Russia, Italy and Norway. Borscht, a Russian soup made by member Kristie Eckenroth, was the biggest hit. Grace Outlet members, while proudly wearing T-shirts printed with the church name, motto and website, welcomed and served more than 200 guests as well as resident artists. By the end of the afternoon, the entire supply of church business cards was depleted. According to members, the entire event was filled with the joy of meeting and serving the community to spread the name of Jesus.—Lori Landa

## York Students Have Fun Recycling Tons

For three years straight, students at York Adventist Christian School in York have participated in national school recycling programs. Last year for the first time, they participated in the Keep America Beautiful Recycle Bowl. Students at 1,500 schools nationwide were challenged to collect one ton of paper, plastic, glass and aluminum recyclables in just one month. While York students had ranked high in previous competitions, their teachers say this was a “crazy, almost unbelievable goal.”

The first week of collections started sporadically, but by the second week, the students caught the vision and were unstoppable! In fact, the students became so excited that every morning they would wait in line at the front door to have their recycling items weighed and added to the ever-growing recycling pile.

They were even able to bless others just by collecting what most would consider trash. While in the midst of their recycling project, people began to notice the school's rather substantial contributions to the recycling center and at the end of their driveway. The manager of Penn Waste came to the school to see what the students were up to! He thought the recycling competition

was a great idea. The school also offered cardboard boxes free to several, grateful families who were moving. Students even gave the local Salvation Army their cardboard so they could recycle it and receive money for their community programs.

After all of the bags, bottles and boxes were tabulated, the students had collected more than 16 tons of recycling! They came in first in their division, and collected \$1,000 in prize money.—Jennifer A. McCary





## Church Celebrates New Home

Earlier this year, more than 150 people braved frigid conditions to join members of the Wyoming Valley church in Hudson in celebrating their grand opening. Formerly the Kingston church in Kingston, the congregants purchased their new facility in September and have been busy renovating it since.

Pennsylvania Conference administrators, members from four other local churches and at least 10 community members witnessed the first baptism (pictured) in their new building. Eleven-year-old Micaela Herman, a member of the Wyoming Valley Falcons Pathfinder Club, made the decision to dedicate her life to the Lord. Also in attendance were photographers and reporters from the area's two newspapers.

Constructed in 1970, the new Wyoming Valley facility—purchased with a loan from the Columbia Union Revolving Fund—features a beautiful, modern, spacious, crescent-shaped sanctuary with vaulted wood ceilings, skylights, a large baptismal tank with custom woodworking, and comfortable seating for 350. Dynamic acoustics and brand new projection systems enhance the worship experience. Administrative offices, a bathroom, a large mother's room with audio/visual feeds, a pastor's study, a welcome area, changing rooms and storage closets complete the upper level. Its 4,000 square feet features a large fellowship hall, full commercial kitchen, bathrooms, ample storage space and newly constructed Sabbath School classrooms. Members are already planning several outreach programs.—*Brian McElwee*



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# Potomac People

MARCH 2014

## Highland County Celebrates 50 Years



Fifty years ago, members of the Highland County (Va.) church celebrated their first Sabbath together. The church, constructed for \$30,000 in 1964, was to stand as a “memorial for the cause of God in another ‘dark county’” (Columbia Union *Visitor*, 1964). Neal Wilson, then union president, and C.H. Lauda, then Potomac Conference’s president, participated in the dedication service.

While Highland County’s first year in service brought 30 baptized members and an average attendance of 45, the church later struggled to maintain its membership and eventually shut its doors in 1983. However, the tenacity of those who remained resulted in a reopening 10 years later.

“We are in a very rural area of Virginia, with a little over 2,000 souls in the entire county. This averages out to be about four people per square mile,” says Joe Pappalardo, elder. “There are also not a lot of places for employment here, so when someone goes off to college, they probably won’t be coming back.”

The church hosted two events to celebrate the anniversary that some feared would never happen. A small group gathered on the actual year-to-date 50th anniversary. The intimate service included testimonies from several members and a period of reminiscing about the challenges and blessings the congregation has seen. The congregation also received a video from Ted Wilson, General Conference president and the son of Neal Wilson, in which he expressed gratitude for the work being done in Highland.

A few weeks later, about 75 people attended the second commemorative service. Many community members attended to learn the history of the small church. Guest speakers included Elmer Malcom, whose father donated the land upon which the church is built; Roger Mace, who once served as the pastor; and John Miller, who helped build the church.

Today the church’s 13 members continue the fight for the kingdom with unique community Bible outreach programs, including an interdenominational Bible study, where sometimes visitors outnumber the members.

“We follow the Amazing Facts guideline so we are discussing Bible truths, but this dynamic allows us to approach topics in a nonconfrontational way and have both sides consider a different viewpoint,” says Pappalardo.

Pappalardo explains that tradition is one of the biggest challenges they face while trying to bring others into the church. Many people are fifth- or sixth-generation members of their denomination and will not consider going elsewhere. However, the small, close-knit community helps Highland members be aware of individuals’ needs, which allows them to reach out and pray for people in a very pointed way.—*Tiffany Doss*



*Carl Moyers, a founding member, recalls how the church first began with tent meetings, which is where he met his wife, Bonnie, the pianist (pictured). They were the first couple to hold their wedding in the church.*



*John Miller, a member of the Staunton (Va.) church, recounts his involvement in the beginnings of the Highland church.*

# Potomac People

## Church Plant Will Be Evangelistic Center

**D**ominion Square, a new, media-saturated church plant, which will act as a model and resource for small, healthy churches, will soon become part of the Potomac Conference. Though construction has yet to begin, Mark and Teenie Finley and Bob Banks, the leaders of this forthcoming site, held a small event earlier this year to make their future services known to the



*Brad Thorp (left), the president of Hope Channel, partners with Bob Banks, one of Dominion Square's new leaders, to plan future broadcasting of their programs.*

community. They purchased land for the plant, located in Haymarket, Va., last year.

"Media will be at the heart of our evangelistic outreach," says Banks, current pastor of the Warrenton (Va.) church. "We are establishing a local, church-based media ministry to generate interest for Christ, and lead interested seekers into small group Bible studies and church-based comprehensive health seminars."

The Warrenton and Dominion Square congregations will unite once the building is complete. "We are thrilled to be a part of this," says Tommie Thomas, Warrenton's head elder. "We believe God is doing something special in Northern Virginia, and we are totally committed to being part of this evangelistic outreach."

The site is slated to be the center for church growth seminars that will focus on topics like personal evangelism, health ministry outreach, natural lifestyle cooking, the art of biblical preaching, ways to nurture new converts and other hospitality and evangelism ministries.

"We see a huge potential for church growth and evangelism in this area," says Bill Miller, conference president. "We are confident that the Dominion Valley church and evangelistic center will make a major difference for the kingdom of God." They expect to break ground for the church this spring.—*Tiffany Doss*

## Conference Highlights Four Pastors, Teachers

**T**o celebrate the hard work of its teachers and pastors, Potomac's administration quietly selected four candidates for recognition at the annual pastor/teacher convention. The conference's communication team secretly worked with candidates' co-workers, parishioners and students to make videos filled with thanks and accolades. This year the team recognized (pictured, clockwise) Ebenezer Samuel, the pastor of the Hyattsville (Md.) church; Richard Rechichar, pastor of the Chesapeake/Hampton Road/Western Branch churches; Jami Walker, principal at the Olney Adventist Preparatory School in Olney, Md.; and Dorenda Dodge, vice principal at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va.

"These individuals have done outstanding work, going above and beyond what is asked of them," says Bill Miller, conference president. "It's important to honor the quality staff we have who so often go unrecognized. We are so thankful for the valuable contributions each makes to our students and members, and we are thankful to have them with us." To watch the videos, visit [pcsda.org/ptrecognition](http://pcsda.org/ptrecognition).—*Tiffany Doss*





# Spotlight on Spencerville

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## Marketing Director Joins Staff

Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) has added a new director of marketing staff position for the school and welcomes Chris Mills to head it. Mills is not new to SAA. He has been involved as a volunteer with the Home & School Association for the past four years, and is serving his second year as the group's president. Additionally, he has run SAA's soccer program for the last three years.

"Chris is an enthusiastic and energizing presence at SAA," says Brian Kittleson, principal.

Mills says he is excited about his new role. "I eagerly look forward to serving the school and the community with all that I have to offer in this new role, and hope that I can be as much a blessing to the school and community as they have been to me. God is truly amazing all the time, and all the time God is great!"



## Basketball Team Makes a Difference

As this year's basketball season began, the varsity girls basketball team (pictured after a recent game) became aware that the wife of one of their coaches had been diagnosed with breast cancer. As a team, the girls collaborated and decided to raise money to help the family and show their support.

The team invited parents, teachers and other SAA students to join in by wearing pink to the first home game and gave them the opportunity to make a donation



to help the family. Both the mens and womens varsity teams, along with the other coaches, wore pink warm-up shirts, socks and shoelaces. SAA's Acro-Squad also dressed in pink and performed for halftime.

"We support each other through the good times and the bad," says senior Katelyn Juneau, team captain. "Basketball is more than a game to our team; it's a lifestyle. We spend time together outside of practice and games, so we have become really close."

Not only were the girls able to surprise the family, but by the end of the night, they raised more than \$2,000 to help them!



*Team members wear pink shoelaces to their first game to show solidarity in support of their coach.*

# Spotlight

## History Teacher Makes Subject Relevant

Spencerville Adventist Academy is fortunate to have staff members with a variety of backgrounds and talents. History teacher Marty Cooksey, for example, enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF) at the age of 17, immediately after graduating high school. After working as an air traffic controller, he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School and subsequently Undergraduate Pilot Training.



Students say history teacher Marty Cooksey makes class both relevant and interesting.

Upon completion of pilot training, Cooksey was assigned to fly three different models of the F-4 Phantom for the next 18 years of his military career, reaching goals of instructor pilot, teaching at the USAF Fighter Weapons School and flight examiner, as well as serving two combat tours in the Middle East. He has been fortunate to travel to many wonderful places, such as Turkey, Germany, Kosovo, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia, just to name a few.

When the F-4 was retired from the inventory, Lt. Col. Cooksey flew a short period in the A-10 Thunderbolt II (affectionately called the "Warthog"). He later took an assignment at the Pentagon, which resulted in an opportunity to fly Air Force business jets and Boeing 737's internationally, carrying senators, congressmen and distinguished members on global missions.

Nearing his military retirement, Cooksey became a Seventh-day Adventist and joined the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md. Following his retirement, he became a substitute teacher at SAA. A full-time position

at SAA opened the following year and Cooksey became the school's athletic director and physical education teacher. For the past three years, he has taught American history, 20th Century History and American government to high school students.

"Mr. Cooksey is an amazing teacher. He uses his life experiences to make the subject relevant to his students," says Stacy Rodriguez, an American government student.

Students respect Cooksey and enjoy his sense of humor. "I appreciate the fact that he makes history come to life for us," says senior Sandhya Abraham.

Cooksey's biggest support group is his family—his wife, Susan, a graduate of Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Md., and son, Mitchell, who is a sophomore college student in South Carolina and a pitcher on his collegiate baseball team.

## Drama Department Will Present a Classic

SAA encourages alumni, parents and friends to mark their calendars for the drama department's upcoming performances of *Fiddler on the Roof*:

April 16, 1 p.m.  
April 17, 7 p.m.  
April 19, 8:45 p.m.  
April 20, 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20 each and can be purchased online at [spaac.net](http://spaac.net) by clicking on "E-ticket" at the bottom of the home page, or by calling (240) 883-3538. Senior citizens can purchase \$7 tickets for the April 16 show.

## CALENDAR

### March

3-7 Week of Worship  
15 Acro-Squad Home Show  
17 Registration for New Families  
24-28 Spring Break

### April

16, 17, 19, 20 Drama Performances  
24-28 Senior Class Trip



# SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY

# HAPPENINGS



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[www.shenandoahvalleyacademy.org](http://www.shenandoahvalleyacademy.org)

## Campus Develops Vision of Service

Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) runs a full schedule with numerous opportunities for students to be involved in service projects, music groups, extracurricular activities, clubs, religious programs and many other activities. But, SVA faculty and staff don't want the academy to be so full of opportunities that they all miss the chance to contribute to their community.

Recently the SVA campus, in cooperation with Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary (SVAE) and the New Market (Va.) church, hosted an Appreciative Inquiry (AI) weekend lead by Ray Tetz of Mind Over Media and a member of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md. The group's goal was to remember, collectively, what has made their school and community great, and to use that history to create a vision for the future. This vision, they decided, must include serving the community. Students, staff, board and church members all came together with the purpose of figuring out how to use their strengths to better serve their local mission field.

"I liked the fact that my students were there," says



*Staff and students interact and brainstorm ways to better serve the community during Appreciative Inquiry weekend.*

Travis Johnson, SVA principal.

Senior Alex Sanchez says of the weekend, "I wanted to find a way to make a difference." He also thought the AI weekend was a perfect opportunity to get involved.

Sophomore Peyton Ware says, "I thought it was cool to interact with leaders from our campus to make a better and more integrated campus."

Some of the suggestions about how to better integrate included joint service days, an intergenerational mentorship program and combined outreach efforts. Johnson says that SVA is committed to discovering better ways to reach not only the students and constituents, but also the community.

SVA's spiritual theme this year, "Let Your Light Shine," is based on Matthew 5:14-16, and SVA is working to ensure that the light at SVA stays bright and reflects God's love in everything they do.

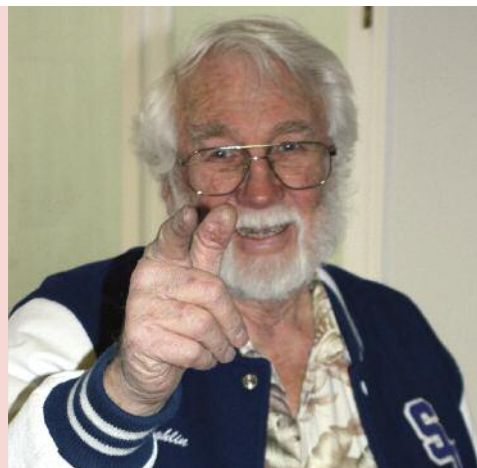


## Special Weekends Planned

**Alumni Weekend (April 18-19):** More information about the event, including the golf tournament, is available at [shenandoahvalleyacademy.org](http://shenandoahvalleyacademy.org). Click on the "Alumni" link.

**Scholarship Tryouts (Sundays, April 6 and 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.):** Any student interested in attending SVA for the 2014-15 school year can visit and try out for academic, music and athletic scholarships. SVA also offers other financial aid for those who qualify. For more information, visit the school website.

*Bill Strickland, SVA board member and much-loved former faculty member, says, "I want you at alumni weekend."*





## Prep Class Grooms Seniors for College

Each senior at Takoma Academy (TA) has tackled a whirlwind of responsibilities to accomplish and meet college deadlines. This year 85 percent of the senior class applied early to more than 200 colleges.

TA students also took advantage of programs offered, such as the Common Application clinic, late night college application lock-in and meeting with the two dozen colleges/universities from across the nation that came to visit this past fall.

“I am impressed with the fervor and commitment each senior has had during this application process. While I am excited about the programs we are able to offer our seniors through our Career Counseling program, it would all be a mute point without the tenacity of the senior class,” says Jewel Walwyn, TA’s college and career counselor.

Walwyn joined the academy this year, bringing with her a comprehensive career counseling program, which involves programming for grades 9-12. “The college process really starts day-one of ninth-grade,” she says. “While the focus varies from year to year, our goal is to make sure each of our students is prepared to successfully matriculate to whichever college they want to attend—our entire school program is about college readiness.”

Below is a snapshot of three seniors who discuss how this dynamic and innovative program has helped



them turn their college acceptance dreams into a concrete reality:

**Bryon McMillan** (pictured, above): “College Prep has helped me tremendously ... to get accepted into an historic black college, Hampton University. This class provided me with the time and help [I needed] to look for colleges and scholarships. I would definitely recommend this class to all seniors.”

**Kendall Hucks** (pictured, far left): “Without the class, I would not have applied early to college. Now I have the distinction of early admission into Oakwood University [Ala.]. Also the class taught me to value test scores because they are very determinative into whether or not you will be accepted into a quality college or university.”

**Ever Segovia** (pictured): “College Prep helped me complete some of the essentials of college preparation, such as the FAFSA form, which colleges and universities use to determine the size of your financial aid award. Ms. Walywn was just invaluable in helping me to get motivated to attend college. Because of her efforts through this class, I will be attending [the nearby] Washington Adventist University in the fall.”



## Transforming Governance and the Physical Campus

**W**e at Washington Adventist University (WAU) are emboldened by a critical opportunity to transform our aging physical campus and meet the spiritual, cultural, learning, teaching, technology and governance needs of our student body, faculty and staff. To accomplish these goals, we will continuously assess our governance structure and transform our physical campus by committing to:

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- Design, implement, assess and maintain an efficient governance structure

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**Weymouth Spence**  
*President*

## Alumni Weekend to Focus on “Service and Diversity”

**W**AU’s alumni weekend, April 10-13, themed “Excellence in Service, Strength in Diversity,” will be packed with events designed to reconnect former students with each other and the university. Attendees will choose from two banquets, a reception hosted by president Weymouth Spence at the Votaw House, Friday night Singspiration and Reflections, worship at Sligo church and a gospel concert. The weekend ends on Sunday with a 5K run in nearby Sligo Creek Parkway and the Family Fun Festival, a family-friendly event with food, games, a petting zoo, inflatables, musicians and on-air personalities from WGTS 91.9 FM. The 5K will benefit WAU missionaries.

Kendra Haloviak Valentine, PhD ('89) (pictured), an associate professor of New Testament studies at La Sierra University in California, will speak for the divine service. Her sermon will be titled “Homecoming.”

This year’s honor classes are 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 2004. “We’ll have a special luncheon for all of our honor classes, where they have the opportunity to get together and fellowship with their fellow alumni,” says Ellie Barker ('08), director of alumni relations. “And, we do have open houses with some of our academic departments, which are going to be featuring student projects as well as reflecting back on the department’s history and career.” Training for the new alumni ambassadors program, which is designed to share alumni experiences with potential students, will be offered on Saturday.

One of the highlights of the weekend will be the Alumni Awards Banquet, which will take place on Saturday evening at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Silver Spring, where distinguished alumni will be honored.

Barker says, “The theme is ‘Excellence in Service, Strength in Diversity,’ and ... we are trying to highlight how the university is creating graduates who excel in service to others, service to the community, service to the world. We are also highlighting how the unique diversity [found on our campus] is really one of our strengths.”

Registration for alumni weekend is now open. To RSVP, visit [wau.edu/alumni](http://wau.edu/alumni), call the Office of Alumni Relations at (301) 891-4151 or e-mail [alumni@wau.edu](mailto:alumni@wau.edu). Those interested in volunteering that weekend may also contact the Office of Alumni Relations.—Alexis A. Goring ('07)





## New Homeland Security Program Unveiled

Starting March 17, WAU will offer a new academic program for students, the Homeland Security Program, through which students can earn certificates in cyber security, homeland security and emergency preparedness and disaster response. Unlike other homeland security programs in the area, this program is not focused on public policy, criminal justice and intelligence.



“Our program is focused on helping people, communities and businesses prepare for disasters,” explains Herma Percy, PhD (pictured), who designed and directs the program. Percy was the first in Maryland to teach a full-time, undergraduate homeland security program and is a member of the Maryland Anti-terrorism Advisory Council, which advises the governor’s office. She says, “When people think of homeland security, they think it’s all about taking off your shoes at the airport. But, a major component of homeland security is emergency preparedness and disaster response.”

She adds, “We are seeing that there is an urgent need for training security professionals in both the government and private sector because of the frequency and severity of natural and manmade disasters and cyber attacks. There’s a strong demand in the workplace for employees who are skilled in helping to prepare, respond and recover from manmade and natural hazards.”

With WAU’s motto being “Gateway to Service,” the program dovetails into the university’s mission. “The Seventh-day Adventist denomination also has a long-standing history of responding to emergencies and disasters. The certificates build on our denomination’s disaster response expertise, knowledge and mission as a church,” Percy explains.

The program is geared toward the working professional who has at least an associate’s degree or credit

equivalency, or the student who wishes to add an area of concentration to their studies. Instructors will include Percy and experts in law enforcement and cyber security. It will take students only six months to obtain a certificate, which is the fastest certification program in the area. Students will take two courses every eight weeks in classes that meet once a week for three hours.

Joan Francis, PhD, who chairs the History and Political Studies Department, which houses the program, sees this addition as an opportunity to boost the university’s profile. “We’re on the cutting edge. These courses are very relevant to the community and to the nation and to the world,” she says.—Alexis A. Goring (’07)

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# your healing MINISTRY

## Building on Purpose

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George B. Nelson came to Kettering, Ohio during the fall of 1959 to build a hospital that would combine medical science with compassion, exceptional care with love, and skill with understanding and sympathy. He was chosen by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be the administrator and CEO of Kettering Medical Center, enabled by the creative vision and financial resources of the Kettering family.

Nelson centered his medical ministry around four purposes of the church which he borrowed from his friend Harley Rice, a philosopher, poet, world traveler, and author. Nelson saw the first purpose clearly, "to relieve the sick and the afflicted." The second purpose, though puzzling at first, later appeared valuable and wise. It was "to awaken a spirit of inquiry," that is, a curiosity of the spiritual realm, spread through the medical care providers to the patients, arising not through words, but through action, and not through what is said, but what is not said. "What richness there might be to our influence if all could be engulfed in an atmosphere of Christian love and dignity, and in that pervading atmosphere work with quiet, cheerful, dignified efficiency. In such circumstances our words, our actions, our work, our attitudes and the atmosphere surrounding us may cause others to ask: 'What causes the influence I am experiencing here?'; 'What is different about this place?'; 'Why is Saturday a quiet day here?'; 'Why do you recommend that I modify my diet?' Perhaps some might even be inclined to ask, 'What shall I do to be saved?'"

The third purpose, according to Nelson, is for the hospital and its people to disseminate light. Nelson said "when a spirit of inquiry has been awakened in the minds of those who see or receive the ministry of healing, it should be possible to answer their questions in a way that will properly cause light to shine where darkness existed."

Finally, the fourth great purpose is to advance reform, or "to change into a new form, to amend, to improve... It is the opposite of stagnation. In the sense in which it is used here, it means to retain what is good from the past, and accept what is proved to be good from the new."

Nelson used these four purposes to build a strong foundation for the hospital, engrossed in faith that has flourished for 50 years and will continue to grow until our Heavenly Father returns.



**George B. Nelson**  
Founding administrator and CEO  
of Kettering Medical Center

George Nelson was a member  
of the Kettering Seventh-day  
Adventist Church

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# your healing MINISTRY

## The Start of a Long Journey

By Christina Keresoma

When George Nelson first came to Kettering, there was only a field and right away he began working with the architect to finalize the blueprints, which were changed from a 100 to a 300 bed facility. He worked with the newly hired executive team to develop corporate bylaws and to



Eugene and Virginia Kettering handing George Nelson the key to the hospital

establish a board of directors. Since there were no job descriptions for facility management or staff, Nelson also worked with the leadership team to roles in the organization. From the early 1960s until the doors opened on March 3, 1964 they worked tirelessly around the clock to be ready to welcome Mr. William Deschant as the first of many patients.

The hospital was not the only new building. Eugene and Virginia Kettering, the philanthropic force driving the projects, were determined that attention should also be given to preparing a hospital based school of nursing. Plans were developed to construct an educational building concurrently with the hospital. In the fall of 1967, more than 100 freshman students enrolled in the college, among them those destined to become the first graduates in 1969. Another component of the Kettering legacy had been established.

### A Place to Worship

After a few weeks of getting acquainted and working out a plan for the development of the hospital, Nelson returned home to Glendale, California to prepare to move across the country. He decided to go hear his friend



George Nelson and Virginia Kettering chatting with C. Warren Becker (Andrews University) on Organ Dedication Day, September 26, 1971

Arthur Bietz, pastor of the White Memorial Church, which is connected to White Memorial Hospital, one last time before leaving California. The organist was playing softly as people entered the sanctuary to find a seat. Nelson leaned over to his wife and said, "Elsa there will come a day when this same thing will happen in a new church in Kettering. It will be necessary to build a church in connection with the hospital. Great music will be part of the program."



Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church





After moving to Ohio, Nelson sat down with Eugene and Victoria Kettering over dinner and explained to them how important it would be to have a church near the hospital. He explained that it would foster the mission and faith-based purpose of the hospital. Mr. Kettering was hesitant about selling land to the Ohio SDA conference for a church, but Nelson shared his vision for the church to become well known in the community for beautiful music programs. Eugene was drawn by Nelson's vision and agreed to sell the land and so began the development of the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Fifty years later the community knows the Kettering church as one of the best places for musical programs.

*Join Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church for a 50th celebration on May 10th with special guest speaker Peter Bath.*



First Employees:  
 (back row) Martha Johnson, George Nelson, Novella McWilliam  
 (bottom row) Paul Reichard, Charles Mattingly



Waiting room at Kettering Medical Center



# NEWS



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## Saying Goodbye to a Dear Friend



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our key founders, Dr. Vernon Luthas, passed away at the age of 85 in December.

Dr. Luthas was a pioneer of God's work for our network and community. He was one of Kettering Medical

Center's first physicians and founder of Kettering Anesthesia Associates. With wisdom and resources, he helped lay the foundation for Kettering Medical Center, Spring Valley Academy, and churches in the Dayton area and overseas.

He was a missionary wherever he went. His love for God and others showed on his face and flowed from his heart to everyone he met. He selflessly spent years in mission work even after he retired from the KMC Medical Staff in 1990, always giving of himself to strengthen others. His medical practice, full of unselfish ministry, blessed patient after patient. One of his proudest accomplishments was establishing a prayer team ministry at Kettering that prayed for each pre-operative patient.

## Kettering College Welcomes Nathan Brandstater



Kettering College's Board of Directors has named Nate Brandstater, PhD, as the college's seventh president, effective February 3, 2014. He replaces Alex Bryan, who will leave Kettering College at the end of the 2013-2014 school year to become

senior pastor of the Walla Walla University Church.

Dr. Brandstater comes to Kettering College from La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif., where he served as associate professor of chemistry, and accreditation liaison officer. He also was an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Radiation Medicine at Loma Linda University.

"We are pleased to welcome Nate Brandstater to Kettering College," says Roy Chew, chair of the Kettering College board of directors and president of Kettering Medical Center. "Under Nate's leadership, Kettering College will continue to develop outstanding curriculum and programs to help our graduates meet the needs of today's health care environment. Nate understands and embraces the Kettering tradition of innovation. This is the beginning of an exciting era in the history of Kettering College."

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### QUADRENNIAL MEETING OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The 41st regular constituency meeting of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 18, 2014, at the Worthington Seventh-day Adventist Church, 385 East Dublin-Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and committees, consider recommendations for revisions of the articles and regulations, and to transact such other business as comes before the conference.

*Ron Halvorsen Jr., President  
Doug Falle, Secretary/Treasurer*

### MEETING OF THE MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Mount Vernon Academy Corporation will be held in connection with the 41st regular constituency meeting of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Worthington Seventh-day Adventist Church, 385 East Dublin-Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio, at 11:50 a.m., Sunday, May 18, 2014.

This meeting is called to elect trustees, consider recommendations for revisions of the bylaws and transact any other business that may come before the constituency at that time. The delegates to the 41st regular constituency meeting of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of the session.

*Ron Halvorsen Jr., President  
Daniel Kittle, Secretary*

### MOUNTAIN VIEW CONFERENCE QUADRENNIAL SESSION

The fifth quadrennial session of the Mountain View Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 4, 2014, at Valley Vista Adventist Camp, Becky's Creek Road, Huttonsville, West Virginia.

The purposes of the meeting are to elect the conference officers, Conference Committee, Board of

# Sunset Calendar

	Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4
<b>Baltimore</b>	6:04	7:11	7:18	7:25	7:32
<b>Cincinnati</b>	6:36	7:43	7:50	7:57	8:04
<b>Cleveland</b>	6:23	7:31	7:39	7:47	7:54
<b>Columbus</b>	6:29	7:37	7:44	7:51	7:58
<b>Jersey City</b>	5:53	7:01	7:08	7:16	7:23
<b>Norfolk</b>	6:04	7:11	7:17	7:23	7:29
<b>Parkersburg</b>	6:24	7:31	7:38	7:45	7:52
<b>Philadelphia</b>	5:58	7:05	7:13	7:20	7:27
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	6:17	7:25	7:32	7:39	7:47
<b>Reading</b>	6:01	7:08	7:16	7:23	7:30
<b>Richmond</b>	6:09	7:15	7:22	7:28	7:35
<b>Roanoke</b>	6:19	7:25	7:32	7:38	7:44
<b>Toledo</b>	6:31	7:39	7:47	7:54	8:02
<b>Trenton</b>	5:56	7:04	7:11	7:18	7:26
<b>Wash., D.C.</b>	6:06	7:13	7:20	7:27	7:34

Education, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the ensuing term, as well as to transact other business as may properly come before the conference at that session.

A meeting of the Organizing Committee, described in Article IV, Section I, of the bylaws, will convene at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1901 Park Avenue, Parkersburg, West Virginia. The purposes of this meeting are to select members of the Nominating Committee for the session and to nominate members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the ensuing term.

### FIRST TRIENNIAL CONSTITUENCY SESSION OF RAMAH JUNIOR ACADEMY

Notice is hereby given that the Ramah Junior Academy Constituency will convene at 10 a.m., Sunday, April 27, 2014, at the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1443 Addison Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

The purpose of this meeting is to transact business that may properly come before the session at that time. The six constituent churches are representatives to this session.

*William T. Cox, President  
Marvin C. Brown, III,  
Executive Secretary*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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in Tappahannock, Va. (now Riverside Tappahannock Hospital), Sabbath, May 3, at the Tappahannock church, starting at 9:30 a.m. Former pastor, Denny Mitchel, and William Miller, president of the Potomac Conference, will speak. Lunch provided along with a hospital tour. Former employees, join us. For more information, contact Jane France Wright, (804) 994-3929.



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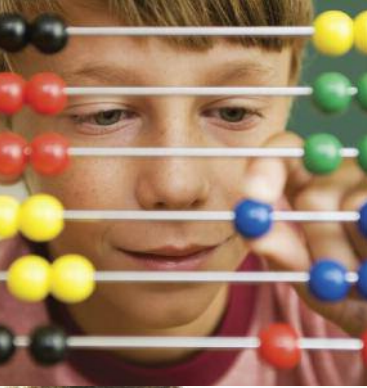




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