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Remembering Max C. Torkelsen

Max C. Torkelsen, longtime husband, father, church pastor, educator and administrator, passed peacefully to his rest at home in Cherry Blossom Cottage, Portland, Ore., on Saturday evening, Dec. 8, 2012. He was 86.

A theology graduate of Union College in Lincoln, Neb., Torkelsen began his work for the Seventh-day Adventist Church as the pastor of a five-church district centered in Fargo, N.D. He later moved into educational work, serving as principal for Colorado Junior Academy in Grand Junction, Colo., and later at Sheyenne River Academy in Harvey, N.D.

Torkelsen served as educational superintendent for the Arizona

Conference and then moved to the same position in Central California, where he eventually became conference president.

His initial work in the Northwest was as North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive secretary from 1971–1974. After a short appointment as president of the Southeastern California Conference, Torkelsen returned to the NPUC as president from 1976–1980.

In later years, Torkelsen served as a General Conference general vice president and, just before retiring, as president for the Nevada-Utah Conference. Retirement was not an end to his service for the church. He helped for a time as philanthropy director for

the Upper Columbia Conference, based in Spokane, Wash., and also served as task force pastor for the Village Church in College Place, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Ardis, sons Max and Monte, daughter Myrna Smith, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial gifts can be directed to the Upper Columbia Conference worthy student scholarship at Upper Columbia Conference, 3715 S. Grove Road, Spokane, WA 99224, or Abba's Child scholarship fund at Oregon Conference, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR 97027.

More Memories ... Alf Birch 1935–2013



Many are remembering the life and legacy of Alf Birch who passed away Jan. 11 after battling the rapid onset of pancreatic cancer. He was 77. Birch received his undergraduate education from Helderberg College near Cape Town, South Africa, and also earned a master's degree and Doctor of Ministry degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews

University in Berrien Springs, Mich. Following more than three decades of ministry in Africa and Australia, he came to the Northwest in 1989 as the Oregon Conference Sabbath School director. He served the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) as ministerial director (1991–1993) and as NPUC executive secretary (1993–1994).

In 1994 he was elected Oregon Conference president, a position he held until his retirement in September 2001. During retirement he became a part-time associate pastor of the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground, Wash., where he served until his sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Estelle, son Ray, and daughters Pam Berger and Diane Birch. A memorial service has been scheduled for Feb. 16 at the Meadow Glade Church.



Now Is the Time for All...

You may remember, years ago, typing the common phrase, “Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.” It seems to me the time is right for us adapt that saying to the needs of our own mission here in the Northwest: “Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their church.”

The mission God has given us requires all hands on deck. While earnest members around the world seek guidance on the issue of ordination, it is time for us to celebrate the contribution of women to the life and mission of the church, a contribution that is impossible to quantify. Serving a membership that is more female than male, women hold many leadership responsibilities in local congregations. They serve as elders and deaconesses, clerks and treasurers, and Sabbath School superintendents. The children’s programs would languish without them.

The spiritual gifts of men and women are often complementary to one another, and together they make a stronger team than if either one were working alone. “When a great and decisive work is to be done, God chooses men and women to do this work, and it will feel the loss if the talents of both are not combined,” writes Ellen G. White (*Letter 77, 1898*).

Many of our larger congregations have women pastors as part of their leadership teams. Their effective service illustrates what White says: “It is the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit of God that prepares workers, both men and women, to become pastors to the flock of God” (*Review and Herald*, Jan. 15, 1901).

While men have traditionally shouldered church leadership roles, Mrs. White’s counsel gives us additional wisdom. She writes, “It is not always men who are best adapted to the successful management of a church. If faithful women have more deep piety and true devotion than men, they could indeed by their prayers and their labors do more than men who are

consecrated in heart and in life” (*Letter 33, 1879*).

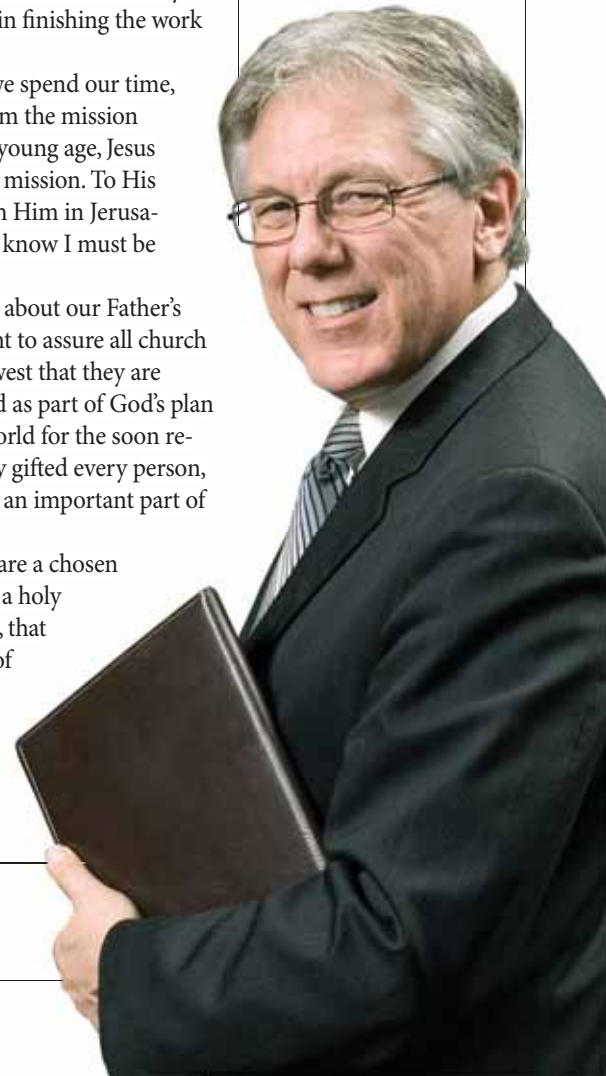
In these last days of Earth’s history we need everyone to work together to complete the task given us by God Himself to prepare a people to meet Jesus. Job 2:28–29 says, “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.” It appears to me that all believers, young and old, men and women, have been called and chosen by God to play a Spirit-filled role in finishing the work before Jesus comes.

The devil doesn’t care how we spend our time, as long as we are distracted from the mission God has given to us. Even at a young age, Jesus grasped the importance of His mission. To His parents who remonstrated with Him in Jerusalem, He responded, “Don’t you know I must be about My Father’s business?”

That is our task, too — to be about our Father’s business, every one of us. I want to assure all church members in the Pacific Northwest that they are valued, appreciated and needed as part of God’s plan to prepare our corner of the world for the soon return of Jesus. God has uniquely gifted every person, whether ordained or not, to be an important part of His team.

The apostle Peter says, “You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Ordination is really not the main issue. The calling of Jesus is!

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MAX C. TORKELSEN

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Another Look at ORDINATION

William Tyndale's Critique

BY JOHN MCVAY, WALLA WALLA
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

EDITOR'S NOTE

While a world church committee studies the theological basis of ordination, we offer *GLEANER* readers the following thoughts from John McVay, Walla Walla University president, regarding William Tyndale's perspectives on ordination. McVay holds a Ph.D. in biblical studies from the University of Sheffield, is a specialist in the writings of the Apostle Paul and has developed an interest in the enduring significance of William Tyndale. Tyndale was a formidable English scholar and leading Protestant reformer whose 16th-century translation of the Bible was the first to draw directly from Greek and Hebrew texts and which significantly influenced the King James Version. We welcome your response to an expanded treatment of this topic at gleaneronline.org/ordination or via email to talk@gleaneronline.org.

A swelling crowd in the public square parts for a military squad leading a bedraggled and bound prisoner toward the platform.

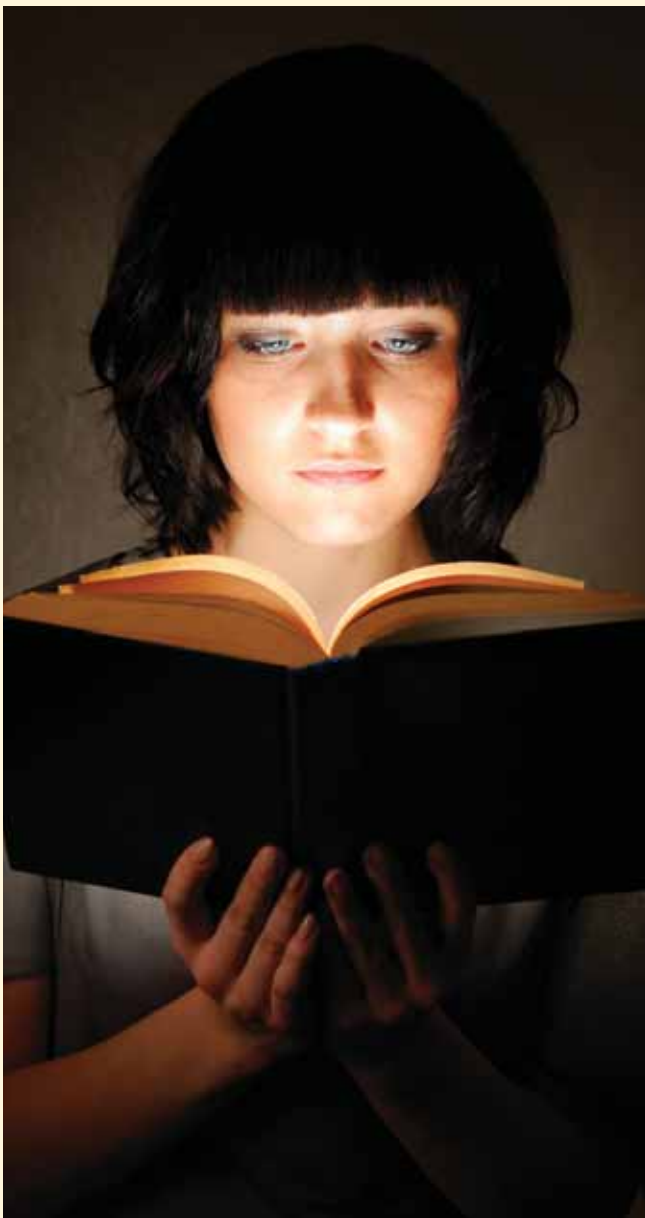
As the prisoner ascends the dais, the level of excitement around him also rises. Dressed in the vestments of a priest, the prisoner stands before the bishop for the public reading of the “articles of guilt.” And then the bishop orders him to kneel, which he does. Guards grasp his wrists roughly and thrust his hands out to the bishop. The bishop scrapes the prisoner’s palms with a rough piece of glass, as though removing the anointing oil of his priestly ordination. The sacramental bread and wine are placed in those freshly abraded hands for a moment and then jerked away. Finally, his vestments are removed one by one until he kneels only in the rough garments of a peasant layman. Death, at the hand of secular authorities, will come in a few days. Just now, William Tyndale, Protestant reformer and Bible translator, has been “degraded” or “unhallowed,” his privileges and prerogatives as priest removed.¹

This “unhallowing” occurs in the context of medieval Roman Catholic theology where “holy orders” was one of seven sacraments that confer grace (at the time, the “minor orders” of doorkeepers, readers, exorcists

and acolytes were seen largely as preparation for the “major orders” of subdeacon, deacon, priest and bishop). Ordination, it was believed, imprinted an indelible character on the soul of the person ordained. And there had grown up an elaborate ritual of ordination for each “order.” Moreover, “church” (Latin *ecclesia*) in both canon law and popular use denoted the clergy and the hierarchical, legal and ceremonial edifice that sustained them. Astoundingly, “it was the clergy who were the *ecclesia*, the church.”²

Two decades before his “degradation,” Tyndale had been ordained at least three times, for three different orders — subdeacon, deacon, priest.³ From his personal experience — and from extensive study in canon law — he knew about “ordination.” Erasmus’ Greek New Testament was first published in 1516, the year after Tyndale’s ordination as priest. Tyndale consumed it hungrily. From this passionate study of Scripture and his gifted work in translating the New Testament into English springs a lucid critique of medieval theology and the practice of “orders” and “ordination.” It is stated succinctly and eloquently in his 1528 book, *Obedience of a Christian Man*.⁴

Tyndale's incisive critique was based on a fresh, courageous reading of the biblical evidence. Is it not time to attempt such a reading again? And if we did, how might such a reading impact our views and our practices?



Tyndale offers the following points in his critique:

1. Ordination is not a sacrament. It does not confer special grace or imprint an indelible character on the soul.
2. The various orders or titles — subdeacon, deacon, priest, bishop, cardinal, patriarch and pope — are simply “names of offices and services.”
3. Faithfulness to duty under inspiration of the Spirit is what really matters (“If they minister their offices truly, it is a sign that God’s Spirit is in them, if not, that the devil is in them”).
4. With regard to priests and priesthood, Christ is “a priest for ever, and all we priest through him, and need no more any such priest on earth ...”
5. The “elder,” the New Testament counterpart of a priest, is to be carefully distinguished from the Old Testament office. An elder is “nothing but an officer to teach, and not to be a mediator between God and us. This needeth no anointing of man.”
6. Those who “make themselves holier than the lay people” and take advantage of their position for financial gain are condemned by the teachings of the New Testament. (Tyndale refers at some length to numerous passages to make his point: Acts 20; 2 Peter 2; 1 Tim. 6; Matt. 7; John 21; 1 Peter 5; 2 Cor. 2, 12.)
7. No office or “ordination” bestows any special status before God: ... the truth is, that we are all equally beloved in Christ, and God hath sworn to all indifferently. According, therefore, as every man believeth God’s promises, longeth for them, and is diligent to pray unto God to fulfill them, so is his prayer heard; and as good is the prayer of a cobbler, as of a cardinal, and of a butcher, as of a bishop; and the blessing of a baker that knoweth the truth is as good as the blessing of our most holy father the pope.

8. Case studies in the New Testament point to a simple pattern of appointing people to minister in Christ's name. When "Christ called twelve up into the mountain, and chose them, then immediately, without any anointing or ceremony, were they his apostles ... ministers chosen to be sent to preach his testament unto all the whole world." Similarly, after the resurrection, Christ "sent them forth with a commandment to preach ... And that commandment, or charge, made them bishops, priests, popes, and all thing." A similar pattern is in view in the appointment of Matthias (Acts 1) and the deacons (Acts 6). "Neither is there any other manner or ceremony at all required in making of our spiritual officers, than to choose an able person, and then to rehearse to him his duty, and give him his charge, and so to put him in his room" (or office).

Tyndale's critique was certainly appropriate for his time. It had the ring of truth in 1528. And it still does today. For Tyndale, it

was crystal clear that the Protestant doctrine of the priesthood of all believers profoundly impacts the understanding and practice of "ordination."⁵ Decades of developing and implementing organizational policies and structures can dim that clarity. Without being fully cognizant of it, we can drift toward a medieval, sacramental view of ordination. Policies that, from an organizational point of view, may seem appropriate and helpful can become theologically toxic if they are not actively and continuously ruled by this truth: "We are all equally beloved in Christ, and God hath sworn to all indifferently." From the divine point of view, there is no difference of status or worth between "pastor" and "lay person." Indeed, pastors are themselves members of the laity, the laos, the people of God.

Tyndale's incisive critique was based on a fresh, courageous reading of the biblical evidence. Is it not time to attempt such a reading again? And if we did, how might such a reading impact our views and our practices?

¹ I am imagining the scene along the lines suggested by the following sources: J.F. Mozley, *William Tyndale* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1937), 337–39; Brian H. Edwards, *God's Outlaw: The Story of William Tyndale and the English Bible, Champions of the Faith* (Darlington, England: Evangelical, 1976), 167; David Daniell, *William Tyndale: A Biography* (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 1994), 381–82.

² William S. Stafford, "Tyndale's Voice to the Laity," in *Word, Church, and State: Tyndale Quincentenary Essays*, ed. John T. Day, Eric Lund and Anne M. O'Donnell (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1998), 105.

³ Brian H. Edwards, *Travel with William Tyndale, England's Greatest Bible Translator* (Leominster, UK: Day One Publications, 2009), 25–26.

⁴ My survey and citations are drawn from the section "Of Order," pp. 254–59, in *William Tyndale, Doctrinal Treatises and Introductions to Different Portions of the Holy Scriptures*, ed. Henry Walter, Parker Society edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1848). The full title of the work is "The obedience of a Christian man and how Christian rulers ought to govern, wherein also (if thou mark diligently) thou shalt find eyes to perceive the crafty conveyance of all jugglers." It is available in a modern edition: William Tyndale and David Daniell, *The Obedience of a Christian Man*, Penguin Classics (London: Penguin, 2000). The 1848 Parker Society edition, referenced above, is available online via Google Books (<http://glnr.in/13FEBTyndale>). Daniell warns that the Parker edition misrepresents the original in adding a great deal of punctuation and many marginal notes. See Daniell, 404 n. 7.

⁵ For a thorough discussion of the complexities of Tyndale's understanding of "the priesthood of all believers," see Stafford, "Tyndale's Voice to the Laity."

READ MORE ONLINE

Additional documents on ordination are available online at gleaneronline.org/ordination. Many of these were presented by members of the North Pacific Union Conference Ad Hoc Committee on Women in Leadership during 2012. The documents are not intended to be official position statements and do not necessarily represent a voted position of the church or a majority of Northwest members. They are personal perspectives respectfully submitted for a respectful response. Those currently online include:

- Women in Ministry: Framing the Conversation
- A Biblical Theology of Unity
- Reflections on the Theology and Practice of Ordination in the Adventist Church
- Authority to Ordain Pastors in the SDA Church
- Policy on Women in Ministry
- A History of Women in Adventist Leadership
- Answers to Questions Regarding NPUC Process on Women in Leadership

We encourage your thoughtful response online or via email to talk@gleaneronline.org.



The Green DREAM

Ellen White's Vision of Jesus

BY ALEX BRYAN, WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY CHURCH SENIOR PASTOR

EDITOR'S NOTE

Adventist Churches and members are at a crossroads. Will we re-engage with the prophetic vision initiated so long ago within the Advent movement? Will Jesus be in the center of our vision and the Leader of our purpose? Will we become distracted by theological disputes, or will we live within the grand story of the Great Controversy? Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church pastor, addresses these questions and more in his recent book, *The Green Cord Dream*, published by Pacific Press and excerpted with permission here and in the next two *GLEANER* issues.

The stream of Adventism is fed by the teardrops of the Great Disappointment.

We can't understand the currents of this faith movement, the flow of its theology, the rapids of its hopes and hang-ups, what floats it and at times drowns it, its eschatological energy, the life of its lifestyle, nor the refreshing river of its anthropological vision without an empathetic grasp of the October 22, 1844, punch in the gut.

It didn't happen on that day. He didn't appear. The clock struck midnight, and the

Adventists were wrong. Tragically wrong. A whopper of a theological mistake. We argued from the Bible that the Second Coming of Jesus would happen on *this* date. We quit our jobs, left our homes, walked out of our churches. We sold our stuff. We looked to the sky. But there was no trumpet. There were no angels. There was no cloud.

The Advent movement was born in failure rather than success, error rather than truth, darkness rather than light, and sorrow rather than joy.

Jesus didn't return. *The Great Disappointment*.

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PART 1



Here is a truth: Disappointments clarify, purging the streams of our lives of substances that might have clouded them. The disappointments of our lives bring sharper vision. They enable us to see who we are and what we are about. They make the hearts of men and women transparent.

When she breaks up with you and you cry and you listen to sad songs on the radio and you write sappy poetry and you mope and you can't seem to cope, your disappointment reveals that you care deeply for *her*.

When you break up with her and 10 minutes later she is shopping and fielding calls from other guys, happy and free, her lack of disappointment reveals what — or who — she doesn't care about. (Hint: *you*.)

When a son looks for his father in the stands, a father who fails to show up for his son's basketball game, the look of disappointment speaks.

When a daughter looks for her mother in the audience, a mother who fails to show up for her daughter's violin concert, the look of disappointment speaks.

These looks say, "I care about my girlfriend's/boyfriend's/parents' approval, love, affection, participation, presence in my life. I'm disappointed when they're absent because I care about them and what they think about me."

THE GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

When things don't disappoint us, we know that we don't care about them. When things disappoint us a little bit, we know that we care a little bit. But when we feel *great disappointment*, we know whatever caused it matters an awful lot.

Adventism was distilled by the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844. How Adventists reacted to what didn't happen on that day clarifies the content of this Christian

faith stream. Here's what some Adventists who experienced October 22 said about what it meant to them.

Henry Emmons: "I waited all Tuesday and *dear* Jesus did not come. I waited all forenoon of Wednesday, and was well in body as I ever was, but after 12 o'clock I began to feel faint, and before dark I needed someone to help me up to my chamber, as my natural strength was leaving me fast, and I lay prostrate for two days without any pain — sick with disappointment."¹

Hiram Edson: "Our fondest hopes and expectations were blasted, and such a spirit of weeping came over us as I never experienced before. It seemed that *the loss of all earthly friends* could have been no comparison. We wept, and wept, till the day dawn."²

Seventeen-year-old Ellen Harmon: "Those who *sincerely love Jesus* can appreciate the feelings of those who watched with the most *intense longing* for the coming of their Saviour."³

The future of Adventism doesn't find its hope in new or old worship, old-fashioned or new-fashioned ideas, or a longing for tomorrow or for yesterday.

Jesus isn't a big deal. Jesus is The Deal.



All religious movements have a beginning. They have a foundational, formational, inaugural, initial reason for existence. Judaism was born as an organized religion when Moses heard God's voice atop Mount Sinai. Islam sprang from the belief that Allah revealed insights to the Prophet Muhammad, who lived about 1,400 years ago. The Koran contains these revelations. Christianity was conceived in response to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. A group of men and women believed what He said about Himself and about them. They believed He rose from the dead, so they believed *Him*. For 2,000 years, all sorts of Christian sects, movements, denominations, organizations and reorganizations have come to be.

THE DESIRE OF THE AGES

What makes Adventists unique? I'd answer it by pointing to our unique beginning. Adventism isn't peculiar or special because of our Sabbath keeping, vegetarian cuisine or remnant claims. Adventism's uniqueness is found at its historical root: Jesus. Adventism's nearly two-century-old hang-up is ... Jesus.

Adventism *at its best* also looks up. It searches the skies with the very same hope that the Adventists of October 22, 1844, had. To be with Jesus. To enter His embrace and find a world without suffering and pain, sans tears and disappointment.

Adventism — again, *at its best* — has eyes that look up

... not with fear-mongering predictions about the end of the world, not with wild speculations about when it will happen and how. Instead, with eyes that are filled with hope, humility, and love.

Jesus, later today — and if not today, then tomorrow.

THE ONE

Is Jesus worth the tears and the desire? This enduring and endearing passion?

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" (KJV). "Only begotten"? The Word is actually *monogenēs*. *Mono*: unique, one, one of a kind. Monochrome: one color. Monotone: one pitch. Monopoly: one who has it all. *Genes*: genetics, human genes, *Homo sapiens*, DNA. A One-of-a-kind human being.

There have been, and there are, lots of human beings — billions and billions over many generations. But God did something special in this one case. God poured God — all of God — into a human zygote. A human egg from one of Mary's ovaries, fertilized by the Spirit. And nine months later He was born: the Superhuman.

The beginning of Adventist anthropology — the search for who we are as human beings, our meaning, our purpose, our existence, our gene pool — is in the *monogenēs*, Jesus Christ. Not just any Jesus. The one-and-only Jesus. The Jesus of the Gospels. The One who holds certain values. Particular priorities. A very definite view of God, humanity, and the earth.

Jesus isn't a big deal. Jesus is *The Deal*.

1 John 5:12 makes this bold claim: “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (KJV). So we can say, The denomination that hath the Son hath life; and the denomination that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

The future of Adventism doesn’t rest in master plans and master prayers. The future of Adventism doesn’t find its hope in church structure, finances, new ways of articulating truth, creative approaches to theology, new or old worship, old-fashioned or new-fashioned ideas, or a longing for tomorrow or for yesterday. The future of Adventism is neither top down nor bottom up.

So what is the future?

Here’s my proposal: If Adventism is to have a bright, energetic, vibrant future ... If Adventism is going to get a life and have a life ... it must — we must — have the Son.

In 1842, during this era of Advent hope, fifteen-year-old Ellen Harmon’s memoir points us to the heart of this movement with her *Green Cord Dream*.

THE GREEN CORD DREAM

“Soon after this I had another dream. I seemed to be sitting in abject despair, with my face in my hands, reflecting like this: If Jesus were upon earth, I would go to Him, throw myself at His feet, and tell Him all my sufferings. He would not turn away from me; He would have mercy upon me, and I would love and serve Him always.

“Just then the door opened, and a person of beautiful form and countenance entered. He looked upon me pitifully, and said: “Do you wish to see Jesus? He is here, and you can see Him if you desire it. Take everything you possess, and follow me.”

“I heard this with unspeakable joy, and gladly gathered up all my little possessions, every treasured trinket, and followed my guide. He led me to a steep and apparently frail stairway. As I began to ascend the steps, he cautioned me to keep my eyes fixed upward, lest I should grow dizzy and fall. Many others who were climbing the steep ascent fell before gaining the top.

“Finally we reached the last step, and stood before a door. Here my guide directed me to leave all the things that I had brought with me. I cheerfully laid them down. He then opened the door, and bade me enter.

“In a moment I stood before Jesus. There was no mistaking that beautiful countenance; that expression of benevolence and majesty could belong to no other. As His gaze rested upon me,

I knew at once that He was acquainted with every circumstance of my life and all my inner thoughts and feelings. I tried to shield myself from His gaze, feeling unable to endure His searching eyes; but He drew near with a smile, and laying His hand upon my head, said, “Fear not.” The sound of His sweet voice thrilled my heart with a happiness it had never before experienced. I was too joyful to utter a word, but, overcome with emotion, sank prostrate at His feet. While I was lying helpless there, scenes of beauty and glory passed before me, and I seemed to have reached the safety and peace of heaven.

“At length my strength returned, and I arose. The loving eyes of Jesus were still upon me, and His smile filled my soul with gladness. His presence awoke in me a holy reverence and an inexpressible love.

“My guide now opened the door, and we both passed out. He bade me take up again all the things I had left without. This done, he handed me a green cord coiled up closely. This he directed me to place next my heart, and when I wished to see Jesus, take it from my bosom, and stretch it to the utmost. He cautioned me not to let it remain coiled for any length of time, lest it should become knotted and difficult to straighten. I placed the cord near my heart, and joyfully descended the narrow stairs, praising the Lord, and telling all whom I met where they could find Jesus.”⁴

¹ George Knight, *A Search for Identity: The Development of Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs* (Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2000), 53; emphasis added.

² George Knight, *A Brief History of Seventh-day Adventists*, 2nd ed. (Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald, 2004), 25; emphasis added.

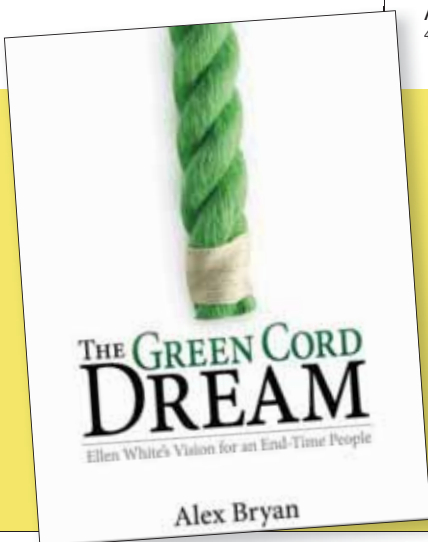
³ Ellen G. White, *Life Sketches of Ellen White* (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1915), 56; emphasis added.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 34–36.

WANT TO READ MORE?

Interested readers may obtain the full edition of *The Green Cord Dream: Ellen White’s Vision for an End-Time People*, published by Pacific Press, from their local Adventist Book Center, online at adventistbookcenter.com, or as an eBook at Adventist-ebooks.com.

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Noticias de la Conferencia de Washington

ESCUELA DE EVANGELISMO LAICO

El año 2012 trajo grandes bendiciones para la hispanidad de la Conferencia de Washington. Dios nos permitió abrir dos nuevos templos, tener más de 250 bautismos y un grupo de iglesias muy unidas en la predicación del evangelio. El 29 de septiembre empezamos con gran éxito la Escuela de Evangelismo Laico,

a los estudiantes diplomas y credenciales. Estos misioneros se están preparando para los meses de abril y octubre, donde tendremos 140 campañas evangelísticas laicas al unísono, con un blanco de siete almas por campaña. Estas campañas se efectuarán en los centros comunales de complejos de apartamentos, donde la mayoría de los residentes son hispanos, y en otros locales



Obreros bíblicos y evangelistas laicos en entrenamiento intensivo.

se registraron 70 evangelistas laicos y 140 obreros bíblicos laicos. Tuvimos el privilegio de tener a Ramón Canals, vicepresidente de la Unión del Pacífico Norte y a Enoc Márquez, de la Conferencia de Oregon, quienes impartieron las clases de entrenamiento. La graduación será el 2 de febrero, donde entregaremos

que están siendo alquilados con éste mismo propósito. El comité de evangelismo de pastores hispanos formuló un plan minucioso para que en este año, podamos alcanzar a los hispanos del oeste de Washington, el cual es el año del evangelismo en la División Norteamericana.



Wagner Cilio y su esposa, Jacqueline.

BIENVENIDA A UN NUEVO PASTOR

Nos sentimos dichosos de recibir al nuevo pastor Wagner Cilio y su esposa, Jacqueline, el pasado sábado 8 de diciembre del 2012, quienes asumieron la responsabilidad en el distrito de Federal Way, Wash. Los esposos Cilio vienen de la Conferencia de Oklahoma, y tienen una vasta experiencia con grupos pequeños y con la ganancia de almas. Sabemos que Dios les ha traído para ser de bendición a esta conferencia.

NUEVA DIRECTIVA DE FEJA

El pasado 2 de diciembre, tuvimos el privilegio de tener las elecciones de la nueva directiva de nuestra Federación,

“FEJA.” Estos jóvenes servirán como líderes por dos años. Agradecemos mucho por el arduo trabajo realizado por David Sierra, quien anteriormente fungió como presidente. Nuestra nueva presidenta es Leslie Ramírez; ella y la nueva directiva, tienen grandes planes para el 2013 y 2014. Ellos piden de las oraciones de todos para que su trabajo pueda ser fructífero, y que también puedan desempeñar sus labores con sabiduría. Muchos jóvenes han conocido el mensaje gracias al trabajo de este ministerio juvenil.

¡Verdaderamente Dios ha bendecido Su obra en la Conferencia de Washington con grandes acontecimientos! Nuestro deseo es hacer todo lo posible para terminar la predicación del evangelio. Sólo el poder de Dios nos dará el privilegio de ver los frutos de estos planes.

Omar Grieve, director de ministerios Hispanos, Conferencia de Washington



Nuevos líderes de FEJA. De izquierda a derecha en la parte de abajo: Omar Grieve, Luis A. Reyes, Eli Castro, Asuzena Ledezma, Sarahí Barquero, Linda Juárez y David Sierra. De izquierda a derecha en la parte de arriba: Leslie Ramírez, Valentín Anaya e Ildefonso Cuevas.

Ketchikan Youth Fill Food Pantry

The youth of the Ketchikan Church started an annual can collection project to benefit the community food pantry known as Love INC (In the Name of Christ). The kids brought Sabbath School offerings of canned goods and boxed items instead of money and encouraged other members to bring items to collection baskets in the church foyer.

Some of the kids went door to door in their neighborhood explaining the project and requesting additional donations. Their willingness to help others was rewarded with great



donations. The older youth placed bags on nearby doors asking neighbors to participate by placing donations in the bag, and the youth returned several days later to collect them.

Though the original goal was to collect 100 items to donate to Love INC, God blessed, and the kids presented 281 items to the organization's director. These youth in turn are being rewarded with a pizza party and game night.

Sandy James, Ketchikan Church communication leader

Sitka Church Thanks Community Servants

Neither rain, nor snow, nor ice, nor cold could deter the members of the Sitka Church as they set out to thank those who serve their community.

Several months ago at one of the church's monthly Ladies Night Out gatherings, one member suggested the group prepare and distribute holiday gift baskets to express gratitude to those who provide important services to the Sitka community. Despite nasty weather, a small group gathered Dec. 5, 2012, bearing homemade treats, fruit, juice and snack foods to fill gift baskets. Even members unable to attend sent their additions to the baskets.

The following day, 10 holiday baskets were distributed to post offices, the women's and children's shelter, the Coast Guard, and the electric, city works, fire, police and harbor departments. Each basket contained a greet-

ing card thanking the recipient for the service each provides to the community.

Members learned firsthand it truly is more blessed to give than receive as they saw the

looks of surprise and joy on the faces of those who received the gifts.

Judy Evenson, Sitka Church member

(From left) Sitka members Judy Evenson, Liz Ellingsen, Tami Jo Weissberg, Lindy Eliason, Linda Fredrickson and Tammy Eliason prepare gift baskets for community servants.



An electric department employee receives a gift from Tammy Eliason, who inspired a unique holiday gifting project in the Sitka Church.

Caldwell Community Services Distributes Thanksgiving Food

A dozen volunteers gathered Nov. 19, 2012, to assemble 223 sacks of food for families in the Caldwell community who requested assistance. These “baskets” were handed out to the families the next day from the church’s community service building.

The food baskets were portioned according to family size, but each included fresh

fruit, yams, potatoes, celery, dinner rolls and canned foods. Families who wanted meat received dressing mix and a turkey or chicken. Some baskets also included evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, and cookies or other treats.

Members of the Caldwell Church and other community friends donated the majority of the food as well as money

to purchase additional items. Frances Unger, Caldwell Community Services director, offered thanks to everyone who made it possible for a small organization to accomplish a large food program for the holidays.

DeeAnn Reedy, Caldwell Church communication leader



Cloverdale Hosts Community Harvest Party



A Cloverdale member greets a community member as she arrives at the annual Harvest Party.

The Cloverdale Church in Boise, Idaho, hosted its eighth annual community Harvest Party on Oct. 20, 2012, with 2,000 community and church members attending.

The sports field was covered with games, rides, crafts and

activities like hayrides, a 20-foot climbing wall and a photo op in a miniature Mission Aviation Fellowship airplane. Bernese mountain dogs towed carts of laughing toddlers.

The Boise Police Department provided free fingerprinting of children, Idaho Power presented an electricity safety model, and the Boise Fire Department gave kids practice escaping from a simulated smoke-filled house. Food, bottled water and homemade treats were sold to raise funds for local Adventist groups.

A holiday bazaar of hand-crafted gifts and decorations filled the gymnasium lobby and raised funds for the Boise Pathfinder Club. A church information table offered each guest a copy of *The Great Hope*. The Summerwind Skippers kids’ jump-rope team, which was featured on *America’s Got Talent*, provided entertain-

ment in the gym. The evening concluded with fireworks set off amid a background of gospel and patriotic music.

The Harvest Party began in 2004 when family ministry directors Rhonda and Tim Morauske sought an opportunity for people in the surrounding neighborhood to connect with church members in a friendly, neutral atmosphere. The event has evolved from a simple party with fewer than 100 attendees to a highly anticipated community festival requiring a

year of planning and about 150 volunteers.

Church members funding this outreach see the result of their efforts. “I’ve never set foot on this church’s campus because I thought it was a cult or something,” explains one attendee. “But my kids begged to attend the Harvest Party. Now that I’ve been to this wonderful family event, I plan to come back.”

Jennifer Matoske, Cloverdale Church member

The John Miler Band performs during the Cloverdale Harvest Party.



Tiny Heart Inspires Big Sacrifice

Russell Dovich was born on Sept. 24, 2012, to parents Adam and Holly Dovich, active members of the Cloverdale Church in Boise, Idaho. Adam is also the third- and fourth-grade teacher at Boise Valley Adventist School (BVAS) and a former volunteer sports coach for Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA).



Russell Dovich was born with a heart defect that required immediate surgery, so his church and local schools rallied to help raise funds for his medical expenses.

While eagerly anticipating Russell's arrival, Adam and Holly learned their baby's tiny heart had a defect that would require surgery soon after his birth. Their church, school and community families rallied to provide emotional and financial support. Among several fundraising efforts, GSAA held a benefit dinner to help with the baby's mounting medical expenses.

Each year the GSAA junior class hosts a fall festival, their biggest and most successful fundraiser for their senior trip. Unfortunately, the benefit dinner and festival had been scheduled on the same night, forcing patrons to choose which worthy activity to attend. The junior class quickly put Russell's needs above their own and



The Gem State Adventist Academy junior class donated the proceeds of their senior trip fundraiser to help a local family with unexpected medical expenses.

agreed, along with other classes, to contribute the proceeds from the fall festival to the Dovich family's expenses, knowing full well this meant sacrificing their senior trip.

The festival moved from the GSAA campus to the BVAS gym so patrons could easily attend both functions. Through combined efforts of church,

family and the GSAA junior class, thousands of dollars were raised for Russell's medical expenses. Those involved recognized it was a privilege to be a part of a selfless experience truly guided by God.

Melanie Lawson, Boise Valley Adventist School teacher

Cold Ride Brings Warm Wishes *in Long Creek*

Long Creek, Ore., enjoyed another annual Christmas caroling extravaganza on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 16, 2012. For the second year in a row, the Long Creek Adventist Church partnered with Long Creek Community Church

to remind the residents these two churches care about their neighbors.

First, 23 Christmas food baskets assembled by the two churches were distributed in the community. Then two horse-drawn wagons made for a pic-

turesque hayride in the snow, as singers from both churches joined to herald the good news of Christ's birth.

The singers persisted in their task despite a cold and strong wind. The local residents were ably assisted by a small group of young people from the College Place, Wash., area who came for the occasion.

When the caroling was over, about 55 people gathered for warm soup and hot drinks in the church fellowship hall. The music, camaraderie and fun conversation went well with the

hot food after the cold hayride. The carolers felt the Lord's presence working in their Eastern Oregon community.

Leland Spencer, Long Creek Church communication leader

It was a time of warm hats and smiles.

Two horse-drawn wagons loaded with people and bales of hay bring Christmas carols to Long Creek residents.



Mount Ellis Team Serves in Kenya

Dozens of students and adults drove away from the snowy campus of Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) in Bozeman, Mont., Nov. 14, 2012, to begin a 48-hour journey to Masai Mara, Kenya. On the last leg of the journey from Nairobi to the Mara West camp, initial sightings of zebra, impala and wildebeest welcomed the caravan of vehicles to “the bush.” The next day, after settling into the camp, the eager crew morphed into masons, cement mixers and carpenters.

African Mission Services Community Clinic is in the process of expanding its facility to provide more services to the Masai people in southwest Kenya. The MEA group built an addition to the clinic that will house an operating room, dental clinic, sterilization area and storage. Students had the opportunity to work and build relationships with “fundis”

A roadside spectator watches the Montana group pass by.



(Kenyan masons) while spending lots of time piling bricks on mud on bricks on mud on bricks and mud. While most participants were involved in some part of the construction project, there were also opportunities to participate



Joni and Deanna work with Steven, a Masai mason.

by presenting a daily Vacation Bible School for 500 students at the local school. Others assisted in the medical clinic, giving shots, taking vital signs, cleaning wounds and preparing expectant mothers for delivery.

One of the highlights of the week was worshipping on Sabbath at the local Adventist church. Even though songs were sung in Swahili, the familiar tunes were easy to sing along with. Experiencing part of the worldwide church firsthand brought a sense of community and pride to the worshippers.

Even though the group went to serve the people of Kenya, the real beneficiaries were the travelers themselves. Lessons in generosity, contentment and simplicity will be long remembered and cherished.

Joni Harris, Mount Ellis Academy senior



FRANCIS AHO

Mount Ellis Academy students and adults help construct a surgical center in Kenya.



Shelby Vercio and Greg Allen finish the last wall of the project.



Local children stop by to watch the construction of the new surgical center.

CAA Changes Horses Midstream

They say “you can’t change horses in the middle of a stream,” but with the help of the Thanksgiving event entertainment by the Stratton Half Brothers, that’s exactly what Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) did at this year. For the past four years the CAA family enjoyed food, family, friends and fun(d)raising at the annual Thanksgiving Celebration events with the goal of raising funds for a new building.

With the increased capacity of the building, the goal is to utilize its potential by increasing the number of students at CAA, and, through marketing and word of mouth, that is exactly what the school is doing. God blessed richly this year with 134 students enrolled, and payments are being made toward the building.

However, with an increase in enrollment and not a lot of “increase” in the economy, more and more students need



Matthew Butte, Columbia Adventist Academy principal.

some form of financial aid. In fact, more than 50 percent need help, requiring a way to make their stay at Columbia possible. So this year instead of funding the building project with the Thanksgiving Celebration, the

academy “changed horses in the middle of the stream” and set a goal to raise \$100,000 at the western-themed Thanksgiving Worthy Student Roundup to support these students.

One generous donor stepped up to the plate and offered a one-to-one match for up to \$50,000. That night, to the sounds of western/country songs and laughter, participants gave \$42,000 for a nightly total of \$84,000 with the match.

The keynote address by Kenzie Hillman, class of 2011, and her sharing with the audience that her class was donating \$10,000 toward the match were both an inspiration and a motivating factor in the success of the evening. After the event was

over and the cleanup was nearing completion, God impressed another donor to come forward and offer to make a donation to complete the match.

The CAA community feels blessed by these gifts and wants all alumni and friends to know what a blessing it is to be a part of God’s work and see Him move in the lives of the students as well as community members. They are thankful for continued prayers and contributions of time, energy and finances in this new year, which allow CAA to continue its tradition of excellence.

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent



Mark Holm, Pete McCloud and Doug Mace perform and “horse around” as the Stratton Half Brothers.

PAA Flash Mob Offers Hope to Hurting Mall

A week after a Portland-area mall shooting left two dead and a 15-year-old girl in critical condition, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) students visited each store to deliver messages of hope.

Located five miles from PAA, the Clackamas Town Center mall is a familiar



after-school destination. Two PAA students were at the mall during the shooting and escaped unharmed. Though this tragedy left many apprehensive, some students chose to outshine the fear and reach out to those feeling vulnerable.

With the help of teachers, students organized a group of 70 into a “flash mob” to surprise mall employees with roses and encouraging messages when school let

Seventy PAA students offer hope where a mall shooting left two dead and one in critical condition.

out for Christmas vacation. “I happened to be inside as a customer when [the flash mob] happened,” says Tracey Krueger. “After the student left, the ladies working were so touched, a couple were close to tears.”

“It was moving to walk through the mall and see rose after rose propped up in the kiosks with a card from PAA attached to each one,” says

teacher Stephen Lundquist. “It was a great way to enter the Sabbath.”

PAA’s Facebook story and photos of the event were shared more than 70 times and “liked” more than 600 times. Hopefully this will inspire others to spread love in a hurting world.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



Stephen Lundquist, PAA teacher, helped students organize a “flash mob” of hope in a hurting mall.

A Family on a Mission

Martin family, here are your boarding passes. Enjoy your flight to Nicaragua.” As my wife, Heidi, and I walked towards the gate with two little pairs of feet racing ahead, we knew we were in for an adventure on our first mission trip with Elijah, 4, and Moriah, 2.

For the first six years of our marriage, we celebrated our wedding anniversaries on mis-

sion trips, but our trips came to a sudden halt when our children were born. But when Maranatha Volunteers International’s Young Adult Group invited me to be the 2012 Nicaragua project outreach coordinator, the timing was right, and we prepared for our first mission trip as a family.

While working in Nueva Guinea, Nicaragua, we built

walls for the new evangelistic center. Our outreach activities included picking up trash, praying for hospital patients, singing in the market and train station, and teaching English.

When we focus our time and energy to witness as a family, we make a lasting impression. Elijah and Moriah still talk about Nicaragua. But

the greatest joy was to see them witness in their own unique way, bringing smiles and laughter to the project volunteers and people of Nueva Guinea.

It’s true: The family that serves together is changed forever.

Christian Martin, Grants Pass Church associate pastor

When Love Sees You

On the first weekend in October 2012, 330 Christian women of various faiths attended the 26th annual Oregon Christian Women's Retreat, held at Eagle Crest Resort in Central Oregon. This number was up by 85 women from the previous year.



An unexpected segment of the Sunday morning prayer breakfast involved tucking prayer requests into balloons and batting the balloons around the room for awhile. Then each woman chose one, popped it and prayed for the request discovered inside.

With the theme "When Love Sees You: Stories of Transforming Grace," the focus was on story. Everyone has one. And, more to the point, everyone's story is well-known to, and cherished by, Love — Jesus Himself. Ginny Allen, Sue Patzer, Mable Dunbar and JoAnn Davidson shared their personal stories, one at each of the four main meetings. In addition, Kelie Bryson, Susie Ratcliff, Charity Barrueta and Janis Boyd told shorter versions of their own, also one at each session.



Among many weekend essentials is the group photo with friends.

The four main speakers, as well as three others, provided breakout sessions that blessed attendees and presenters alike. There was laughter; there were tears.

And there were changed lives. A majority of the women recommitted their lives to the Lord on Friday night at Allen's invitation. On Saturday evening, again with Allen at the microphone, a number of women made the commitment for the first time.

The 18 teen attendees were part of the four main sessions

During the Oregon Christian Women's Retreat, teens had several breakouts of their own and made creative headbands during one of them.



and even helped lead one, but they also had time apart for themselves as a group. The teens attended at a discounted rate made possible by the annual women's ministries offering, collected the second Sabbath of every July.

Thirteen new members and non-members attended through scholarships also made possible by the annual July offering. The offering taken during the retreat raised nearly four times the normal amount and went to support the Women's Healing and Empowerment Network, based in Spokane, Wash., and operated by Dunbar.

Other activities included a prayer and praise session, an anointing service and a prayer breakfast. The women also enjoyed tremendous meals and lots of informal gatherings of old friends and new.

The planning committee is already gearing up for this year's event, themed "Imagine" and featuring guest speaker Elizabeth Talbot, scheduled for Oct. 18–20.

Carolyn Karlstrom, Oregon Christian Women's Retreat planning team member



Attendance was up by 85 this year, likely due to the appeal of Eagle Crest Resort and retreat speakers.

Oregon Conference News Notes



(From left) Joe and Carol Milicia, Rosemary Koch, Lynda Phelps, and Irma and Lee Larson provide helping hands during the Reversing Diabetes and Obesity seminar held at Junction City Church.

Junction City Holds Seminar

The Junction City Church presented a Reversing Diabetes and Obesity seminar Oct. 15 through Nov. 1, 2012. For three evenings a week, 30–35 people attended. The seminar was recorded on DVDs by doctors from the Weimar Center. Even before it was over people were seeing amazing results: weight loss, lower blood glucose levels and more energy. They were also encouraged when they were taught that Type 2 diabetes can be reversed by eating plant foods whole and walking, walking, walking. Many of those in attendance are asking for the program to be repeated so they can bring friends and family members.

Reported by Lynda Phelps, Junction City Church communication leader

Sharon Celebrates 66 Years

This year's homecoming celebration at the Sharon Church in Portland was all that was expected and more. This year the church family celebrated 66 years in service for the Lord. The Holy Spirit interceded as new relationships were born and old ones renewed. The presence of the Lord was there, and all in attendance welcomed Him, honored Him, worshipped and adored Him. United members raised voices in worship and praise, as they thanked the Lord for decades of ministry. They were honored to be blessed by the presence of pastors who shepherded their congregation over the years, as well as a spiritually gifted and blessed guest speaker, Andrea Trusty King. The seed was indeed planted, and the legacy



Pastors Alphonso McCarthy, Louis Turner, Kevin Rhamie, Andrea Trusty King, Julius Jones and Royal Harrison.

continues as members march forward in faith, following the Lord's blueprint and continually asking, seeking and knocking to receive the Holy Spirit.

Reported by Donald Cobbs, Sharon Church member

Three Sisters School Gives Christmas Blessing Times Seven

Students at Three Sisters Adventist Christian School in Bend recently sent the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) a Christmas blessing times seven. During the school's Christmas concert, students took up a special offering to benefit ADRA. After the program when the money was counted, a total of \$1,333 had been given. Thanks to ADRA's recent \$1 = \$7 matching campaign, students had the joy of seeing their offering multiply to more than \$9,000. The joy on the students' faces as they realized what their gift would mean to boys and girls around the world was a huge Christmas blessing for everyone.

Reported by Jenny Neil, Three Sisters Adventist Christian School principal



Three Sisters Adventist Christian School students use their musical talent to benefit the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

A note to Oregon Conference subscribers of the Oregon Conference *Communiqué* January issue, which was inserted into the January issue of the *GLEANER*: In the Comings and Goings section, Jonathan Pawson and Tobi (not Sue) will be transitioning to the new district comprised of La Pine and Cascade.

Deer Park Connects With Community

When Phyllis Fisher, Deer Park (Wash.) Church's newly elected community services leader, heard about a ministry called God's Closet, she thought it might be beneficial to the Deer Park community. What she found was an amazing way to connect with the community.



(From left) Lori Knight and Phyllis Fisher direct God's Closet in Deer Park, Wash.

Fisher and her assistant, Lori Knight, became excited about the potential to provide clothing for the children of their community and minister to families. They contacted Mer-ryl Tschoepe, founder of God's Closet in Spokane, Wash., for her assistance to get started.

Tschoepe was invaluable as she helped set up the Deer Park program on the Web and guided Fisher and Knight on clothing sources. They began receiving clothing from individuals and from the Other Mothers thrift organization. The week of the first Deer Park God's Closet "shopping

day," church members and Pathfinders hauled clothing into the church fellowship hall. Many from the community helped sort clothing by size and gender on tables the day before the first shopping spree in November.

"We didn't expect very many our first time," said Fisher, "but 61 individuals came out." One family asked for Bible studies. A single mom, facing medical challenges in her children's lives, came for clothing, but left with prayers, comfort and understanding also. Bible studies were requested by 12 individuals, and 35 requested information about children's programs.

When asked if they would do this again, Fisher said, "Definitely. And I recommend this to other churches. ... We had been struggling with how to let our community know that we love and care for them. This is a wonderful way to do it."



Deer Park Pathfinder Club bring bags of clothes to the church's fireside room for "shopping day."



(From left) Nicole Haywood, Libby Lyons and Jace Lyons help register God's Closet shoppers.

God's Closet is a community service ministry that consists of a donation network through which individuals and businesses are invited to donate gently used and new children's clothing. One day per quarter they invite parents and guardians of children to come and



Mindy Lyons helps put clothes on the tables for God's Closet.

shop free of charge, except for a \$1 admission fee. In Deer Park, the next God's Closet shopping day is Feb. 8.

Kathy Marson, UCC communication department administrative assistant

International Survivors of Suicide Day

Denise Ellenwood, Spokane (Wash.) Central Church member, lost her mother to suicide two years ago. Ellenwood still wonders if there was something she could have done. But instead of trying to forget how her mom died, Ellenwood is working to help others learn how to prevent suicide.

“For people who lose loved ones to suicide, it’s hard to forgive,” says Ellenwood. “It’s hard to forgive the person who died, and, for a lot of people, it’s hard to forgive yourself for not being there to stop them.”

That’s one reason she organized the first International Survivors of Suicide Day last November in her hometown of Nespelem, Wash., part of the Colville Indian Reservation. Sixty of the community’s 230 people attended the gathering.

“Suicide on a reservation is very common,” Ellenwood explains, “so I was happy to see so many people, especially



About a quarter of the population of the town of Nespelem, Wash., attended the event. They found tables all laid out for a meal of Indian tacos during International Survivors of Suicide Day.

a family that lost their son in his early 20s just two months before I lost my mother. Just like in many other communities, it is like an epidemic affecting everyone around them.”

Shortly after her mother’s death, Ellenwood discovered suicide is the second leading cause of death among Native Americans — 70 percent higher than any other ethnic group in the United States. She felt a great need to do something for her people, and as a Christian

she felt she had even more to give.

Ellenwood followed a plan by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to create an event both meaningful to people who have lost loved ones and helpful to the community. Guest speaker Arnold Thomas, a Native American who lost his father to suicide, told of his own suicide attempt. Though at one time he chose to end his life, he now chooses to live a life dedicated to helping others

as a chaplain and motivational speaker.

The event also included a meal and sharing of music and poems, including a song in the Colville language. Ellenwood’s grandmother collected pictures, notes and other mementos from attendees and created a memory quilt to hang in the Nespelem Health Center.

Ellenwood hopes to make this an annual community event to reach people with hope and the healing love of Jesus. “I would like to bring more people to the event next year and build more awareness in the community,” Ellenwood says. “I think a lot of people are afraid or don’t know what to say, but it is good for people to talk about suicide and understand and see the signs of it. That way we can help those in need before it happens.”

Jon Dalrymple, UCC communication assistant



Denise Ellenwood visits with friends in front of the Wall of Encouragement, which offered words of hope to those attending the International Survivors of Suicide Day.



Arnold Thomas speaks to a crowd of about 60 people attending the International Survivors of Suicide Day in Nespelem, Wash. Thomas shared the story of his own attempted suicide after he lost his father to suicide, and how he now chooses to live and help others find the desire to live as well.

Newport Celebrates Baptisms

Nov. 10, 2012, was a special day for members of the Newport (Wash.) Church as they celebrated the baptism of three individuals. Raised in an Adventist home, Shane Mills fell away during his young adult years. After his father passed away, he and his wife, Paula, and



Shane and Paula Mills share their baptism, which was performed by Ron Fleck.

asked him if he was interested in Bible studies. He said yes. Cox has cerebral palsy and walks with difficulty using canes. Cox was baptized in the 1970s in California but, after studying with Lawson, realized he had not been converted. He chose to give his heart to Jesus, and changes began to take place. He enjoyed the Bible studies as well as DVDs Lawson shared with him. Committing his life fully to Christ, Cox, along with the Millses, was baptized by Ron Fleck, Newport Church pastor.

Earl Brockman, Newport Church communication leader

her daughters, Bri and Mariah, attended church with Shane's mother and became acquainted with local members Charles and Junie Lawson. The Lawsons are part of the White Horse Media Ministry in Priest River,

Idaho, where Junie is a Bible worker. The Millses wanted to understand Bible truth and be baptized, so they studied with Junie for about three months.

Junie met Ken Cox at a church potluck one day and



Ron Fleck prepares to baptize Ken Cox.

Newport Pathfinders Serve Community

The Newport, Wash., Pathfinders, along with some Newport Church members, went into the Newport, Diamond Lake and Oldtown communities Oct. 20 and 27, 2012, inviting families to donate food items to their annual food drive. Those contacted also received GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts and other booklets.

The donated food was sorted to fill Thanksgiving food boxes for families identified as needy by local social service agencies. Bev Mayfield, Pathfinder director, says sizable donations were also made to three area food banks and Newport Adventist Community Services.

The Pathfinder outreach continued as 12 Christmas stockings were filled with gifts donated by the Pathfinders and church members and were delivered to needy children in the Priest River, Idaho, area on Dec. 11. Also in December, the Pathfinders planned a Christmas party for war veterans and their families. Though only one of the invited families was able to attend due to road conditions after a heavy snowfall, the Pathfinders thanked the veteran for his service to our country and provided gifts and refreshments. Gifts were also delivered to those families unable to attend.

Earl Brockman



Pathfinders display the results of their annual food drive.

Day of Prayer Recharges Spiritual Growth

Washington Conference ministries host a number of spiritual growth, discipleship training and outreach activities throughout the year. The tables turned on Jan. 2 when a Day of Prayer was held for Washington Conference office employees.

“What better way to start our year than to consecrate ourselves anew to Jesus?” asks Kevin Wilfley, Washington Conference spiritual growth coordinator. “This is why we had a Day of Prayer.”

The Day of Prayer combined music, times of prayer, special presentations and a structured prayer time centered on Psalm 23.

Corleen Johnson, North



Corleen Johnson, NPUC prayer coordinator, talks with Washington Conference office staff about how to recharge spiritually and tap into God’s power.

Pacific Union Conference prayer coordinator, guided an interactive presentation on tapping into God’s power to recharge spiritual-life batteries. Audience suggestions included reading the Bible, praying, exercising, listening to Christian

music, retreating to nature, recalling God’s blessings, unplugging from technology, and spending time with encouraging friends and family.

GINNY ALLEN, a Northwest prayer leader, encouraged conference office staff to “be faith-

ful in your time with Jesus.” She continued, “Sometimes we are so busy (doing God’s work) that we don’t have time for God. Make time with God a priority.”

To round out the Day of Prayer experience, Dick Hanson, an Adventist businessman from Portland, Ore., talked about God-centered living.

“It was nice to participate in the Day of Prayer,” says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference stewardship director. “I let the Lord do some tuning, and I feel better equipped to go into 2013.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

Auburn Academy Church Partners With God *for Holiday Outreach Ministry*

Auburn Adventist Academy Church announced in December 2012 that the \$150,000 loan for the Journey to Bethlehem city structure had been paid off in five years’ time.

“I am continually amazed at how God continues to bring large numbers of people with a heart of service to make Journey to Bethlehem a success,” says Wilma Bing, associate pastor and co-producer of the live, interactive nativity.

The Journey to Bethlehem production began in Auburn in 2006 when 100 costumed members welcomed 1,500 guests to a temporarily built

structure in the church parking lot.

Plans developed in 2008 to build a permanent structure for this holiday ministry. Members contributed construction skills, community volunteers helped for a few hours or a few days, and God worked out the right connections for materials and resources.

“Journey to Bethlehem brought our church community together for a purpose,” says Bill Roberts, senior pastor. “We have people come from all over to be a part of this ministry [and] to help with construction,

costumes, acting, music and cast support.”

Additionally the city structure is used for Vacation Bible School in the summer, and its enclosed room offers Sabbath School classroom space.

Journey to Bethlehem reaches nearly 7,000 people in four nights’ time.

Wilma Bing, AAA Church associate pastor, announces that the loan for the Journey to Bethlehem city structure is paid off in five years’ time.

Attendees are primarily from the community — the production’s primary audience.

“Our church is passionate about reaching out to our community,” Bing says. “We want our community to experience Jesus’ story.”

Heidi Baumgartner



Tablets Bring Learning Enrichment

Taryn Dillon wanted to bring more technology into her classroom as part of her professional growth plan for this school year.

A third- and fourth-grade teacher at Skagit Adventist School in Burlington, Dillon dreamed about integrating two tablets into her classroom curriculum.

Dillon shared her goal with Della Wisdom, computer teacher, who researched and found more information on NABI tablets. NABI tablets are fully functioning Android tablets for kids, come with kid-friendly programs and can be easily monitored.

“Once I told my [classroom]

parents I was interested in getting tablets for the classroom, they were so excited,” Dillon says.

Four tablets were donated immediately. Parents, grandparents and church members donated funds and scoured Black Friday sales for headphones for each student and even more tablets to present in a big box.

“My goal was two, so when I ended up with four I was thrilled,” says Dillon. “The kids were so excited as I opened the big box and pulled out six more tablets bringing our total up to one for each student.”

Dillon says the tablets will be used for math facts, spelling words, reading lessons and



A dream for two classroom tablets turns into a gift of 10 for the third- and fourth-grade classroom at Skagit Adventist School in Burlington, Wash.

writing activities. The tablets will also be used to take pictures of science-class items, explore safe websites and offer enrichment for students who finish their lessons early.

And the students’ reactions?

As one fourth grader says, “I was so happy my mouth dropped out of excitement.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, with Taryn Dillon

Puyallup Member Illustrates Book on Diversity

Matthew Pierce, Puyallup Church member, has just seen the release of a children’s book he illustrated.

Swirly, published by the Review and Herald, is the story of a little blue girl who moves to a new land with her parents. Surrounded by children who are different colors, she begins to wonder where she belongs.

Author Sara Saunders, a member of the Coquille (Ore.) Church, drew on her experiences as a missionary kid when she wrote the book. She says the book’s themes apply to any child learning to relate to others and find their identity in our

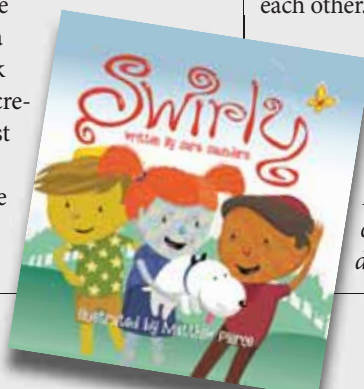
increasingly globalized world. A child doesn’t have to move to a new country before feeling they don’t fit it. They can have a similar experience moving across town to a new neighborhood.

Pierce created the fanciful colors of the *Swirly* world on the computer, turning out the art for the book in a five-week burst of creativity last summer.

“I hope children are

moved by the message of equality in this book,” says Pierce, “not necessarily as the world defines it, but as God defines it — the equality in value that Christ holds for every soul. If children can realize this truth, then perhaps they will understand how we should value each other.”

Kim Peckham, Review and Herald Publishing Association communication director



the **BIG**
PICTURE
of ministry

Regional churches in western Washington are uniting to grow urban ministry opportunities in 2013.

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GYC Inspires and Equips Young People for Ministry

JONATHAN BAUMGARTNER



GYC and Washington Conference representatives talk about their ministry partnership. They collaborated for more than a year to plan Outreach Day, during which 2,500 young people went door to door in the Seattle metro area inviting people to upcoming Bible prophecy meetings.

“If we bring young people [to the convention] and bring them up to a level where they’re inspired and ready to do something, and we don’t have a positive outlet for them, we have failed them.”

— Justin McNeilus, GYC president

Thousands of Seventh-day Adventist young people arrived in Seattle, Wash., for New Year’s weekend to explore “Acts: The Revolution Continues” and learn how to “turn the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).

GYC (Generation. Youth. Christ.) hosts a five-day conference each year that draws as many as 6,000 attendees from across North America and around the world, including Australia and Egypt. The conference represents a time to train and inspire young people to be involved in ministry and outreach.

MINISTRY IN ACTION

Outreach Day is a convention highlight and provides an opportunity for young adults to immediately apply ministry lessons.

This year, 2,500 attendees filled 50 buses and visited greater Seattle neighborhoods to invite people to Bible prophecy seminars hosted by local churches. GYC volunteers distributed 25,000 fliers and preregistered

441 people for six evangelistic series.

In addition, four busloads of young people distributed winter clothing and food to the homeless and conducted community surveys.

Young people who attended GYC headed out in buses one afternoon to distribute 25,000 fliers for evangelistic meetings.



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Evidence of their success included immediate website visits by people in the community to view GYC sermons, a young lady who signed her whole family up for a series, and a Catholic priest who excitedly said he would bring his young adult group to a Bible prophecy series.

"I can't think of anything more exciting than next year at GYC having a young person who was baptized attend because some young person invited them," says Bill McCleendon, Washington Conference vice president for church growth.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

The timing and focus for Outreach Day in Seattle worked well with Northwest plans for urban outreach in 2013.

"We are excited to have GYC's help at the front end of this process to help make contacts in Seattle-area neighborhoods," says John Freedman, Washington Conference president. "The timing is God-ordained."

Outreach Day also exemplifies how GYC is connecting young people to ministry opportunities with local churches, conferences and unions.

"If we bring young people [to the convention] and bring them up to a level where they're inspired and ready to do something, and we don't have a positive outlet for them, we have failed them," says Justin McNeilus, GYC president. "Our job as

Throughout the convention center, throngs of young people enjoyed the opportunity to share an earnest and common mission of sharing God's Word with a needy world.



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Tyler Thomas and Jacob Metzner take time to pray at GYC. Prayer is central to every GYC gathering, in the main convention hall or just one-on-one whenever the opportunity is there.

leaders is to connect them to the local church because that's where the rubber meets the road."

COMMITTED TO GOD

GYC's impact, however, was not limited to the streets of Seattle, with attendees themselves making deeper commitments to God.

Plenary speakers and seminar presenters — many of themselves young adults — explored Biblical revolution as exem-

plified by Jesus and the early disciples. Speaker Wes Peppers, for example, challenged young adults not to be "Seventh-day hermits" but to actively go and share their faith.

Brian Stewart, a first-time attendee, says he now wants to talk more to his classmates about God and even start Bible studies with friends. Another first-time attendee, Brian Wilson, said via Twitter he plans to memorize the book of James and aim for quality daily devotions. Attendee Christine Carter wants to "let Him change my mindset and trust in Him more." Other participants indicated their desire to get involved in their church.

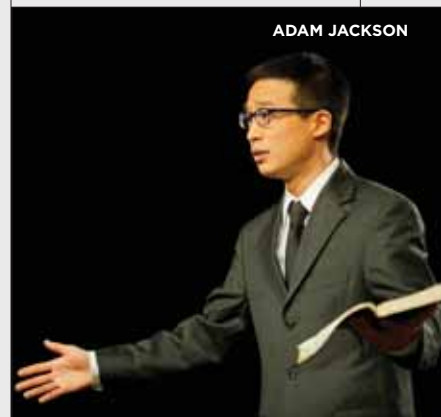
"The message of the gospel is the message of yielding yourself to God and allowing God to do something through you," says John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, in the closing session of GYC. "As you leave GYC, you will be confronted with a decision not to do, but to yield. Be the revolution you want to see."

From first-timers to those

who have attended GYC's annual conventions since its founding in 2002, God's power is propelling this movement through the efforts of young people and the support of the church.

Listen, watch and share GYC presentations at gycweb.org. Plan now to attend the next GYC, which will be in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1-5, 2014.

Callie Williams, GYC news team



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Speaker David Shin encourages the GYC audience to "value what heaven values." Recordings of the GYC presentations are available online at gycweb.org.



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Church Provides Familiar Fellowship to Students From Regional Churches

Every Sabbath the sounds of praises, testimonies and gospel music bring worshippers to Berean Church, a student-led church service drawing about 50 students, faculty and community members every week during the Walla Walla University (WWU) school year.

The service began more than eight years ago when students, who were also members of regional churches in the North Pacific Union Conference, wished to have a weekly worship option that mirrored the services of their hometown congregations.

The group is led by a student pastor, Tajloi Cunningham, WWU senior theology major, and Pedrito Maynard-Reid, WWU theology professor and



Pedrito Maynard-Reid and other Berean Church leaders are instrumental in organizing InTents, WWU's annual evangelistic series.

assistant to the president for diversity.

"One of the main goals of this church plant is to operate a church in the Walla Walla Valley that meets the needs of the students, faculty and community whose spiritual needs are best met by an African American worship and church experience," says Maynard-Reid.

These elements include gospel music led by a praise team, a testimony and prayer time, stewardship emphasis, and weekly appeals to commitment (sometimes including altar calls).

According to Maynard-Reid, attendees include not just a diversity of races, but also diversity in economic standing and worldview.

After Sabbath morning services, two volunteers

offer counseling and prayers for any church members who would like to talk with someone, usually over soup and crackers. Other campus services Berean Church members coordinate and are involved in include Impact, an after-vespers Adventist Youth Society-style meeting twice per

Tajloi Cunningham is the Berean Church's student pastor.



month, and prayer and Bible-study meeting every Wednesday evening.

Another hallmark of the church is its public evangelistic focus. The church and student pastors are at the forefront of the InTents evangelistic series. Now in its 20th year, the open tent services are held every spring for one week.

For one or two student leaders, their experiences will encompass a trip to the annual Pastoral, Evangelistic and Leadership Conference at Oakwood University sponsored by the North American Division. Maynard-Reid has taken two students each year since 1992.

"Theology students who attend these conferences are not only energized in their vision for pastoral ministry and evangelism, but they gain insights for incorporating diverse elements in worship and ministry," Maynard-Reid says.

One of Berean Church's newest ministries is teaming up with Positive Life Radio to help with their weekly call-in prayer and praise times on Thursday afternoons.

The Berean Church joins the campus Black Student Christian Fellowship in many of its programs. Students work together to do community service, organize Black History campus events and lead services at regional black churches.

Rosa Jimenez, WWU GLEANER correspondent

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There Is No Place Like Home



Before his surgery, 83-year-old Mike split his time between his homes in Palm Desert, Calif., and Netarts, Ore., living independently. The former restaurant owner lived an active retirement.

When he was discharged from the hospital after a hip replacement, he tried to care for himself. Unfortunately, Mike developed a nearly fatal infection. He had three additional surgeries to try to stem

the infection that developed. This once-robust, 200-plus-pound man was down to 140 pounds and critically ill. His family airlifted him to Tillamook, Ore., after his physician suggested hospice.

When the team at Adventist Health's Tillamook Home Care and Hospice first met Mike, they realized he was determined to live and wanted additional intervention. For almost a year, a team of wound care specialists, RNs,

physical therapists and social workers cared for Mike.

He was bed-bound for months, yet his faith and their care sustained him. Mike would not let any caregivers leave without a prayer at the end of the visit. His family also turned to God during this difficult time.

"My care was like going to heaven," Mike said. "They really took good care of me, or I would not be here today." Mike again is living — mostly

independently — on the Oregon coast. His family checks on him in the evenings.

Mike's story of physical, mental and spiritual healing is demonstrated in thousands of patients treated by Adventist Health's 14 home care and six hospice agencies throughout California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. In addition to services based in Tillamook, there are agencies in Portland, Ore., and Walla Walla, Wash., serving many communities in the Pacific Northwest. Each offers a unique blend of services designed to specifically meet the health care needs of their community. All offer the same quality, Christian caring Adventist Health has been delivering for more than a century.

If you have questions about Adventist Health Home Care Services, which include home health, hospice, home medical equipment, infusion therapy and more, please contact the corporate home care department at 916-780-2480.

Peggy Martin, Adventist Health marketing communication manager

MILESTONES

GALLAGHER 100TH

The Irrigon (Ore.) Church has had the pleasure of celebrating the 100th birthday of Bertha “Bertie” Fay Gallagher. Although she now resides in Hood River, Ore., at an extended care facility, she is still a member of the Irrigon Church. Many of her family members reside in Irrigon. Her daughter Leona Irene Bates, granddaughter Deanna Jean Stone, great-granddaughter Angela Virginia Rodriguez and great-great-granddaughter Reina Lione Jazmin Stone also attended her party in Hood River. With Gallagher, they represent five living generations.



Bertie Gallagher

Bertie was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Feb. 4, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. John Cline. She married Dick Stipe in 1932 in Idaho. They had two children, Leona and Leroy. They moved to Washington in 1935 to find employment and eventually moved to Oregon.

Bertie has loved horses her entire life but was never able to own one. This year, on her 100th birthday, she was presented with a miniature horse.

MUNSEY 90TH

Frank T. Munsey celebrated his 90th birthday at his home in Caldwell, Idaho. Frank was born on the family homestead in Huston, Idaho, on Oct. 29, 1922, the fourth of Cassius M. and Hazel P. (Torrance) Munsey’s five children. He attended Gem State Adventist Academy where he met, at age 14, Deloris M. Beach, who would become his wife in 1943.

Following a week of prayer at Gem State Academy conducted by Gwen Dalrymple, Frank became convicted the Lord was calling him to the gospel ministry. After graduating from Walla Walla College he began an internship and was ordained in 1950. The Advent “movement” took Frank and Deloris to many fields of ministry: Yakima and Chewelah, Wash., in 1946; Toppenish, Granger and Wapato, Wash., in 1947; Goldendale, Wash., in 1948; Milton-Freewater, Ore., in 1949; Fairbanks, Anchorage and Seward, Alaska, in 1950; Butte, Helena, Anaconda and Boulder, Mont., in 1953; Missoula, Hamilton and Darby, Mont., in 1955; Reno, Nev., in 1962; Santa Cruz, Calif., in 1965; Ceres, Calif., in 1974; and Caldwell, Idaho, in 1985.

Frank and Deloris gave birth to two sets of twins, though only one child from each set survived. The Munseys recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

The Munsey family includes Marilyn Kreuder of Caldwell, Idaho; Michael and Narissa Munsey of Taipei, Taiwan; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

STAHL 50TH

Joel and Norma Stahl celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception held on Aug. 2, 2012, with family. Also that weekend, their grandson Adriann Stahl was baptized.

Norma Joyce Jensen was living in Chico, Calif., and Joel Wallace Stahl was living in Paradise, Calif., when they met during church functions. They were soon married in Chico, on Dec. 16, 1962. Sometime in March of 1971 they decided to move to Irrigon, Ore.

Joel worked in the homebuilding industry most of his career as well serving as custodian of A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon until he retired in 2000. He was also instrumental in the building the Irrigon Church 30-some years ago.

Norma worked in nursing at Good Shepherd Hospital most of her career until she retired in 1994. During this time they also operated a local fruit stand in Irrigon.

Joel is an elder of the church and directs the Family Closet community services. He also tends to the community’s needs in many other ways. Norma is his helper, school leader and head deaconess and works in community services as well. They both are pillars of their church in many areas of service and are known and loved by many.

The Stahl family includes Grace Shirlene Stahl of Irrigon; Anthony Markus of Sebring, Fla.; Karina Stahl of Sebring.; and 2 grandchildren.

BIRTHS

BRENTON — Silvia Jade was born Nov. 9, 2012, to Dave Brenton and Sheri Rodman, Seattle, Wash.

CASWELL — Vanna Joelle was born May 6, 2012, to Todd and Karmon (Heinrich) Caswell, Sedro Woolley, Wash.

GRUBBS — Lily was born Feb. 2, 2012, to Jakob and Kara (Mischel) Grubbs, Port Angeles, Wash.

HELBLEY — Norah Rae was born Sept. 11, 2012, to Kevin and Alodia (Fleck) Helbley, Spokane, Wash.

HORNE — Sebastian Alan was born Nov. 6, 2012, to Jeremy and Peggy (Daniels) Horne, Forest Grove, Ore.

MATIKO — Ella Elizabeth was born Oct. 1, 2012, to Jon and Tara (Sullivan) Matiko, Monroe, Wash.

MAYNE — Emma Joy was born Oct. 29, 2012, to William and Christy (Rogers) Mayne, Newberg, Ore.

MCCLUSKY — Elizabeth E. was born Oct. 11, 2012, to Lloyd and Katie (Gatton) McClusky, Caldwell, Idaho.

RADKE — Kellen August was born Oct. 7, 2012, to August and Serena (Cast) Radke, La Grande, Ore.

RANDOLPH — Alexis Mei Ling was born Dec. 27, 2012, to John and Evonne (Lee) Randolph, Renton, Wash.

SHAWLER — Sage Cayenne was born Dec. 14, 2012, to Bill and Carrera (Lizzi) Shawler, Ridgefield, Wash.

THYGESON — Caleb Jude was born Nov. 2, 2012, to Hans and Mindy (Waterhouse) Thygeson, West Linn, Ore.

UHACZ — Maxton Zane was born Dec. 19, 2012, to Zachary and Lori (Fischer) Uhacz, Vancouver, Wash.

YOUNGBERG — Lucia Mercedes was born Oct. 19, 2012, to Michael and Eve (Orelana) Youngberg, La Center, Wash.

APPEL — Edith E. (Nelson), 88; born Aug. 6, 1924, Nara Visa, N.M.; died Aug. 10, 2012, McCall, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Thomas L. Penhold, Alberta, Canada; Harold E., McCall, Idaho; daughter, Verna DeLuna, Renton, Wash.; brother, Art Nelson, Pleasant Plains, Ill.; sister, Alma Johnson, Aumsville, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

BECRAFT — Alden Robert “Bob,” 89; born Feb. 12, 1923, College Place, Wash.; died Sept. 25, 2012, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: wife, Betty C. (Stout); sons, Jim, Oceanside, Ore.; Tom, Kennewick, Wash.; Tim, Aloha, Ore.; daughters, Sue Long, Tillamook; Deanne Williams, Foster, Ore.; brother, Ted, Medford, Ore.; sisters, Margaret Gaudreault, Redding, Calif.; Marilyn Babienko, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BERGEN — Else Ruth (Rosbigalle), 88; born July 5, 1924, Laskovitz, Germany; died Sept. 19, 2012, Lynnwood, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert; and brother, Harry Rosbigalle, Braunsbedra, Germany.

BROCK — Dorothy Louise (Moore), 88; born March 17, 1924, Osakis, Minn.; died Aug. 21, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, George W.; daughters, Carolyn Karlstrom, Vancouver, Wash.; Susan Ratcliff, Walla Walla; brother, Wayne Moore, College Place, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

COOK — Elsie Marleen (Young), 72; born March 25, 1940, Meridian, Idaho; died Sept. 1, 2012, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: 2 sons; a daughter; 2 brothers; 4 sisters; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

EGBERT — Allan, 91; born April 13, 1921, Kaycee, Wyo.; died Sept. 29, 2012, Walla Walla,

Wash. Surviving: wife, Mary L. (Greet) Jordan, College Place, Wash.; stepson, Don C. Jordan, Worland, Wyo.; stepdaughter, Joy C. (Jordan) Bonar, Thermopolis, Wyo.; brother, Nelson, Spokane, Wash.; 12 step-grandchildren and 16 step-great-grandchildren.

HANSON — Euleta “Dot” P. (Wheeler), 90; born April 16, 1922, College Place, Wash.; died Sept. 19, 2012, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: sons, Dale T. and Dick E., both of Clackamas, Ore.; J. Scott, Oregon City, Ore.; and daughter, Cheryl F. Hanson, Portland, Ore.

JENNINGS — Anna “Marie” (Mascher), 98; born May 28, 1914, Sheridan, Wyo.; died Sept. 30, 2012, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Guin Ringering, College Place; brother, Lester Mascher, Sumner, Wash.; sister, Vera Tanner, Salt Lake City, Utah; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

JOERS — Annetta Mae (Peterson), 96; born Sept. 25, 1915, Woodburn, Ore.; died Aug. 28, 2012, Clinton, Ark. Surviving: son, Lawrence “Skip” II, Clinton; daughter, Linda Mae Summerfield, San Antonio, Texas; and 3 grandchildren.

JORDAN — Glenn, 96; born July 16, 1916, Edgar, Neb.; died Sept. 7, 2012, Stanwood, Wash. Surviving: wife, Betty (Wilder); son, Tim, Weston, Ore.; daughters, Miriam Mehl, Anacortes, Wash.; Andi O’Shea, Boise, Idaho; Jackie Jordan, Bellevue, Wash.; Linda Sheideler, Everett, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KUIZINAS — Rosie Ann (Perez), 63; born April 10, 1949, San Diego, Calif.; died Sept. 23, 2012, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: husband, Paul; son, Jonathan, Hillsboro, Ore.; daughters, Alissa Carscallen, Portland,

Ore.; Monica Nelson, Tillamook; brother, Mario Perez; sisters, Virginia Duilarte, Ramona Greek and Sylvia Morris; and 4 grandchildren.

LOGAN — Mildred V. (Bovee), 91; born March 28, 1921, Dodge Center, Minn.; died Aug. 16, 2012, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Patrick, College Place, Wash.; sisters, Irlene Schauer and Madeline Hart, both of Rochester, Minn.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

LUDDEN — Allene Grace (Edgecombe), 92; born July 23, 1920, Bridgeport, Wash.; died Sept. 20, 2012, Athol, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Hubert E.; son, David, Athol; daughter, Tia Biegel, Tillamook, Ore.; brother, Edwin Edgecombe, Renton, Wash.; sister, Irene Rusch, Merced, Calif.; a grandchild and 3 great-grandchildren.

MATHIESEN — V. Charlene (Grant), 98; born Dec. 30, 1913, El Dorado, Kan.; died Sept. 5, 2012, Port Angeles, Wash. Surviving: son, Rob L., McMinnville, Ore.

MCDANIEL — Carol Ann (Millsap), 69; born July 26, 1943, St. Louis, Mo.; died Oct. 15, 2012, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: sons, David, Dan and David; and 11 grandchildren.

MEADOR — Wesley A., 74; born Sept. 22, 1937, Portland, Ore.; died Sept. 3, 2012, Portland. Surviving: wife, Lauralee (Millard); son, David, Portland; daughters, Mary Ann Diamond, Vancouver, Wash.; Shirley Meador, Portland; and 5 grandchildren.

MEHLING — Samuel “Sam” A., 88; born Aug. 1, 1924, Hardin, Mont.; died Oct. 5, 2012, Burlington, Wash. Surviving: brothers, Bert, Talent, Ore.; John, Ryderwood, Wash.; sisters, Vera Robertson, Longview,

Wash.; Clara Toews, Denton, Texas; and Lillian Stutz, Burlington.

SEELEY — Carolyn (Fish), 77; born July 24, 1935, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Sept. 13, 2012, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Caren Russell, Redding, Calif.; Kim Williams, Albuquerque, N.M.; parents, Lester Warren and Clara (Schulze) Fish; brother, Warren Fish, Beaverton, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

SUTTON — Dorene Anna (Sharpnack), 73; born Nov. 20, 1938, Selah, Wash.; died Sept. 11, 2012, Wapato, Wash. Surviving: husband, George; daughters, Jacqueline Semones, St. Louis, Mo.; Janine Rasmussen, Post Falls, Idaho; Holly Bennett, Camarillo, Calif.; Hope Ashbaugh, Covington, Wash.; April King, Bellevue, Wash.; sister, Marsha Bright, Moses Lake, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

THOMAS — Carol Ann (Sims), 74; born Jan. 14, 1938, Syracuse, N.Y.; died Oct. 16, 2012, Hagerstown, Md. Surviving: husband, Kenneth D.; sons, Mark B. and Kent R., both of Hagerstown; daughter, Cheryl Peters, Middletown, Calif.; sisters, Barbara Schmidt, Tustin, Calif.; Nancy Clark, Sandy Creek, N.Y.; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

WATSON — Betty Jo (Reiber), 65; born June 14, 1946, Colfax, Wash.; died March 16, 2012, Everett, Wash. Surviving: husband, Samuel R., Lake Stevens, Wash.; son, Scott J., Lake Stevens; and daughter, Samantha L. Smith, Marysville, Wash.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

- Feb. 2** — Local Church Budget;
- Feb. 9** — Adventist Television Ministries;
- Feb. 16** — Local Church Budget;
- Feb. 23** — Local Conference Advance.

Walla Walla University

Feb. 2-4 — February U-Days. For details and reservations, call 800-541-8900;

Feb. 2 — Total Praise: A Festival of Choirs, University Church at 4 p.m. For details, email pedrito.maynard-reid@wallawalla.edu;

Feb. 7-9 — Friendship Basketball Tournament;

Feb. 21 — Edward F. Cross School of Engineering Egg Drop Contest;

Various dates — Women's and men's basketball. For details, go to athletics.wallawalla.edu;

Various dates — How to Pay for College workshops. For details, go to sfs.wallawalla.edu/workshops.

Montana

Montana Conference Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 61st Regular Session (quadrennium) of the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., under the laws of the state of Montana, will be held in the gymnasium/auditorium on the campus of Mount Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Montana, June 16, 2013, beginning at 9 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers and departmental staff for the ensuing term, to elect a Board of Directors, to elect an Articles and By-laws Committee, to consider amendments to the by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate plus one delegate for each 17 members or major fraction thereof.

Merlin Knowles, president

Oregon

Simply Cooking

Jan. 31 — Simply Cooking, a new monthly outreach for sharing healthy recipes and practical tips, will begin Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Castle Rock (Wash.) Church. The emphasis is plant-based cooking and is spearheaded by Ronni Reinecke. We plan to have a monthly meeting throughout 2013, with samples and varying themes. We encourage anyone who wishes to share their expertise and those with questions to join us in this learning forum. All are welcome, and there is no charge. For more information, contact Wanda at 360-967-2165.

Weekend Series at Albany Church

Feb. 15-16 — Pastor John Lomacang will be presenting a weekend series, *Surviving the Crisis in a World That's Falling Apart*, at the Albany Church. He will be speaking at 7 p.m. on the 15th and for the church service at 11 a.m. on the 16th. There will be a musical concert by Lomacang at 4 p.m. on Sabbath evening, after which CDs, books and DVDs will be

available for purchase. The Albany Church welcomes visitors and members coming for this mini-series at 3085 Grand Prairie Rd., Albany, Ore.

Free Jaime Jorge Concert to Benefit Project Patch

Feb. 16 — Join us at 5 p.m., on Saturday, at the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver in Vancouver, Wash., for a free concert by world-renowned violinist Jaime Jorge. During the concert an offering will be taken to benefit Project Patch, a Christian nonprofit organization that helps at-risk teens and families facing challenges. For more information about Jaime, visit jaimejorge.com. For more information about Project Patch and this concert, visit projectpatch.org.

Annual Big Lake Snow Weekend

March 15-17 — Come and enjoy a winter weekend at Big Lake Youth Camp. Bring snowmobiles, skis, snowshoes, sleds, snowboards and clothes for playing in the snow. Don't forget to bring your Bible, sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Place all items in an easily identifiable snow-proof bag. Snowmobile rides available for all. Cost is \$75 per person until March 4, and then the price increases \$10. Your fee includes a 5:30 p.m. snow cat ride in from Ray Benson Snow Park (Oregon Sno-Park permits required for the weekend), five meals and two nights' lodging. Your check is your reservation. Make checks payable to Jerry Walter, marked for Big Lake. Mail to Big Lake Weekend, c/o Jerry Walter, 92395 Territorial Hwy., Junction City, OR 97448. For more information, call Jerry at 503-789-8911 or Gary at 503-936-7211.

Washington

SAGE Spring Banquet

March 10 — Spring Banquet on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. Theme: Americana/Bluegrass. Why: Celebrating the good life in America! Where: La Quinta Inn, 1425 E. 27th St., Tacoma, Wash. Cost: \$35 per ticket. Wearing: Come dressed in American patriotic colors. Food: A bountiful buffet full of good ol' American dishes. Music: Live traditional bluegrass music. Surprises: Americana gifts for everyone!

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Ketchikan	4:21	4:36	4:51	5:06
Idaho Conference				
Boise	5:55	6:05	6:14	6:24
La Grande	4:59	5:09	5:19	5:29
Pocatello	5:42	5:51	6:00	6:10
Montana Conference				
Billings	5:19	5:29	5:40	5:50
Havre	5:16	5:28	5:39	5:50
Helena	5:31	5:42	5:52	6:03
Miles City	5:07	5:17	5:28	5:38
Missoula	5:38	5:49	6:00	6:10
Oregon Conference				
Coos Bay	5:28	5:37	5:47	5:56
Medford	5:25	5:34	5:43	5:52
Portland	5:16	5:26	5:37	5:47
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Pendleton	5:01	5:11	5:21	5:31
Spokane	4:50	5:01	5:12	5:23
Walla Walla	4:58	5:08	5:18	5:29
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With 3,000 miles of highway between us and home, our budget-conscious family decided a large cooler packed to the brim with sandwiches was the best way to minimize dining expenses. These dainties became breakfast, lunch and dinner. While not so bad on the first day of travel, as the hours and days wore on the compressed weight of the sandwiches began to display a distressing tendency toward unity, following Ellen White's advice to "press together, press together." By the third day, as we gingerly picked our way down toward the bottom of the cooler, the remaining sandwiches had morphed into an unsavory sort of mayo-vegemeat-peanut butter-jelly tiramisu that could be peeled apart only with effort.

So it was, on the fourth and final day, a mutually agreed mutiny brought our road-weary car to a screeching halt at the first available restaurant. There the remaining sandwiches were unceremoniously dumped into a receptacle while we rushed up to the counter like starving sailors.

That our family members still like each other, that our children still speak to us, is a testament to love and commitment beyond what any sandwich can do. The family, at its worst, can tear the very fabric of society. But at best, families provide a stable core more critical to the health of our culture and our church than we often comprehend.

Yet current trends are worrisome. Columnist David Brooks observed recently in the *New York Times* that the world is moving from societies based on two-parent families to "cafeteria societies" with many options. Talk all you want about global warming or

political polarization — this dramatic cultural shift is impacting everything around us. There are now more American homes with dogs than children.

The "post-familial" trend may signal a shift in personal focus — away from the good of a family unit, to "what's good for me." Those who buy into this life-direction are constantly working to keep their own personal options open. For them, becoming a responsible part of a family unit is an impediment to true fulfillment; commitment only a handicap.

This is nothing new to those who have struggled to staff a local church family with volunteers. To seek a Sabbath School teacher or greeter or youth leader is to hear a litany of reasons why commitment is presently inconvenient.

Yet Brooks observes "people are not better off when they are given maximum personal freedom to do what they want. They're better off when they are enshrouded in commitments that transcend personal choice — commitments to family, God, craft and country" ("Living in the Post-Familial World," *New York Times*, Nov. 16, 2012).

The disciples could have declined that singular invitation to "follow Me." But their commitment became the core of a worldwide movement kindled with bright tongues of fire so long ago.

Those flames are needed now in our local church families. Ellen White's revisited admonition to "press together, press together" cuts across our independent attitudes. But it adds true wisdom to a world that seems darker and colder than ever.

What will you and I do? Check out and live on the fringe, or check in and add to the warmth?

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