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## Columbia Union Story

The other night, while searching the online *Visitor* archives, I got caught up reading the carefully chronicled history of our Columbia Union people. From the headlines, articles, photos and captions, it appears that our predecessors were some of the most Bible-knowing, Ellen White-quoting, ministry-supporting, missionary-loving, church-planting, potluck-hosting, camp meeting-going, organizing and evangelizing people you'll ever meet. The theme woven through story after story, issue after issue, and event after event, was their palpable love for Jesus and commitment to sharing His message and carrying forward His mission.

From reading their stories, it's evident that we come from a long line of people who have always done all they could to address human need; help people live longer, healthier, better lives; and tell anyone and everyone who would listen that Jesus is coming soon.



These people were dedicated, selfless, caring and courageous, and that's been our union's story for 110 years.

We are the beneficiaries of their vision, faithfulness, stewardship and discipleship, and though we have grown to a family much larger than they could have dreamed and more diverse than they could have imagined, we are proudly carrying forward their legacy.

## WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER

At the *Visitor*, our job is to gather and share stories of our Columbia Union people. While today's technology enables us to do this much faster and in new ways, it's clear from the articles, posts, news feeds and tweets that, all these generations later, we're still people of the Book, faith and hope. And we are still eagerly looking for our Lord's return.

Woven through our stories, for future generations to find, are the testimonies of God's goodness, how He is leading and working here, and how He's using us—feeble as we are—to advance Christ's cause and carry out His mission for such a time as this.

In this month's feature section, we look at what's happening now in the Columbia Union and what's coming in the days ahead. We'll introduce you to our 2016-2021 executive committee and the six priorities they recently voted, hear from our president in an interview, meet the other leaders on our team and share a big-picture snapshot of our union today.

As we move rapidly toward eternity, we're thankful for the opportunity to write the next chapter of the Columbia Union story.

*Celeste Ryan Blyden, vice president for Strategic Communication and Public Relations, serves as editor and publisher of the Columbia Union Visitor.*

## Newsline

V. MICHELLE BERNARD

### Executive Committee Votes Six Priorities

God expects us to think through the path we take, and organizations have crossroads—decisions that will impact us for years to come,” said Dave Weigley, president of the Columbia Union Conference, at the Union’s Executive Committee Retreat in March.

During the retreat, committee members reviewed the union’s mission and values and voted six priorities that will inform and guide the activities of the union for the remainder of the 2016-2021 quinquennium.

The process for choosing priorities began last September when the committee gathered for its first meeting. “Today we begin to build a framework for moving the mission forward during the next five years. It will be conducted for the purpose of uniting us in our union’s mission, values and priorities and answer three key questions: Who are we, where have we been and where are we going?” said Celeste Ryan Blyden, union vice president for Strategic Communication and Public Relations, who led the process.

Several common themes rose to

the top after union leaders surveyed nearly 200 members of the union’s and its eight conference executive committees, including Adventist education, youth and young adults and a call for personal and corporate spiritual revival, Blyden reported at the November meeting.

At the March retreat, committee members discussed these outcomes further and reflected on which ones should become priorities. “Education is the foundation of our church, but if we don’t take care of the household of the church through education, we’re going to be a lost entity. We’ll have no relevance. We’ll be saving the world and losing our children,” declared Cynthia Poole, associate superintendent of education for the Allegheny East Conference.

Wyneshia Foxworth (pictured, opposite page, top), a member from the Allegheny East Conference’s North Philadelphia church, believes that the needs of young adults are intertwined with other stated priorities. “For our church to continuously move forward, young adults need to be excited about the work,

education and social relevance. They need to hear that we’re having the conversation,” she said.

Bill Miller, president of the Potomac Conference, says that the union setting these priorities will help the conferences also emphasize the same priorities. “We’ll have a series of church entities all seeing off the same page. We can really emphasize and focus on them.”



Members of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee and leadership team for 2016-2021 gather in Hershey, Pa., to set priorities.

## Priorities

**Spiritual Renewal** – Promote healthy churches by uniting members through personal and corporate spiritual revival and active engagement in ministry

**Evangelism** – Support initiatives that impact our communities by revealing the love of Christ, inviting people to accept Christ as their Savior and sharing the distinct Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness

**Education** – Foster excellence in spiritual and academic development in Adventist schools, and support programs that promote affordability and increased enrollment

**Youth/Young Adults** – Engage youth and young adults in mission, and provide opportunities for partnerships, ministry development and participation at all levels of the church

**Leadership Development** – Maximize the vitality of the church by supporting leadership development, promoting effectiveness, assuring equality and highlighting best practice

**Social Relevance** – Embrace opportunities to share Christ’s message of hope and wholeness by addressing issues that impact today’s society, encouraging and facilitating dialogue and seeking solutions that promote healing



## Comité Ejecutivo Vota seis Prioridades

**D**ios espera que pensemos cuidadosamente el camino a tomar, y las organizaciones tienen encrucijadas, decisiones que nos impactarán en los próximos años”, dijo Dave Weigley en el Retiro del Comité Ejecutivo de la Conferencia de la Unión de Columbia en el mes de marzo.



Durante el retiro, los miembros del comité revisaron la misión y los valores de la Unión y votaron seis prioridades que informarán y guiarán las actividades de la Unión para el resto del quinquenio 2016-2021.

El proceso de selección de prioridades comenzó en septiembre en la primera reunión del comité. “Hoy comenzamos a construir la estructura para hacer avanzar la misión durante los próximos cinco años”, dijo Celeste Ryan Blyden, vicepresidente de comunicación estratégica y relaciones públicas de la Unión, quien lideró el proceso.



Varios temas comunes sobresalieron después de que los líderes de la Unión encuestaron a casi 200 miembros incluyendo la Educación Adventista, los jóvenes y jóvenes-adultos y un llamado para el reavivamiento espiritual personal y corporativo, reportó Blyden en la reunión de noviembre.

En el retiro de marzo, los miembros del comité discutieron estos resultados más a fondo y reflexionaron sobre cuáles deberían convertirse en prioridades. “La educación es el fundamento de nuestra iglesia, pero si no cuidamos de la casa de la iglesia a través de la educación, vamos a ser una entidad perdida. No tendremos ninguna relevancia”, declaró Cynthia Poole, superintendente asociada de educación de la Conferencia de Allegheny East.

Lori Farr (foto, abajo), pastora de la iglesia de Miamisburg en la Conferencia de Ohio, dijo



que la renovación espiritual es la crema del pastel de cinco capas de prioridades. “La renovación espiritual alimenta las otras cinco prioridades. Esas otras cosas son importantes debido a la renovación. ... Como pastora, eso es lo que estoy viendo desde el púlpito y en el relacionamiento con la gente”.

Bill Miller (foto, izquierda), presidente de la Conferencia de Potomac, dice que el establecimiento de estas prioridades por parte de la Unión ayudará a

## Prioridades

**Renovación Espiritual** – Promover iglesias saludables uniendo a los miembros a través del reavivamiento espiritual personal y corporativo y el compromiso activo en el ministerio

**Evangelismo** – Apoyar iniciativas que impacten a nuestras comunidades revelando el amor de Cristo, invitando a la gente a aceptar a Cristo como su Salvador y compartiendo el mensaje distintivo adventista del séptimo día de esperanza y salud integral.

**Educación** – Fomentar la excelencia en el desarrollo espiritual y académico en las escuelas adventistas y apoyar programas que ayuden a que más estudiantes tengan acceso a nuestras escuelas.

**Jóvenes / Jóvenes-Adultos** – Involucrar a jóvenes y jóvenes-adultos en la misión y proveer oportunidades para asociaciones, desarrollo ministerial y participación en todos los niveles de la iglesia

**Liderazgo** – Maximizar la vitalidad de la iglesia apoyando el desarrollo del liderazgo, promoviendo la efectividad, asegurando la igualdad y destacando las mejores prácticas

**Relevancia Social** – Aprovechar las oportunidades para compartir el mensaje de esperanza y salud integral al abordar temas que afectan a la sociedad de hoy, alentar y facilitar el diálogo y buscar soluciones que promuevan la sanación

las conferencias a enfatizar las mismas prioridades. “Vamos a tener una serie de instituciones de la iglesia que ven en la misma página. Realmente podemos enfatizar y enfocarnos en ellas”.

A professional portrait of Dave Weigley, a middle-aged man with a goatee, wearing a dark blue suit, light blue shirt, and patterned tie. He is seated at a dark, reflective table with his hands clasped. The background is a warm, blurred interior setting.

Dave  
Weigley

Talking  
About  
Priorities

*Interview by Celeste Ryan Blyden*





*Last year Dave Weigley was reelected for an unprecedented third term. Now in his 40th year in ministry for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and 11th year as president of the Columbia Union Conference, we asked him to reflect on accomplishments, challenges, priorities and mission.*

**VISITOR: YOU'VE BEEN A PASTOR, EVANGELIST AND ADMINISTRATOR. WHAT'S BEEN YOUR FAVORITE ROLE?**

**DAVE WEIGLEY:** They've all been good. I used to say for years that I was a pastor's pastor. For six years I was a conference ministerial secretary, and I believe it is some of the most rewarding work to be able to come next to caregivers, support them in ministry, pray for them, work with them—very, very rewarding. The current role—leading a union and helping to develop a shared vision, then going forth and trying to execute that—has been very enjoyable too. We touch so many ministries of the church. We work with conferences, schools, a university and two healthcare networks. It's hard work and very rewarding.

**VISITOR: WHAT DO YOU THINK HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?**

**WEIGLEY:** I would say two things. In 1991 I was the first evangelist to go to Russia and preach the gospel in seven different cities along the Volga River. Russia never had the reformation like western Europe. Due to the political climate, there'd never been anyone standing in the pulpits and large arenas preaching the Word of God. Thousands of people came, and it has always been a high point in my ministry.

The other thing would be the emphasis this union has given, for many years, to women in ministry. If God is calling women to ministry, then they should step up and do what God has asked them to do. The work we've done in the Columbia Union, and the work I've done over the years involving women in ministry, has given me a huge sense of accomplishment.

**VISITOR: IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE CONSTITUENTS OF THIS UNION VOTED TO ORDAIN WOMEN CALLED TO PASTORAL MINISTRY. WHAT'S BEEN THE RESULT?**

**WEIGLEY:** We've seen more women accepting God's call and becoming involved in ministry in North America, and we've seen a steady increase in women entering the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.). The North American Division, Pacific Union Conference and other divisions and unions around the world have also voiced their support to recognize women and their call to ministry. The signal has been sent to women that their call is important, and I hope it's been an encouragement to them.

**VISITOR: WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE FACING OUR CHURCH TODAY?**

**WEIGLEY:** We talk about this great need to be in unity, and more recently compliance. We are a worldwide church of 20 million members in over 200 countries. How do you unify such a large family? We are unified in Christ, His salvation, grace and many core beliefs. But we are not unified in practice, as evidenced by the audit reports that nearly 80 percent of the world church is out of compliance in some core financial area of

“ Christ didn't come with a heavy political agenda. He came with a humanitarian agenda, where you love your brother and sister. We need to foster that love. ”

policy. We need to recognize how culture informs our beliefs, ideology and practice. And we need to find a way forward where we can continue to focus on mission and effectively minister in the context of our varied cultures.

Here in North America, cultural issues that have historically impacted our nation keep coming to the surface. It's very unfortunate the way certain classes, races and colors of people have been treated, even in the church and by the church.

It's not right, and the church has to be part of the healing process. The misunderstandings and past hurts are still there, and more conversation needs to take place.

Another big issue is with young adults. We are losing our young adults. They are leaving because, to them, the church is not relevant. We have to be more realistic and understanding. Some of the things we do, some of the norms of the church are simply tradition, handed down from generation to generation. It feels good, but it's not always biblical. To reach our young adults, we need to get back to what Scripture is saying, back to "primitive godliness." It's that basic kernel of truth and understanding of God and living for Him—just pure faith.

**VISITOR: OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECENTLY VOTED SIX PRIORITIES, INCLUDING EVANGELISM. HOW CAN WE SUCCESSFULLY EVANGELIZE IN TODAY'S MULTIFACETED CULTURAL CLIMATE?**

**WEIGLEY:** The first priority on our list, spiritual renewal, serves all of them. It begins with that intimate relationship with Jesus Christ—that looking to Christ, to our salvation, to He who is grace and having that connection with Him. Then His Spirit just oozes out of us. It just flows out of us and touches lives. I think the best evangelism is relationship evangelism, where we reach out to a friend, spouse or loved one. We're able to reach them for Christ when Christ lives in us.

**VISITOR: YOU'RE A PRODUCT AND PROPONENT OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION. HOW CAN WE ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS?**

**WEIGLEY:** It's a huge challenge because it involves the commitment of parents, the local church and the conference. It takes a huge amount of effort and sacrifice by many people to make that happen. If you look at the budgets of conferences, churches and unions, a big part of the money that comes in goes to Adventist education. It's not a given any more that members will dutifully enroll in church school. People have to see value for it. At the same time, our schools need to tell the story of how they are delivering a good education with strong academics, as studies have shown.

**VISITOR: IT'S EVIDENT OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CARE ABOUT SOCIAL TOPICS THAT OFTEN HEADLINE THE EVENING NEWS—RACE RELATIONS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, MENTAL HEALTH, POVERTY, IMMIGRATION, THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, ETC. HOW SHOULD THE CHURCH RELATE TO THESE CONVERSATIONS?**

**WEIGLEY:** I believe that if we can't be part of the answer, then we are not God's church. Christ didn't come with a heavy political agenda. He came with a humanitarian agenda, where you love your brother and sister. We need to foster that love. One person said it this way: "Seek first to understand before you're understood." Too quickly we run up and tell people what we think. Listen. Try to understand, and then try to be part of the solution. If we express Jesus in the right way, we're going to be part of the healing because He is the solution. Understanding how Christ would relate to these issues and using His methods would be very effective and also very healing in the process.

**VISITOR: SPEAKING OF HEALING, HOW ARE OUR HOSPITALS MAKING AN IMPACT?**

**WEIGLEY:** Our hospitals mostly provide acute care



—handling life and death issues. We also provide health education and a tremendous amount of free care to the community—millions of dollars worth—every year. In our cities and communities, we want to be centers of healing. That is the way Christ ministered; He did more healing than preaching. Wherever He went, He made people better. That’s our focus, too, and we need to continue to help people live better.

**VISITOR: WITH ALL THAT’S ON YOUR PLATE, HOW DO YOU STAY HEALTHY?**

**WEIGLEY:** I married a wonderful woman 40 years ago. Becky and I stay active; we are committed to exercise. We watch what we eat, try to get adequate sleep, track our steps and follow the eight natural remedies. I also ran a marathon, a half marathon, did some 5Ks races, those types of things. A couple years ago, I had a couple surgical procedures, and they didn’t want me to lay on my back for long. They wanted me to get on my


feet, get walking, because the body is made to move. In fact, I have a watch that tells me when it’s time to stand up and move.

**VISITOR: OUR UNION’S MOTTO IS “EXPERIENCE THE MISSION.” WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?**

**WEIGLEY:** The best way to know Jesus is by working and leading with Him in ministry. And the whole reason He invites us to partner with Him is so we might experience Him. In Mark the fifth chapter, after He cast demons from a man, the man wanted to spend time with Him. But Jesus said, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you” [see Mark 5:19, NKJV]. The man hadn’t even heard a sermon but he went out and started telling his friends, started ministering for Christ. And Mark says that all marveled. So, if you really, really want to know Jesus, accept His mission of reaching lost people, minister to people who have needs, be that hand—that touch of God. It’s the best way to get to know Him.



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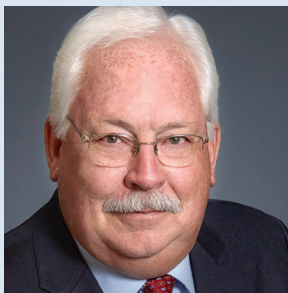
**HORSES, HARLEYS AND MINISTRY**

Dave and Becky Weigley have spent 40 years in marriage and ministry. Find out what they enjoy doing together, what’s on their bucket lists and what lessons they’ve learned in life and leadership at [columbiaunionvisitor.com/daveandbecky](http://columbiaunionvisitor.com/daveandbecky).

# MEET THE MINISTRY LEADERS

*Columbia Union Conference officers and departmental directors provide guidance, support and a sense of unity among members and ministries. What's their role, and what challenges and opportunities do they see ahead?*

## SECRETARIAT & MINISTERIAL



**Rob Vandeman**, executive secretary, provides administrative leadership, governance and support services to local conference administrations, executive committees and other Columbia Union entities. His office handles archiving for the union; monitors the growth of the church within the union by tracking the number of members, employees and congregations; and serves as the organization's watchdog for denominational policies and procedures.

Vandeman also functions as a liaison with the North American Division (NAD) and conference-level Ministerial Departments. He says that nearly 50 percent

of all NAD pastors will be eligible for retirement within the next five to 10 years. "Finding quality candidates that sense a call to pastoral ministry and encouraging their spiritual development and theological training is a top priority," he notes.

## TREASURY

In addition to managing the tithes and offerings, creating budgets, processing payroll and furnishing financial reports, **Seth Bardu**, treasurer, sees his office as a resource center for ministry and mission.

Finding funding for mission and operations continues to be a challenge. "Local conferences and churches need adequate resources for capital purposes, evangelism



and Christian education," he says.

Bardu plans to continue recruiting and training ministry-minded people to manage the financial resources of the church. Through mentoring programs and other initiatives, he helps them identify needs and opportunities for ministry, participate in the mission of populating Christ's kingdom and prepare for greater service to the church and community.

## GENERAL COUNSEL

**Walter Carson**, vice president and general counsel, provides legal advice to the various ministries of the union, offers guidance to church members seeking workplace religious accommodation and seeks to preserve and protect the union's assets, which are dedicated to the mission of the church.



As the ministry and mission of the union continues to grow, Carson says there are an increasing number of situations where church activities and government regulations may intersect. "This intersection of church and state will require careful attention to protect the integrity of the union's mission," he says.

He will continue to promote religious liberty,

host the educational podcast *Talking About Freedom* and support efforts to strengthen laws that protect church members seeking workplace religious accommodation.

## EDUCATION



"Our desire is to help students develop a lifelong encounter with Christ," says **Donovan Ross**, vice president, whose team collaborates with local conferences and the NAD on curriculum and program development, teacher certification, school accreditation and educational policies.

They look forward to completing implementation of the new Encounter Bible Curriculum in all the union's schools. They're also working to support the strengthening and growth of small schools and early childhood centers, robust leadership development and mentoring programs and full implementation of the new Standards for Accreditation of Seventh-day Adventist Schools.

"We are challenged to make Seventh-day Adventist education more affordable, increase enrollment, keep our schools open and operating with balanced budgets, retain qualified educators and gain support from more church members," he



says. He would also like to see more partnering between schools and churches, beyond constituent relationships.

## MINISTRIES DEVELOPMENT

**Frank Bondurant**, vice president, connects local conference departmental ministry leaders, such as youth, health and community services, etc., and facilitates planning and collaboration for their unionwide meetings and events. In addition, he partners with and supports conferences in developing and funding creative outreach ministries that transform and evangelize communities. Bondurant says that diminishing finances and a secular post-Christian society are a challenge. He also says that as the church continues to age, we must find ways to engage and empower young adults as leaders.



Bondurant would like to see a greater emphasis on identifying, cultivating and highlighting churches and ministries that are evangelistically effective, innovative, relevant and cross-cultural. "These could then serve as ministry models to other churches which can apply these proven ministry principles in their own local context," he says.

## MULTILINGUAL MINISTRIES



**Rubén Ramos**, vice president, supports local conferences by helping to develop and grow their vision for the multilingual community; collaborating with pastors; empowering lay members through training; and organizing evangelistic events such as the Spanish "Caravan of Hope" series and Evangelism Festival.

Ramos says the multilingual community is facing many challenges due to the government's new proposed immigration initiatives. "They are going through times of fear and insecurity," he says. "Our churches should become centers of hope and spiritual comfort for them."

He notes that multilingual communities also bring the challenge of big growth opportunities without the corresponding financial and human resources. This provides an opportunity for every member to develop their gifts, serve the church and help spread the message.

## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

"Our role is to tell the story of what God is doing in and through His people in the Columbia Union," says **Celeste Ryan Blyden**, vice

president. She sees the continually changing and growing communication and technology landscape as a challenge that also enhances the opportunity to connect and engage the union's diverse, 149,000-member family in "real time," less expensively and in environmentally friendly ways.



Her *Visitor* team shares news and stories across print, online, video and social media platforms in hopes of sparking conversation, cultivating ideas and inspiring members to participate in the Adventist mission.

Blyden also creates resources, conducts workshops and helps union, conference and school administrators communicate effectively about initiatives, issues and crisis situations.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Harold Greene**, director, and his team help employees across the Columbia Union use



technology effectively to enhance their work and ministry. "Changes in technology and security are two of our biggest challenges," says Greene. "Technology changes so fast it's very difficult for most people to keep pace. The balance of keeping systems secure with the freedom to get work done requires constant vigilance and fine-tuning."

## COLUMBIA UNION REVOLVING FUND

**Emmanuel Asiedu**, secretary/treasurer, says the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF) provides low-cost financing to constituent churches, schools and other entities for capital projects. Some churches and entities who may not qualify to obtain commercial loans from banks are able to obtain such loans from CURF.



Asiedu says the challenge CURF faces is funding all the loan requests from our entities without putting extreme financial burdens on our conferences who are partners in the process. In the next five years, he expects that more members (noteholders) will deposit their funds with CURF "so we can continue our mission of making ministry possible."

# Columbia Union Conference

## AT A GLANCE

The Columbia Union Conference, established in 1907 to coordinate the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, is part of the worldwide Protestant denomination of 20 million members in more than 200 countries. At the union level, we connect and provide administrative leadership, governance and support services to our conferences, schools, healthcare networks and ministries. Each year our organizations sponsor dozens of programs and projects that address human need, improve quality of life and introduce people to Jesus.

### Mission

We encourage members to experience the mission by sharing Christ's message of hope and wholeness and preparing people for His soon return.

### Values

We pray and strive to embrace and embody: Christlikeness • Unity • Respect • Excellence • Equality • Integrity • Service

### Motto

"Experience the Mission"

### Learn More

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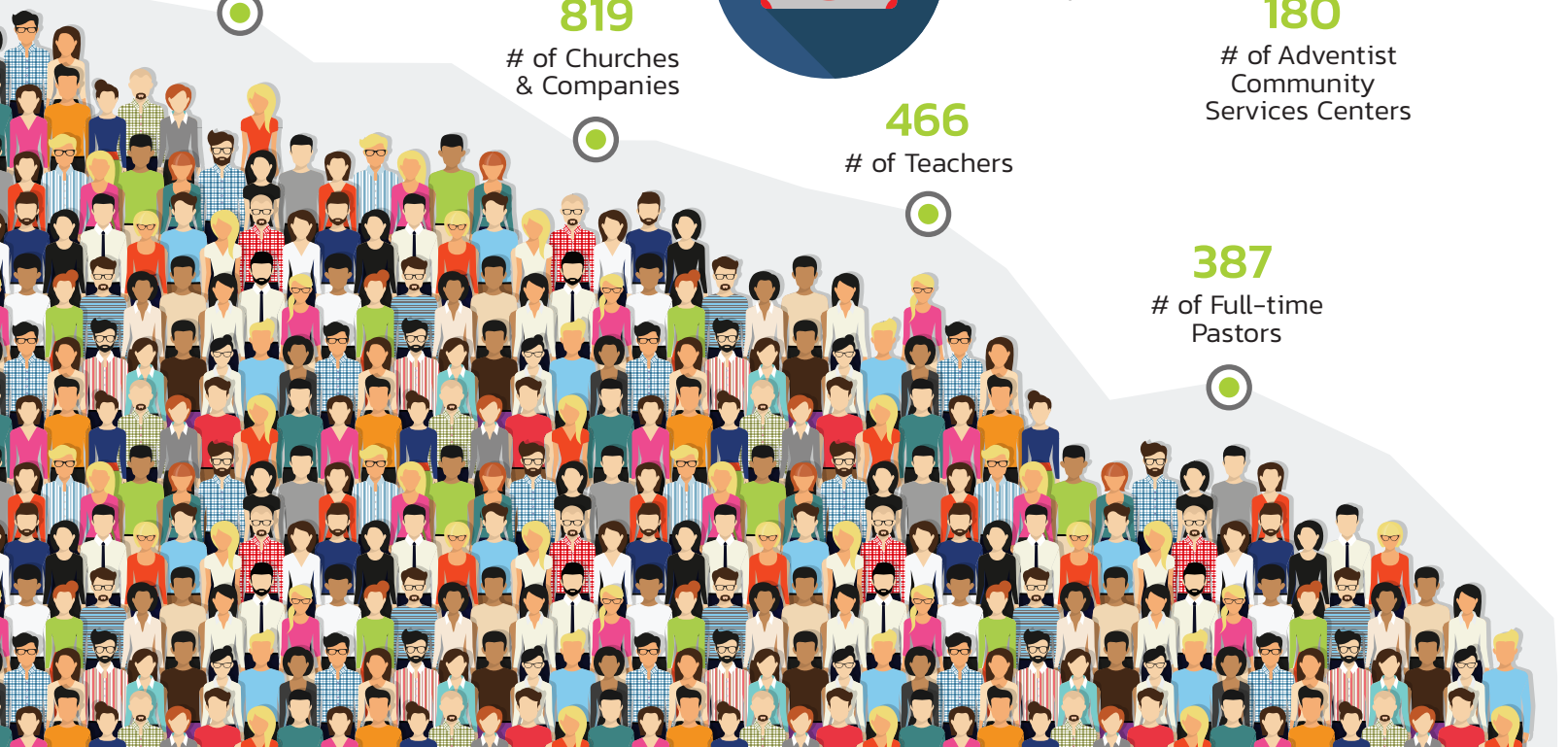
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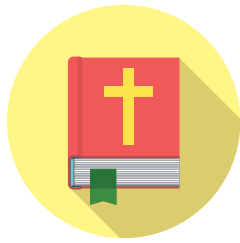
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## ORGANIZATIONS

### ★ Columbia Union Conference Headquarters

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### Local Conferences

Allegheny East, *Pine Forge, Pa.*  
 Allegheny West, *Columbus, Ohio*  
 Chesapeake, *Columbia, Md.*  
 Mountain View, *Parkersburg, W.Va.*  
 New Jersey, *Lawrenceville, NJ*  
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Valley Vista Adventist Center, *Huttonsville, W.Va.*

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*Erica Edwards RN, BSN  
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## Baltimore Junior Academy Shelters Homeless

**B**altimore Junior Academy (BJA), located in the Park Heights community of Baltimore, recently received a call from the mayor’s office requesting use of their gymnasium as a cold weather shelter for the homeless. Initially school leadership was hesitant because the school would soon be holding a program in their gym. Staff and students had already prepared the space with lights and decorations, purchased costumes and set up chairs for the crowd.

Even though the request came at an inconvenient time, it was viewed as an opportunity to partner with the community and provide service to those in need, says David Turner, principal. “Being of service may not always be convenient, and may require getting into an uncomfortable space, but we at BJA are intent on making a difference in the community,” he adds.

Over three months, BJA partnered with the mayor’s office and various community agencies to provide shelter for 20 days to approximately 55 guests. The school provided a warm space and food to their guests.



*Baltimore Junior Academy turned their gymnasium into a shelter for the homeless in their community.*

Darren Cole, a shelter coordinator and supervisor with New Vision House of Hope, a community treatment center in Baltimore, shares, “This has been one of the best shelter partnerships we have had in the community. BJA was always willing to help out.”

## Korean Church Plant Sprouts in Delaware

**A**llegHENY East Conference (AEC) recently celebrated the opening worship service for the Delaware Korean church in Newark at the home of new hire and church planter, Seungho Park. Many conference

leaders attended, including Marcellus Robinson, AEC vice president for administration; Stephen Richardson, AEC ministerial director; Colby Matlock, AEC Bay Area coordinator; and Won Hoi Koo, AEC Korean coordinator. Other pastors and members also offered support.

Young Kwon, president of the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church Association of North America, presented the message and the Chamber Ensemble from the Maryland Central Korean church in Gaithersburg, Md., provided music.

After studying the demographics in Delaware, leaders realized the opportunity for evangelism. There are about 3,000 Koreans in Newcastle County, and half of them cannot speak English very well. This creates a challenge for them when seeking jobs and adjusting to a different culture. Church leaders will seek to fill this gap through church ministries.

“We hope to meet their needs for English language education and cultural adaptation through diverse language programs with cultural activities,” says Park. “This is a wonderful chance for us to witness how God works for His church and the souls who need His salvation.”



*Supporters gather to celebrate the first worship service of the Delaware Korean church plant at the home of Seungho and Carol Park (seated in the center).*

**News**

**13 Baptized During Romania Mission Trip**

A small evangelism team recently traveled to Romania for two weeks of outreach. Dumitru Asanache, pastor of the Maranatha Adventist Romanian church in Hazelton, Pa., collaborated with his brother, Romeo Asanache, who pastors several churches in Romania, to plan the trip.

Two teams, which included various Allegheny East Conference (AEC) pastors and members, ministered in Oradea, Alba and Cluj. Both groups delivered nightly messages and visited the homes of church and community members.

Leah Scott, AEC Health Ministries director, shared messages that addressed specific local health challenges such as heart disease, diabetes and depression. "If people will trust in God and use [their mind] and natural remedies that He has provided for us, He will work with us to relieve worldwide suffering," says Scott.

Seven people chose baptism as a result of the outreach.



Members from the Glassboro Pathfinders prepare to perform during halftime at the Philadelphia 76ers game.

Afterward, the Pathfinders, which included 13 members, performed for 11 minutes. "Through their drum ministry, they try to spread the gospel," says Henria Busch, Pathfinder director.

The Pathfinders and Adventurers, joined by members of clubs from the surrounding area, also distributed information on their programs, including a list of Adventist churches in the area.

**Notable Achievements in Allegheny East History**

The Allegheny East Conference has a rich history of providing Adventist Christian education within its territory. The school system currently includes 11 schools, many of them more than 50 years old.

**Founding Dates of AEC Schools:**

- Baltimore Junior Academy, Baltimore: 1915
- Calvary Adventist School, Petersburg, Va.: 1919-1922
- Dupont Park Elementary, Washington, D.C.: 1924
- Trinity Temple, Hillside, N.J.: 1934
- Jessie R. Wagner Elementary, Pine Forge, Pa.: 1946
- Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge, Pa.: 1946
- Hillside, Harrisburg, Pa.: 1950s, 1988\*, 1999\*
- Ephesus Junior Academy, Richmond, Va.: 1953
- Sharon Temple, Wilmington, Del.: 1980
- G. E. Peters, Hyattsville, Md.: 1988
- Wilbert F. Mays, Englewood, N.J.: 1999

\*Reopening Date



The Allegheny East Conference outreach team joins Romanian Adventist church members for two weeks of evangelism.

**Glassboro Pathfinders and Adventurers Perform at NBA Game**

The Glassboro Braves Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs from the Glassboro (N.J.) church recently performed a drum ensemble during the halftime of a Philadelphia 76ers basketball game. Club members sold 153 tickets to the game to raise money for a new drum set.

The six-member Adventurer club also performed a two-minute prelude. "When they first started drumming, they were a little overwhelmed, but as they repeated the pledge, it reminded them to do their best," says Crystal Walton, Adventurer leader.

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## Ramah Junior Academy Presents Inspiring Elocution

Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland recently presented its second annual Black History program themed “What Does God Have to do With It?” featuring the eighth-grade elocution. The Southeast church in Cleveland hosted the event and more than 200 people attended.

Elementary teachers Carolyn Je’veern Hurst-Davis and Paula Sanders had their students perform poetry and character portrayals of historical African-American heroes.

Seventeen eighth-graders took part in the elocution by delivering 13 inspiring, researched and scripturally supported orations centered around current events and ideas.

Jordan Ramsey researched and presented her case against euthanasia. She persistently showed that God is the ultimate life giver. “God will never allow us to suffer more than we can bear. Euthanasia lacks faith in God,” said Ramsey.

Angel Whatley cautioned the audience about participating in sports that may lead to serious injuries. She informed everyone that our bodies are the temples of God (see 1 Cor. 6:19). Whatley said, “Possible sport injuries should be seriously considered, and athletes need to be prayerful and seek God’s will about their participation in sports.”

Brenda Johnson’s bold presentation, “Color verses Color,” revealed that racism is not only experienced between cultures; racism is also felt within the African-American community; and God is no respecter of persons (see Rom. 2:11).

Javon Williams’ informative presentation dealt with internal struggles that may lead to suicide. “The mental struggles that prompt suicidal thoughts may be successfully overcome when a person completely yields to the will of God,” he said.

Alyieaha Smith and Darien Holey researched the subject of domestic violence and informed the audience that many women, men and children have experienced domestic violence as perpetrators



and/or victims because of the sinful condition of our fallen human nature.

Osei Mattocks and Caleb Bolton gave a sobering presentation on the topic of race relations. Using statistics, they showed the senseless, inhumane treatment of blacks by white police officers, and, interestingly enough, how blacks commit more crimes against one another.

Mariana Castañeda captivated hearers with her knowledge of human trafficking. She stressed that “enslaved people are hidden as free people, but they are being murdered, tortured and sold as merchandise.”

Desire Steele and Teylor Edmonds capped off the elocution with their thought-provoking presentation on the importance of making right decisions in order to succeed in life and avoid the distractions that lead to death and despair.

“God had everything to do with the sense of inspiration and accomplishment that everyone felt [after the elocution],” says Victor Waller, Language Arts teacher for grades four to eight and pastor of the Park Street church in Oberlin, Ohio.



## Multicultural Ministries Trains 58 Church Members

The Allegheny West Conference (AWC) Multicultural Ministries department recently held a training event for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo churches.

Roger Hernandez, ministerial director for the Southern Union Conference headquartered in Norcross, Ga., led the training, themed “Preach Well!” for 58 church members. “The conference, along with the Multicultural Ministries department in each church, has an immense desire to preach the gospel to every corner of their conference,” says Hernandez.

“The most beautiful thing about this job is to have people dedicated and jealous of the truth; who will spread the word of God with love and professionalism,” says Sergio Romero, Multicultural Ministries director.

“The training of the laity is essential. The layperson is the one who has the fundamental tools at hand and is capable of meeting many people—co-workers, neighbors, relatives—who are in need of God,” Romero continues.

With the deep but easy-to-understand training, Hernandez instructed and empowered each church member to the point they felt they were ready and



eager to continue their leadership in an ever-changing world. “The preachers and leaders went back home inspired and energized, because they now know that they can help their local pastor impart the Word of God,” says Romero.

At the end of the day, one attendee concluded: “I leave prepared, inspired and blessed. I want to do my part, and I feel more competent to do so.”

## Hillside Church Teaches Healthy Living to Community



Community kids gather with Rosalind Beswick, head elder of the Hillside church, for the “Keys to Good Health” program.

Following the conference’s theme, the Hillside church in Zainesville, Ohio, recently took ministry “Beyond the Walls.” Though they have no pastor, they have a vision. Under the leadership of head elder Rosalind Beswick, the church members sponsored a program titled “Keys to Good Health” at a community center near the church. To their delight, 22 community children attended.

The church members taught healthy living by explaining good diet habits, exercise and spirituality. At the start of this five-week program, every child was given a pedometer, backpack, personal water bottle, pencils and a Frisbee. The children were challenged to walk, and the one with the highest step count won a tablet.

Under the leadership of Michelle Oyortey, the outreach program concluded with a puppet show, led by the Puppets in Christ ministry from the Ephesus church in Columbus.



# THE CHALLENGE

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## THE Gathering

SHARE THE HOPE

Highland View Academy  
Hagerstown, Md.  
June 13-17

### Sharing Hope Is a Win-Win!

Sharing is a special concept. It is similar to giving but with a very different outcome. I enjoy reading and collecting books. If I give a book away, then it belongs to someone else, and I no longer have it. But if I share a book with my wife, then it is something that we can both treasure. We not only enjoy reading the book, but we have the joy of spending time together and the memories of conversations that were sparked by the stories we read.

When we share the great hope we have in Jesus Christ, we still have our own meaningful relationship with Him, plus our joy is multiplied as we see the transformation and peace He brings to someone else.

This year at camp meeting we will “Share the Hope”—first with those present, and then with countless others, as we bring the good news to our homes and communities. Please join us so we can share the experience together!



**Rick Remmers**  
President

### Camp Meeting Special Guests



Keynote speaker **John Bradshaw** is the speaker/director for *It Is Written*, an international media evangelism ministry. For him, nothing matches the joy of introducing others to Christ. As a teacher of Bible prophecy, his presentations have blessed thousands of people around the world. He has filmed *It Is Written* programs on five continents.

“When the presence of Christ floods into a person’s life, the impossible becomes possible. Chains are broken. The old is made new. I love that *It Is Written* communicates this around the world on a daily basis,” says Bradshaw.



Family Morning Worship speaker **Richie Silie** loves people—especially young people! He will bring a vibrant, engaging worship experience designed to appeal to all ages. Silie teaches middle school Bible and Spanish at Greater Miami Academy in Fla. Before moving to Florida last year, he taught Spanish and physical education at Chesapeake Conference’s Spencerville Adventist Academy. He is a former host of Hope Channel’s *Parker’s Puzzle*, a television program for children that focused on Bible study, exercise and nutrition.

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Featured artist **Melville Moses Andradé** is a trained bass soloist who enjoys singing traditional hymns, spirituals and sacred classical music.

At the invitation of Peter Tiboris, general and artistic director for MidAmerica Productions, Andradé was privileged to solo at Carnegie Hall, and to perform with the Atlantic Union Collegiate Choir in Ralph Vaughn Williams’ “Serenade to Music.”

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Andradé was most recently an associate pastor at the Beltsville (Md.) church and a crisis counselor and chaplain at the Beltsville Adventist Community Center.

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## Camp Meeting Seminars

### “How to Win the People Next Door”

In his seminar, presenter Eric Flickinger, associate speaker for *It is Written* and co-host of the programs *Line Upon Line* and *SALT 365*, will share practical, real-world tips on how to bring those around you closer



to Jesus and the church. He will help you discover where you fit into personal evangelism and how to give life-changing Bible studies. He'll also teach you how to avoid pitfalls when inviting someone to church, and how you can give an invitation that won't be turned down.

### “Empowering Families”

In a three-part series, Edwina Grice Neely, author, teacher and speaker, will explore ways to enhance the parent-child relationship that results in mutual respect. Attendees will learn tools of positive discipline and logical consequences to avoid harsh punishment, bribes and threats. They will understand how temperaments play a role in moral and spiritual development, academic development, vocational choice, popularity,



ability to concentrate and memory, and will discover the impact that our verbal and non-verbal communication has on influencing the destiny of our children. Neely has authored two children's books, *Thank You God for My Body* and *Thank You God for My Food*.



For more information and schedules, visit [ccosda.org](http://ccosda.org).

### Archaeological Discoveries”

Have you ever wished that your Bible came with photographs—old, *old* photographs? Come see how archaeology illuminates the words, world, customs and characters of the Bible, from Lachish to Capernaum, from Esther's Susa to David's Valley of Elah, and beyond. Presenter Celeste Voigt has excavated at archaeological sites in Israel, Jordan and Cyprus. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Near Eastern Archaeology at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.), and a Master of Science in Archaeology at Andrews University (Mich.). Voigt is a homeschooling, stay-at-home mother of three and the wife of Joshua Voigt, pastor of Chesapeake Conference's Catocin View church in Thurmont, Md., and the Middletown Valley church in Jefferson, Md.



### “Run and Not Be Weary”

In his seminar series, presenter Fred Hardinge, who has a doctor of public health, is a registered dietician and is a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, will explore topics such as, “I Am So Tired: Fatigue, Sleep and Your Christian Life,” “Health Reform or Health Conformity?” and “Diet for a Lifetime: Lessons From the Adventist Health Study.” Hardinge says, “God's people have been given a wonderful, strength-giving message of health for these last days. When rightly understood, the health message is most conducive to balanced, healthy living and a reduction in disease risk.” Hardinge is the associate director for the General Conference's Adventist Health Ministries department. He is passionate about the fact that “health is achieved one small choice at a time.”





# MOUNTAIN VIEW POINT

Valley Vista Adventist Center, *Huttonsville, W.Va.*, June 16-24

## Total Member Involvement

**M**y prayer is that this year's camp meeting at Valley Vista, themed "Total Member Involvement", will be inspiring to all who attend. Mountain View Conference (MVC) has embraced this General Conference initiative. When we become a follower of Christ, He commissions us to go tell others about Him. Even in what might seem a small way, all MVC members can become involved in working for Christ. For our own spiritual growth, we need to share our faith with others and dedicate ourselves this year to reach at least one person for the Kingdom.

This focus can appear too great to accomplish. But when the apostle Paul took time to search his own heart in light of his relationship with Christ, God anointed him with the Holy Spirit, and the early Christian church exploded with new members.

If you will follow Paul's example of prayer and Bible study and move forward in 2017 with a commitment to share Jesus in your circle of influence, the Holy Spirit will anoint you to reach your community for Christ.

At camp meeting, we will participate in, and learn more about Total Member Involvement. For instance, we will hear the story of one lay member who God used to take a small, obscure church and turn it into a powerful lighthouse for His name and glory!



**Larry Boggess**  
*President*

## Early Morning Speaker



**Pavel Goia** knew at a young age that God had called him to ministry. Being born and raised in communist

Romania didn't make following that calling an easy task. After a short period of drifting spiritually during his teenage years, his life took a proverbial turn, and he promised to serve God and fulfill his calling. Beginning Sabbath morning, June 16, Goia invites you to attend his seminar related to prayer, its power and Total Member Involvement. Goia is currently the editor of *Ministry* magazine and an associate director for the Ministerial Department at the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

## First Weekend Speaker



**Danny Shelton** is the founder, president and CEO of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). He

travels extensively throughout the United States and around the world, sharing the gospel and the miracle stories of 3ABN. He will speak the first weekend of camp meeting (Friday evening, Sabbath morning and Sabbath evening).

## First Weekend Concert



**Chloe Murnighan** graduated from Andrews University (Mich.), with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion

and two minors in Communication and Psychology. Murnighan is married to Russell, who pastors the Logan and Williamson (W.Va.) churches.

## Second Weekend Speaker



**Artur Stele** has a doctor of theology and has lived in seven countries: Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

Russia, Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan and the United States. Stele is married to Galina, and they have an adult son, Alexander, and a grandson, Leonard. Stele serves as a vice president at the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

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## NEW JERSEY



## “Live Compassion” Grand Caravan 2017

Theatre Ritz, Elizabeth, NJ, July 24

### You are Invited!

One day a Pharisee asked Jesus, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind’” (Matt. 22:36, 37, NKJV). Jesus later commanded His apostles: “Go and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19, NIV). The New Jersey Conference has followed both mandates from our Lord Jesus Christ this year through our two-fold “Live Compassion” theme comprised of: 1. Evangelism—to spread the gospel message to everyone in our conference; 2. Compassion—to love and reach out to our neighbors. Beginning the last week of May through the end of June, churches in our territory will be conducting a week of compassion and evangelistic meetings. The Grand Caravan of Compassion will be held in different locations and on different dates. On June 24, we will close the “caravan” with a grand gathering—our Compassion Camp Meeting. We pray that, by the grace of God, hundreds of souls will surrender their lives to Jesus and accept Him as their personal Savior. I invite you to attend one of the meetings close to you. I pray you will be blessed and inspired by our speakers, special guests and powerful testimonies. May God bless you and our conference as we participate in the Grand Caravan of Compassion 2017!



**José H. Cortés**  
*President*

### Main Speaker



**Jose Herminio Cortes Jr.**  
was born in Pinar del Rio, Cuba.  
Cortes is a graduate of Washington

Adventist University (WAU) in Takoma Park, Md., and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.). He is presently pursuing a doctor of ministry degree. His pastoral experience began in 1992 in the Potomac Conference, where he served for 11 years as a youth pastor, associate pastor, senior pastor and associate youth director. While there he led hundreds of people to Christ and planted three new churches. He also served as an adjunct professor in the Religion Department of WAU. On September 23, 2000, he was ordained into the gospel ministry.

In January 2003, Cortes became

the director of Adventist Youth Ministries for the Greater New York Conference, where he led programs for thousands of children, youth and young adults. On June 12, 2011, he was elected youth director for the Atlantic Union Conference in Lancaster, Mass.

Cortes currently serves as associate director for the North American Division Ministerial Association and leads evangelism, church planting, global mission, church growth and the Mission to the Cities initiative. He is married to Joanne, and they have two children, Jose and Joel.

## Special Singer

**Sarah Capeles** was born in Puerto Rico and came to the United States at the age of six. Her passion for music developed from an early age. She grew up singing in different choirs and as a soloist in her church. When she went to Antillean University in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, she became part of the Pro-Musica Choir. As a professional soloist for more than 25 years, Capeles



has traveled throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America, Canada, Japan and across the United States carrying the message of love, faith and hope. She has participated in numerous caravans with Pastor Alejandro

Bullón, and evangelism campaigns with Omar Grieve, President José H. Cortés and Rubén Ramos, among others. Capeles has recorded for 3ABN Latino TV, Esperanza TV, and for the television program *Descubra—La Voz de la Esperanza*. She has released eight albums—seven in Spanish and one in English. Capeles lives in New Jersey with her husband and is a member of the Hackettstown English church. Her greatest desire is to sing in the heavenly choir.

### Grand Caravan of Compassion:

*North Area* – June 3, 5 p.m. – James J. Ferris High School, Jersey City, NJ

*South Area* – June 10, 5 p.m. – Vineland High School South, Campus Auditorium, Vineland, NJ

*Central Area* – June 17, 5 p.m. – First Baptist Church at Lincoln Gardens, Somerset, NJ

### Compassion Camp Meeting:

July 24, 2017, 5-8 p.m. – Theater Ritz, Elizabeth, NJ

## Training Meeting Empowers Hundreds of Leaders

The New Jersey Conference recently held two training sessions (one English, one Spanish) for elders, deacons and deaconesses. At this annual event, hundreds of leaders were trained, inspired and empowered to work in their churches and to serve compassionately. “Elders, deacons, and deaconesses are the servants of the church; they are the leaders of the congregations. I’m glad we had all of them together to talk about a very important theme: compassion! Compassion is not only talk, but action. Jesus gave us this example; that’s why our theme for 2017 is ‘Live Compassion,’” says José H. Cortés, president of the New Jersey Conference.



*President José H. Cortés attaches a pin to an attendee at the annual elders, deacons and deaconess’s meeting.*

PHOTO BY JORGE PILLCO

## The 40th New Jersey Conference Constituency Meeting

### *First announcement to all New Jersey Conference churches and institutions:*

The 40th constituency meeting will be held September 10 at 10 a.m. Location TBA. Thank you for all the churches that have already sent in their delegates’ names.



## Ghanaian Members Plant Second Church in Columbus

For some time, members of the Columbus Ghanaian church have been talking, thinking, brainstorming and praying about planting a second Ghanaian church. They were convinced that this was long overdue because of the influx of many ethnic Ghanaians who have moved from Ghana, West Africa, and settled permanently in the city's different neighborhoods. Many of these Ghanaian immigrants had not yet heard the Seventh-day Adventist message.

After considerable planning and extensive demographic and psychographic studies, the congregation accepted the challenge to plant a second church in 2016. To facilitate this, senior pastor Sampson Twumasi conducted two revival meetings on "Evangelizing"—living like an evangelist in everyday life—which prepared members for the church plant launch and involved every family intrinsically in the project.

During the months that followed, the church plant taskforce made reports to both the church board and the church at large during church business meetings. This created excitement among the members and energized everyone to participate in the planting



Members of the Prince of Peace Ghanaian church gather to celebrate the new church plant.

process, reports Kofi Adjei, communication director.

After seeking the Lord's direction, the taskforce chose the northern section of Columbus for their new church plant. Strategically selected for its close proximity to many Ghanaian immigrants, leaders trained the few Ghanaian Adventists in that vicinity on how to reach fellow Ghanaians. The new Ghanaian church was founded in August, when a core group from the main church agreed to serve as charter members. Three church elders with years of experience in church planting in Ghana and in the U.S. will nurture the core group.

Church leaders also plan to use the core group to refocus on non-attending members, young post-modern professionals and churched and unchurched Ghanaians who may be seeking the Adventist truth.

Though the group is new, they have been attracting new members and have gradually developed different ministries. Named Prince of Peace Ghanaian church, this group that started with about 60 members now has more than 80 members, with a baptismal class in session.

Prince of Peace currently meets at 1755 Granville-Dublin Avenue in Columbus. The mother church, Columbus Ghanaian, continues to provide assistance until this new church can stand on its own and be organized into a company to join the sisterhood of churches within the Ohio Conference.

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Pastor Derick A. Adu (left) and Pastor Sampson Twumasi (right) present Sampson Nuro, Daniel Boateng and Joseph Sarkodie, the lay leaders of the Prince of Peace church, with plants to symbolize their role of overseeing the new congregation.

## Adventist Motorcycle Ministry Shares Christ at Bike Show

Often billed as “the most anticipated custom motorcycle show circuit of its kind in the country,” the Easyriders 2017 Bike Show Tour recently concluded at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus.

This is the fourth year the Newark church has sponsored a booth in partnership with the Ohio chapter of Adventist Motorcycle Ministry (AMM). “Every year has been a resounding success,” says Tom Hughes, pastor of the Newark church and president of the AMM chapter in Ohio. “This year was no exception.”

A handful of dedicated Ohio Adventist bikers, encouraged by the Ohio Conference and the Newark church leadership, reached thousands of bikers with a simple message: “Jesus Christ can save your soul and change your life for the better!” During the two-day event, they distributed 300 copies of Adventist literature: a biker version of *Steps to Jesus* called *The Ride of Your Life*, and a book written by Hughes called *The*



Tom Hughes, pastor of the Newark church, and his wife, Debbie, share Christian literature at the Easyriders 2017 Bike Show Tour in Columbus.



Tom Hughes, pastor of the Newark church, shares a biker version of *Steps to Jesus* with one of the many visitors to his booth during the Easyriders 2017 Bike Show Tour in Columbus.

*Skull and the Cross*. The materials were free and the resulting “conversations were often deeply spiritual,” noted Hughes.

Each year booth visitors share stories with Hughes. One of his most memorable this year was of a man and wife who each had near-death experiences. “This biker was pulling into a store [parking lot] and a tractor trailer backed up on him,” recounts Hughes. “He barely escaped, and his bike was crushed. Also, his wife was dying from a liver that had been abused, and God brought her back. It was a touching moment, and we prayed together for God to heal her of her disease.”

Hughes and his team of bikers are making an impact. “They always return with stories of the people we prayed for, lives touched and seeds planted,” says Hughes. Plans have already been made for Hughes’ next event: Rev It Up! Revival July 7-9 in Heath, Ohio. For more information, email Hughes at TomHughes@columbus.rr.com.

## Attend Ohio Conference’s One-Day Camp Meeting



Make plans to attend the Ohio Conference one-day camp meeting, June 3 at Camp Mohaven in Danville. Enjoy special music and a sacred concert by featured artist Jennifer LaMountain (pictured). Pastor Wayne Culmore, educator and retired president of the British Columbia

Conference, will present the Sabbath messages. Children and youth programs will also be provided.

Find additional details at [ohioadventist.org](http://ohioadventist.org) and [facebook.com/ohioadventists](https://facebook.com/ohioadventists).



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# Pennsylvania Pen

## “A Mighty Movement”

Blue Mountain Academy, *Hamburg, Pa.*, June 9-17, [paconference.org](http://paconference.org)

## Camp Meeting to Encounter “A Mighty Movement”

Join the Pennsylvania Camp Meeting themed “A Mighty Movement” June 9-17 at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa. Planned events will focus on the movement that became the Seventh-day Adventist Church and peer forward to discover how to continue to live out the movement, reveal Jesus and make disciples, while joyfully anticipating the soon return of Christ. Sabbath morning services and all evening meetings will be livestreamed at [paconference.churchonline.org](http://paconference.churchonline.org). For more information, or to register online, go to [paconference.org](http://paconference.org).

## Speakers

### June 9-10

Jesus sparked a movement unlike anything the world has ever known. Join Pastor **Karl Haffner** as he traces God’s hand from the



miracles in the early Christian church to the ministry of His church today. Come and join God’s mighty movement!

Karl Haffner

is the senior pastor of the Kettering (Ohio) church and mission strategist for the Kettering Health Network. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in both theology and business from Walla Walla University (Wash.); a Master of Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University (Wash.); and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy from Andrews

University (Mich.). The author of 13 books, Haffner previously served as an associate speaker for Quiet Hour Ministries and currently hosts the television program *Living Lessons*, aired on the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network. He is amazed daily by God’s acceptance and is committed to communicating that grace to others.



### June 16-17

God said, “Behold, I will do a new thing” (Isa. 43:19, KJV). In life many settle for the old “tried

and true,” while refusing to venture into the awesome “new thing” that God wants to do. Learn from the Word of God on how to experience the “new things” that God has in store for you, as **Gary Gibbs**, the

new Pennsylvania Conference president, shares the vision God has placed on his heart.

### Young Adult Worship

Our 18- to 35-year-old young adults are invited to share time and space in meaningful conversations, activities, Bible study and prayer as they grow together in Jesus. Special guest speakers, heartfelt worship, outreach and fellowship will take place during the entire camp meeting. Monday-Thursday evening worship will be conducted in a small group setting, including campfires, snacks, Bible study and prayer.

## Young Adult Speakers



**June 9-10**  
**Todd Stout** is senior pastor of the Church of the Advent Hope in New York City where he has served since 2008. In addition to living and working in New York, Stout has pastored in Indiana and Taiwan. He is a pastor's kid and grew up for the first decade of his life in Harrisburg, Pa. Stout loves meaningful

conversations, adventures and Jesus. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.



**June 16-17**  
**Gabriel Perea** was born and raised in Texas. He is the planting and lead pastor of "Advent Project," a Millennial church plant in San Antonio,

Texas, located on the campus of the Scenic Hills church. Perea has been pastoring for 13 years. He is married to Jessica, and they have four children. The Pereas believe Jesus is not only coming soon, but He is returning in this generation! "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

## Events and Seminars Throughout the Week

The SuperFit Family 5K/10K run, sponsored by the Adventist WholeHealth Network, will be held Sunday, June 11, beginning at 8 a.m. Family worship with Pastor Kris Eckenroth, pastor of Grace Outlet in Reading, Pa., and the annual ABC auditorium sale rounds out the morning. Lunch will be sold at the nearby pavilion as local churches and Pathfinders raise funds for their ministries.

Rick Christman, Barry Tryon, John Kent, Lillian Torres, Heidi Shoemaker, Donna and Mark Mashburn,



*Donna Mashburn, certified Christian conciliator and Mark Mashburn, a physician, will present "Resolving Everyday Conflict."*



*Learn about "Clean Eating" with Heidi Shoemaker, Ohio Conference communication director.*

Kris Eckenroth, Denise Reinwald, and representatives from *It Is Written* will present seminars. Children will have their own meetings and activities, including crafts, games, pool time, mission projects and Bible stories. Teens and youth will spend time at a lake, enjoy an excursion to Ozzy's family fun center and engage in mission, while learning more about Christ during the evening meetings.

Sunday-Saturday evening worships will feature international speaker and pastor Steve Wohlberg, director of White Horse Media.



# Potomac People

## Conference to Provide Three Camp Meeting Sites

*Impact 2017: Camp Meeting Reimagined* will kick off next month. *Impact*, the name for this redesigned regional style of camp meeting, will include a southern Virginia location, a northern Virginia location and a Hispanic meeting:

**June 9-11 | Camp HopeTree | Blue Ridge, Va.:** **Mike Tucker**, speaker/director of *Faith for Today*, the oldest religious television broadcast in the world, will be the guest speaker. Tucker was a senior pastor at a 1,900-member church in Arlington, Texas, for 17 years and has authored several books. Children and youth programming will be available. Saturday evening will feature Brian Free & Assurance in concert. A time for anointing will also be offered during the weekend.



**June 17 | Hylton Memorial Chapel | Woodbridge, Va.:** With the theme “Seeing Through Our Father’s Eyes,” **Wintley Phipps**, a world-renowned vocal artist, education activist, motivational speaker, pastor and CEO and Founder of the U.S. Dream



Academy, will be the featured speaker Sabbath morning and hold a concert in the evening. In the afternoon, attendees will have the option to attend seminars and/or visit local ministry booths and enjoy fellowship together. After the evening concert, guests are invited to attend “after glow” activities.

**June 23-24 | APG Federal Credit Union Arena | Bel Air, Md.:** Guest speaker **Alejandro Bullón**, an evangelist for *Voice of Hope*, a radio program based in the North American Division, will cover the theme “Pentecostes Ahora” during the weekend. Saturday afternoon will feature a concert by singer and songwriter Felipe Garibo. Programs for children and youth will be provided.

“We are taking the reimagined camp meeting experience to

where our members are by having meetings in different areas of our conference,” says Rick Jordan, vice president for pastoral ministries. “*Impact* is meant to be a time of fellowship and profound inspiration, training and outreach.”

One general *Impact* for all constituents to come together will be held every five years, with regional meetings held in each area of the conference within that five-year period. Regional meetings will be planned and supported by office staff, local pastors and members, who will also choose the event’s theme and length of time. *Impact*



*Impact 2018*, scheduled for June 19-23, 2018, will be a general meeting for all Potomac Conference members. Additional information for all these events can be found at [pcsda.org/impact2017](http://pcsda.org/impact2017).

# Potomac People

## Rockville Member Receives MLK Humanitarian Award

Rockefeller Twyman recently received the prestigious Montgomery County Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award at the Strathmore Arts Center in Rockville, Md. “I give all my praise to God for this magnificent accomplishment,” says Twyman, who attends the Rockville church.

Twyman was honored for saving hundreds of lives through organizing and using his media skills to promote bone marrow drives in Montgomery County and across America. “Bone marrow transplants help individuals who are suffering with rare forms of leukemia, sickle cell anemia and Lupus,” explains Twyman. His bone marrow crusade began in 1992 when he tried to save the life of his co-worker, Alicia Nelson, at the District of Columbia General Hospital. He was also saluted for organizing unique peace prayer vigils in Ferguson, Mo., and Montgomery County after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown. Following in the international footsteps of Dr. King, he has worked closely with other entities to raise thousands of dollars for victims of earthquakes and hurricanes.

Twyman’s brand of public relations has brought attention to serious social issues in Montgomery County. “This award is an honor,” says Twyman. “Like



Rockefeller Twyman (second from the left) accepts the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award for his pioneering and effective bone marrow drives, alongside Congressman Jamie Raskins (left), Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and Montgomery County Councilmember Hans Reimer.

Dr. King, I believe that prayer and peaceful activism are the answers to every problem in life.”—Electa Geer

## Living Faith Adopts New Evangelistic Approach

One year we spent \$40,000 on evangelism and community outreach—and zero relationships were built,” recalls Jennifer Deans, pastor of the Living Faith church in Dulles, Va. After attending a church planting conference, Deans realized the church didn’t



Pastor Jennifer Deans (middle) stands with Alison Porter (left), who used to be Dean’s neighbor, and Rema Simms (right), who is actively going through the discipleship training.

need a better discipleship program; it needed a paradigm shift. “It’s God’s job to grow the church, and it’s ours to make disciples,” she says. “I came across Generate One, a discipleship program that teaches these biblical principles.”

Deans has begun introducing this shift to her church. “We’re focusing on how to have a spiritual conversation, share our stories and stay in tune with the Holy Spirit. We’re tempted to think we just need to share biblical knowledge—but if that were the case, Satan would be saved,” says Deans. “Through relationships we are able to share God’s love. That takes time. I’ve discovered this investment of time not only changes the individual, but it changes you. I’ve developed some of my closest friendships by following Jesus’ example of discipleship.”

The intensive training is a two-year process for church members, but goes quicker for new believers. Six members are currently going through the training, and Deans says the church’s culture as a whole is already shifting and has resulted in 10 baptisms.





Blue Mountain Academy

# COMMUNIQUE

## School Joins Pennsylvania Conference Mission Trip

Prior to His ascension, Jesus gave His disciples one last instruction: “Go.” Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) has adopted that directive as a key component of their operating philosophy. BMA faculty do not believe they are called to just “sit.” Instead, they look for opportunities to engage their students in taking the gospel to the world. This year BMA joined the Pennsylvania Conference in a mission trip to science teacher Solomon Lazar’s hometown in Madurai, India.

Students and sponsors started each day together in prayer and worship before planning the day’s events. They assigned teams, comprised of an adult sponsor and several students, and visited schools and church sites for their daily ministry. Junior Jessica Ulloa says, “I saw Christ work through me as I met new people. Now I have a story to tell.”

Sponsor Mark Jacobs shares, “Each day the Indian principal invited us to join his teachers in worship. The room was always crowded. Knowing that most of the teachers were Hindu, singing songs about Jesus and avidly listening to our Bible devotion thoughts just amazed me.”

Students preached a series of biblical topics to the largely Hindu community. Sponsor George Dialectakis joined his wife, Marcia, and children Nathan and Iliana—one of the student speakers—at the event.

“This was a well-organized mission trip. It was a spiritually uplifting experience sharing Christ with hundreds of non-Christian students and observing that,



*Sophomore Leann Montaque and Senior Kathya Gamaz share a moment with children at the orphanage.*

despite their Hindu upbringing, they were well receptive and participated in the singing and the Bible story presentations,” says Dialectakis. “The BMA student team was very ‘natural’ in sharing the gospel.”

The Pennsylvania Conference, including pastors Buddy Goodwin and Paul and Deb Wasmer, sponsored the trip. Together they worked closely with Lazar to shuttle the students to and from Madurai. Jacobs shares, “The school of 550 students loved singing with us. It took some experimentation to find songs they knew ... By the last day, all I had to do was say the letter “N,” and they would yell “Nutrition” as we worked through the NEWSTART acronym.”

After days of presenting Vacation Bible School-style meetings to students, preaching the gospel to hundreds of people and visiting schools and orphanages, the group capped off the trip by assisting Maranatha in building a church.

M. Rathinasingh, South Tamil Conference president, sums up the experience: “The meeting was a really successful one. We never thought so many people would attend and listen to God’s message. About 80 people have been baptized so far.”



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## HVA Provides Diverse Service Projects for Students

Community service is one of the many ways Highland View Academy (HVA) uses to draw students closer to Jesus and teach them to be faithful stewards with their time and talents. To that end, the school provides a variety of community service opportunities for students.

Earlier this semester, students participated in a school-wide community service day, with a diverse selection of outreach opportunities.

One group traveled to Taneytown, Md., where they worked with the American Red Cross installing smoke detectors in homes where residents could not afford this life-saving device. Senior Selina Sontay says she felt blessed “to help people be safe in a potentially dangerous situation.” Senior Karl Zimmer adds, “It was a very positive experience. In one of the homes, the woman had a hard time sleeping the night before because she was worried about a fire breaking out since their smoke alarm was not working.”

In Frederick, Md., one group made knot blankets for cancer survivors. Another group traveled to Pennsylvania to work on a painting project for the REACH Philadelphia ministry. The largest group went to Silver Spring, Md., where they worked with an Adventist Community Services center sorting clothes, stuffing



Wade Pierce ('17), Alejo Olivares ('17), Ryan Gaskill ('17), Jacob Zimmer ('20) and Gary Zeng ('17) disassemble old computers to sell for parts at an Adventist Community Services center in Silver Spring, Md.



The Ochoa and Bolanos families (right) sell Mexican food at the school's annual community international fair.

envelopes, disassembling computers and cleaning.

Some students stayed close to home and visited local nursing homes. Another group cleaned up the stretch of highway HVA adopted many years ago. Junior Joshua Ogle says, “We helped the community look better.”

Registrar Shannon Brown summed up the day's experience: “Jesus gave us clear direction that we would always be more blessed when we give, and after our efforts during our day of service, I believe we all felt happy and blessed.”

Another way HVA serves the community is through its long-standing annual international fair. At this event, students sell foods from around the world to earn money for a variety of service projects, such as the senior mission trip. Senior Alexander Petrucci commented that the event “highlights the cultural diversity that HVA has, while also expressing our unity as a whole.” The students learn about the various countries their classmates represent.

HVA aims to be a blessing and light in the community, and the faculty and students are thankful for the opportunity to serve.

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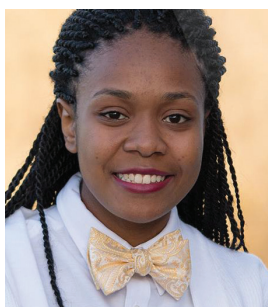
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## Students Receive Top Commencement Honors

Jazmyne Lavalas, an honor student and Senior Class valedictorian, is the daughter of Marc and Lisa Lavalas of Canal Winchester, Ohio. Some of her notable accomplishments include: National Honor Society (NHS) member; drama club member; class officer; and cheerleader captain. She has been selected to participate in Loma Linda (Calif.) University's MITHS (Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences) summer program.



Lavalas says, "At Pine Forge Academy, I have gained and practiced many leadership skills and obtained what I believe to be some level of success in many aspects of my life. Next year I plan to attend Andrews University, where I will study abroad in Spain for a year. My career tra-

jectory is to become a medical doctor specializing in general surgery."

Reyna-Cierra Patterson, an honor student and Senior Class salutatorian, is the daughter of Robert and Carmen Patterson of Douglassville, Pa. Her notable accomplishments include: NHS member; class president; yearbook editor; and United Student Movement/Student Body treasurer. She has also been selected to participate in



the Loma Linda University's MITHS summer program.

Patterson states, "After graduation I plan on furthering my education at Spelman College (Ga.). I will be enrolling in their Economics—PreMed program and minoring in Mathematics. I am pursuing this track with the expectation of becoming a pediatric orthopedic surgeon." Patterson's father is the Consecration speaker for Commencement Weekend. He currently serves as the CFO for the Southeastern Conference in Mt. Dora, Fla. Prior to that assignment, he served the Allegheny East Conference for 22 years in multiple capacities.

## Seniors Gain College Acceptance

Each year PFA students receive more than \$500,000 in financial aid and scholarships. Members of the class of 2016-17 have been accepted to more than 50 colleges and universities, including many Adventist colleges and universities and several prestigious institutions:

Andrews University  
La Sierra University  
Oakwood University  
Pacific Union College  
Southern Adventist University

Southwestern Adventist University  
Union College  
Washington Adventist University  
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New York University  
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# Spotlight

## on Spencerville

*Highlights from Spencerville Adventist Academy*

### Choir and Orchestra Tour Puerto Rico

Forty-three of Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) honor's choir and orchestra musicians and their chaperones recently traveled to Puerto Rico for a six-day concert tour. During the much-anticipated trip, they performed at an Adventist academy in Caguas; the Bella Vista, the Universidad de Antillas and the Leguisamo churches in Mayaguez; Academia del Este near San Juan; and Marcia's Assisted Living in Aguadilla.

Chaperone Judie Rosa, SAA's elementary vice principal, was touched when, after one of the performances, a gentleman commented to her, "When I look at this choir with all the nationalities represented, and listen to the music that elevated me and brought me



Freshman Erin Beers (alto), Olivia Brown (alto), Lindsey Gispert (alto) and Katelynne Atterberry (soprano) explore an old cemetery at the El Morro Fort in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Seniors Alexandra Toscano (alto), Georgia Kent (1st violin) and Sylvia Juarez (soprano) practice outside the Leguisamo church in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, prior to a Sabbath performance.

such joy and peace, I catch a glimpse of what heaven will look and sound like."

In addition to their concerts, the group enjoyed sightseeing. Students visited Flamenco Beach, one of the top beaches in the world, on Culebra Island. "It was a long day," remembers second soprano Mia

Tembunde. "We had to board a two-hour ferry to get to the island. It was the most beautiful beach I had ever seen." Students toured scenic Old San Juan with its shops and cobblestone streets and explored the 18th century El Morro Fort.

Before they left, the group performed for students and teachers at the K-12 Academia Adventista Del Este near San Juan. Many of the students were not Adventist. The concert presented the musicians with a witnessing opportunity. "The orchestra began playing, and all of a sudden, the children began to sing along," says Junior Liliana Wright. Sophomore Kiersten Zinke recalls, "It made me so happy to know that what I was doing—what I was singing—made them happy."

Robert Martinez, choir and orchestra director, sums up the trip: "I saw God's presence in each concert we performed and in each person we fellowshiped with. God will soon call us home to heaven—our native land—to sing for eternity."



# SPRING VALLEY ACADEMY<sup>.ORG</sup> CONNECTIONS

## INSPIRING STUDENTS TO KNOW FOLLOW SHARE JESUS

### Auction Raises \$250K for New School Chapel

Energy and excitement filled the Mandalay Banquet Center as Spring Valley Academy (SVA) recently hosted its annual gala auction. The theme for the event was “The Gatsby Gala,” and dressed in era costumes, guests and volunteers captured the spirit of the Roaring Twenties.

The auction was more than just an opportunity to fellowship with friends and neighbors. SVA raised approximately \$250,000 through silent and live auctions and the live donation appeal. The proceeds from the gala will go toward building a new school chapel and auditorium.

“It was a great night,” says Angela Peach, Alumni and Development director. “The success of the evening is thanks to the incredible team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to produce a quality event.” The Gala Committee is led by Board of Trustees Chairman Frank Perez and Event Director Sandy Peebles.

“We are blessed to have such an involved team,” says Principal Darren Wilkins. “From the group that plans the events, to the sponsors and guests who attend, it is unlike anything I’ve seen. God has really



*Choir Director Cristy Doria and Band Director Donald Huff sing and conduct 1920s music at the school’s live gala auction.*

blessed the Spring Valley Academy family through the generosity of our community.”

More than 300 guests attended the gala, and, under the direction of Donald Huff, were entertained with era-appropriate music by the SVA Stage Band.

“Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all who made this evening a success,” concludes Wilkins.

### Third-Graders Celebrate Their Heritage

Students in Judy Cambigue’s third grade classroom proudly presented their Diversity Day projects dressed in their ancestors’ attire. They also gave oral reports about their very own heritage. These presentations included sharing stick “dolls” that the students



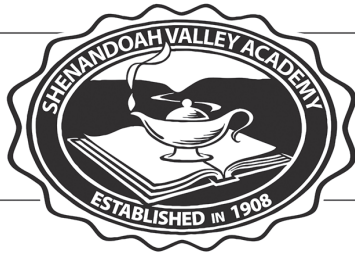
also donned in their ancestors’ attire. Some children brought personal items belonging to their relatives.

“This project is ‘Our Diversity Project,’ and it culminates with our Diversity Day. One goal is that students get to know their heritage and family history by interviewing their grandparents,” says Cambigue.

Following their presentations, everyone, including the students’ parents and grandparents, enjoyed a banquet feast that included traditional foods from around the world. Cambigue says that the students are required to submit a recipe for the dish they bring to the banquet and the recipes are used to create a classroom cookbook that each family receives.

“Posters and diversity dolls then line the hallwalls for several weeks after the Diversity Day and serve as a continuous celebration and reminder of what makes each child unique,” adds Cambigue.

Third-grader Rebekah Cobb shares, “It was interesting to find out about my ancestors, and I especially loved tasting all the different foods at our feast!”



# IMPACT Shenandoah

*Serve God – Value Knowledge – Accept a Life of Service*

## Students Lead, Show Jesus at Week of Prayer

Shenandoah Valley Academy's (SVA) mission is to educate and prepare young people for colleges and careers as disciples of Jesus, with spirituality as the number one objective. At SVA young people have the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment where Christianity is supported and promoted, rather than demoralized, and where academics are taught within the context of a biblical worldview.

SVA holds weeks of spiritual emphasis three times each school year, traditionally known as "Week of Prayer." Under the direction of the chaplain's office, the student spiritual leadership team leads out one of the weeks. Recently more than 30 percent of the student body—approximately 60 students—conducted a Student-led Week of Prayer. This included planning, singing, praying, preaching, teaching and leading Bible studies throughout the week.

The theme for this special spiritual highlight of the year was "Show Me Jesus." The student body met each morning for a convocation-style meeting. In the evening, after the praise time, young people divided into small group Bible studies, led by teams of 2-3 students. Each leader prepared, researched and led the studies using their own material.



*Luke Fogg ('17) delivers the message during the Student-led Week of Prayer.*

Senior Salima Omwenga says, "Being part of a praise team and co-leading a small group study was a blessing. [It was fun] to see my fellow students excited to sing and learn about Jesus Christ."

At the conclusion of the week, 30 students led the Sabbath worship service at the New Market church on SVA's campus. Students contributed in prayer, scripture reading, praise and worship and preaching.

Inspiration tells us the following: "In no line of work can young people receive greater benefit. All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, cooperating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what 'university course' can equal this? With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" (*True Education*, p. 169).

—Tim Harley



*Sophomore students lead praise and worship during Week of Prayer.*

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News you can use from Takoma Academy

## Music Director Teaches Excellence Through Melody

For more than eight years, some would say the Takoma Academy (TA) Chorale and touring group, Camerata, have rightfully made a name for themselves as two of the elite Christian academy choirs in the Washington metropolitan area. The success of this program is due in large part to Music Director Lulu Mupfumbu, who directs both choirs, band and teaches music technology.

Mupfumbu, born to Kenyan parents, Dr. and Mrs. Mwangi wa-Githumo, says she was destined to be in the music profession. At a young age, she was required to take piano lessons, but for young Mupfumbu, this was more than just a requirement; it was the commencement of her education in music.

As a young girl in a country that has more than 42 tribes, she often had varying caregivers from different tribes. Mupfumbu requested they teach her songs in their tribal language. She would line up her dolls and pretend to teach them the songs. She would also record her friends singing on a tape recorder her father gave her because he thought she'd make a great music teacher one day. Although she felt called to do something in music and with youth, that wasn't her initial career choice. Not until her junior year at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., did she answer the call to music education, with an emphasis in voice and clarinet, and later earned a Master of Music Education from The Ohio State University in Columbus.



When speaking about her career choice, Mupfumbu says, "I know for a fact that God has called me to do what I am doing." When she received the calls to serve at various institutions, including Mount Vernon Academy and TA, she eagerly accepted them.

As TA's music director, Mupfumbu strives to help her students both in and outside of the classroom to obtain musical excellence by thoroughly training them in music performance, literacy, technical skill, music history, multicultural music, general musicianship and music in worship and ministry. When teaching the song "If I Can Help Somebody," she stresses that, "as Seventh-day Adventists who believe in the second coming of Christ, we must remember that every gift and talent needs to be sharpened and refined so as to use it as a tool to help someone 'along the way.'"

Carla Thrower, TA principal, notes that, for the past eight years, TA has privately and publicly reaped the blessings of having such a gifted music director and would like to take this opportunity to affectionately thank Mupfumbu, who is supported by her husband, Tanyaradzwa, and their children, Nakai and Itai, for her dedication and excellent service to our institution!





*Students participate in a health fair as part of their service learning requirements at the Good Neighbor House in Dayton, Ohio.*



## Kettering College Students Present Healthy Lifestyle Essentials at Local Health Fair



**By Lauren Brooks**

Kettering College students led a health fair at the Good Neighbor House, a local non-profit that provides food pantry services, clothing, and household items to under-served individuals in the Dayton, Ohio area. The health fair is part of the curriculum for the online Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) service learning element.

Students introduced health and lifestyle essentials in the form of breakout sessions, such as education and nutrition, addiction and the discontinuation of smoking and oral hygiene, to the participants at the Good Neighbor House with down-to-earth, practical, and memorable illustrations that can easily be remembered. For example, the

respiratory team brought in a normal set of pig lungs, and a set of damaged lungs to demonstrate the impact smoking has on the body. This group educated the participants on warning signs of drug addiction and illicit use, and shared ways to get help. The students even baked sugar cookies in the shape of a lung as a fun way to add to the smoking cessation topic.

"All the participants were very eager to listen to the topics we were presenting and everyone participated by asking questions and providing stories of their own," said Lindsay Skaggs, an online BSHS student at Kettering College.

Skaggs presented on oral hygiene, giving the participants information on proper brushing and flossing, as well

as what causes decay and cavities, and the effects poor dental hygiene can have on the whole body.

Kettering College has been a close companion to Good Neighbor House from the very beginning.

"The Good Neighbor House has been able to count on the amazing students and faculty at Kettering College to tirelessly give their time and talents, showing love to their neighbors who need it most," said Israel Olaore, development and marketing specialist at the Good Neighbor House.





## Campus Relationships

A core value of the Washington Adventist University experience is about building relationships. The Christian journey is all about relationships. God is a personal being who has paid a great price to make it possible for us to enter a relationship



**Weymouth Spence**  
President

with him through the merits of Jesus Christ. He wants this relationship, in turn, to be made visible in our relationship with others. At WAU we are implementing Jesus' model of teaching through

relationship building. Jesus taught people by spending time with them. "Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him." (Mark 3:13-14) What powerful lessons did his disciples learn when they saw Jesus let sinful people touch him? Or hold children on his lap? Or weep at Lazarus' tomb? Or dine with sinners? Or wash their feet in the upper room? The idea of making life the classroom was the way Jesus prepared the twelve apostles. At a time when there is increasing ethnic, language, cultural, and religious diversity combined with pervasive socioeconomic inequities, we believe in the power of education through building Christ-like relationships.

This is Washington Adventist University.

—Weymouth Spence

## SPIRITUALITY, LEADERSHIP, AND DISCIPLINE BUILD CHAMPIONS

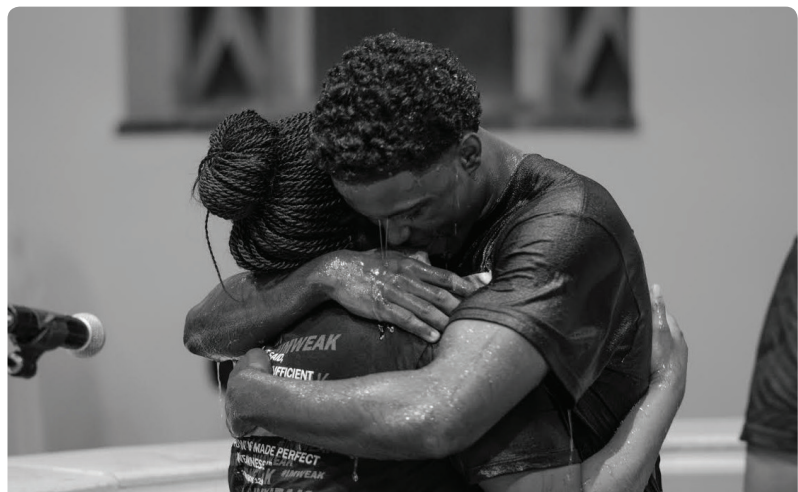
Tyrus Fleetwood came to WAU from Hagerstown, Md., as a freshman, taking counseling psychology and joining the Shock basketball team. His coach, Patrick Creary, says, "With some players you have a major impact on their lives and then there are those players that have a major impact on your life. For me, that player is Tyrus."

This past season, Tyrus was a senior point guard and team captain. While attending WAU, he received a number of basketball awards and reached 1,000 career points in the 2016-17 season. Off the court, he serves as vice president of the Black Student Union and is an intern in the Office of Corporate Communications. "Despite being an average student in high school, he has been on the Dean's List three times and took 40 credits his senior year so he could graduate," says Creary.

Above his successes on the court and in the classroom, Tyrus recalls his best memory from his time at WAU. It was his freshman year when he attended the spring revival series given by Pastor MyRon Edmonds, which led to his decision to be baptized. He says, "I felt a push from God like none other to go up to the front. I was nervous but I heard the voice of God and I went up, feeling the Lord's presence like never before.

That experience helped shape me into who I have become here at WAU. The leadership positions, the balancing between books and ball.

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Tyrus Fleetwood, men's basketball captain, giving his heart to Christ

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Everything that I have encountered here at the school. It has opened up new doors for me and closed some as well.

Being on the basketball team has allowed me to connect inside and outside of the community, which is a blessing because as an athlete and given our level of success over the years, it draws a lot of attention to us. As a leader of the team I tried my best to lead by example and use that attention to help those around me grow and get better during my time here."

After graduating in April, Tyrus plans to pursue a pro career in basketball, and study for a masters in kinesiology.



WAU men's basketball makes history and brings home a second Association of Independent Institutions Division II championship.

## WAU GAVE ME FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDSHIP

Elliott Meredith came to Washington Adventist University from Bedford, Ohio, after learning about the possibility of a basketball scholarship here. He sent in a demo tape and heard from the coach, "We could use you." He says, "I knew this was for me. I could use my talent to play basketball to help me get through school."

He started playing for the WAU Shock basketball team while beginning his studies in physical therapy. "On our campus, the basketball team has been the biggest winning sports team, and so a lot of students attend the games. Being on the team gives me the chance to be a positive influence on the other players and connect to the other students," says Elliott. Along with three other seniors, he reached 1,000 career points in the 2016-17 season.

Three years ago, Elliott tore his ACL in his knee and had surgery. It took lots of physical therapy and a full year to recover. This only strengthened his interest in being a physical therapist so that he can help other athletes or people who have similar injuries.



Elliott Meredith, men's basketball team captain, giving his heart to Christ

Elliott also works for the campus radio station WGTS 91.9. "In the midst of playing basketball and being a student, this is a job I won't forget. I'm part of something that affects not only the local area, as well as something that helps listeners who are grateful for the friendship and support of the station."

In the summer of his senior year, Elliott married his fiancée, Kellie, who is also a WAU and Acro-Airs Alumna.. His hometown church is the Southeast Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. They attend the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Elliott graduated at the end of April as the vice president of his class. "WAU has given me the building blocks for my future. It has been the place for me to chase my dreams. I have found what I needed here: a career path, a sport that I love to play, a job where I can help people, and a place to draw closer to God."



Left: WAU Dean of Students Tim Nelson; Elliott and Kellie Meredith; and Pastor of Grace Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Euclid, Ohio, Dr. MyRon Edmonds.



## One Team. One Mission.

At Adventist HealthCare, we are celebrating 2017 as the “Year of Mission.” As caregivers and team members, we are taking time to really examine the meaning behind our mission statement – “We extend God’s care through the ministry of physical, spiritual and mental healing” – as the foundation of our work.

You might have noticed that we recently updated our language to better describe how each of us has an essential part in carrying out our mission to the community we serve. We now use the word “extend” (replacing “demonstrate”) to show our active role in offering our hands to serve others. When we help the people in our community and our fellow team members, we acknowledge that God’s ministry is the power working through our hands to heal, comfort and support.

In addition to examining our Mission statement, we are also shining a brighter light on our RISES Values – Respect, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Stewardship. These five expressions of God’s character guide how we live out our Mission and define our priorities as an organization.

As we join together to create extraordinary environments of healing, I notice one of the things I love most about the Adventist HealthCare family is that we come from so many different places and reflect the many cultural groups that make up our community. Our diversity is one of the finest aspects of our lives here in the greater D.C. area, and is something we deeply appreciate.

Our mission, values and regard for our community unite us in the goal of providing high-quality and compassionate care to our patients and their families. And our core identity is the reason Adventist HealthCare has been able to help heal body, mind and spirit for more than 100 years.



**Terry Forde**  
President & CEO  
Adventist HealthCare



*Adventist HealthCare Home Care Services offers compassionate assistance from therapists, such as Lee Ann Rostron, who help healing continue in Maryland homes.*

## National Quality Award for Excellence in Home Care

The Home Health division of Adventist HealthCare Home Care Services has once again been recognized as a national leader in quality care. The division was recently honored with a Top Agency of 2016 HomeCare Elite award, which is only presented to the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies in the United States. This was the fifth year in a row that Home Health was recognized for its work.

“I want to particularly recognize our team of nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides and dietitians who visit our patients and work with families on a daily basis to provide compassionate, quality care that truly results in the best outcomes,” said Keith Ballenger, vice president of Adventist HealthCare Home Care Services.

Winners of the HomeCare Elite award are ranked by an analysis of performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and consistency and financial performance. The award ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading healthcare information technology company.

“The 2016 HomeCare Elite winners have demonstrated the highest-quality care in their communities, which is a remarkable achievement,” said Christine Lang, Senior Director, Product Management, for ABILITY Network. “We congratulate Adventist HealthCare Home Health on being one of the top home care agencies in the country.”

For more than 40 years, Adventist HealthCare Home Care Services has provided in-home care to the community through a dedicated team that provides services tailored to each patient’s specific needs. Today, Adventist HealthCare Home Care Services offers care throughout Suburban Maryland including Montgomery, Prince George’s, Charles, Calvert, St. Mary’s, Howard and Anne Arundel counties.

## Adventist HealthCare's Programs Help Healing Continue at Home

Wanting to help low-income patients who need home modifications and repairs due to medical concerns, Adventist HealthCare launched a new program by further expanding its partnership with the nonprofit organization, Rebuilding Together Montgomery County.

Through the program, Adventist HealthCare Washington Adventist Hospital identifies patients who need, but cannot afford, home modifications such as wheelchair ramps. Adventist HealthCare will provide \$25,000 to support modifications in approximately 12 patients' homes through Rebuilding Together.

Thanks to a wheelchair lift installed through this program, Hennie Brown, Jr., of Silver Spring, Md., was able to join his wife, Matilda, upstairs in their three-story home for the first time in a year. The 86-year old became unable to climb stairs due to cancer and spinal stenosis.

This program is just one example of how Adventist HealthCare is committed to addressing community health needs through its Population Health department, which works to ensure high-quality care while lowering costs. The department helps patients achieve a healthy lifestyle after they leave the hospital and encourages working with local organizations to improve their overall health and prevent hospital readmissions.

The Population Health department has its roots in the Seventh-day Adventist Church's long-term commitment to wellness. Its programs are free-of-charge to all patients who are identified as being in need.



*Hennie Brown, Jr., was able to join his wife upstairs in their three-story home for the first time in a year thanks to a wheelchair lift installed through a program supported by Adventist HealthCare.*

### Adventist HealthCare's commitment to Population Health includes further programs, such as:

- **Transitional Care Program:** Nurses and community health workers provide intensive care management after patients leave the hospital to ensure they have the necessary resources to stay healthy.
- **See You in 7:** Patients are encouraged to make a follow-up appointment with a primary care provider within seven days of discharge.
- **TeleHealth:** Patients with chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart failure and hypertension, are monitored by nurses on the Population Health team through a Bluetooth-enabled system in their homes.
- **Earned Benefits:** Patients are screened while in the hospital for eligible state and federal benefits.
- **ED U-Turn Program:** Patients are provided with care coordination and resource management while in the Emergency Department to prevent return visits and connect patients with primary care options.
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**CULBERT, Elizabeth L.**, born August 28, 1924, in Wadesville, Pa.; died November 13, 2015, in Pottsville, Pa. She was a member of the Pottsville (Pa.) church. She was baptized as a young girl at the Wadesville church, then transferred when the church closed. Survivors: her daughters, Judith Price of Pottsville, and Sherry Heller of Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; her son, Ramond Culbert of Mill Creek, Pa.; and her sister, Viola Delker of Pottsville.

**MARSH, Donald N.**, born April 28, 1936, in Madison, Wisc.; died December 8, 2015, in Worthington, Ohio. He was a member of the Toledo (Ohio) First church. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Marsh, of Worthington; his son, Brad Marsh of Powell, Ohio; his daughter, Karen Conkle of Findley, Ohio; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sisters, Carolyn Nelson of Partlow, Va., and Kathy Sulen of Simi Valley, Calif.

**STROUSE, Anna Mae**, born June 27, 1943, in Lock Haven, Pa.; died

February 1, 2015, at Mt. Nittany Medical Center, State College, Pa. She was the daughter of the late Harry and Ruth Miller Judon. She was a member of the Lock Haven (Pa.) church. In 1961 Anna Mae graduated from the Bald Eagle Nittany High School, and in 1963 she married Larry S. Strouse. Over the years, she was employed at Woolworth's, K-Mart and the Cottage Restaurant. She enjoyed making crafts and attending craft shows. She also enjoyed hanging out with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors: her husband, Larry; her son, Randy (Amy) Strouse of Lock Haven; her two daughters, Stacey (Greg) Connor of Mackeyville, Pa., and Amy Rossman of Mill Hall, Pa.; a brother, Francis (Marge) Lyons of Gettysburg, Pa.; eight grandchildren, Zachary and Maggie Strouse, Rocco and Josh Zannella, Kasey and Jennifer Connor, and Colton and Shaylin Rossman; two great-grandchildren, Derin and Emma Zannella; and several nieces and nephews. Three sisters preceded her in death: Peg Knarr, Marjorie Dorman and Gloria Walker.

### Margaret Stowers Obituary

**Correction:** Her late husband, F. Dulaney Stowers, who we listed as surviving Margaret, actually predeceased her, passing away April 30, 2007. Margaret died October 2, 2015.

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### Apple Roses

**INGREDIENTS**

- 3-4 red apples

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Core the apples, leaving the stem and place in muffin tray or cinnamon rolls.

2. Remove from stems and cut on string from muffin tray.

3. Add a little powdered sugar.

Recipes From:

### Beet and Lentil Hummus

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup black beluga lentils, rinsed and soaked overnight
- 2 medium beets, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and chopped
- 2 Tbsp tahini paste
- 2 Tbsp cold pressed olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1 tsp sea salt

**DIRECTIONS**

Soak lentils for 6-8 hours in plenty of water. Drain and rinse soaked lentils, discarding the soak water.

Bring lentils, beets, and 1 cup water to a boil in medium skillet. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, or until all water is absorbed.

Blend lentils and beets on high until smooth in a food processor.

Add garlic while continuing to blend. Then add tahini, oil, lemon juice, zest, and salt. Process until creamy.

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