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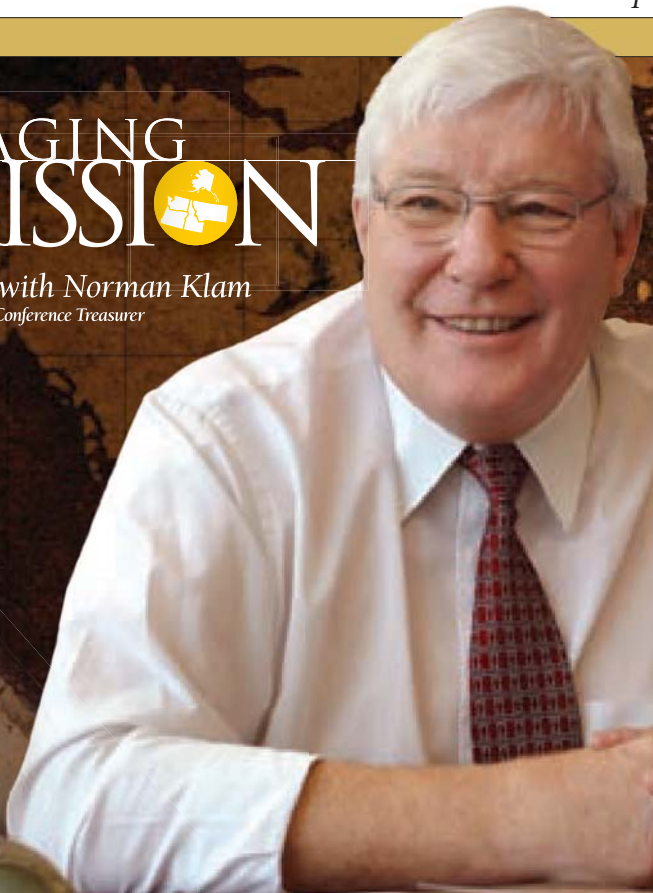
If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.
JOB 36:11 (NIV)

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Shopping -at- Wal-Mart on Sabbath



BY JERE PATZER



Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

A few Sabbaths ago, Sue and I were headed to Seattle for appointments. With rain pouring down, our windshield wipers were a definite necessity. Then we heard it, thump, thump, swish, clunk. One of the blades went soaring over the roof. Retrieving it on I-5 at 70 mph was not an option. What to do? We inquired at a gas station and were told the closest assistance was at Wal-Mart a few exits up. My first thought was, "Oh, great! It's Sabbath, I'm in my suit and headed into Wal-Mart. And (since I'm not totally inconspicuous in the Northwest) if the wrong saint sees me this could make a great story!" Please understand that I don't even like to purchase gasoline or buy a park entrance pass on the Sabbath. Nevertheless, with no other alternative, I was in and out with a new blade installed in ten minutes or less.

This little incident reminded me of another one that happened to a good friend of mine, who was at the time General Conference vice president. He had been on a hectic overseas trip. Upon his return, with both his body clock and calendar all scrambled, he fell into his bed exhausted. When he awakened, his wife was gone so he decided to mow the lawn. Soon he was circling his front yard in full stride behind his mower. Various neighbors and subsequently his pastor, who lived down the street, came by and he smiled and waved enthusiastically. He was well into the job when a thought struck him. What day is this? Oh no, it's Sabbath. He just knew that by the time church was over the whole Washington, D.C., area would think he had apostatized. And with the notorious Adventist grapevine the

world church would be salivating over this juicy bit of gossip.

He hastily put the mower away and began the agonizing wait for church to be over so he could call and explain to the pastor. And when he reached the pastor his response to my friend was, "Oh, I didn't tell anyone. I knew there must be some plausible explanation." Praise the Lord! As I recount these two stories I have to ask myself, would I have acted as nobly? How often have we all been quick to judge our brother when, if we only knew, there would have been a legitimate explanation.

So if there were any Adventists watching when I stopped at Wal-Mart a few Sabbaths ago, thank you for not judging me. Thank you for not announcing in your church that you'd just seen the union president come out of Wal-Mart that morning. And thank you for modeling a familiar Bible verse, "Judge not that ye be not judged." (Matthew 7:1) •

In April, Jere Patzer was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He has been undergoing treatment through Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland. He and his wife, Sue, wished to send this message to Northwest members.

We want to express our most sincere appreciation to each of you for your love, support, e-mails, cards, and most importantly your prayers. Please continue to uphold us before the Lord. Our faith is strong. Our courage is firm. We feel His presence.

Very sincerely,
Jere and Sue

For periodic updates on his progress, please go to the NPUC Web site at www.npuc.org

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PROVERBS

Pathfinder Bible Achievement is an event where teams of Pathfinders come together to answer questions from their study of specific books of the Bible. Recent Bible Achievement questions came from the book of Proverbs.

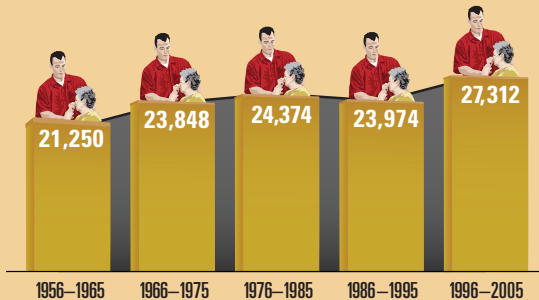


Can you answer the questions that were given to the Pathfinders?

1. According to Proverbs 1:3, the purpose of the book of Proverbs is to provide instruction in what?
2. According to Proverbs 12:10, "A righteous man regards the life of his _____?"
3. According to Proverbs 1:22, what do scorners delight in? Be specific. Two words.
4. According to Proverbs 12:25, what make a man's heart glad? Be specific.
5. According to Proverbs 31:1, the king (Lemuel) in this chapter got his words from whom?
6. According to Proverbs 10:12, what does hatred stir up?
7. According to Proverbs 20:17, what will a man's mouth be filled with after eating bread gained by deceit?
8. According to Proverbs 20:3, Solomon says that any fool can start this. What is it?
9. According to Proverbs 2:8, what does the Lord do to the paths of justice?
10. According to Proverbs 31:9, counsel is given to do three things. "Open your _____, judge _____, and plead the cause of the _____ and _____."
11. According to Proverbs 3:1, Solomon instructs his son to not forget what? Be specific. Two words.
12. According to Proverbs 15:29, whose prayer does the Lord hear?
13. According to Proverbs 3:6, what must you do so that "He (God) shall direct your paths?"
14. According to Proverbs 4:13, what does Solomon say that you should take firm hold of?
15. According to Proverbs 10:17, what happens to the one who refuses correction?
16. According to Proverbs 24:23, partiality is not good to be shown in what?
17. According to Proverbs 1:8, what should a son do with the law of his mother?
18. According to Proverbs 22:6, what will happen to a child who is trained up in the way he should go? Complete the verse.

Answers on page 40.

- Correction -



The graph on page 11 of the May issue had the numbers of baptisms and professions of faith reversed. It is printed correctly here. We regret any confusion that this may have caused.

MANAGING THE MISSION

An Interview with Norman Klam

North Pacific Union Conference Treasurer

This is the third of a three-part series of interviews with the officers of the North Pacific Union Conference. These interviews are presented with the hope that they will provide the readers a greater understanding of the scope, structure and workings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. —Editor

GLENER: What is your philosophy about tithe and its use for Adventist church mission?

KLAM: I agree with what our world church has determined over the years, using counsel from the Bible as well as Ellen G. White. And that is, tithe should be used for the support of our evangelists, pastors, Bible instructors, and those who provide administrative leadership and other services for the different ministries of the church. It's also used to help with our teachers' salaries, since we recognize their role as spiritual leaders for our youth. It seems to me that every decade or so we form a group to restudy how tithe is used, and that's a good thing. We should always be ready to adapt the principles to current needs. A few years ago our world church leaders looked at tithe use and determined it was time to increase the percentage of tithe that local conferences can retain. During 2005, approximately \$800,000 remained with our local conferences that previously would have been sent on to the North Pacific Union Conference

(NPUC). I support that kind of process when it's done prayerfully and in the spirit of unity. (See the sidebar on the General Conference guidelines for the use of tithe on page 11.)

Explain who benefits from the typical tithe dollar.

That is an interesting question. Each organization, whether conference, union, division or General Conference (GC), has policies and budgets which define who benefits from the tithe dollar. If you were to follow a tithe dollar through the process, from the tithe giver to how it is ultimately used, you would find that 75.4 cents of each tithe dollar is spent for the benefit for the local conference, church or school. The union uses 2.5 cents for its operation and 12.5 cents is set aside for worker retirement. The operation of the North American Division (NAD) takes 1.1 cents and the remaining 8.5 cents is used by the GC for its operations and appropriations to the world field. (See tithe dollar graph on page 10.)

Even some of the tithe that is passed along to the union, NAD and GC comes back to benefit the local conference and its churches and schools, correct?

Yes, thanks for clarifying that. Only 2.5 cents of the tithe dollar is used directly by the NPUC for union operations. While the amount we receive is more than that, the additional amount,

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6.5 cents, is spent to benefit local conference programs and Walla Walla College. An example of how the local conferences benefit from the 6.5 cents is the four evangelists that are constantly holding evangelistic meetings in local churches. It is interesting to note that the conferences are now retaining about 5 percent more than five years ago.

And some of those funds are restricted to support our smallest conferences.

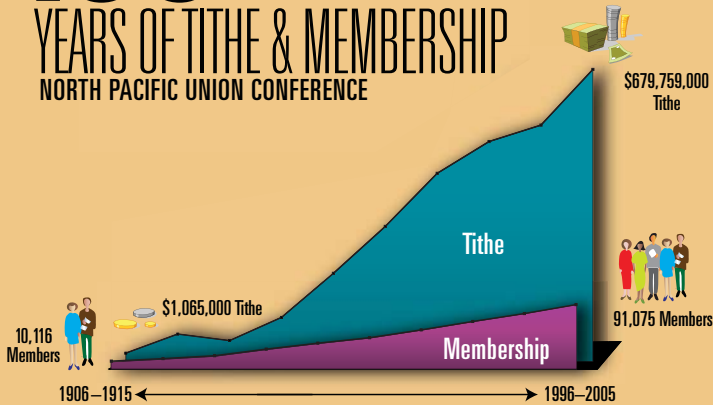
Yes. Here in the Northwest, we have three comparatively large conferences in membership and three fairly small conferences. The smaller conferences, especially Alaska and Montana, have a huge territory to cover but a small membership base to help fund ministry. I wish you could sit with me on their executive committees and see how they wrestle with how to keep ministry going forward in far-flung

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NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE



WHAT DOES THE UNION CONFERENCE TREASURER REALLY DO?

The treasurer is the chief financial officer of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC). As such, the treasurer works with the other officers (president and executive secretary) to accomplish the mission of the church. It is the duty of the treasurer to make sure that the financial policies are in harmony with the actions of the North American Division (NAD) and the NPUC Executive Committee and to supply monthly financial statements to the executive committee.

The treasurer also chairs or is a member of many official committees of the church dealing with finance, financial policies and institutional boards. Human resource issues including personnel records, payroll and health benefits are other treasury responsibilities. The union treasurer also acts as a counselor to local conference treasurers, Walla Walla College and academy treasurers.

Another task is to share with NAD administration financial policy requests from the conferences and then to explain the details of the newly voted NAD policy changes to the appropriate organizations. •

towns and villages. Now do we just say, “Sorry, you’ve got to do more with less?” I believe it’s providential that some of the tithe monies sent to the NPUC are put into a restricted fund specifically to assist our smaller conferences. I would say 20 to 25 percent of their operating budgets come from outside their local territory.

What kind of financial information is available to members regarding monthly or year-end reports?

Our church leadership needs to be accountable, not only to each member but also to the Lord, for every dollar spent in His work. That’s an awesome responsibility. A financial report can be either clarifying or confusing depending on how well it is understood or explained. Our church organizations, though, are pretty well set up with automatic checks and balances. We are carefully audited every year. We give our executive committees and academy boards monthly reports. At constituency sessions, delegates who represent each church and member are invited to look at things carefully, ask questions and expect good answers. Quite often I have members come in and ask about these things. Our books are open to them, as they should be.

What do you say to the local church board member who worries that his or her local church will be unable to fund both community outreach and the rising cost of Adventist education?

That is a challenge and one both our education and ministerial people need to help address. Certainly we want as many of our Adventist students as possible to attend a high-quality Adventist school. I believe we’re seeing a paradigm shift with more and more of our church communities wanting to expand their existing schools to 12 grades. If this trend continues, we’ll have more day academies. I wonder if that will not only increase the burden on our local churches but also eventually make it impossible to operate boarding academies as services to our more far-flung members and their children. Of course, if the educational expenses rise too high then other important outreach efforts are squeezed as well. The NPUC along with our local conferences will need to address this issue positively in the near future. I will say that of all the funds our union sends back to local conferences, more than 50 percent are earmarked for Adventist education needs.

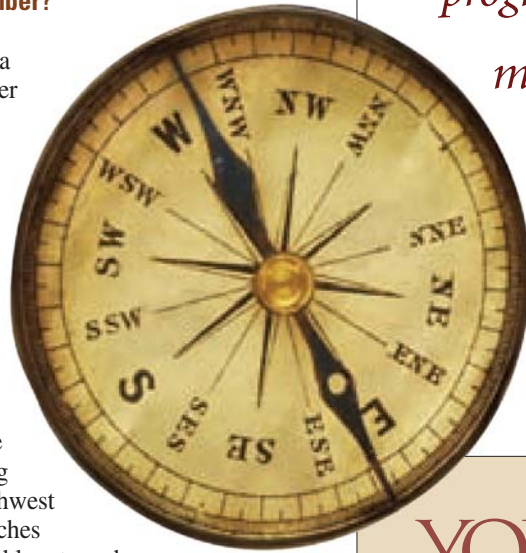
Many corporations, even nonprofits, are under fire for the huge disparity in wages between the top executives and other employees. How are church employee pay scales determined?

This is an area where I think our church is a real leader. The basic salary of a local conference president is only 6 percent more than the average pastor’s salary. The union conference president makes 10 percent more than a pastor, and the salary

of our church's top executive, the GC president, is only 14 percent more than that of the average pastor. General pay scales are set by our world church which regularly evaluates what our employees earn. These wages tend to be based on the wage scales of each particular country or area.

From your vantage point, what NPUC services benefit the local church member?

Well, let me respond, not as a union treasurer, but as a member of my local Vancouver, Wash., church. First, I like getting the GLEANER and reading about how God is working in and through us here in the Northwest. Secondly, my local church school is accredited and the teachers have certification because of what the NPUC does. Thirdly, my church building project has been made possible because of the NPUC revolving fund. That's the fund that Northwest members invest in so that churches can borrow from it at a reasonable rate and not have to go through all the legal ramifications that they would have to do with a commercial lending agency. And I could go on, but those are three areas that quickly come to mind. A lot of what the union provides is support to our local conference programs in ways that many of our members never see or hear about. But they are there nonetheless and they do benefit them, even if indirectly.



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**YOUR GIFTS
SUPPORT OUR
CHURCH,
ITS MISSION**

The members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Northwest have been very faithful in giving their tithes and offerings and the Lord has blessed them because of their faithfulness. I believe that we have dedicated members who are fully supporting the church. Your faithfulness has ensured that there are sufficient funds from the tithe to support the mission and ministry of the church. The cost of carrying out our mission continues to increase. Our mission must direct how we use the funds rather than the funds directing the mission.

As the North Pacific Union treasurer, I want to personally thank you, the members of the Adventist family, for your stewardship in giving of your time, your talents and your money for the mission of spreading the Three Angels Message here at home and around the world. We need to stay close to Jesus; let's be faithful witnesses until Jesus comes. •

Norman Klam, NPUC treasurer

Will we be able to pay our tithes and offerings through debit cards or online bill-paying services anytime soon?

I believe so. The NAD is working on it as is our own Upper Columbia Conference. We will be getting a report back shortly. It only makes sense to provide a service for many of our members who rarely use conventional cash or checks anymore. There are a lot of logistical things that have to be worked out, such as how to appropriately disperse and credit the funds to each local church. As with any new technology, it can not only add some new possibilities, but also some new headaches. When we introduce a service like this, we want to do it right in order to maintain credibility and earn the confidence of our members. With the increasing problem of identity theft, we don't want to jeopardize the security of either our members or our churches. So we're not rushing into it, but we are proceeding and realize something like this needs to happen soon.

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A lot of independent but supportive ministries in the Northwest and in North America are financed by Adventist members. Are they taking dollars away from essential church ministries and its overall mission?

I don't think so. I think that they are helping to provide ministry in some areas that the church is not necessarily doing. I believe God is blessing in both arenas. The Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) organization and the church have worked hand in hand for years.

The number of charitable nonprofit organizations are projected to double in the next 15 years. They all will be looking for support from the same dollars. How is this projected to affect giving to the church?

I believe those organizations that have a clearly stated mission and go about doing it with all their heart and soul will be blessed with what they need to carry it out. Having said that, it's so important that each one of us and our leaders be personally connected with God. Not everybody that works for the church in leadership has a relationship with Jesus, and when that happens you have the same effect that you had with the judges and the kings that didn't follow Jesus. When that happens in a church or a conference it suffers for a period of time. It's so easy to get so busy running around that you don't take time with

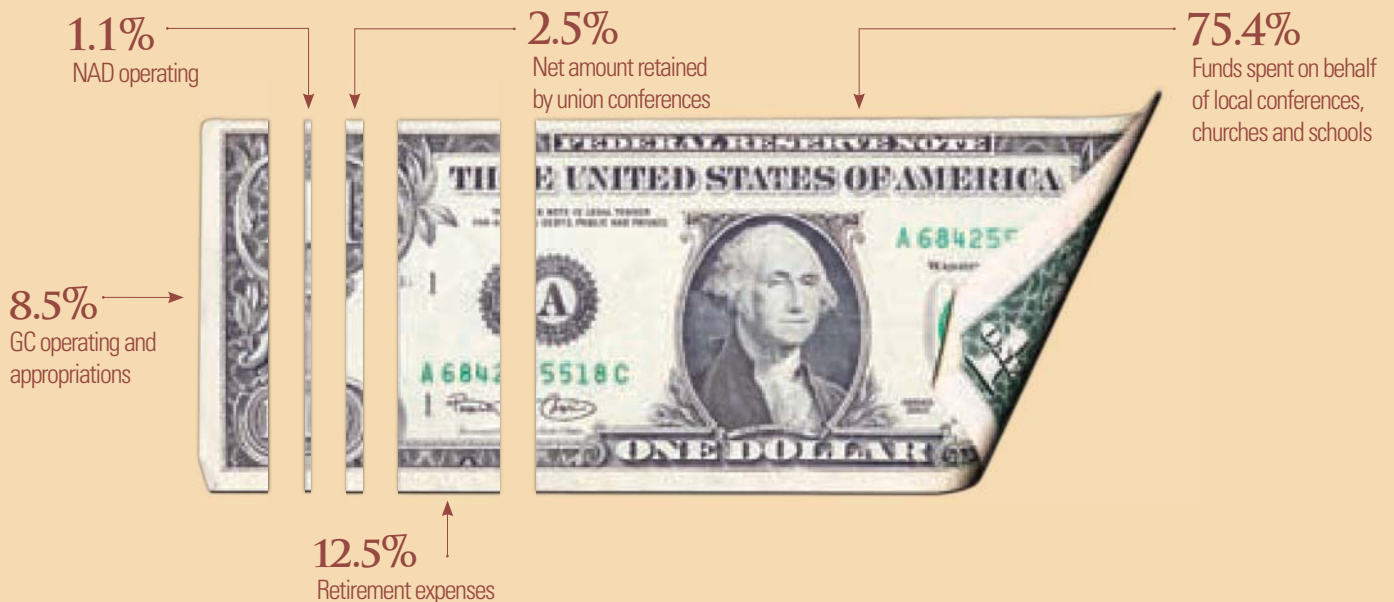
your Bible or you don't take your time with your friends to talk about Jesus. We can't...I can't let that happen.

Isn't that part of the philosophy behind the Beyond the Bottom Line seminars you have helped create for our church's financial personnel?

Exactly. Beyond the Bottom Line is a two-day seminar that operates specifically for conference treasurers, associate treasurers, academy and college business managers with information that would be beneficial to them with current trends. We hosted one this year and plan another for 2008. We have had some great seminars asking our church financial people to look at growing professionally and spiritually, to be ethical, to be honest and yet be up to speed with the newest techniques that are coming out. In our world today, it is important that we try to be the best church managers possible, and that we do it all in the context of our love for the Lord. Excellence has to be a requirement.



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THE USE OF THE TITHE

ADAPTED FROM A GENERAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT

As you think about the mission of our Adventist church in the Northwest for the coming few years, what do you think is most important?

Our church has a mission to tell everybody that Jesus is coming. Our financial planning needs to be done so that we can do that. It's imperative that we find new and creative ways to tell people about Jesus. Our NPUC president is working with our local conference presidents on some exciting things for the future. When he lays out the strategic plan for the next five years during this year's report to the constituency, I believe we'll all get excited and move forward together.

When you were a boy, did you ever envision yourself as a treasurer for the church?

Oh my, I grew up a little farm boy in a farmhouse half a mile off the road. I wanted to be a hockey player or a politician. I wanted to run Canada. I wouldn't have made it. God took over and changed me. When I got out of college I recognized that life wasn't just for fun and I had to get serious about it. It was a slow process.

As you start out each day, ready to lead out in handling the financial trust of 90,000 Northwest church members, what do you pray?

When I pray in the morning, I thank God for the wonderful people I work with, and I say, "Please keep me close to you today, Jesus, because if I am close to you, I'll be OK." •

Introduction

The tithe is the main source of funding for the total proclamation of the gospel to all the world by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This includes evangelistic outreach to the public and the spiritual nurturing of church members. Because tithe is reserved for a special purpose, freewill offerings must provide the funding for many functions of the gospel work.

Functions for Which Tithe May Be Used

1. The support of evangelists, pastors and Bible instructors.
2. The support of personnel who provide administrative leadership and services for evangelistic outreach and nurturing ministries, including conference officers, departmental directors, accountants, clerks and office administrative assistants.
3. The expenses necessary to support the total evangelistic outreach and nurturing ministries of the church, such as conference office operations, conference office and evangelistic equipment, and campground and campmeeting operations.*
4. The support of functions which are considered essential to the evangelistic outreach and nurturing ministries of the church.
 - a. Educational workers—Up to 30 percent of the cost for elementary principals and teachers, the equivalent of the total support of academy Bible teachers, residence hall deans and principals, and an amount equal to the total cost of college and university Bible departments, residence hall deans, presidents and deans of students.
 - b. Literature evangelists' benefits.
 - c. Conference centers or camps operating expense.
 - d. Media programs—The production of evangelistic media programs and material.
 - e. Retirees—The retirement benefits of denominational employees not otherwise provided for.

Functions for Which Tithe Shall Not Be Used

1. Local church maintenance and other operating expenses. These should be funded by offerings from members.
2. Elementary school maintenance and other operating expenses. These should be funded from tuition and/or church subsidies.
3. Secondary and higher education maintenance and operating expenses. These should be funded from tuition and other institutional income.
4. Church, conference or institutional building projects. These should be funded from members or other nontithe sources.

**Some have asked why tithe can be used for the operating expenses of conferences, but not for the local church. The quick answer is that local church members have a greater opportunity to understand the weekly/monthly needs of their local church outreach and respond with freewill offerings directly for those needs. Conferences do not have a weekly or even monthly "membership meeting." So the world church has determined that a portion of tithe will be allocated to help pay for the services that conferences, as support networks, provide for each local church.*

For the full statement on the use of the tithe, go to: www.adventist.org/beliefs/guidelines/main_guide4.html.





P i o n e e r M i n i s t e r i n t h e N o r t h w e s t

DANIEL T. FERRO

BY DOUG JOHNSON

During the 1870s and 1880s, the General Conference transferred at least 12 ministers from the East to the Pacific Northwest to help establish an Adventist presence in this remote mission field. A few of these missionary ministers were Isaac Van Horn and George Colcord (Michigan), Charles Boyd and J. Bartlett (Nebraska), Henry Decker (Wisconsin) and Daniel T. Fero (Pennsylvania). By the early 1890s, Northwestern Adventism was strong enough to begin repaying this debt by sending young as well as seasoned ministers to the mission fields of the world.

In the early 1880s a few Adventist members moved to Boise City in southern Idaho Territory. In 1884, John Loughborough visited this group and organized a Sabbath School of 12 members under the leadership of Dr. S. Pope. The next year the General Conference transferred J. J. Smith from the East to develop the work in southern Idaho Territory, but he soon died of peritonitis at the age of 42.

Quickly, the General Conference moved Daniel T. Fero from Pennsylvania to Boise City, where he started by conducting Smith's funeral, assisting the widow and her family, and taking over the ministerial work. Smith had started a small group in Highland Valley, and before long Fero had established a third Sabbath School in Franklin, which was 20 miles down the river from Boise City.

For the next seven years Fero gave direction to the Adventist work in southern Idaho Territory in addition to conducting evangelistic meetings at other locations throughout the large Upper Columbia Conference. In 1890 he also organized the first Adventist camp meeting in southern Idaho, which took place in Boise City.

During the summer of 1888 O. A. Johnson, the first Adventist minister to work in Montana Territory, conducted evangelistic meetings in the

Livingston area and started two Sabbath Schools. The next year Fero spent the summer holding tent meetings in Bozeman but was unable to get a church started.

After working in the Upper Columbia Conference for seven years, Fero was transferred in 1893 to the North Pacific Conference, which included the western portions of Oregon and Washington. His primary responsibility was the Puget Sound area.

In a November 3, 1896, *Review and Herald* article, Fero hinted that the Puget Sound area was being overlooked by the conference headquarters located in Portland. He wrote, "Seattle is the largest city in the state, having about 60,000 population.... Comparatively little has been done in the city.... There has been but few laborers in the field (Puget Sound), and yet there is steady growth.... I have been called to Oregon to labor each summer (tent evangelism season), so my time here has been limited."

The neglect of the Puget Sound region continued until a separate conference was formed for western Washington in 1902. The workforce of this new conference, which could focus on the Puget Sound, more than doubled the conference's membership within a single decade.

Fero served in almost all of the regions of the Northwest except Alaska. He started his ministry by being the tent master for John N. Andrews and then went on to become a minister in New York, Pennsylvania and the Northwest.

Around the turn of the century, Fero transferred to California where he served in San Jose and Lodi until retirement. •

Doug R. Johnson, Upper Columbia Conference executive secretary, writes from Spokane, Washington.

Fresh Start

Some years ago my wife, Cherié, and I aspired to getting in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Actually I'm not sure there's a category for our feat, but if there's not, there ought to be.

Our record? To travel the four-and-half-hour trip from Walla Walla, Wash., to Portland, Ore., without stopping. Driving solo, that's no great feat. With a 1-year-old and a 6-year-old, it's right up there with the guy who floats nonstop around the world in a hot air balloon while juggling Ginsu knives.

Walla Walla to Hood River went fine. Suddenly, Claire, our youngest, jerked awake with an hour of the trip left. Cherié and I discussed giving the kids a breather, but decided that if we wanted to secure our spot in the annals of parenting history, we must forge on.

By Troutdale we were about to

Family Records

break. Claire's cries had all but ruptured our eardrums. "Just stop," Cherié commanded.

"But we're only 15 minutes from Paul and Fae's house."

"I can't listen to her for another 15 minutes."

"So you want to stop for 30 minutes when we could be there in 15?"

Cherié cried, "I don't knowooooow."

"Forget it!" I resolved.

"When I was her age my folks made me *walk* from Walla Walla to Portland...barefooted... in the snow...uphill the whole way...forget it, we're not stopping."

We tried feeding Claire. We tried playing music. We tried making animal noises. Nothing worked.

Then, the most remarkable thing happened. Lindsey, who'd been quiet and cooperative up to that point, cracked. Apparently, she reckoned the time was right to pull out a quote from her Steve Green CD. Screaming loud enough to be heard over a 747 with a broken muffler, Lindsey yelled, "Claire! You got to remember, 'All things work together for good for those who love the Lord.'"

Claire froze in hushed silence. With a very confused look on her face, she stared at Lindsey as if to say, "Really? That's a spiritual epiphany to me. I had no idea that all my concerns of this long and boring journey would someday find resolution in the triumphant conquest of good over evil."

Actually, I have no idea what went on in Claire's little mind, but she did not peep the rest of the trip. Had she peeped I doubt anyone could have heard her over our laughter.

Maybe you're feeling anxious and uptight as the journey drags on. It seems the world is unraveling and we're helpless against the forces that threaten to annihilate us. The nuclear threat in Iran, the continuing carnage in Iraq, hurricanes, global warming, escalating oil prices—the list keeps growing. What can we do?

Hang on to hope. Don't waver in your conviction that Jesus is coming soon. And remember, all things work together for good for those who love the Lord. •

Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.





Jere Patzer, NPUC president, spoke for the reaping meetings at Sonilum Convention Center in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The meetings were transmitted by satellite to many meeting sites in all of Bolivia and throughout South and Inter-America. Ramon Canals, NPUC assistant to the president for Spanish affairs, was the translator.



Bolivia Harvest 2006

Northwest Missionaries Share Jesus



The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) sponsored an evangelistic campaign in Bolivia March 9–25. Teams from Northwest churches preached at 30 sites around Santa Cruz the first week. Jere Patzer, NPUC president, followed up with a week of meetings at an arena in downtown Santa Cruz which were satellite uplinked to all of Bolivia as well as South America and Inter-America.

Other activities included medical clinics, church construction by students from Montana's Mt. Ellis Academy, Weeks of Prayer in four area academies, a trip to an ADRA orphanage, local church involvement and home visitation.

By the closing Sabbath, 5,781 people had been baptized across

the country of Bolivia. During the next six weeks church leaders expect this number to rise to 10,000.

Among those baptized was the mayor of El Torno, a suburb of Santa Cruz. He had been very impressed by the Adventist message and members, especially the young people. While attending the meetings in his area and later the arena meetings he was convinced of the Bible truths and accepted the message. A few days before his baptism he gathered his city council and told them he wouldn't be working on Saturdays anymore, and if they all started work 30 minutes earlier each day they could all take Sabbath off. They agreed.

Also baptized was the widow of a former Bolivia National Soccer star. She saw a poster about the arena meetings in the hotel lobby where the team was staying. It caught her curiosity and she wound up translating for one of the meeting sites and being baptized at the arena meetings.

Next year's NPUC trip will be to Kenya or Uganda in East Africa. For more information on NPUC mission trips contact the NPUC at www.npuc.org or (360) 816-1430. •

Dan Serns, NPUC Global Missions director

The Toborochoi congregation was started by lay members in December 2004. They hold evangelistic meetings twice a year and now have more than 100 baptized members. Their new church was built by Mt. Ellis Academy students and the Montana Conference in cooperation with the Bolivia Construction Ministries. It was also the site where Sue Patzer was the speaker.



Dan Serns





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Loren Bordeaux

Veruschka Wanderley had accepted the Sabbath a month before the meetings by reading her Bible. She saw the poster advertising the meetings and became the translator for Bryce Pascoe, NPUC executive secretary. She was baptized by Ramon Canals.



Loren Bordeaux

Baptisms took place nightly in the 30 neighborhoods around Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where evangelistic meetings were held.



Loren Bordeaux

Todd Gessele, NPUC associate communication director, created the graphics for the billboards displayed throughout the city.



Loren Bordeaux

Using a DVD program called "Faith of Jesus" speakers presented Bible studies to the audience prior to the main evangelistic sermon in the neighborhoods.



Loren Bordeaux



Loren Bordeaux

Plan 3000 is a neighborhood of Santa Cruz and was a typical site of the 30 preaching centers where Northwest people assisted with the meetings. There were 1,450 preaching centers across Bolivia where meetings were held for 14 nights leading up to the main satellite meetings.

Alphonzo McCarthy, NPUC assistant to the president for regional affairs, spoke for a week of meetings in El Torino, a suburb of Santa Cruz. Roger Beltran, Veneta/Santa Clara Church pastor, was the translator.

Tell the Love of Jesus . . . Tell Them Now!

This year's Northwest ASI Spring Fellowship weekend was filled with amazing stories. Members told the group how the Lord provided opportunities for them to share the love of Jesus with people around them. The stories fit nicely with the weekend theme, "Tell the Love of Jesus... Tell Them Now."

Ty Gibson from Light Bearers Ministry was the featured speaker for the weekend, which was held in Victoria, British Columbia, and hosted by the Washington Conference.

Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, will be the host city for next year's Spring Fellowship to be held May 3-6, 2007. •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor



Ty Gibson, of Light Bearers Ministry and the featured speaker for the Northwest ASI Spring Fellowship weekend, gives one of a three-part series focused on the character of God.



Candi Katsma, from Wilseyville, Calif., the children's division leader, creates a design on the windows for the ASI kids to color during the Sabbath School craft time.



After telling the story of her amazing recovery from a major stroke and how her ASI friends supported and prayed for her, Kathy Smith from Lillooet, British Columbia, is greeted by Robin Martin from Grants Pass, Ore., at the Friday morning prayer breakfast.



Tiger and Sydney Paulson, children of Doug and Sylvia Paulsen from Puyallup, Wash., sing for Sabbath School.



The Fountainview Academy strings and choir present a Sabbath afternoon concert titled, "The Midnight Cry." The academy is an ASI member school located in Lillooet, British Columbia.



Ron Davis, KBLN-TV manager, (center) talks to Bill Mansker from Boise, Idaho, about the ministry of this 3ABN satellite downlink station in Grants Pass, Ore.



Tim Essink from Boise, Idaho, tells how they include a small CD from Bibleinfo.com with the invoices they send out from their cabinet shop.



Snow and freezing temperatures did not prevent Geraldine Felder-Noongwook from being baptized in Savoonga, Alaska.

Frigid Temperatures Don't Stop Baptism

When Geraldine Felder-Noongwook gingerly entered the steaming waters of the outdoor baptismal tank in Savoonga, Alaska, on March 25, the thermometer read five degrees! A relative of one of the original Adventists in Savoonga, she was determined to be baptized even though it was frigid outside and she was wearing a cast on her arm.

Brian Bechtold, a Native Ministries evangelist, had returned to the island for meetings in Savoonga and Gambell after being away for a year and a half. Six people

were baptized in Gambell. After Jared Koonooka was rebaptized, two of his children, Marina and Jared Jr., decided to follow his example and were baptized.

Currently, there are no Christian pastors in Savoonga and Gambell. Rick Binford, the Nome Church pastor who comes monthly, reported that "in about three weeks, we conducted four funerals, one for a 14-year-old girl who had committed suicide. The needs are so great!" •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director



Andrew and Jacob demonstrate their robotic moves for other students at Anchorage Junior Academy prior to going to Walla Walla College for the Northwest regional LEGO Robotics competition.

Alaska Students Shine At LEGO Robotics Meet

Teams of students from Nome and Anchorage traveled to Walla Walla College in April to participate in the college-sponsored LEGO Robotics regional competition. However, the five-member team representing Nome's one-room Adventist school never expected to come home with the coveted Director's Award. When the announcement was made that team Iiggestas, Siberian Upik for miner (literally digger), shared first place with the Technic Tyrants, a team from Oregon, they were ecstatic. "They called our name. I was so surprised. I was so happy that we won! I just kept smiling and holding up the trophy," said Melanie Stroud, Nome's teacher and robotics sponsor.

For the project, the students built and programmed a robot, as well as researched a topic and presented the findings. The theme was "Ocean Odyssey" so the teams were to research an activity or industry that used the ocean's resources. Being from Nome, which has a rich history in gold mining, team Iiggestas chose to focus their research on underwater gold mining.

"This has been a wonderful learning experience for these young people," said Stroud. "They started out knowing very little about robotics and even LEGOs, and now they have a greater understanding of programming, problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork." •

Melanie Stroud, Nome Adventist School teacher



Palmer Church Welcomes New Pastor Dave and Veronica Crocket Move to Alaska

Members of the Palmer Church welcomed their new pastoral team, Dave and Veronica (Milward) Crocket, in April. Before getting his ministerial degree, Dave spent 15 years in the construction trade as a carpenter. For the past three years, he has pastored the Yakima (Wash.) Church. Before that, he pastored churches in Oregon, New York, Nebraska and Kansas. Veronica holds a degree in nursing as well as degrees in education and special education. They have four grown children, all in health science careers. The couple love the outdoors and enjoy hiking, biking and motorcycling. •

Bobbie Grimstad, Palmer Church member



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New Pastor at Kuna Church

The Kuna Church welcomed their new pastoral team, Randy and Suzette (Owens) Maxwell, in January.

Before becoming the pastor of the Kuna Church, Maxwell served as the creative director for advertising at Pacific Press Publishing Association in Nampa, Idaho. He is an author, speaker and the founder of *If My People Pray Ministries*, through which he conducts prayer and revival seminars across North America and internationally. Randy's six books include *If My People Pray*, *Bring Back the Glory*, *5 Steps to Christlike*

Living, and *Let Not Your Heart be Troubled*.

"Randy's emphasis on prayer suits Kuna perfectly," says Nick Voth, head elder. "Prayer and kids are two things we really focus on at Kuna." For example, on Easter weekend Kuna members went on a prayer walk around the church's neighborhood, praying with people and distributing copies of the book *Taking a Stand for the Ten Commandments*. Kuna member Scott Cady participated with his daughters and says, "The prayer walk was significant for my family on two counts.

First, we made new friends for Jesus. Second, my girls came away wide-eyed (and intrigued) at the thought of God using them to share His love."

Suzette is the administrative assistant at the Caldwell Adventist Elementary School. The Maxwells have three daughters and one son-in-law. They've lived in Nampa, Idaho, since leaving Southern California in 1987. •

Aileen Sox, Kuna Church communication leader

Kuna's new pastoral couple, Suzette and Randy Maxwell, stand by the sign of their new church home.



Parma Church Celebrates 100 Years

The members of the Parma (Idaho) Church celebrated their 100th year on March 11, 2006.

Joining in the celebration were several ministers who had been pastors of the church, from left: (front) Marguerite Knauft; (middle) Ron and Rozella Stroud, Emil Knauft, Dan Knauft, Ronda Evans; (back) Tim and Lori Gray, Garey and Marilyn Gantz, current pastoral couple, and Denny Evans.

The church was organized on Dec. 13, 1905, and the members met in homes until they purchased their first church in the early 1920s. Services were held in that building until 2002, when the new church building was completed.

About 160 people attended the celebration, including four Douglas sisters, Esther Luce, age 89, Dorothea Huett, age 84, Helen Bohne, age 82 and Jean Douglas, age 73. •

Carol Huett, Parma Church clerk

Four Teens and 1,400 Books Enterprise Church Library Moved in 30 Minutes

Need cheerful and energetic helpers? Ask your youth to help. Four teen members of the Enterprise (Ore.) Church hauled approximately 1,400 books up steep stairs to the new library location in about 30 minutes. The teens and five adults also worked on relocating bookcases and reshelving the books.

The church library is being relocated to make room for a remodeling project which will provide a much larger and nicer dining hall and kitchen for fellowship dinners, health education classes, stop-smoking clinics, evangelistic meetings and

other church and community functions. •

Becky Turkington, Enterprise Church communication leader



From left: Debbie Turkington, Makenzie Maura, Brittany Maura, Cody Solis and Dick Wheeler haul books from the old library to a new one upstairs.

Becky Turkington

The Georgia Howard Story

A little more than two years ago the Lord impressed Richard and Sharron Rudig to start a Bible school in Libby, Mont. With the approval of the Libby Church and its pastor, Donovan Kack, the Rudigs sent an invitation letter to all the residents of Northwest Montana.

More than 150 people responded to this initial invitation to study God's Word and enrolled in the Bible-based correspondence school. One of those who responded was Georgia Howard. She immediately began to study, completing almost one study

guide per week. When she had completed all 26 guides, Sharron Rudig and Donovan Kack visited Howard to deliver her well-earned diploma and to give her an invitation to visit the church.

Howard greeted Rudig and Kack at her bottom doorstep, accepted the diploma, and said how much she had enjoyed the lessons but turned down the invitation to visit the local church and didn't allow her visitors to come in.

Howard then enrolled in the *Focus on Prophecy* course on the study of Daniel and Revelation and kept the same

interest as she had done with the previous studies.

When Rudig and Kack visited her again, she was delighted to receive her diploma, but again didn't invite them into her home. She then enrolled in the advanced studies *God Cares*, a more in-depth study of Daniel and Revelation. During this time she was regularly visited by Rudig, the pastor and other local church members but still no one was invited to come inside.

At the beginning of March, the Libby church participated in the satellite series *Revelation*

Speaks Peace—Unlocking the Signs presented by Shawn Boonstra. A friend of Howard's, Carol Deary, invited her to attend the meetings. Howard did attend the meetings and when the invitation was given to join the church she responded and, despite a fear of water, was baptized. She is attending church faithfully and is now enrolled in yet another Bible correspondence study program. And she welcomes her new church family into her home. •

Sharron Rudig, Libby Church Discover Bible school director

New Pastor at MEA Church

Last fall, Mt. Ellis Academy Church welcomed a new pastor. Douglas Elsey, a native of Hampshire, London, transferred from California where he was the senior pastor of the Yucaipa Church. Elsey is also the academy chaplain.

Elsey has three goals for the church: to involve the youth in ministry, to surround students with mature Christian adults that model their faith and minister to them, and to realize a community dream of building an academy church. "I believe that Jesus is coming back. I can't think of anything better to do than to be building a church when He comes back and giving children an opportunity to minister for Him," said Elsey.

The academy church has warmly welcomed him into the area. "He's very easy to talk

to, and it seems like he really wants to be involved with the kids," said Heather Wilbur, MEA senior.

Elsey's adjustment from California to Montana has been easy. "I feel like I'm getting old, because I don't miss the big city like I thought I would. I enjoy the laid-back atmosphere, the wildlife, the countryside—even though it's cold, I enjoy the sunshine. The only thing I don't enjoy is the fear of hitting a deer," said Elsey.

Elsey, along with his wife, Cherri (Trea), have two children: Marcus, 6, and Lyndsey, 3. •

Keri Newell, MEA GLEANER correspondent

Mt. Ellis Academy Church pastor, Douglas Elsey.



100 Years of Service *100 Years of Blessings at Meadow Glade*

Meadow Glade Church celebrated its centennial during the morning church service on Sabbath, March 18, 2006, with Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, as the special guest speaker.

In the foyer was a display prepared by Jan Jorgenson, volunteer church historian, of old photographs as well as extensive family trees of the charter members. Jorgenson shared stories about the church's founding families. Other stories were also told during the church service—stories of resourcefulness from using wooden crates to make maple syrup to using chewing gum to fill nail holes in the floor boards.

During his sermon Paulsen spoke about the importance of not only looking back but also looking forward. "As a people we have always

The Meadow Glade Adventist Church continues to be a light in the community through ministry and outreach.



Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, reminds Meadow Glade members to not only look back but also to look forward.

remembered, but we always live in anticipation for the future," Paulsen said. "Living in anticipation will always mean living in mission."

In 1903, John R. Clark transferred a piece of land to the Western Washington Conference. By 1905 a school building was built on this property, and in 1906, a second building was constructed. It was in this second building

where the 13 charter members of the Meadow Glade Church began to meet for services.

The land where the current church building stands was donated in 1946 by Joseph E. Preston, with the dedication ceremony taking place in 1949. And in 2005, the multimillion-dollar renovation project was completed, adding 19,000 square feet to the existing 72,000 square-foot structure.

Today, the Meadow Glade



Rick Bowes, Meadow Glade senior pastor, welcomes members and guests to the church's centennial celebration.



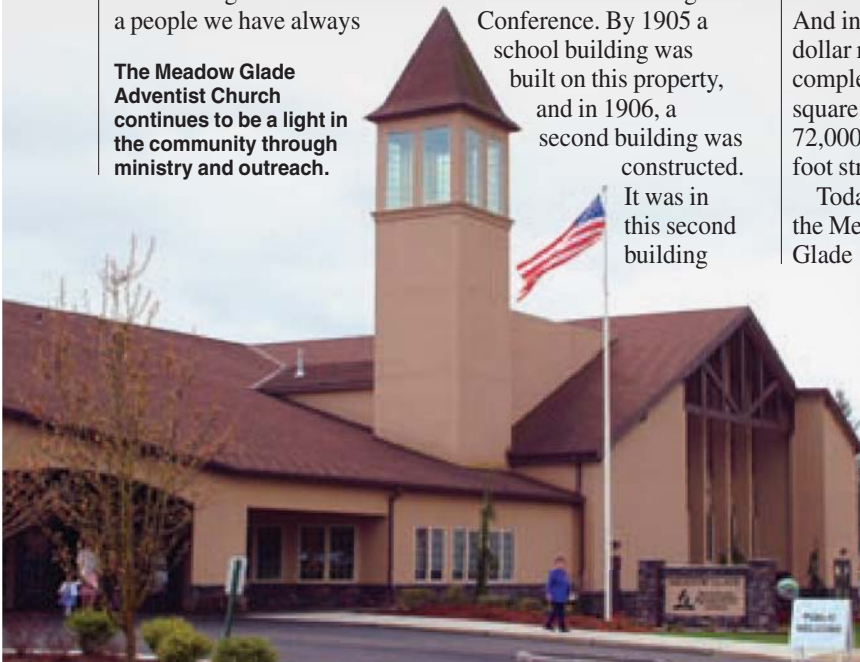
Meadow Glade's sanctuary was filled with joyful people during the centennial celebration.

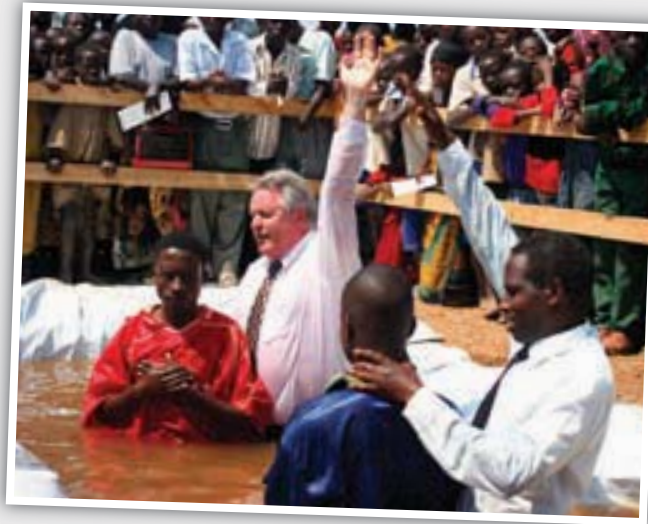
Church actively ministers in its community through worship services, community service, children's and youth ministries, and small groups. For more information about the church, visit www.MeadowGlade.com.

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director



Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, visits with Aaron Payne, youth pastor, and the youth class at Meadow Glade Church.





At the end of the evangelistic meetings, Dave Livermore, Kelso-Longview senior pastor, and a local pastor baptized many of the villagers in the improvised baptismal tank.

Northwest Mission Team Goes to Tanzania *Hundreds Baptized, Provided With Medical Care*

In the 1960s when the hospital was founded there were almost no Seventh-day Adventists. Today there are more than 35,000.

Last summer, a team of 30 people, including pastors, teachers and medical staff flew from Portland to Kigoma, Tanzania, to conduct evangelistic meetings, build a school and provide medical services. From Kigoma, the team boarded buses and drove several hours over dusty, pot-holed roads to the Heri Hospital Mission compound, near the Burundi border.

During the group's two-and-a-half-week trip, Ivan Blake and Dave Allen, Sunnyside Church pastors in Portland and Dave Livermore and Doug Franzke, Kelso-Longview Church pastors in Washington, conducted

evangelistic services in villages near Heri Hospital. Close to 600 people were baptized and received a Swahili Bible.

A team, led by Elvera Blake, Sunnyside associate pastor, conducted daily Bible schools for 300 children. Meanwhile, 20 local leaders attended a Sabbath School workshop.

A team of builders headed by Guy Dove of Portland and Albert Russell of Lebanon, Ore., supervised the construction of a three-room school building. One of the highlights of the building project was roofing day when all the members of the team were invited to the site to assist with putting up the trusses.

Free medical and dental clinics were

Many choirs from the local area provided the music for the evangelistic meetings. Many of these women walked for miles, carrying their babies on their backs, to be able to sing each evening.



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Doug Franzke, a Kelso-Longview pastor, spoke during the evangelistic meetings while a local pastor translated.



Arnold Petersen, a Portland OB/GYN, performed a c-section delivery soon after arriving at Heri Hospital. He confers with Alvin Roceros, Heri's medical director, regarding their patient.



Most of the team, including doctors, nurses and pastors, helped put the roof trusses in place for a new three-room school building.



Hundreds of patients waited for medical care in each village visited by the medical team.

conducted in neighboring villages by dentist Robert Hessong and doctor Ronald Franzke. They were joined by a team of nurses and one dental assistant, Shirley Hessong. Shirley recalls, "We all took turns standing up in the back of a small truck, bouncing over the rough roads which wound through miles of banana plantations. All along the way we were greeted by friendly waves from villagers, some of whom walked miles to be seen by our team." More than 1,000 patients were treated in the outlying areas and many were referred to Heri Hospital for additional services. "Severe malnutrition from a lack of protein in their diet characterized many of the young patients seen in the villages,"

reports Ronald Franzke. "The nurses did a lot of health teaching relating to diet."

Back at Heri, a team of three doctors operated on almost 70 patients. The doctors and nurses also conducted classes for the medical and nursing staff at the hospital. Another project at the hospital was to clean, paint and organize three large storage rooms containing thousands of hospital supplies. "This was a tremendous service to the hospital," said Niels Oster, M.D., who directed hospital operations for many years and is now in charge of development.

At a farewell party, Alvin Roceros, M.D., Heri Hospital's new medical director, expressed his deepest

appreciation for all the services the team provided to the hospital and the surrounding communities.

Heri Hospital became of special interest to Ronald Franzke, team organizer, when he learned that William Taylor, a general surgeon and his wife Elizabeth, long-time residents of Portland, were missionaries there in the 1960s and were instrumental in the founding of the hospital. At the time, there were almost no Seventh-day Adventists in that region; today there are more than 35,000.

The team leaders are especially appreciative of all

those who supported the mission through their generous contributions, prayers and personal participation. A trip is planned for this fall in Santo Domingo, Ecuador. For more information, call the Sunnyside Church, (503) 252-8080, or Kelso-Longview Church, (360) 423-7344, or see the Ohana Christian Fellowship at www.ohanachristian.org.

Nancy Franzke, a Northwest mission team member

The Heri Mission Hospital compound was the focus of the medical, evangelistic and construction activities of the group from the Northwest.



A makeshift baptismal tank was dug out by our builders. Local people hauled water from the river by the truckload to fill the plastic-lined hole.



Spring Break Mission Trips *PAA Students Travel the World to Serve*

Wearily but excited, 31 Portland Adventist Academy students returned from mission trips all around the world. Spanning from India to Bolivia, Peru to Ethiopia, these students spent spring break helping others and making a difference. Several took part in local church-sponsored trips, while others were involved in the school trip. Four more students organized trips of their own. Regardless of how they reached their destination, each one learned what it means to be a faithful servant to God.

Peru

The school-sponsored Peru trip involved 11 students and five adults, including a dentist and a doctor. The team set up makeshift clinics in any available buildings, including a church and a warehouse. While hundreds waited outside seeking medical care, the team worked diligently to help as many as possible. “The people were so patient. They would wait all day in the hot sun and then we would run out of time and have to turn them away,” said student Lizzi Johnson. “They would just accept it with a smile and come back the next day. What a lesson we could learn from them!”

Romania/Mexico

Two groups from the Pleasant Valley Church traveled to Romania and Mexico. Six students went to Romania to help finish a



Seniors Ben Hoerth (red shirt), Lizzi Johnson and Andrew Hahn along with other PAA students sort medicines during their mission trip to Peru.

partially completed health clinic. Students painted and installed windows, gave the service at area churches and visited children in a local orphanage. PAA senior Christie Escalante said, “It was amazing how we came together to help these people. You just forget about yourself and think only of how to help!” The Mexico group of six felt similar feelings as they built a house for a needy family. “You put any differences aside and work together for a common purpose. It felt so good to do our best for these people that need it so much,” said junior John Moor.

Thailand

The Rockwood-sponsored Thailand trip built and dedicated a new church in the town of Klataw. Led by church members Scott Hill and Mike Ciance, the group interacted with the town children, helped with Vacation Bible School, and even spent a Sabbath visiting people in a refugee camp. “It was certainly a change of view for the students,” said Hill. “They adjusted to things quite well though and were fantastic with the children.”

Zambia

Not all of the mission trips were planned by a church

or organization. In fact, four PAA students organized their own trips. “I always wanted to go,” said senior Elena Rohm about her trip to Zambia. “So I just made the arrangements and went!” The needs in the orphanages are great. No running water and very little food makes life difficult for these young children. “They possess so little but have so much faith in God,” says Rohm. “It was wonderful to share stories of how Jesus is working in our lives.” •

Heather Fowler, GLEANER correspondent

OREGON

Tepic Mission Trip *Students from Milo in Mexico for Two Weeks*

Milo Adventist Academy's mission trip to Tepic, Mexico, was two memorable weeks of work, prayer, evangelism, and naturally, some play. During spring break in March, 25 students flew from Portland to Guadalajara, Mexico, quickly loaded a bus, and headed out to Tepic, our final destination.

The next day they started work on the church. The structure was already built, so

the main project was laying the floor and plastering the walls. The crew spent many hours mixing mortar by hand. Those who didn't mix helped by hauling in the buckets of water and sand.

Some of the students left the construction zone to lead prayer meetings at a local Adventist school. They sang, told stories, and played with the kids. Some even helped teach English classes.

The evenings were spent helping with evangelistic meetings and Vacation Bible School. These meetings included adults, youth and children. Different Milo students led out each night.

"The nighttime meetings were great! It was fun to be able to interact with teens of another language and culture," remembers Andy Jones. "The people were very



Milo students act as a human conveyer as they work on their brick tossing skills.

hospitable and loving and truly accepted us as brothers in Christ. Consistently they showed us remarkable kindness."

Shaun Wilkens was impressed with their positive attitudes and generosity, "They were nice, friendly people, especially the man who gave

us watermelon one day." They were, as Justin Woods, put it, "the kindest people I've ever met."

As a reward for their hard work, the students went on a one-day trip to Puerto Vallarta. •

Colin Gadden, Milo junior



Local children receive bear hugs from Milo students that will last after they leave.

Ngo Ordained *In Portland Vietnamese Church*

Cuong Duy Ngo was ordained on Sabbath, March 4. The service was held at the Portland Vietnamese Church where Ngo serves with the support of his wife, Nga.

Ngo came to the U.S. at 19 looking to follow his own path, but found only darkness. Ngo shares, "I was able to see the light of Christ in my time of darkness. Only when you walk in the light will you know what

you are living for."

Although he was a successful graphic designer, Ngo left his job and enrolled as a theology student at Walla Walla College in 1994. After graduating from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Ngo began pastoring the Portland Vietnamese Church in 2002.

Ngo's service has not gone unnoticed. "We have

rejoiced in seeing his ministry progress," says Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president. And "we have had the privilege of witnessing how the Holy Spirit has worked in his heart," adds Al Reimche, Oregon Conference vice president for administration. •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director



Gary McLain

Teen Mission Adventurers Leave Footprints for God's Love *In Brewster and Beyond*

They descended on Brewster—almost 100 ready-to-serve Pathfinders and a couple dozen adults eager to leave a trail of kindness and plant footsteps of progress during a weeklong Teen Mission Adventure.

The 13- to 16-year-old youths, representing 20 clubs from Upper Columbia Conference, paid \$95 each to spend their spring vacation “Making a Difference.” Passing commentators said what a...“great bunch of kids!”

“Nothing like this has happened to Brewster before!”

The big thrust centered around the sprawling



One of the Teen Mission Adventure projects was framing the interior walls of the new Brewster Hispanic Church.

former grocery store on Main Street into which the Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist congregation had moved in June. Slated to become a worship center for the growing congregation, the challenge of remodeling loomed large.

Now for a little background on Teen Mission Adventure (TMA). Steve Meharry, Waillatpu Pathfinders director in College Place, dreamed with other youth-oriented leaders of working together on special once-a-year projects to share God's love in service. The TMA became reality in 1997, and Meharry, project director, is one of three leaders who have been a part of the 10 adventures to date.

(Meharry, pumped about kids and mission, affirms that the Lord inspires him to dedicate to TMA year after

year because of how it inspires young people to continue a service ministry which draws them closer to Christ.)

As they checked out 2006 needs and prayed for direction, Brewster's remodeling project cried out for help.

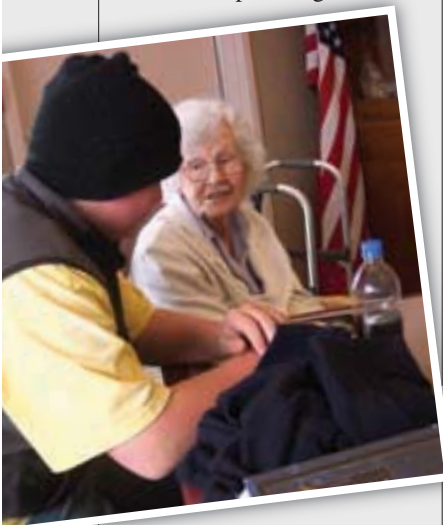
James Montgomery and John Steward, licensed building contractors from Cle Elum, left their jobs for a week to supervise the remodeling process. Paint crews covered the exterior's gaudy green with a handsome beige, and then, with experienced brushes and leftover energy, moved to the Adventist school gym to brighten the lower interior.

Focusing on community service, Jeri and Wayne Hicks, UCC youth ministries director, discovered myriads of opportunities for the teens. They installed a new welcome

sign at the entrance to nearby Bridgeport and did cleanup at the town's middle school; assisted at Adventist Community Services (ACS) and helped serve 110 families at Brewster's community food bank where they also spruced up the yard around the host Episcopalian church. Sixteen Pathfinders and three adults painted the interior of a nine-room dwelling in three hours. They shared music, prayers and encouragement and ran out of Nathan Greene paintings on postcards as they visited nursing homes. They cleaned yards for several elderly or disabled folks; offered a free car wash and a copy of *Steps to Christ* to drivers sporting shining clean vehicles. A small contingent joined the local Kiwanis Club at a noon meeting at the invitation of a member...“Come explain what in the world you all are doing here in our town!”

As a team adult stopped for supplies at a business across from the church, she learned shifts of visitors had been coming by and parking on the bar stools, watching the kids at work and commenting in glowing terms.

The Adventist school, four miles from the town work center, turned into a lively “home base” where chief chef Elizabeth Yeater (her six children, including two on the teen team) and helpers whipped up hearty, tasty meals—noon



One of the outreach activities was visiting with the residents of a nursing home, listening to their stories and brightening their day.



Nearly 100 teen Pathfinders from the Upper Columbia Conference worked hard during their spring break to help turn an old grocery store into the Brewster Hispanic Church, along with numerous other community service projects in the Brewster area.



Teens spruced up the yard around an Episcopal church in Brewster.

lunch was transported to the church parking area. The school assembly room turned into a girls' dorm and the guys stretched out sleeping bags in the gym where all met for daily worship—mornings with Brewster's recent pastor Gordon Smith and most evenings with Hispanic pastor Kessle Hodgson. Praise teams led singalongs including the theme "To Be Free," written days before by teen violinist Zachary Swena. "We have a message to share that the world needs to hear, Of a Jesus whose love is so dear..." Small groups met with leaders for prayer after evening worship talks and activity reports. The Prayer Wall reflected petitions and praise.

Sabbath was a day of joy and triumph. With the fragrance of new lumber wafting from neat stacks moved to accommodate chairs for an appreciative congregation, dozens gathered with the Adventure crew for services. A day of celebration, not only for the Sabbath, but for a new family focus—a wedding, baptisms—people and church alike, truly "a work in progress!"

Among the dedicated 19 adults and three college students who mentored the dozen teen teams was Michael Jeffery, now in charge of Camp MiVoden guest services.

"As a teenager at 16," he recalled, "I attended the very first TMA...and was glad to find it was a fun and spiritual week. Ten years later I continue to come as a staff member because I feel that allowing the teens the opportunity to reach out to our community is worth taking the time off work. I look forward to this week each and every year!"

Former "tough biker" Walt Taufen of Lewiston, Idaho, says, "What really makes this fun is watching the light come on in the kids' eyes when they see lives being changed by what they do in the Pathfinder ministry."

Kids shared feelings too.

"TMA is awesome!" related Courtney Balmes, Yakima. "You get to meet new people, have fun and share God's love...I can't believe it's almost over. So I'm looking forward to next year because of how many ways you can show God to the world."

From Zach Huff, Clarkston: "TMA has been a great experience for me as well as other fellow Pathfinders... meeting new friends, serving the people and God...certainly and undoubtedly changed many, including me."

"Frosty" Cross, Columbia Basin District Pathfinder coordinator and wife June were among enthusiastic leaders. He's helped with all 10 missions; she, seven.

Mixed emotions swept over the group as they wrapped up on Sunday morning—and left, not only footprints, but a bit of their hearts with

the Brewster community. And, the words of another of God's servants echo a clarion call: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" *Education*, p. 271. •

Verona Schnibbe on behalf of Brewster Church with June Cross, TMA staff member and photographer



During the Teen Mission Adventure, teen Pathfinders helped to put a new coat of paint on an old store which is now the Brewster Hispanic Church.

Just Share It!



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Three Friends Share Their Hair

Tri-City Junior Academy Girls Give Their Long Hair Away

Three years ago, second-grader Selena English saw a news segment on the *Today* show about Locks of Love, an organization which takes donated hair to make wigs. The wigs are then donated to children with medically related hair loss. After seeing the news spot, English began growing her hair to donate it. Every six months English went to the salon to have her hair measured. In fall of 2005 it was determined that in another six months' time her hair would be long enough to make a donation. English excitedly began sharing her plans with friends at school. Before long others had decided to join her.

And then the day came. On March 16, English and third-graders Hope Heaton and Alexis Horst, all students

of Tri-City Junior Academy in Pasco, made the generous sacrifice. Together with English's mom, Karen, the girls donated over 42 inches of hair! Heaton told her mother, Heidi Schuette, "Mom, I hope when I go to heaven I get to meet the person who got my hair." Selena English almost had second thoughts when she

discovered that her hair would have to be cut a little shorter than she anticipated. When told she could wait a few more months, she replied, "That's OK. Someone else already has shorter hair. Mine will grow back, their's won't." Although Horst had agreed several months earlier to cut her hair, she was actually only given an

overnight notice of the date. Even on the short notice she eagerly participated.

It is important to realize that these girls *loved* their long hair. The did not donate it because they cut it off. They cut it off *specifically* to donate it, because they wanted to help others. •

Karen English, Selena's mom



From left: Hope Heaton, Selena English and Alexis Horst grew their hair long so they could donate it to Locks of Love to help kids who have lost their hair.

Five UCA Seniors

Named as Spokane Scholars



UCA's Spokane Scholars, from left: Cody Lonning, history; Karlan Wolfkill, math; Charlie Graves, science; Aric Vyhmeister, fine arts; Alice Kravig, English. Not pictured: Florence Lacey, sponsor.

Upper Columbia Academy was pleased to participate again this year in the Spokane Scholars Banquet, an event put on by area businesses and executives to honor and encourage academic excellence.

Every spring, local high schools are invited to send one outstanding senior from each academic discipline to a banquet held in their honor at the Spokane Convention Center. The students are presented with a certificate and medallion and some are given scholarships.

Beyond receiving this honor, the students love being a part of the special excitement and energy they find in a banquet hall filled with other young people who have chosen to excel.

Another high point of the event is the privilege of hearing prestigious speakers. This year's speaker was Dr. Jack Bacon, a member of the management team overseeing the construction and operation of the International Space Station. •

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent

After Many Days

Jerry Clemm Finally Finds What He's Been Looking For

From the time that Jerry Clemm was a young boy, the question of the Sabbath has been on his mind. He remembers asking his mother why people went to church on Sunday when the calendar shows Saturday being the seventh day of the week. He had read enough of the Bible as a child to know that God set apart the seventh day as the Sabbath during creation week. His mother's answer was incomplete and didn't go with the Bible, which never satisfied his curious mind.

But life goes on, time passes and Clemm occupied himself with work, raising his family and making a living.

However, after he retired, he began to think about spiritual things again. And again the question of the Sabbath came



Kathy and Jerry Clemm were recently baptized by Dennis Nichol (right), Troy (Idaho) Church pastor.

to mind. His daughter gave him a flyer for Bibleinfo.com. He began his study, asking his wife, Kathy, questions that she could not answer. She went to her Bible and

began to read and found his answers. Kathy continued to read her Bible until she had read it in its entirety in a year. They took more studies by correspondence from the

Voice of Prophecy and became convicted.

One Sabbath morning, he announced to his wife that he was going to go visit the Adventist church and "see what they were all about." "Do you want to go with me?" Kathy agreed. Their visit to the Troy Church was a positive one. "We felt like we had come home," Clemm remarked. The Troy Church welcomed the Clemms into their church family at their baptism. They have already become involved. Clemm is teaching an adult Sabbath School class. Kathy is a greeter, using her pretty smile and talent as the world's best cookie baker for Vacation Bible School and other church functions. •

Ann Parks, Troy Church member

Miracle Money

Helps Man Fulfill Pledge to Positive Life Radio



More than \$300 in small bills was given to radio station KEEH because a donor made a faith pledge.

Opening the morning mail for KEEH radio station revealed an unusually fat envelope. After finding more than \$300 in 5- 10- and 20-dollar bills I called the donor to make sure he had not sent his bank deposit money to the station by mistake. The conversation revealed a heartwarming miracle story.

The young man on the other end of the line said that he had made a pledge a few months ago to Positive Life Radio. At the time he did not know how he would pay it and so he left the matter in God's hands. Then a few days ago, a young lady handed him an envelope

full of money. She said, "You have ministered to me about God and I want you to have this." Her stash of cash along with this young man's small check covered his pledge.

He praises God for working this miracle for him so he could honor his pledge. And he hopes his story will give hope to those who want to do something great for God but don't have the necessary funds. God honored his heartfelt desire to give and worked a miracle. And God can do this over and over again. •

Kathy Marson, UCC communication department secretary

“It’s All About Jesus”

Spiritual Emphasis Guides Washington Conference Business Session

All officers and departmental directors were re-elected during the 57th session of Washington Conference on Sunday, April 9.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, asked delegates from the start to consider the session to be a spiritual convocation as they listened to reports, praised God, made decisions and elected officials.

With the spiritual tone set in place, delegates representing 77 churches, 17 companies and 22 schools re-elected conference leadership for another term and made decisions about conference business and policies.

Electronic voting allowed for instant calculation of voting percentages when the votes were entered through handheld keypads.

“Our process here today would have been much longer without this system,” said Jim Boyd, a Bremerton delegate. “I highly recommend it. I’m planning



Tacoma South Side delegate Samuel Crespo uses his electronic voting device to cast his vote on an issue.



Washington Conference administrators for the next term are, from left: Doug Bing, vice president for administration; Joel Tompkins, vice president for finance; John Freedman, president; Lon Gruesbeck, vice president for education.

to tell my friends in other conferences about it.”

Session reports included presentations with an overview of the Washington Conference strategic plan and another plan specifically for education. Both plans were approved for further development and implementation.

The five areas of the conference strategy address: positive Adventist image; church growth and revitalization; passion for young people; community building; and spiritual leadership training.

“Any one church doesn’t have the resources to complete all these goals,” said Lowell Blankenship, a delegate from Everett Forest Park Church, during a lunchtime discussion group. Kent Church delegate Karen Hodge agreed. “We need to be partnering with other churches,” she said. “The conference should be the hub for all the conference ministries.”

During the afternoon session, Keith Hallam, Auburn Adventist Academy principal,

presented a recommendation from the Land Use Committee about the possible creation of a recreational vehicle (RV) resort to utilize the camp meeting facilities year-round to benefit the academy.

Safety and the Sabbath are two main concerns about the development of an RV resort at Auburn Academy.

After lengthy and animated discussion covering many aspects, delegates voted 55 percent to 42 percent (with 3 percent abstaining) to continue exploring the development and implementation of an RV resort.

Among constitutional change recommendations was a proposal to change the four-year Constituency Session pattern to a five-year plan. The approval percentage narrowly missed the required two-thirds vote and the recommendation was not passed.

New growth means new leaders. With an average of 722 baptisms per year over the last four years, conference leadership expects the membership in

Western Washington to surpass 20,000 members in 2006.

This growth was reflected as Washington Conference formally welcomed and seated delegates from four new church congregations—Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment, Lynnwood Spanish, North Cascade Spanish, and Renton Spanish.

The “It’s All About Jesus” theme for the next four years focuses Washington Conference’s mission and commitment to grow healthy churches to “Tell Everyone” the gospel message in Western Washington and around the world.

“[As president] I want to do everything I can to increase the spirituality of this conference,” Freedman said at the close of the session. “Above all, I want all of us to be ready for heaven.” •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern



Throughout the day, delegates paused for individual prayer, small group prayer or corporate prayer. John Freedman, Washington Conference president, asked delegates to consider the business session as a spiritual convocation, as a time to praise God for His blessings.



Buena Vista fifth-grader, Alexis Carnduff, served as Enterprise Village mayor. Part of her responsibilities as mayor included working on a town hall speech with Junior Achievement village coordinator Kathie Lambinocio.

Welcome to Enterprise Village

This Town Is Run by Fifth-Graders

The village hummed with activity. Business owners sold apparel, office supplies, sports equipment and more. The local TV station aired interviews with villagers and guests. The medical clinic made sure all residents were in tip-top health, while utility services maintained steady services to all their clients and the bank handled financial transactions.

This is Enterprise Village. The residents are fifth- and sixth-graders.

Enterprise Village, coordinated by the national nonprofit organization Junior Achievement, is a hands-on learning village with 20 public and private businesses designed to teach fifth- and sixth-graders about basic economic principles. Actual companies and businesses sponsor the learning space (founded in Auburn, Wash., in 2004) and provide the marketplace learning tools. A separate learning area for seventh- and eighth-graders teaches financial planning concepts.

More than 100 students from Buena Vista Adventist School, Olympia Christian School, Lewis County Christian School, Nelson Crane Christian School, and several homeschoolers spent six weeks preparing for their day in Enterprise Village.

“This is experiential learning,” said Harold Richards, fifth-grade teacher at Buena Vista, who coordinated the learning opportunity. “The classroom isn’t the only place to learn.”

With this program, students learn critical thinking, problem solving, planning, goal setting, teamwork, responsibility, budgeting, decision making and analysis.

During a town hall meeting, Enterprise Village Mayor Alexis Carnduff, a fifth-grader at Buena Vista, presented the official city key to Pete Lewis, before he spoke to the students.

“[Enterprise Village] is a great working tool for our young people to learn about business and enterprise,” Lewis said.

The Seattle chapter Web site for Junior Achievement (<http://seattle.ja.org>) sums up the learning experience this way: “Junior Achievement broadens students’ horizons, shows them possibilities, encourages them to dream big about their futures and helps each student understand the world of ‘work.’” •

Harold Richards, Buena Vista teacher, with Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

Trust Services and Estate Planning Expands Services

Trust Services and Estate Planning has arranged with three law firms who specialize in advanced estate planning to offer additional services to clients in Washington Conference.

“We have recognized the need for more expertise in advanced estate planning,” said David Wolkwitz, Washington Conference Trust Services and Estate Planning director. “No estate is too complex.”

“We have personally interviewed these three law firms,” Wolkwitz reassured, saying the firms each offer a different focus to meet different needs.

Other service expansions, said trust officer Dennis Carlson, include the development of a secure Web site specific to Trust

Services with information, planning calculators, tax law information, e-newsletters and more.

“This keeps us better connected to clients and helps us develop new clients as well,” said Gaylene Wolkwitz, trust officer. “We are looking to open the door to more age groups.”

The integration of technology with estate planning is driven by baby boomers reaching retirement age and researching estate plans on the Internet. The expanded services offered by the Washington Conference Trust Services and Estate Planning will help take the department to a higher level of professionalism. •

Washington Conference trust officers with Heidi Martella



Washington Conference trust officers, from left: Gaylene Wolkwitz, David Wolkwitz and Dennis Carlson look at a prototype of a Trust Services Web site.

2006 Graduates

Changed by Auburn Adventist Academy Experience

For 2006 graduates, Auburn Adventist Academy is a caring environment that fosters a love for God and others. And the academy has greatly changed their lives.

“I came to Auburn as a shy and timid girl,” confided Alaina Lemire, of St. Helens, Ore. “But the people and teachers embraced me, and made me feel like I fit in. I now feel like I’m a part of this academy. I’m so happy here.”

She says, “At Auburn I found God, a great education and understanding friends. What more could I want in a school?”

Students attending AAA are not only from the Pacific Northwest, but they travel from all over the world to attend this Christian high school.



Auburn Adventist Academy seniors, from left: Brenna Poppe, Tiffany Rollins and Alaina Lemire cheer for their classmates during Spirit Week activities.

Rotepakorn “Boss” Jhupattankul, of Bangkok, Thailand, said, “The teachers in this school are very kind and helpful. Whenever I talked to them, I felt like they were one of my friends.”

Carlie Munroe of Chehalis, Wash., came to Auburn as a freshman after attending a public elementary school. She appreciated the Christian education, but when asked what she would remember

about AAA, she replied, “I went on a mission trip [during my junior year] to Peru! That really did something for me.”

Soon after the mission trip, Munroe was baptized. Her sister Meghan (also a senior) and brother Zachary (freshman) attend AAA as well.

Sam Tando of Puyallup, Wash., summed up AAA this way. “Auburn Academy. A good place. A friendly place. A place where, through the students and faculty, God’s ministry is spread. The students, faculty, and volunteers are what make the academy such a fine place.” •

Jennifer McGhee, Auburn Academy Church youth pastor

Love of Life Leadership Summit

Equips Lay Leaders

Leadership development is a hot topic in society because it’s elusive and puzzling. Effective leadership is desired in companies, communities and universities.

Based on this concept, two Washington Conference pastors, Cleveland Hobdy and Greg Schaller, are organizing and providing lay leadership training opportunities.

The most recent session, held the first weekend of April and sponsored by Love of Life Fellowship, challenged church leaders from 10 area churches to commit to creative and compelling leadership.

Christian leaders—Leslie Pollard, Loma Linda University vice president for diversity; Roscoe Howard, North American Division secretary; Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president; and others—presented the weekend of leadership-honing sessions to more than 65 participants.

Leadership sessions this year covered leading change, handling conflict, maintaining a spiritual life, developing worship and outreach ministries, and servant leadership.

“Servant leadership,” Pollard said, “begins with a

commitment to serve and a commitment to follow Christ.”

Four years ago, Love of Life Fellowship wanted to celebrate the role of leaders and encourage leadership and so developed these seminars.

“The goal,” Hobdy said, “is to try to develop a strong base of leadership among the laity. We want to bring people to the “Aha!” moment so they can go

back to their churches energized for effective leadership.” •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

Leslie Pollard, Loma Linda University vice president for diversity, presents the concept of servant leadership at the Love of Life Leadership Summit.



New WWC President Announced

John McVay Takes Office in September

John McVay has accepted the invitation of the Walla Walla College (WWC) Board of Trustees to become the 23rd president, following Jon Dybdahl's retirement in August. "We are delighted to accept the invitation to join the Walla Walla College family," says McVay. "Walla Walla College has a proud heritage, and we are honored to join its great story."

McVay, 47, has served as the dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University for the past six years. A graduate of Southern



John McVay (center), soon to be the 23rd president of Walla Walla College, entertains two Andrews University colleagues.

Adventist University, he also holds a master's degree in divinity from Andrews

University and a doctorate from the University of Sheffield in England. Prior

to his experience at Andrews University, McVay taught at Pacific Union College. He has also pastored in Iowa and Georgia. McVay and his wife, Pam (Aalborg) have a son, Marshall, 18, and a daughter, Macy, 14.

"We are pleased that John McVay has accepted our invitation," says WWC board chair Jere Patzer. "He is recognized around the world as a scholar, theologian, administrator and committed Adventist Christian." •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

Let's All Be Engineers!

Robots Make Science Fun at WWC

Ready. Set. LEGO! Five teams from Oregon and Alaska battled it out during the FIRST LEGO League Challenge hosted by the Edward F. Cross School of Engineering in partnership with the Adventist Robotics League.

The April 10 event was a high-tech academic challenge. Each team's mission was simple: to design, build and test LEGO robots able to perform specific tasks. This year's challenge, "Ocean Odyssey," called for teams to research and present robotics technology solutions to sustain the health, biodiversity and productivity of the world's oceans.

Regina Cashen, Technic Tyrants assistant coach, from Burns, Ore., discovered the robotics challenge while searching for a Pathfinder club for her two sons, Sean,

11, and Ryan, 9. "It's been a great experience. The team has learned about public speaking, logistics and a lot about teamwork," Cashen says. "Now the students all want to be engineers!"

Marlene Baerg, challenge coordinator and director of engineering recruitment, says that's common. "Students who have been involved with FIRST LEGO league are three times more likely to pursue a degree in engineering than those who have not participated in the program."

Participating teams included The Frozen Chosen, from Anchorage Junior Academy in Anchorage, Alaska; The 24's, from Milton Staline Adventist School in Milton Freewater, Ore.; Hurricane, from Three Sisters Adventist School in Bend, Ore.; Iiggestas, from Nome Adventist School



Iiggestas team members from Nome, Alaska, make some last-minute adjustments to their robot.

in Nome, Alaska; and the Technic Tyrants.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Human Transporter. FIRST's mission is to make science as cool as possible. The Adventist Robotics

League has partnered with FIRST to help foster this creativity and inspiration. More information is available at www.adventistroboticsleague.net or by contacting Baerg at baerma@wwc.edu or (509) 527-2446. •

Kristi Spurgeon

Beyond Hospital Walls Bringing Hope to Our Communities

Adventist Health's mission extends far beyond the walls of our facilities and reaches into the communities we serve. Whether it is a program designed to reach out to area seniors or a group of employees lending a hand to Habitat for Humanity, Adventist Health is always looking for new and innovative ways to share its mission.

Here are just a few examples of the many ways our hospitals and employees are making a difference in the lives they touch.

Going the Extra Mile

After returning from the mission field, Daniel Crawford, M.D., wanted to continue his passion of serving the



Thanks to Daniel Crawford, M.D., Dena Speer, formerly homeless, learned to manage her diabetes and now has a career in the hospitality industry.

underserved. He discovered the Portland Adventist Community Services Clinic (PACS) and, 15 years later, he still volunteers once a month at the clinic. PACS treats more than 2,000 of Portland's working poor each year with lab, radiology and imaging support provided by Adventist Medical Center (AMC). Always willing to go the extra mile, Crawford taught longtime patient Dena Speer, formerly homeless, how to manage her diabetes and knot a tie in preparation for her new job in the hospitality industry.

"Her ambition is truly remarkable," said Crawford of Dena, who now has a degree and an address and works with advocacy groups for the homeless.

Racing for a Cure

Every year numerous Adventist Health facilities participate in local races and events that raise money for

medical research and health education. In the Northwest, both AMC and Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH) annually participate in the Relay For Life. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the event raises money for cancer research, education and patient support programs.

"Participating in the Relay For Life is important to our community and a natural outgrowth of our mission," said Wendell Hesseltine, TCGH president and CEO. "Events like this give the hospital and our staff an opportunity to give back to the community."

Reaching Out to Seniors

Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) believes in the pursuit of wellness and abundant living for its entire community—including those ages 50 and better. Enter PrimeTime, a free program aimed at educating its

participants and encouraging healthy lifestyles through various events and activities.

"We're committed to helping our seniors in all aspects of their lives—not just when they're admitted into our hospital," said Morre Dean, WWGH president and CEO.

Participants have access to a wide array of programs and events from educational lectures to support groups and social activities. In addition, free or discounted health screenings are available to members.

Building a Future

Each year, the Auditing Department at Adventist Health's corporate office selects a community outreach program to sponsor. This past holiday season the team decided to physically make a difference and partnered with Habitat for Humanity to put the finishing touches on a Sacramento-area home.

The team spent a busy day blowing insulation into the home's attic, caulking doorways, as well as installing and painting baseboards and doors.

"The whole experience was so rewarding," said Melanie Ratzlaff, Adventist Health staff auditor. "One of the most important things is to give of ourselves and make a difference in someone else's life." •

Heather Preston Wheeler,
Adventist Health GLEANER
correspondent



Melanie Ratzlaff and Don Dyer from Adventist Health's corporate office put the finishing touches on a Habitat for Humanity home as part of a holiday outreach project.

GONE FISHING

BY KEN CRAWFORD

The brooding mind of Peter matches the darkness as he flings the net into the shadowy waters of the night. In his mind self-condemnation is nudged on by the accusing voices of demons. “You have denied Jesus. Sure you have repented, but this time you have gone too far. There is no repentance.”

His brothers and comrades from the last three years work alongside him, but Peter is alone. No one tries to break into his solitude with words of comfort. The conversation ebbs and flows with the work. “What now?” Where is the kingdom He promised? I thought we were going to sit on thrones? Peter works, encased in his own silent misery.

They row from favorite spot to favorite spot in the blackness of the Galilee and cast their nets, looking for anything tangle that would quell their questionings.

The faint orange glow in the eastern sky casts eerie shadows on the rocks of the shore. The night is almost spent, the day is coming, but they have caught nothing. Time after time they have cast the nets, and yet the dark empty waters mock them. Is this not symbolic of their future?

On the distant shore an unseen figure stands in the shadow against the orange glow of the rising sun. Through the dark hours of the night He has watched over this precious cargo for they are His church of the future. He has listened to their talk, their confusion and their doubts. Cynical Nathaniel, doubting Thomas, loving John, excitable Mark, gentle Barthomolew, but mostly he watches impetuous Peter. He knows the heart of this man, he feels his agony and self-condemnation.

As the boat comes to the shore, the form of a stranger emerges. “Children, have you caught anything?” They should have recognized the tender salutation, but they are engulfed in their misery. “No,” someone replies, “Nothing! There are no fish to be caught.” Voices mutter, “Somehow they have all disappeared, vanished. Like our hopes, we had such high hopes.”

“Before you quit, try on the right side!” What? Try again? We’ve been at this all night! Didn’t you hear what we said? There are no fish to be caught! Everyone knows there are no fish this time of the morning.”

That voice, those words—so familiar. It’s not so much authority, but something that stirs their flagging zeal and a cleansing tide washes over their discouragement. OK, one more try. With one more half-hearted heave, they throw the net out on the right side.

It slowly sinks into the shallow water, then there is that first tug, that first hit, another, then another, then the net is sinking, the water boiling with the churning of flashing silver bodies. So many fish! They gawk in silent wonder.

John the beloved, ever observant, turns and whispers. “Peter! It’s Jesus! It’s the Lord!” There is no vacillation this time, no hesitation, no questioning. Peter dives into the water, arms reaching, stroking, legs kicking, never taking his eyes off that silhouette on the shore. In moments this dripping figure of a man, standing before his beloved Master, gazing into those smiling eyes, searching their depths. This is no awkward moment for there is no pride, this is the new Peter, who has been baptized with the baptism of repentance. He stands sopping before his Lord, washed of any self-assurance, ready to be forgiven. Ready to be a fisherman of men.

Friend, are you fishing and catching nothing? Why not make one more cast! Cast on the right side, there are fish there, the Master said so. •

Based on John 21:1–22

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, writes from Anchorage.



Richard Dower

James 60th

Freburn and Nina James celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 15, 2006, with a dinner hosted by their children and grandchildren in Zillah, Wash. They are members of the Zillah Church.

Freburn L. James married Nina W. Johnson on April 11, 1946, in Loma Linda, Calif. Freburn was a medical student in the Army Specialized Training Program at Loma Linda University when he met Nina, an R.N. in charge of the outpatient department at the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital. Freburn completed a residency in pathology at Glendale Adventist Hospital and served as director of



Nina and Freburn James

laboratories at the U.S. Army Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. He practiced pathology for more than 40 years in California, Oregon, Colorado and Michigan, while Nina raised their three children and kept a wonderful home. They now live in Washington to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

The James family includes Cheryl and Dennis Strickland, Sunnyside, Wash.; Karyl and Richard Kieper, Portland, Ore.; Donald James, Yakima, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.



Donald and Lenora Nystrom

Nystrom 60th

Donald and Lenora Nystrom were surprised by a celebration in honor of their 60th anniversary by their Goldendale (Wash.) Church family at a church potluck. Later, their children hosted an anniversary celebration at the local Public Utilities District hall.

Donald Nystrom and Lenora Logsdon were married March 23, 1946, in Bingen, Wash. After their marriage, Lenora stayed home to raise the children and Don worked in the sawmills, first in Bingen and finally moving to Klickitat in 1952. He was the head sawyer the last 18 years at the mill. He cut all the logs and sent the pieces off in different directions with the use of three buttons under each foot and five buttons under each thumb. They lived there for many years until retiring and moving to Goldendale.

The Nystrom family includes Donna Kipp, Sharon Nystrom, Richard Nystrom and Ritchard and Ethel Ingram; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Roesler 95th

Bertha Roesler celebrated her 95th birthday on March 30, 2006, at a luncheon with family and friends. She is a member of the Startup Church.

She was born in McClusky, N.D., on March 30, 1911, moved

to Startup, Wash., in 1922 and has lived there since then. She is a member of the Startup Church. She remains active and sold Avon until recently. In January of this year, she moved to Merrill Gardens Retirement Home in Monroe.

The Roesler family includes Marilyn and Stan Wallace of Portland, Ore.

Smith 60th

Samuel and Lucille Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19, 2005, with a special worship service and fellowship dinner at Sisters, Ore., hosted by family and friends. They gathered with all their children the following weekend for a continued celebration.

Samuel E. Smith married Lucille A. Stoops on Nov. 19,



Lucille and Sam Smith

1945, in Salem, Ore., after Sam's WWII tour of duty as a Navy deep-sea diver in the South Pacific. They had met as teenagers while attending Auburn Academy. Lucille taught elementary school before she married Sam, in Kalispell, Mont. After they were married, Sam worked in the logging business. In 1957, they moved to Lincoln, Neb., where Sam ran production for a furniture factory. They moved back to the Northwest in 1961 and he managed the

furniture factory at Upper Columbia Academy. Lucille worked as the laundry supervisor for the academy. They moved to Lafayette, Ore., in 1967 where Lucille was a homemaker. Sam was a sales representative for Harris Pine and retired in 1982. They have been very actively involved in the McMinnville Church for the past 38 years and worked for the Community Service Center. They have lived in Bend, Ore., since September 2005.

The Smith family includes: Linda and Tom Heath of Tacoma Wash.; Jerry and Helen Smith of Spokane, Wash.; Becky and Bruce Danielson of Bend; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Warren 50th

Dale and Louise Warren celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28, 2005. After a celebration in Seaside, Ore., with children and grandchildren they returned to Lake Louise (site of their delayed honeymoon) for their 50th anniversary.

Dale Warren and Louise Lund met at Walla Walla College and later were married by Pastor Bill Loveless in the Spokane (Wash.) Central Church. The couple resides in Corvallis, Ore., where Dale has practiced dentistry for 40 years, retiring in 2002. Louise was a nurse and a homemaker.

The Warren family includes Eric and Julie (Franken) Warren, Goldendale, Wash.; Candice and Jack Butler, Birmingham, Ala.; and 4 grandchildren.

AVELINO—Dakota J. was born Jan. 13, 2006, to Rachel Avelino, Walla Walla, Wash.

BARRIOS-RUIZ—Jose Angel was born April 8, 2006, to Eduardo and Ann (Aaron) Barrios-Ruiz, Lacey, Wash.

BENNETT—Carter Nathan Jack was born Jan. 21, 2006, to David and Kim (Nichols) Bennett, Vancouver, Wash.

FESER—Jonathan Moses was born Oct. 23, 2005, to Mike and Julee Feser, Richland, Wash.

GILES—Matthew Dean was born March 8, 2006, to Matthew (deceased) and Heather (Mack) Giles, Vernonia, Ore.

GWINN—Sofia L. was born Jan. 30, 2006, to Richard and Michelle Gwinn, Walla Walla, Wash.

JAMES—Amanda Nicole was born March 23, 2006, to Carol James, Forest Grove, Ore.

OLSON—Eric Thomas was born Aug. 11, 2005, to Donald and Pamela (Hytinen) Olson, Pasco, Wash.

OLSON—Susanna Ann was born Aug. 11, 2005, to Donald and Pamela (Hytinen) Olson, Pasco, Wash.

SCHULTZ—Saxton G. was born June 8, 2005, to Justin and Sara (Lind) Schultz, Spokane, Wash.

STOUT—Nolan Joseph was born June 29, 2005, to Darren and Loni (Rohloff) Stout, Pasco, Wash.

THUEMLER—Hope Nicole was born Dec. 29, 2005, to Jonathan and Sarah (Wilson) Thuemler, Salem, Ore.

WILLETT—Andrew J. was born Nov. 3, 2005, to Jesse and Shana (Miller) Willett, West Richland, Wash.

ALLGOOD—J. B., 77; born Dec. 12, 1928, Hollis, Okla.; died Jan. 2, 2006, Payette, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Nora Ann (Sencer); sons, Chris, Caldwell, Idaho; Jeri, Merced, Calif.; daughter, Jennifer Pomeroy, Nampa, Idaho; and stepdaughter, Angelia Jackman, Payette.

DIETZ—Johanna (Scholoss) Wilson, 90; born Jan. 10, 1916, Glendive, Mo.; died March 14, 2006, East Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: sons, Clarence Wilson, Tigard, Ore.; Jack and Paul Wilson, both of Rock Island, Wash.; George Wilson, Omak, Wash.; Earl and David Wilson, both of East Wenatchee; daughter, Elaine (Wilson) Fleetwood; brothers, John Scholoss, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Jerome Wester, Billings, Mont.; 33 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

EATON—Elizabeth (Carlos) Frankovich, 60; born April 5, 1945, Honolulu, Hawaii; died Jan. 15, 2006, Lihu'e, Hawaii. Surviving: daughter, Lisa Frankovich, Portland, Ore.; brother, Robert Arconado, San Dimas, Calif.; sisters, Evelyn (Arconado) Haygood, Pascagoula, Miss.; and Erleen (Carlos) Spears, Kapa'a, Hawaii.

EISEMAN—Lela M. (Mannen), 85; born Nov. 23, 1920, Rupert, Idaho; died March 16, 2006, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Jim, Elk, Wash.; son, Jim, Milton Freewater, Ore.; daughters, Carolyn Janke, Milton Freewater; Marolyn Wagner, Hemet, Calif.; sister, Priscilla Fuller, Twins Falls, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

GUEST—Marshall R., 84; born Nov. 26, 1921, Andrews, N.C.; died March 21, 2006, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mary (Castro); son, Dennis M., Orinda, Calif.; daughter, Mary Jane Kearns, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

HESSONG—Dorothy J., 62; born Sept. 7, 1943, Dallas, Ore.; died Oct. 28, 2005, Kalispell, Mont. Surviving: mother, Dorah (Fry) Hessong, Lebanon, Ore.; brothers, Robert, Gresham, Ore.; George, Portland, Ore.; Larry Marcks, Las Vegas, Nev.; Terry Marcks, Marysville, Wash.; sisters, Ann Ingram, Upland, Calif.; Sandra Tinlin, Kalispell; Debra Hessong, Reno, Nev.; Sue Ellis, Lebanon; Cindy Groger, Hillsboro, Ore.; and Jean Bond, Clinton, Mass.

HORNISH-HAHN—Eva (Allen) Haskin, 82; born April 28, 1923, McMinnville, Ore.; died March 7, 2006, Mt. Vernon, Wash. Surviving: sons, Gale Haskin, Bow, Wash.; Michael Hornish, Mapleton, Kan.; daughter, Patsy (Haskin) Price, Bow; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

KRUEGER—Rebecca (Hornbacher) Lockert Taft, 103, born May 30, 1902, near Culbertson, Neb.; died March 1, 2006, Redmond, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Rhoda (Lockert) Schlehuter, Post Falls, Idaho; M. J. (Lockert) Kincaid, Billings, Mont.; Maurine (Lockert) Hoiby, Seattle; Pearl (Lockert) Erickson, Bellevue, Wash.; 9 grandchildren, numerous step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

KURTZ—Julie R. (Brenneman), 49; born Sept. 29, 1956, Loma Linda, Calif.; died April 1, 2006, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Richard; son, Jeremy, College Place; daughter, DeAndrea Kurtz, Walla Walla, Wash.; and mother, Donna (Curtice) Brenneman Fuller, Fremont, Mich.

LOVEJOY—Betty Lou (Albright), 84; born May 15, 1921, Elkhart, Ind.; died March 16, 2006, Albany, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Patricia McQueen and Marla Edwards, both of Scio, Ore.; brother, Bill Newton, of Michigan; sisters, Lillie Mae Hubbard, Mary Rae Schuitema, Reba Leiffers and Joy

Ferguson, all of Michigan; Helen Martin of Indiana; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MCINTOSH—Arlita K. (Davis), 77; born Oct. 16, 1927, Lincoln, Neb.; died April 7, 2005, Ontario, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Lois Hampton, Fruitland, Idaho; and sister, Mae Harsha, Rice, Wash.

MCINTOSH—M. Daniel, 75; born Nov. 11, 1927, Trinidad, Colo.; died Jan. 11, 2003, Fruitland, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Arlita (Davis), Ontario, Ore.; daughter, Lois Hampton, Fruitland; brother, John, Angwin, Calif.; and half-brother, Roy, Chubbuck, Idaho.

MOORE—Cloise G., 87; born March 16, 1918, Drybuck-Banks, Idaho; died Oct. 9, 2005, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Phyllis J. (Shaber); sons, Barton, College Place, Wash.; Larry, Milton Freewater, Ore.; Glenn, Hailey, Idaho; Kevin, Conway, Wash.; stepson, Robert Lippert, Spokane, Wash.; daughters, LaVonne Wood, Oak Harbor, Wash.; Linda DeChene, Tigard, Ore.; Patricia Marlton, Walla Walla, Wash.; Kay Cooksby, Canyonville, Ore.; Marta Dayby, Jerome, Idaho; brother, Kenneth, Boise, Idaho; sisters, Leona Kirkpatrick and Lurena McKenzie, both of Caldwell; Lora Ingersoll, Loma Linda, Calif.; Lavina and Loween Edgerly, both of Lebanon, Ore.; 28 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

NELSON—Stephen O., 74; born Jan. 4, 1932, Mountain Home, Ore.; died March 14, 2006, Willamina, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jeri (Bruce); daughters, Gayle Nelson, Willamina; Rhonda and Nancy Nelson, both of McMinnville, Ore.; Stephanie Renshaw, Waitsburg, Wash.; brothers, Darrel, Lafayette, Ore.; Arthur, Auburn, Wash.; sister, Lillie Coffey, Hillsboro, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

NIELSEN—Gillian U. (Jensen), 70; born Aug. 19, 1935, in Ethiopia; died March 28, 2006, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: husband, George;

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son, John, Van Nuys, Calif.; daughter, Linda Schades, Salem, Ore.; brothers, Paul and Carl Jensen, both of Denmark; sister, Slice Scheid, Corvallis, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

NYSETH—Virginia M. (McPherson), 84; born Jan. 19, 1922, Des Moines, Iowa; died April 8, 2006, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Linda Kleven, Grapeview, Wash.; Jan Drahos, Mound, Minn.; brother, Darrell McPherson, Auburn; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

POLLARI—Betty Jo, 75; born Oct. 30, 1930; died Aug. 26, 2005, Richland, Wash.

REYNOLDS—Leonard D., 68; born Nov. 8, 1937, Philomath, Ore.; died March 22, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Gilbert), College Place, Wash.; daughters, Susie Winnett, College Place; Julie

Reynolds, Walla Walla; brothers, Emil, Lawrence and Clarence, all of College Place; sister, Irene Monroe, Corvallis, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

ROBERTS—Angus L., 90; born March 4, 1915; died Aug. 21, 2005, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: wife, Beverly L.

ROGERS—Eric W., 25; born Dec. 8, 1980, Salem, Ore.; died March 5, 2006, Reno, Nev. Surviving: parents, Randy and Cheryl (McDaniel) Rogers, Stayton, Ore.; sister, Jennifer Martin, Nampa, Idaho; grandparents, Kenneth and Mildred (Tucker) Rogers, Eugene, Ore.; and Patricia (Kernan) McDaniel, Salem.

ROSEVEAR—Hazel A. (St. Clair), 96; born Dec. 25, 1909, Dixon, Tenn.; died March 25, 2006, Beaverton, Ore. Surviving: sons, Donald, Ranell, and John; daughters, Fern Ringering; Carol Altman,

Cornelius, Ore.; Judy Howden, Forest Grove, Ore.; Joy Dorenbusch; and Carol Smith; parents, George A. and Etta (Wing) St. Clair; 28 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

SCHLEHUBER—Dorothy (Reiber), 94; born Feb. 15, 1911, Colfax, Wash.; died Sept. 16, 2005, Milton Freewater, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Darlene Ginter and Donna Sclehube, both of Deary, Idaho; Lettie Ginter, Milton Freewater; Bonnie Nelson, Moscow, Idaho; brothers, Delmar Reiber and Gene Reiber, both of Spokane, Wash.; sisters, Beatrice Sandstrom and Goldie Coolbaugh, both of Spokane; 7 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

STRODE—John E., 85; born Feb. 2, 1921, Valentine, Neb.; died March 15, 2006, Riverside, Calif. Surviving: sons, Jerry, Riverside; Eddie, Vancouver, Wash.; brother, Frank, Keene, Texas; and 2 grandchildren.

SUMERY—Lucille D. (Ralph), 50; born Oct. 31, 1955, Spokane, Wash.; died Jan. 22, 2006, Spokane. Surviving: husband, Floyd; son, Mickey, Spokane; daughter, Penny Sumery,

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Portland, Ore.; mother, Goldie (Ralph) Oakes, Deer Park, Wash.; brothers, Randy Ralph and Loren Ralph, both of Deer Park; Clint Ralph, Spokane; stepbrother, Rick Oakes, Springdale, Wash.; sisters, Gail Roland, Montasano, Wash.; Kathy Ekland, Spokane; step-sister, Connie Hill, Lewiston, Idaho; and 4 grandchildren.

SUNDBERG—Henry, 92; born Jan. 3, 1913; died Sept. 29, 2005, West Richland, Wash.

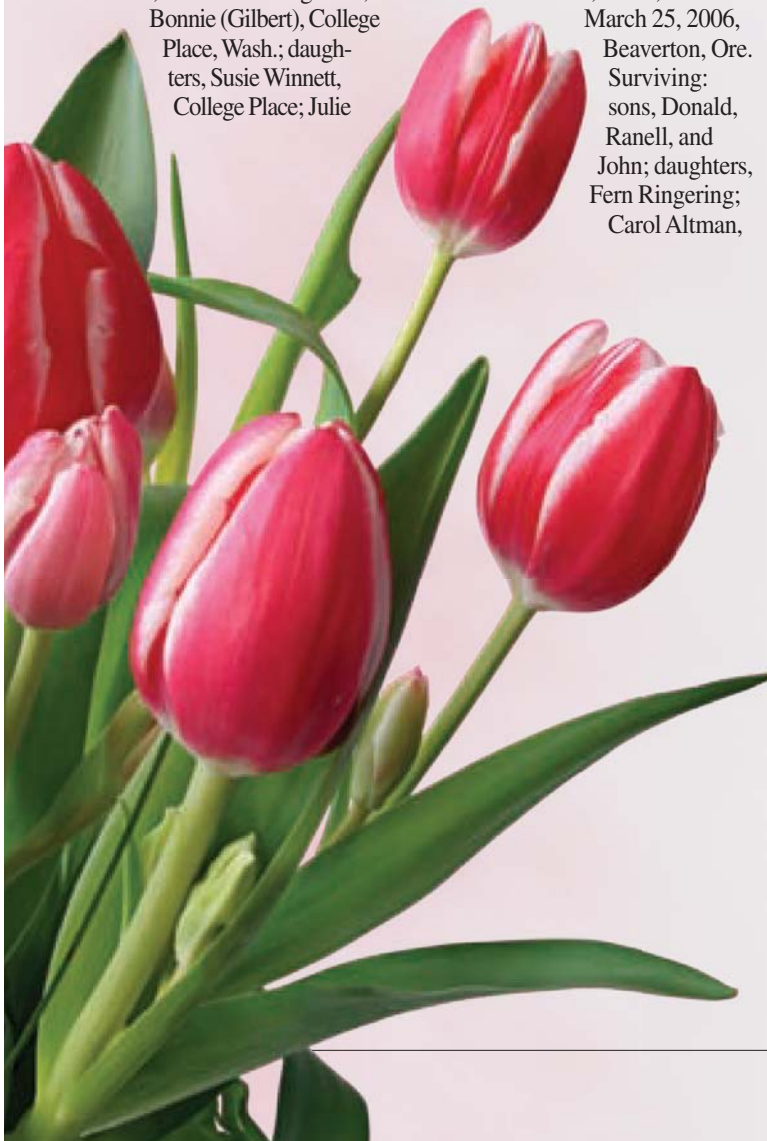
TUPPER—Bessie I. (Potter), 94; born Feb. 7, 1912, Klamath Falls, Ore.; died March 12, 2006, Cornelius, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Sylvia Butler, Beaverton, Ore.; Shirley Twigg, Cornelius; brother, Ernie Potter, Talent, Ore.; 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

VIELHAUER—E. Frances (Reed), 100; born Jan. 7, 1906, Boone, Mich.; died Jan. 12, 2006, Sweet Home, Ore.

WILSON—Dorothy M. (Eiseman), 82; born Sept. 23, 1923, Whitman County, Wash.; died April 4, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert E.; son, Gary, Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter, Barbara Jones, Ronald, Wash.; brothers, Paul Eiseman, Caldwell, Idaho; James Eiseman, Elk, Wash.; sister, Barbara Unterseher, College Place, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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Offerings

June 3—Local Church Budget; **June 10**—Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries/NAD; **June 17**—Local Church Budget; **June 24**—Local Conference Advance; **July 1**—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

June is Church Growth and Evangelism month. **June 3**—Women’s Ministries Emphasis day.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of Events

June 2-3—wwcdrama presents the 3rd annual Festival of the Actors. Tickets may be purchased at www.wwc.edu/drama or by calling (509) 527-2651. **June 9-11**—Graduation Weekend at Walla Walla College. The Class of 2006 invites everyone to join them during this special weekend. The baccalaureate will be presented by Michael L. Ryan, General Conference general vice president, on Sabbath, June 10, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Walla Walla College Church. Jose Rojas, Adventist Volunteer Ministries Network director and North American Division young adult ministries director, will speak at Commencement, held Sunday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. on the Centennial Green. A full schedule of weekend events may be found at www.wwc.edu/1615.0.html. **June 19**—Summer Session begins. More information at summer.wwc.edu.

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Adventist Singles Activity

June 4—Mt. Hood Railroad Excursion, <http://www.mthoodr.com/>. This is one of the best train rides in the Columbia Gorge! We will carpool and leave from Beaverton Church, 14645 S.W. Davis Rd., Beaverton, Ore., at 8 a.m. sharp. Don’t be late. Train departs Hood River at 10:30 a.m. Bring sunscreen and camera.

Wear layered warm clothes (open train car available). Lunch is extra (or bring a lunch). Snacks available on train (concession). **June 17**—Seabird Condos. Meet at Beaverton Church for early service at 8:30 a.m., then at 9:30, we will carpool to the Tillamook area (approx. 1-1/2 hours drive time). This is the largest nesting colony of Common Murres south of Alaska and the largest Tufted Puffin colony in Oregon. Bring a hat, sunscreen, spotting scope and camera. Wear warm layered clothes and rain gear. Also bring a bird identification guide and a sack lunch for a picnic at the beach. For information and cost for either event, contact Charlotte at (503) 579-9549, or Tom at (503) 684-7971, tom.te@verizon.net. Maps will be available in the Beaverton Church foyer and at the potluck, www.beavertonsda.com/singles. Hotline: (503) 654-6054, option 4. **July 15**—Gladstone Camp Meeting and potluck lunch 2006.

Retired Workers’ Fellowship

June 6—Noon potluck meeting of the “Oregon Retired Workers Fellowship.” Ed and Esther Norton with Gospel Outreach will be sharing about their recent trip to Bangladesh, India. There will be no Retired Workers potluck in July due to camp meeting. This monthly potluck is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Clackamas, Ore. Retirees are asked to bring food and your own table service. For information, contact Frank Gearhardt, (503) 674-4951.

Sunnyside Activities

June 10—Bring your friends and enjoy the 24th annual Strawberry Vespers, 6 p.m. Lots of good music and fellowship. **June 17**—Bill Tucker from The Quiet Hour and Lee Guglioto, author of the award-winning *Handbook for Bible Study*, will conduct an all-day rally in preparation for evangelistic meetings to be held in the fall at Sunnyside. They will both speak for both the 9 and 11 a.m. church services and

in the afternoon, 2-5 p.m. **June 17**—The Heritage Singers will present a concert at 8 p.m. **June 25-29**—Vacation Bible School “Fiesta” each evening, starting at 6:30 p.m. For information and to register, call (503) 252-8080, Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore.

Southern Oregon Camp Meeting

June 16-17—The camp meeting guest speaker is Roy Adams, Adventist Review and Adventist World associate editor. Milo Adventist Academy. For lodging reservations, call (541) 825-3200, ext. 3321.

Hood View Concert

June 17—“Singing His Greatness; Resounding His Word!” is the theme for the vespers concert by John and Mary Giger from Phoenix, Ariz., at 7:15 p.m. In the past two decades they have done more than 3,000 concerts in churches, universities, crusades and conventions throughout the U.S. as well as other countries. Highly trained musicians, they felt called from their careers in opera to this Christ-centered music ministry. Their accompanist, Colleen Adent, will also present some piano solos. Hood View Church, 267754 S.E. Kelso Rd., Boring, Ore. For information, call (503) 663-5611.

Modern Spiritualism Series

June 23-24—Dave Westbrook, pastor, evangelist and Back to Enoch Ministries speaker/director, presents a series on “Modern Spiritualism” at the Castle Rock (Wash.) Church, June 23, 7 p.m., June 24, 11 a.m., potluck lunch and 2 p.m. Topics include “Lightning Speed,” “Spiritual Antivenin” and “Hidden Heresy.” For information, contact (360) 274-6090, saward@adelphial.net, or 7531 Old Pacific Hwy., Castle Rock, WA 98611.

Newbold College Reunion Potluck

July 22—1 p.m. potluck lunch during 2006 Oregon Conference Camp Meeting, will be held at

Rivergate School gymnasium, 1505 Ohlson Road, Gladstone, Ore. (located just behind Gladstone Campgrounds). For information, contact Lora Woodruff at (503) 803-3000 or lora_woodruff@yahoo.com.

Union College Alumni Gathering

July 22—Sabbath, 5-6:30 p.m., Gladstone Convention Center during Oregon Camp Meeting. Lower level of cafeteria. Alumni, family and friends of Union College are invited. A meal will be provided. An offering will be received to cover expenses. For information, contact Glen or Marybeth Gessele at (503) 985-7759 or gm.gessele@gmail.com.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Linwood 50-year Anniversary

July 7-8—Spokane Linwood Church’s 50-year anniversary will be held at the church, 6525 N. Monroe, Spokane, Wash. All former members, pastors and interns are invited to attend. Any historical information and/or pictures of interest may be sent to: Linwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 48273, Spokane, WA 99228 or linwoodsda@asisna.com. For information, call (509) 327-4400 or visit www.linwoodsda.org.

Health Ministries Workshop

June 7-11—A practical lay training program presenting proven principles of health and natural healing remedies—with spiritual emphasis—for your personal well-being and Christian witness will be held on the campus of Country Haven Academy in Pasco, Wash. Herbert Douglass, Th.D., speaker, author, and theologian from Lincoln Hills, Calif., will challenge us to explore the real purpose for our unique Adventist health message. Lidia Seda, health educator from Uchee Pines Lifestyle Center, Seale, Ala., will present current information on obesity, heart disease, diabetes and cancer along with hands-on



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demonstrations in hydrotherapy, charcoal therapy and massage therapy. Jon R. Mundall, M.D., of Connell, Wash., specializing in toxicology, immunology, nutrition and preventive medicine will also speak. Vegan cooking demonstrations will be interspersed throughout the workshop. You won't want to miss this action-packed event! Meals in the cafeteria, with limited dormitory lodging and RV parking available. To register, call now (509) 266-4422 or (888) 285-2843.

Tonasket Church 80-year Celebration

June 24—The Tonasket Church invites all previous members to a summer celebration of their 80th anniversary. Pastor Larson will be the featured speaker for the worship service. Come and share your memories and renew acquaintances. Sabbath afternoon meals and Sunday breakfast will be provided.

WASHINGTON

Yelm Missing

The Yelm Church is seeking the following missing members: Michael Anderson, Veronica Faz, Bailey Hansen, Veronica Keith, Mario Martinez, Michael Stewart, Diane Vicent, Daniel Wingerter. If you have information regarding these members, please contact Rose Hall at the Yelm Church (360) 458-5144.

Ferndale Missing

The Ferndale Church would like information regarding the following missing members: Brianna Brandon, Even Brandon, Rhoda Clark, Michael Cowin, Diedra Karaza, Nathan Karaza, Marie Karaza, Richard Nelson, Stephanie Owen, Norbert Plaster, Maria Roberts, Tiffany Schnackenberg. If you have information regarding these members, please contact Catherine Lunt at the Ferndale Church (360) 384-1526.

SAGE Seniors Calendar

June 7-8—Lewis & Clark Exploration Cruise on the

Willamette and Columbia Rivers. Includes round trip train ride from Tacoma to Portland and overnight hotel. **June 17**—Anniversary dinner at Auburn Camp meeting 5:30 p.m. **July 9-14**—Assist Habitat for Humanity with building a home in Poulsbo. **July 23**—Seattle Mariners baseball game.

For information, contact Joan Libby at (253) 681-6008, joan.libby@wc.npuc.org, or see www.sage-washington.com.

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WORLD CHURCH

West Coast Hamfest

June 30-July 2—CQ, CQ, CQ, Calling all amateur radio operators and anyone interested. You are invited to attend the West Coast Amateur Radio Bible Study Group Hamfest at Monterey Bay Academy, in La Selva Beach, Calif. The group has been on the air using their ham radios to spread the gospel continuously for 47 years and presently meets at 3974 at 5:30 a.m. PT, seven days a week. The Net Control is Harold Keniston, KA6ENC, of Visalia, Calif. The featured speaker this year is retired missionary pastor and amateur radio operator, KC6ZZZ, Pastor Siegfried Neuendorff. His Envoys, a men's quintet from Pleasant Hill, Calif., will add a musical dimension to the weekend. All are welcome to attend Friday evening vespers and Sabbath services. For further information, contact Dr. Bill Hardt, WA6TVU, at (559) 568-2941 or blhardt@oscn.net.

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- Stories that support Adventist Christian education at all levels.
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- Stories of evangelism focusing on people rather than numbers, and on the active involvement of the church members.

In addition to the above stories we will publish news stories of archival importance: church or school groundbreaking, dedications, anniversaries, etc.

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We do not publish:

poetry; animal stories (unless they fit one of the criteria listed above); personal life stories; photos with brief photo captions listing all the people in a group that were recently baptized, without any conversion stories.

*Nadine Platner Dower,
GLEANER managing editor*

ANSWERS

BIBLE ACHIEVEMENT QUESTIONS FROM PAGE 5

1. Wisdom, justice, judgment, equity.
2. Animal.
3. Their scolding.
4. A good word.
5. His mother.
6. Strife.
7. Gravel.
8. A quarrel.
9. He guards them.
10. Mouth, righteously, poor and needy.
11. My law.
12. The righteous.
13. In all your ways acknowledge Him.
14. Instruction.
15. Goes astray.
16. Judgment.
17. Do not forsake it.
18. "And when he is old he will not depart from it."

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Ketchikan	9:18	9:26	9:30	9:32	9:31
IDAHO CONFERENCE					
Boise	9:20	9:25	9:28	9:30	9:30
La Grande	8:34	8:39	8:43	8:44	8:44
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Butte	9:13	9:19	9:23	9:25	9:24
Helena	9:15	9:20	9:24	9:25	9:25
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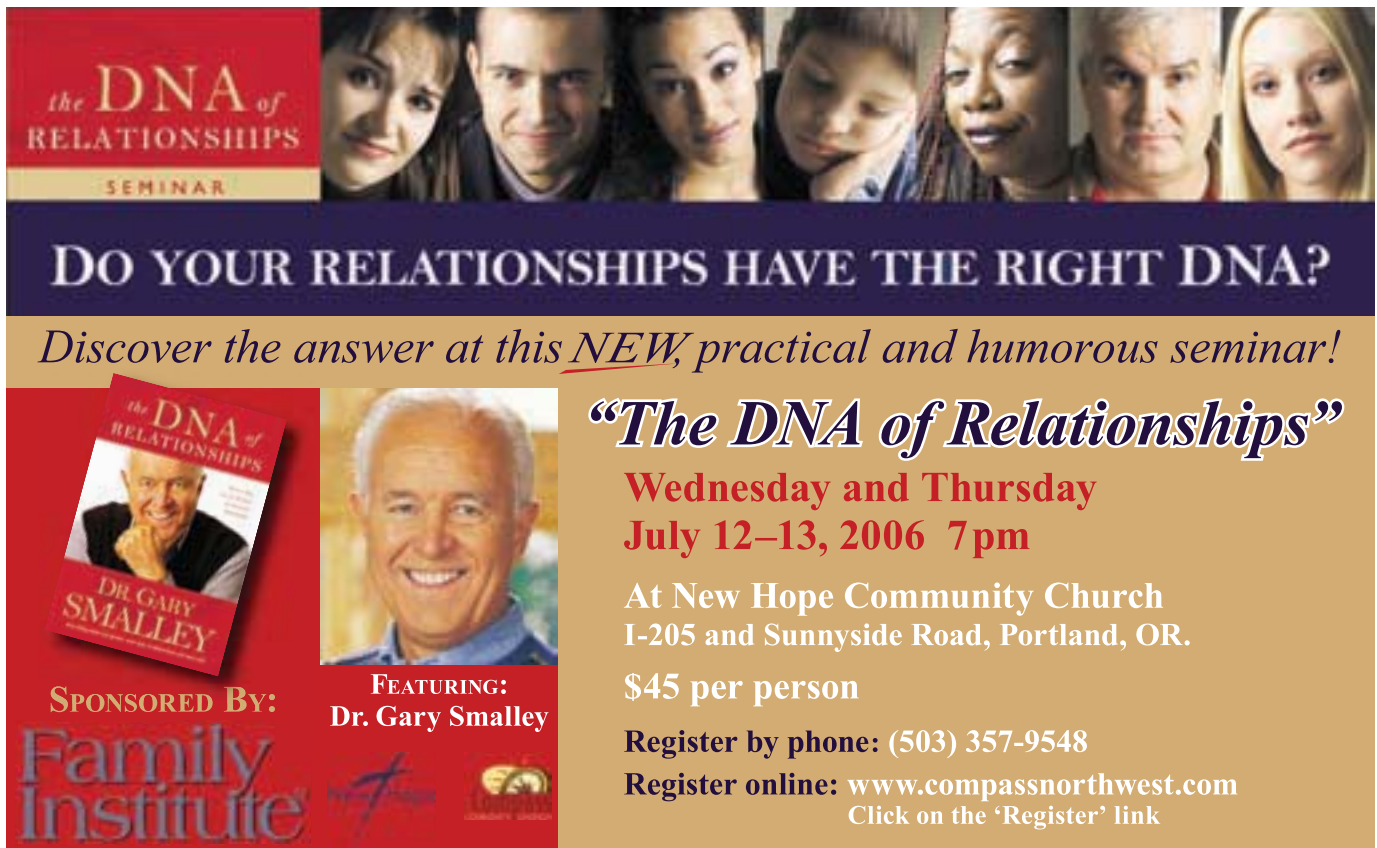
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Should Adventists Step Back, or Step Up?

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When evangelical Christians champion religious causes in the public or political world, should Adventists step back, or step up?

Some Adventists are challenged with how to understand and respond to the current groundswell of evangelical fervor in American public and political life. They resonate with principles of moral values trumpeted by prominent evangelical spokespersons, but are uncomfortable with using the political process to blur the separating line between church and state.

Our evangelical friends are similarly perplexed by an Adventist reluctance to sign on to their campaigns. Our strong belief in the freedom of religion sometimes aligns us against our Protestant colleagues and with such unlikely allies as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The apprehension that Adventists used to reserve for Catholics now also applies towards prominent Protestants. When evangelical leaders such as James Dobson speak out on an issue, Adventists listen and often agree. But they wonder about the prophetic implications of such political agendas.

Yet sometimes our reservations have led us to be followers on subjects about which we should have been leaders. When Christian churches joined together to highlight Ten Commandments Day in May, many Adventists ignored it, others helped out, some rallied against it. Too

often, we are known for what we stand against more than what we stand for.

Perhaps we have too often stepped back instead of stepping up. Perhaps we should move from the margins of society into the very marketplaces of our communities. So here are some questions to ponder:

- Should Adventists be more or less visible in public political debate?

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- Should more Adventists run for political office?
- Do Adventists have a message about the Ten Commandments worthy of being heard?
- Do we sometimes spend more time attacking wrong than standing up for right?

When Jesus called His people to be the salt of the earth, I don't believe He meant for us to become salt brine in jars of pickles lined up on a shelf. He made it clear He wanted His followers to be in the world, involved with the world. When the early Christians took His advice, they were described as having "turned the world upside down." Perhaps that is still needed today. •



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