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General Conference Session elects a new president

Ansel Oliver/Mark A Kellner—Atlanta, USA

Delegates representing the 16.3 million member global church have elected a new president.

Ted N C Wilson, a vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the son of a former church president was appointed by the church's 246 member Nominating Committee as the 20th General Conference president.

The decision was then confirmed by the General Conference Session delegation—an international body of 2410 appointed members and the highest governing body in the church.

Dr Wilson replaces Jan Paulsen, who has served as president since 1999.

"This is not just an organisation, this is not just another denomination. This is God's remnant church," Dr Wilson said in an address to delegates after his appointment.

Dr Wilson, 60, was elected as a general vice president of the Adventist church in 2000 during the General Conference Session in Toronto. His 36 years of denominational service include administrative and executive posts in the Mid-Atlantic United States, Africa and Russia.

Dr Wilson began his church career as a pastor in 1974 in the church's Greater New York Conference.

He served as an assistant director and then director of Metropolitan Ministries there from 1976 to 1981. He went on to serve in the church's then Africa-Indian Ocean Division, based in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, until 1990.

There he served as a departmental director and later as executive secretary, the second highest officer.

Following his post in West Africa, he served at the church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, as an associate secretary for two years before accepting the position of president of the church's Euro-Asia Division in Moscow, Russia, from 1992 to 1996. Dr Wilson then came back to the United States to serve as president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, until his election as a General Conference vice president in 2000.

An ordained minister, Dr Wilson holds a doctorate degree in religious

education from New York University, a master of divinity degree from Andrews University and a master of science degree in public health from Loma Linda University's School of Public Health.

During his address to delegates, Dr Wilson was joined on stage by his wife, Nancy Louise Vollmer Wilson, a physical therapist. The couple has three daughters.

"Our spouses are so important. This wonderful woman is a spiritual backbone for me," Dr Wilson said.

Dr Wilson is the son of former General Conference president Neal C Wilson, who served in the post from 1979 to 1990.



The new president and his wife accept the welcome from their predecessors.

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New church statements address five big issues

Arin Gencer/ANN—Atlanta, USA

The Seventh-day Adventist Church released five statements on topical issues including violence against women and children, creation and global poverty.

Lowell C Cooper, a world church vice president, briefly presented the positions to delegates in a business meeting at the Georgia Dome during the church's 59th General Conference Session. The statements, which the church's executive committee approved on June 23, were presented for information only.

The Adventist Church reaffirmed its support of the biblical account of creation; its efforts to "nurture and safeguard children and youth from persons . . . whose actions perpetrate any form of abuse and violence against them"; and its belief in the importance of being able to speak about religion freely, with government restrictions in only limited situations.

"Seventh-day Adventists recognise that defamation of religion can be a very, very volatile topic in many communities, perhaps in all areas of the world," Cooper said. "We need to learn how to use freedom of speech when we are talking about values and beliefs held dearly by other people."

Additional statements detailed the Adventist Church's stance on global poverty and call to end violence against women and girls.

Described as a companion to the statement about child safety, the position on violence against women is purposely gender-specific because "global statistics indicate that in all societies, women and girls are more frequently the victims of violence," Vice President Cooper said.

Leaders also released two resolutions reaffirming the importance of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy.



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The genuine article

Jarrod Stackelroth

Today, I'm going to talk about a four-letter word. It's a word that drops off people's lips far too easily. It is a word that has been misused, started fights and describes emotions too often we don't understand. I'm talking about the L word: love. The word can cause a young lover's heart to flutter, while an older person may see rose-coloured memories or dark-tinged sorrow. Is it an emotion, a feeling, a chemical response? As people we can get to the point where we tell someone we love them every day. As Christians we must not get to the point where "I love you" becomes a nice salutation that rolls off the tongue for family members and friends. We must show them.

In this edition our main feature unpacks the love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13, and explores the concept of "Genuine love" (page 14). Love is the most essential quality we can possess. Why? Because John tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8) and as Christians we are meant to emulate Christ. This is not roses and chocolates love. I'm talking about thorns and nails. This is the kind of love that pays your price, washes your feet, dies in agony in your place. Practical love means going broke for God, doing things I wouldn't naturally do for someone I may not naturally like and dying to my old selfish ways.

As we bring you articles in the next few months leading up to the celebrations for the 150th year of the name Seventh-day Adventist (page 19) and establish our identity, as you catch up on the latest happenings at the General Conference session (News pages), remember the greatest Commandment. If we don't have love, our church will die. A healthy church must have genuine, authentic love in its service, in its meetings, in its future and in its present. If I try to love my neighbour today, maybe I'll see them on that morning and we'll both be heaven-bound.

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Local pastor appointed world Youth leader

Jarrod Stackelroth—Wahroonga, New South Wales

Pastor Gilbert Cangy of the Parramatta church in Sydney, is the new youth director for the General Conference, elected by the delegates of the world church at their business meeting in Atlanta.

Pastor Cangy served as director of Youth ministries for the South Pacific Division from 1998 to January this year.

"This came as a total surprise," said Pastor Cangy, on the phone from Atlanta. "My life had taken a different direction at the beginning of this year. I had decided to step out of youth ministry and back to the local church. The way it happened, the support I received, with delegates from around the world voting for me, gave me a sense of God's calling so I had to reconsider. I sought counsel and prayers and am confident it comes from God's right desire."

Pastor Cangy and his wife, Rosemay, are both originally from the Seychelles. Pastor Cangy felt a special call from God, while working in shipping in Mauritius in 1977. He worked for the Mauritian government before migrating from Mauritius in 1981. Pastor Cangy completed his Bachelor of Theology at Avondale College in 1987, going

on to complete his Masters in Religion through La Sierra University, US, in 1997.

Pastor Cangy began his ministry in the Victorian Conference, before being called to the Greater Sydney Conference, where he became Youth director.

Pastor Cangy is excited for the opportunity God has given. "My focus as Youth director for the General Conference will be on making church essential to young adults, not just an option," said Pastor Cangy. "Many young adults embrace faith but don't see church as important."

The Cangys have two adult children, Joel and Emilie.



Pastor Cangy was ordained in 1991.

Photo: Robert East/ANN

Top US official applauds Adventist health emphasis

Mark A Kellner—Atlanta, US

The 18th Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, Vice Admiral Regina M Benjamin, MD, has praised Seventh-day Adventists for their commitment to healthy living.

"It's a great honour to be here with so many of you who share the enthusiasm for leading a healthy lifestyle," Vice Admiral Benjamin, 53,

told delegates at the church's 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia. "It's been really exciting for me to learn about all of the innovative thinking that's been going on here at the Seventh-day Adventist Church . . . the basic understanding that mind and character are essential to God's plan, that wellbeing as a whole person and that preservation of health is essential."

Vice Admiral Benjamin praised the health reform work of WK Kellogg and his brother, John Harvey Kellogg, at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan, as part of the Adventist movement's early health reform efforts.

She commended delegates for signing a temperance pledge, saying such unity is

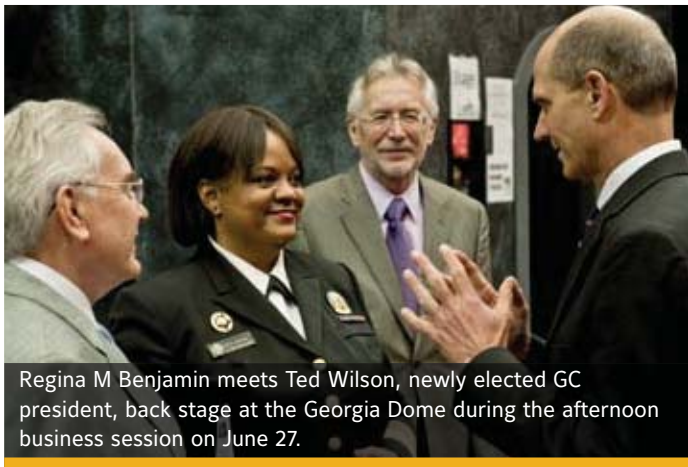
"powerful".

The Surgeon General also used her time on the session platform to speak against tobacco use and moving to a smoke-free society; promote the prevention of HIV and AIDS; and speak in favour of violence prevention.

She said, "I want to encourage Americans to eat more nutritiously, exercise regularly and maintain healthy lifestyles. Because as Seventh-day Adventists you are trusted messengers in your communities and you play a critical role in promoting public health outreach, especially [in] healthy living, I especially want to work with you—and look forward to it—in your local congregations to help us become a more healthy and fit nation, and fit world."

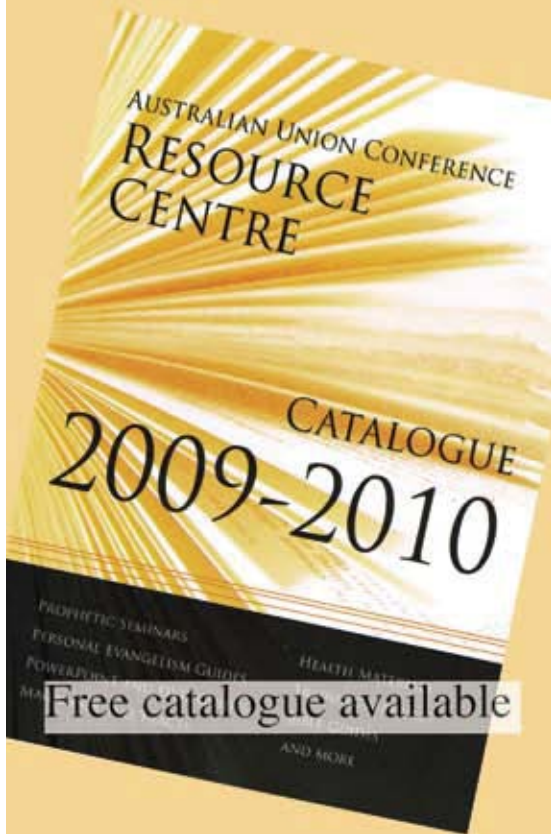
She said the vision was to spread the health message through churches, synagogues and mosques: "You may talk to two people and have touched hundreds of lives by doing that."

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Regina M Benjamin meets Ted Wilson, newly elected GC president, back stage at the Georgia Dome during the afternoon business session on June 27.

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Church affirms traditional stance on creation

Mark A Kellner—Atlanta, US

In the face of a society and academic community where challenges to the Seventh-day Adventist fundamental belief in a “literal, recent, six-day Creation” are rampant, delegates to the 59th General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, voted on June 30 to reaffirm that belief and possibly strengthen the church’s fundamental belief language on that point.

Dr Ted Wilson, General Conference president, said the first 11 chapters of Genesis “are not an allegory,” but are “an authentic, true and literal explanation” of creation and events following, including a global flood.”

While “our doctrine and our beliefs are centred in Christ and His grace,” he added, the seventh-day Sabbath— which creation supports—is “the one sign God is going to use to seal His people at the end of time.”

Following Dr Wilson’s comments, the motion, introduced by general vice president Gerry D Karst, went to the floor: “Part A, that the [59th] session of the General Conference endorse the 2004 Annual Council statement, reaffirmation of creation. Part B, further, that the General Conference administration be requested to initiate a process to integrate Fundamental Belief Number 6 and the statement, “ A [Response to An Affirmation] of Creation’ as provided for in the 2005 General Conference Session protocol for amending a Fundamental Belief.”

Benjamin Clausen, a scientist at the church’s Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, California, opposed the measure to affirm the 2004 statement as worded, saying, “It is a dangerous position to base one’s belief in Scripture on science,” and that “we have no working short creation [scientific] model and probably shouldn’t expect one.”

General Conference vice president Ella Simmons, former provost at La Sierra University, which was recently rocked by a controversy over the alleged teaching of theistic evolution, said while academic flexibility was important, it “must come without betraying the Word of God.” She said that while it was important to hold Adventist “schools, colleges, and universities accountable” for what they teach, “we must first provide clarity” to those institutions.

The measures passed by large margins, and the examination and possible revision of Fundamental Belief 6 will proceed during the next five years, with the results being presented to the next Session in 2015.

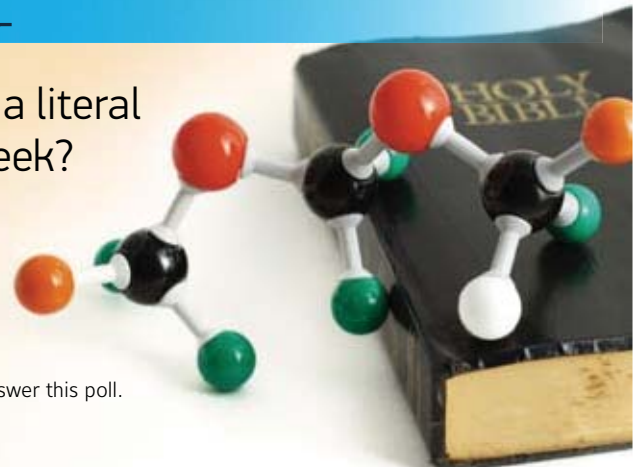


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OPINION POLL

Do you believe in a literal
6-day creation week?

Yes No



Please visit record.net.au to answer this poll.

Division officers to continue to serve

Jarrod Stackelroth—Wahroonga, New South Wales

Delegates of the 59th General Conference session in Atlanta, elected 13 Division presidents and 25 officers to serve as secretaries and treasurers.

For the South Pacific Division, Dr Barry Oliver was re-elected to another term as president, Pastor Lawrence Tanabose will continue to serve as general secretary and Rodney Brady will serve as treasurer. Delegates voted unanimously to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

"I'm humbled and thankful for the leading of God in my life. We have a large task in front of us, but I expect God will continue to guide us and resource us," Dr Oliver said.

Dr Oliver has served in the role since January 2008. Before that, he worked as general secretary of the division since 1998.

Dr Oliver began his ministry as an intern in South Queensland Conference in 1974, where he served for five years. He was then called to Papua New Guinea and worked as a university chaplain and district supervisor until being appointed president of the New Britain New Ireland Mission.

Dr Oliver earned his masters on returning to Australia in 1985, through Andrews University (USA), and lectured at Avondale College. He travelled to Andrews and worked on his doctorate there from 1986 to 1988.

He returned to Avondale College and lectured in theology until being called to the South Pacific Division. His wife, Julie, has supported him throughout his ministry. They have three adult sons.

Pastor Lawrence Tanabose commenced his ministry as an evangelist at Kukudu in the Western Solomons in 1977. He was a teacher and chaplain before being called to the Western Solomons Mission as youth director until 1987. He was sponsored to attend

Pacific Adventist College where he completed his Bachelor of Theology. He was then dean of students there, before being called to the Western Pacific Union Mission (WPUM) as youth and assistant health director.

In 1992 he was appointed president of the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission and then general secretary of the WPUM, based in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

After the restructure of the unions in 2001, the Trans-Pacific Union Mission was created and based in Fiji, and Pastor Tanabose worked there until being appointed president in 2006. He became general secretary of the South Pacific Division in 2008, the first appointee from the island fields to hold this position. His wife, Rosina, worked as a teacher for many years.

Rodney Brady began doing clerical work for the Victorian Conference in 1980. He then moved to Tasmania where he managed Adventist Book Centres. In 1985, Mr Brady was called to the North New Zealand Conference as an accountant.

He also worked as an accountant in north New South Wales and at the Adventist Media Centre until becoming financial controller at Signs Publishing Company. Mr Brady then served as treasurer for the Central Pacific Union Mission and the Victorian Conference.

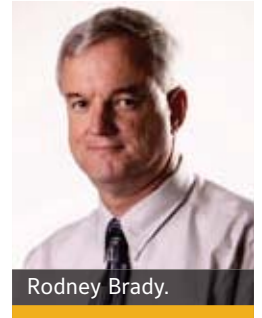
At the beginning of 1999, Mr Brady was appointed associate treasurer of the South Pacific Division before moving into his current role as chief financial officer in July 2000. He is married to Kathy and has two adult children.



Dr Barry Oliver.



Pastor Lawrence Tanabose.



Rodney Brady.

Adventist cycles 13,840 kms to Session

Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN—Atlanta, United States

Few people can say they've visited more than a couple of countries in less than a year, but one Seventh-day Adventist has cycled across 11 countries since August in a 13,840-kilometre journey aimed at spreading the church's message of hope.

George Silva's trek began in his native Brazil, where the 49-year-old kicked up his bike stand in Boa Vista and pedalled through northern South America.

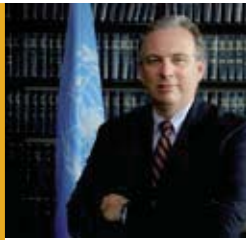
Mr Silva arrived at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on June 24, completing his bicycle journey from Brazil. Mr Silva pedalled or pushed—once, for four hours straight after experiencing five flat tires in one afternoon—his bike through most of Central America, cycling through several southern-tier states of the United States to arrive in Atlanta 11 months later.

Around 10 am local time, Mr Silva was swarmed by Adventist church members and delegates, many of them from Brazil, as he arrived at the Georgia Dome.

Mr Silva's journey to Atlanta is the seventh in a series of such trips, totaling more than 28,968 kilometres, that the cyclist and runner has embarked on since joining the Adventist church in 1992.



George Silva met with some amazing experiences on his way to Atlanta.



International role

James Standish has been appointed secretary of the United Nations' non-governmental Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Australian-born Standish is currently director of UN relations at the Seventh-day Adventist Church's world headquarters. He says he'll push UN member states to stand up for the values they claim to embrace. —*Adventist News Network*



Taking sides

The Presbyterian Church in New Zealand is supporting a Maori tribe in their struggle to reclaim ancestral land. The Presbyterian Church began mission work with the Tuhoe people more than 100 years ago. They're supporting the Tuhoe claim for more than 200,000 hectares of Te Urewera National Park. —*Council for World Mission*



Loud and proud

Motivational speaker and evangelist, Leo Schreven, wants to send Americans a message during the 2011 Super Bowl television broadcast: the Sabbath is still the seventh day. He says when he has 144,000 people signed up, he'll call in their \$20 pledge and start production of the \$US 2.8 million advertisement. —*www.goallpower.com/superbowl*



National leader

Joseph Kopapa has been appointed Anglican Archbishop of Papua New Guinea. He will liaise directly with the Archbishop of Canterbury on issues of global concern. The Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea is currently focusing on planting and strengthening small congregations and encouraging them to be more self-reliant. —*Anglican Communion News Service*



Not so free

The deputy secretary of the Afghanistan parliament has called publicly for the execution of Christian converts. His comments were a reaction to television images of Afghans praying and being baptised as Christians. It's still illegal to evangelise in Afghanistan and leaving Islam can incur the death penalty. —*Assist News Service*



Historic first

Rebekah Liu has been preaching and making pastoral visits since the age of 19, when she began to help her mother, a local Adventist church leader in China. Now, Ms Liu has been ordained at a ceremony in her native Sichuan province—the first ordination where a woman pastor has co-officiated. —*Spectrum*



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Mission plane flying high

by Nathan Brown

THREE YEARS AFTER ADVENTIST CHURCH members from around the world invested in a new plane for Adventist Aviation Services (AAS) in Papua New Guinea, this investment has earned a second, identical aircraft for AAS. The second 10-seater, turbo prop PAC 750 XL arrived in Papua New Guinea on June 29 and began operations at 6 am the next morning.

"This upgraded service and resource give us greater capacity and efficiency to support the mission of the church," says Pastor Roger Millist, CEO of AAS. "It is satisfying to see this success. There have been difficult times but we have persevered. It has taken a lot of hard work but with God's blessing we have achieved it."

The first of these planes arrived in PNG on June 1, 2007, after extensive fundraising by church members around the world. Camp-meeting mission offerings between 2005 and 2007 in Australia and New Zealand, a worldwide 13th Sabbath offering in 2006, a nation-wide offering collected by church members in PNG and funds raised from the sale of outdated aircraft combined to finance the purchase of the first new mission plane in many years.

In the three years since, AAS has flown 2700 hours in this aircraft. Pastor Millist says about 70 per cent of the flying has directly supported the church's mission work, with the remaining time as "community flying" –carrying passengers and cargo. From these secondary commercial operations, AAS has earned about \$US1.5 million to put toward the purchase of the second \$US1.7 million aircraft.

With normal usage and current staffing, the AAS aircraft is out of the air for two weeks for regular servicing after every six weeks of operation. "Now with two planes, we will be able to guarantee that we always have a plane available for church work," Pastor Millist explains.

The initial aircraft choice has proved a success, with the AAS plane becoming a poster machine for manufacturer Pacific Aerospace Limited, based in Hamilton, New Zealand. "Ours was the first of its type in PNG, this new one will be

the seventh, so it has met expectations," he says. "With this plane, we have been able to access parts of PNG that we have not had ready access to for almost 30 years."

This success has been noted in the aviation industry, the most recent example of which is the cover story in the July issue of *New Zealand Aviation News*. "We have touched an aspect of society that the church would never have contact with otherwise in the aviation industry," says Pastor Millist. "When people around the world think of the PAC 750, they think of Adventist aviation in PNG."

Pastor Millist says after five years of hard work, AAS is now in a position to do long-range planning and development, of which the new plane is the first step. "The next step is more staff—additional pilots and engineers—which will also require additional staff housing," he says.

After two years working elsewhere, chief engineer Linden Millist, Roger's son, is returning to AAS to support the new aircraft and to assist in training another engineer, who is due to arrive from the United States in coming weeks. "AAS is an important part of the church's mission in PNG, where there are no roads and travel is difficult," Linden says. "We need aeroplanes and we need aeroplanes to be maintained to the highest levels. It is part of being a small cog in a large gearbox."

Pastor Millist agrees. "I keep being impressed by the number of things that happen in the course of our operations that remind us that this is God's operation and not ours," he reflects. "Yes, we have put a lot of work into it and the church as a whole has given it a lot of support. But so many times, things work out better than what we could have planned. This is God's program, this is God's aeroplane and He is directing things."

Nathan Brown is a contributing writer of RECORD.



OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

The achievement of the Cross

Jesus died on the Cross nearly 2000 years ago. However, the Christian faith looks upon His death not merely as an historical event but as something which has profound consequences for us today. What did Jesus achieve by dying at Calvary, and what impact does His sacrifice have on us? The Bible uses several illustrations to describe this great salvation made possible by the death of Jesus.

What pictures does the Bible use to portray the results of Christ's death?

- The death of Jesus was the supreme atonement for our sins. **Read** Romans 3:24-25; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:10

This image emphasises the serious nature of sin and God's amazing love in sending Jesus to save us from His wrath.

- The death of Jesus has redeemed us from the slavery of sin. **Read** Ephesians 1:7 and 1 Peter 1:18-19

We have been delivered from a terrible plight at the cost of Jesus' life, and now we belong to Him.

- The death of Jesus has justified us before God. **Read** Romans 3:21-26; 5:9 and 8:1-2 To be justified means to be forgiven, accepted by God and declared righteous in God's sight, and all of this has been made possible by the death of His Son on the Cross.

- The death of Jesus has reconciled us to God. Where once there was alienation and separation, there is now the offer of a restored friendship. **Read** Romans 5:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 and Ephesians 2:11-13 This is the most personal of the images of what the Cross achieved.

No one picture can fully capture the marvellous achievement of Christ's death on the Cross, but all of them highlight our need and the saving initiative of God's grace. All of these illustrations teach that salvation was accomplished through Christ's death on the Cross. May our response be that of the apostle Paul as recorded in Galatians 6:14.

Pastor David McKibben is ministerial secretary for the South Australian Conference.



HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Q: Is a high fibre diet still advised, or is this now out of fashion?

A: About 20 years ago a high fibre diet was believed to reduce the risk of bowel cancer, as it reduced the time it took food to travel through the gut. This has since been challenged but I believe it is still valid. It means toxins have less time to contact the gut wall and cause irritation and later polyps, which can lead to cancer. I eat unprocessed bran each day with my Weet-Bix for breakfast. Fibre is abundant in all cereals, fruit and vegetables, legumes, nuts and berries.

Q: If I inadvertently scratch my skin, big red lines quickly develop and are itchy.

A: The scratch releases histamine which causes an allergic reaction. Skin redness, irritation and swelling occur. Apply a cold flannel if annoying. Drink lots of water. It is usually temporary. Applying a mild cortisone skin cream helps. Some take a non-sedating antihistamine. You may be allergic to many other items also. Have you ever noticed a mild wheeze?

MY MINISTRY IDEA

A combination of Facebook, live streaming and friendship means that at least three more families are interested in the Adventist church than before. A wedding at Newbold Church Centre on June 1 was live streamed in order to share the ceremony with relatives in Indonesia and Portugal who were unable to attend. However, as the live stream was announced on Facebook, others from around the world added to the viewing figures including one unchurched girl from South America who commented afterwards, "I really did not want to get married in a church, but having watched that service I have changed my mind!" In conversations since then she has started asking questions about how to become a Christian.

A bigger surprise was when a near neighbour of the groom's family stopped his parents in the street the next day to remark how much she enjoyed the service. She and her husband had watched the whole thing. They had married in a registry office. The contrast was enormous, and the personable, friendly way the service was conducted, along with the quality of the contemporary worship experience, made a deep impression. So deep was that impression that they shared it with other neighbours. Three days later a second neighbour stated that she was now going to check out the Adventist website and find out more about what Adventists believe. This lady now has the links to the wedding website, the Newbold church website and <www.adventist.org.uk>. She does not currently attend church but says, "I am a spiritual person and deeply interested."

The family knew the service made an impression on the many unchurched relatives and friends who attended. The added bonus of this "live stream" witness has been a surprise and a joy to them. -South England Conference



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Family tradition

by Amanda Bews

WHEN I WAS A CHILD GROWING UP IN NEW Zealand, Friday night tea was always special. We'd set the table with all the regular dishes and cutlery but on Friday night we ate by candlelight. There was always a treat by our plate for when we had finished all of our tea. Often it was my favourite . . . a Pinky Bar (marshmallow and caramel smothered in chocolate, mmmmm). Afterwards, Mum would read us a story from *My Bible Friends* or *The Bible Stories* and we'd sit around and discuss it. As we got older it turned into more of a debate about some biblical truth or other related topic we were interested in, and usually Sandi Patti or Evie played quietly in the background. When my sister and I grew up and left home we found Friday evenings were when we felt the most homesick. Often, without even thinking, we would try to replicate that Friday evening feel when we were together.

In a world where it seems everything is pulling children away from faith, family traditions are very important. Traditions are a safe haven in a busy, ever-changing world; a space where things are certain and constant, a place to breathe and reflect.

In our home we still use candles. Brendan my husband, bought me a Jewish candlestick for my birthday a few years back. After tea, and Friday night worship, we turn off all the lights and welcome in the Sabbath by lighting one candle for each day of the week. The children have taken to chanting the days of the week as I light each candle. Then we talk about why Sabbath is special. We open a bottle of sparkling grape juice, clink our champagne flutes and wish each other a happy Sabbath. While we drink our grape juice we talk about what our favourite moment of the week was and why we liked it. It's just a simple process. It doesn't take very long and I wondered if it was even that big of a deal to them. But one day, a few months ago, Bradley, my son, was invited for a sleepover at a

friend's house. He sounded really excited until I told him it was on a Friday night. He then seriously explained to me how he didn't want to miss out on our special family time together. He wanted to know if he could just go to his friend's house to play and then come home in time for opening Sabbath. I was touched!

What ideas might you do in your home to make the arrival of the Sabbath special? If you have children, get them involved in coming up with some special ideas. Kids will feel more ownership of your time together if they have had a hand in the decision making. Our chance to make an impression on their young lives is so short and this is a really easy way to start. It is a sobering fact to consider that children have their world view set by the age of nine and more than 93 per cent of children make their decision for Christ by the age of 13.¹

As parents we often feel we need to do all these grand gestures to make our kids happy—buy them the latest toy or take them on some other expensive leisure activity. But their lives are already so full. What they really want is a few moments of peace in the safe haven that is family. If we do not pass on the building blocks of faith to our children they will look for significance elsewhere and in places we would rather they didn't. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Build your own traditions, something that will knit your family together. Traditions can provide a reference point when other parts of life begin unravelling, allowing them to keep a connection with family and more importantly our Heavenly Father. R

¹Barna, G *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*, 2003, Regal Book: Ventura, California, p 33 and 47.

Amanda Bews writes from Sydney, New South Wales.



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OPINION

Mirella Gordon

Broadcasting the gospel

"An incredible new technology enables the transmission of text on a worldwide basis. It rapidly reduces production and distribution costs and for the first time allows large numbers of people to access text and pictures in their own homes."

Have you guessed what this is referring to? It's Gutenberg's printing press in the 1400s. Our desire to communicate was inbuilt at our creation. Not simply one-on-one, but to the masses. Jesus Himself not only connected with people on a personal level but spent much of His ministry speaking to the crowds. Humankind has never stopped developing means to make communication more possible and more powerful.

Media evangelism is not new. In fact, we as a church have been in the business of media evangelism since the very beginning. Whether we're talking about how we've been printing *Bible Echo and Signs of Times* since 1886, or that we have more than 1200 students doing Discovery courses via correspondence and the web each month in 2010, it's all media evangelism.

It doesn't mean we stop doing what we have done. Books, magazines, TV . . . it's all still very relevant and people are still connecting to us through these means. The exciting thing is that new channels are being developed constantly—giving us even more opportunity. Hope Channel radio programs will not only be aired on small local church owned community radio stations but will also be streamed via the web and on digital radio. Books published and printed by Signs Publishing Company, will be made available as ebooks for those who have already been keen to get themselves an iPad. The possibilities grow every day. We've even had suggestions to develop a computer game based on *The Great Controversy*. We can't do everything but we can certainly do more than we are doing.

The truth is that there is a massive harvest of people seeking, who will connect and search for meaning and spirituality through a range of avenues. As Christians, our role is to communicate and share the gospel. Media evangelism does just that.

The Plug: This week our offering supports media evangelism. While it may be my job to tell you about that, I just wanted you to know that when you support us, you support the church in developing quality media resources and ministries that are changing people's lives.

The excuse: I'm in marketing.

Thanks for your support!

Mirella Gordon is branding and strategic planning manager for Adventist Media Network.



The state of men's health

Let's have a look at some of the common beliefs about men and their health and see what the truth behind the myth is.

Fiction: Men are not interested in their health.

Fact: Men do care—they just need the right environment to talk about any health issues they may have. It's important to find a doctor they respect and with whom they feel they can be open and honest.

Fiction: Men's lifespan is always shorter than women's.

Fact: On average men don't live to the same age as women, however the age gap is closing. In the 1970s there was a 6 1/2 year age gap, but this has gradually been closing over the past 30 years, and now there is only on average a 4 year gap.

Fiction: Men believe eating lots of protein will help build more muscle.

Fact: For New Zealand and Australian males it is easy to get enough protein. Eating additional protein above our threshold won't build more muscle—in fact eating excessive protein can be taxing on the kidneys if you have a pre-existing kidney condition, and like any food eaten to excess it is simply stored as fat.

Fiction: Weight training is all men need.

Fact: Weight/strength training is beneficial for strong bones and muscles. It is also important to incorporate some cardiovascular exercise into your day. Cardio helps maintain a healthy weight, produces feel-good hormones and reduces the likelihood of cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes and high blood pressure as well as improves cholesterol levels.

Fiction: A bit of a man gut isn't the same as being overweight.

Fact: An expanded mid-section increases the risk of developing coronary heart disease and type-2 diabetes. The World Health Organisation puts men at substantially increased risk if their waist circumference is >102cm (European, Pacific Islanders and Maori) or >90cm (Asian and Indian).

Fiction: Osteoporosis only affects women.

Fact: Men can also be affected. To maintain strong bones ensure you eat plenty of foods high in bone minerals, such as dairy products or fortified dairy alternatives, and get sufficient Vitamin D by aiming for 10 minutes of sun exposure daily. During winter you may need up to 30 minutes, and those with darker skin may need longer sun exposure. Ensure you follow sun smart messages and cover up in the hottest parts of the day. Weight-bearing exercises such as weight training, jogging and walking are also good ways to build strong bones.

Fiction: Only women get breast cancer.

Fact: Men can develop breast cancer and sadly it is more likely to be fatal because even if men do notice a lump, they are not as likely to immediately link it to breast cancer. Any lumps in the chest or nipple, or a discharge or bleeding from the nipple, should be checked out by your doctor.

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Bean haystacks

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 x 420g can mild chilli beans
- 500g bottle pasta sauce
- Tomatoes, diced
- Capsicum, diced
- Salad vegetables of your choice
- Corn chips
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 400g can flavoured tomatoes
- Lettuce, sliced
- Cucumber, diced
- Carrot, grated
- Lite sour cream
- Fat-reduced cheese, grated

1. Heat oil in large saucepan, sauté onion until soft.
 2. Stir through chilli beans, tomatoes and pasta sauce, and heat through.
 3. Serve bean mixture over corn chips topped with selection of diced tomato, cucumber, shredded lettuce, low-fat grated cheese and a little lite sour cream.
- Serves 6.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 10 minutes.

PER SERVE: Kilojoules 1340kJ; Protein 17g; Fat 9.7g; Carbohydrate 41g; Sodium 1025mg; Potassium 1400mg; Calcium 210mg; Iron 4.1mg; Fibre 11g.



Genuine Love

In a world in which greed, self-gratification, lack of respect for others and similar issues cause so much harm. In a world in which the media concentrates mainly on 'bad news' such as wars, crimes, thefts and acts of terrorism.

In a world in which the word "love" is used so carelessly; it is vitally important for all of us to remind ourselves that there is still something called "Genuine Love". Genuine love is still the main character trait of many human beings and can still be seen in daily acts of compassion, modesty, generosity, graciousness, forgiveness, quiet patience, courtesy and selfless ministry to the needy—unfortunately all too rarely reported by the media.

This genuine love is best described in a text written under inspiration by the apostle Paul some 2000 years ago. Although 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 has been used extensively for many centuries, it is still far from being well known and practised by the larger community. In an endeavour to make that text more intelligible to non-theologians, I have tried to paraphrase it using words and expressions with which we are familiar. I have also tried to "convert" all of Paul's statements into the positive, i.e. ". . . genuine love . . ."; instead of ". . . genuine love is not . . .".

Anyone interested in the wellbeing of others will gain immense benefits by carefully considering the principles listed in genuine love.

♥ **Patient.** Genuine love recognises that all human beings are fallible; it is long-suffering; patient with the faults of others, their failings and weaknesses; and enables us to be calm when faced with trials and tribulations.

♥ **Kind.** Genuine love is sympathetic, compassionate, courteous, mild and gentle whatever the circumstances; and it is dedicated by word and deed to selfless ministry for the welfare and happiness of the needy.

♥ **Isn't jealous.** Genuine love drives out jealousy; it is generous and self-denying; it promotes happiness and rejoices at the success of others.

♥ **Doesn't brag.** Genuine love is simple and unpretentious; it totally rejects self-glorification and can be relied upon to solve human problems. It is the super excellent way.

♥ **Isn't arrogant.** Genuine love is modest and self-effacing even though there is no experience of life for which love does not make provision. It does not seek the flattery of others for any accomplishment.

♥ **Isn't rude.** Genuine love is gracious and honorable; it is under the control of God-guided reason at all times; it seeks what is right and proper; it can do nothing but good; it cares for others' sensibilities and it produces unity.

♥ **Not selfish.** Genuine love puts self last and others first; it is generous, considerate, self-sacrificing; it seeks others' comfort, convenience and happiness; and it produces a willingness to give one's life in loving ministry for others.

♥ **Isn't quick-tempered.** Genuine love is cool, calm and collected; it is infinitely patient and does away with a quick-tempered spirit; it is full of serenity. It is distinct/separate from any other principle of action.

♥ **Does not hold grudges.** Genuine love forgives, forgets and seeks to make others happy; it looks on the unfavourable conduct of others with God-given understanding, patience and sympathy.

♥ **Does not delight in evil.** Genuine love acts in harmony with God's will; it does what is right; it rejoices in right actions; and it seeks to help even an enemy when she/he is in trouble.

♥ **Rejoices in truth.** Genuine love finds pleasure in the virtues of others and in the liberation of human beings from the shackles of sin; and it is interested in the advancement of truth and the happiness of all.

♥ **Bears all things.** Genuine love does not trumpet the weaknesses of others; it understands and accomplishes more than money or might can ever do.

♥ **Believes all things.** Genuine love is disposed to put the best possible construction on the conduct of others, imputing good motives to them because love seeks to make others happy.

♥ **Hopes all things.** Genuine love inspires faith in one's neighbour; it hopes that everything will be well in the end, and that finally truth will be vindicated.

♥ **Endures all things.** Genuine love suffers quietly all the trials and tribulations of life; it is willing to face ridicule, strife and contempt in the defence of others; and it generates infinite patience.

♥ **Love never fails.** Genuine love triumphs over all things; it remains the same and will always shed its fragrance of trust, hope and faith all around.

♥ **Love is the greatest.** Genuine love, as a way of life, is more satisfying than the possession and exercise of all God's other gifts.

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Remembering you at home
You can take the man out of Samoa, but you can't take Samoa out of the man! Dr Erika Puni was re-elected to the role of stewardship director at the General Conference for the next five years. But absence only makes the heart grow fonder, he says.

End it now
Milton Cornado sprays on the finishing touches to a "Say No to Violence Against Women" mural in Centennial Park in Atlanta, June 29. "Enditnow" is a global ADRA initiative to raise awareness for and demand a global end of violence against women and girls. Atlanta residents were encouraged to sign "Enditnow" pledges. —ANN

Aussie pastor preaches
Pastor Darren Croft, secretary of the Victorian Conference, and South Pacific delegate, preached at the Georgia Dome on Tuesday June 29. His topic was "Pastoral Nurture: The high service of ministry".

You can Bank on it
Retired youth and media man Pastor John Banks travelled to the US to promote a new video series being funded by the Australian Union Conference on the origins of Adventism. Called *First Steps*, John says the 10 part series will be the best re-enactment of the history of the church ever made.



Large display attracts thousands
The 144 square metre display depicting innovative mission in the South Pacific, included Sanitarium, Avondale College, Pacific Adventist University and Adventist Media. The resources show was located almost a kilometre from the business session in the 60,000 seat dome next door. Visitors from 206 countries walked around the 400 displays of resources, ministry ideas and products over ten days.

Breakfast on the go
Sanitarium gave away 63,000 breakfasts and other treats to visitors attending the huge expo. Sanitarium now produces products in Canada, and it gave thousands of visitors a taste of their brand of healthy food products. Pierre Van Heerden (NZ) said he loved meeting people from all over the globe.

Determined delegate
Papua New Guinean Serina Nade decided 10 years ago to attend an Adventist World Session. Now, she says she won't miss a minute of the 10-day event. On Sunday, she sat in sparsely attended spectator seats overlooking a policy meeting on the Georgia Dome floor. —ANN



Birthday boy
No—it's not a new product line! Sanitarium boss Kevin Jackson couldn't escape the fact that he became one year older while he was in Atlanta. Breakfast staff at his hotel made sure his special day was remembered.

Stamp of approval
Thousands of postcards depicting various scenes from the South Pacific were collected by delegates and visitors alike over the 10 day expo. South Pacific booth volunteer Caryl Fischer (right) was one of 22 to greet visitors, take their photo against one of the backdrop scenes, and hand out the postcards.

South Pacific delegates
There were 97 delegates from the South Pacific Division who attended the 59th General Conference Session. The number included people from all over the region, including members, church administrators, pastors and other church employees. Many of the delegates travelled with their spouse or family members.

Atlanta welcomes Adventists
Hundreds of banners were hung around Atlanta by the city government to welcome the tens of thousands of visitors arriving over 10 days. Economists predicted that more than US\$80 million would be pumped into the local economy as a result of the General Conference Session held in the city.

Vote for Pedro

by Pablo Lillo

I DON'T USUALLY GET A CHANCE TO HAVE LUNCH WITH my sister but on this particular day I was a suburb away from where she works. So I called her and organised a lunch date. My sister works for Centrelink, in the western suburbs of Sydney. I arrived about 20 minutes early and sat in the main waiting area. As people arrived to get help they had two options, print a ticket and wait—or join a long queue.

I noticed a young man walk in and join the queue. He was about 25, yet looked much older. By his demeanour I could tell he was nervous. He looked rough and street savvy, he was edgy, tapping his toes, with arms crossed. I sensed he wanted to push his way towards the front of the line. He kept on looking past the people in front of him, cursing every now and then. He had tattoos on his legs and arms, long blond hair and was wearing torn tracksuit pants and a sleeveless t-shirt that had "Vote for Pedro" written on the front. His eyes were blood-shot and he looked dazed—I presumed he was an habitual drug-user. I felt for this young man and started to wonder about his lifestyle, family life and future.

Next, I noticed a young mother arrive holding a baby on her hip. She was chewing gum, her hair was matted—like it hadn't been brushed for days. She was arguing with someone on her phone—using vocabulary not commonly found in the English dictionary. She also joined the queue. Her baby was a gorgeous looking girl, with blue eyes and a dirty face matching her dirty outfit. I felt for the baby and wondered about her future—whether she would grow up in a dysfunctional family, have proper schooling or one day come to know a loving Saviour.

At the front of the long queue was a couple with two children. I could hear them asking for unemployment benefits as the husband had recently lost his job. They were struggling to pay their mortgage. To survive, they had to sell their only car as well as other possessions. I could sense the pain and fear in their voices. They were crying out for support.

Unfortunately the girl behind the counter sounded mechanical in her approach. I could tell she had memorised her answers—maybe she had seen too many people that morning; maybe she had been doing the job for too long; maybe she couldn't relate to their struggles. I wanted so much to go to the counter and ask her if she was actually listening to them.

My heart ached for this struggling family. I started to pray for the young man waiting anxiously in the line. I also prayed for the baby and her mother.

Guilt started to consume me as I observed the many people there struggling to survive on Centrelink handouts. Their lives—situations—were worlds away from mine. I was wearing a suit and tie, with shiny polished shoes. I had money in my wallet for lunch and was driving a late model car. I knew where my next meal was coming from and I had a comfortable home to return to.

I was also consumed by several Bible texts that echoed in my mind. I kept hearing words like; hungry, poor, needy, orphans, widows and acceptable Christianity. James 1:27 says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

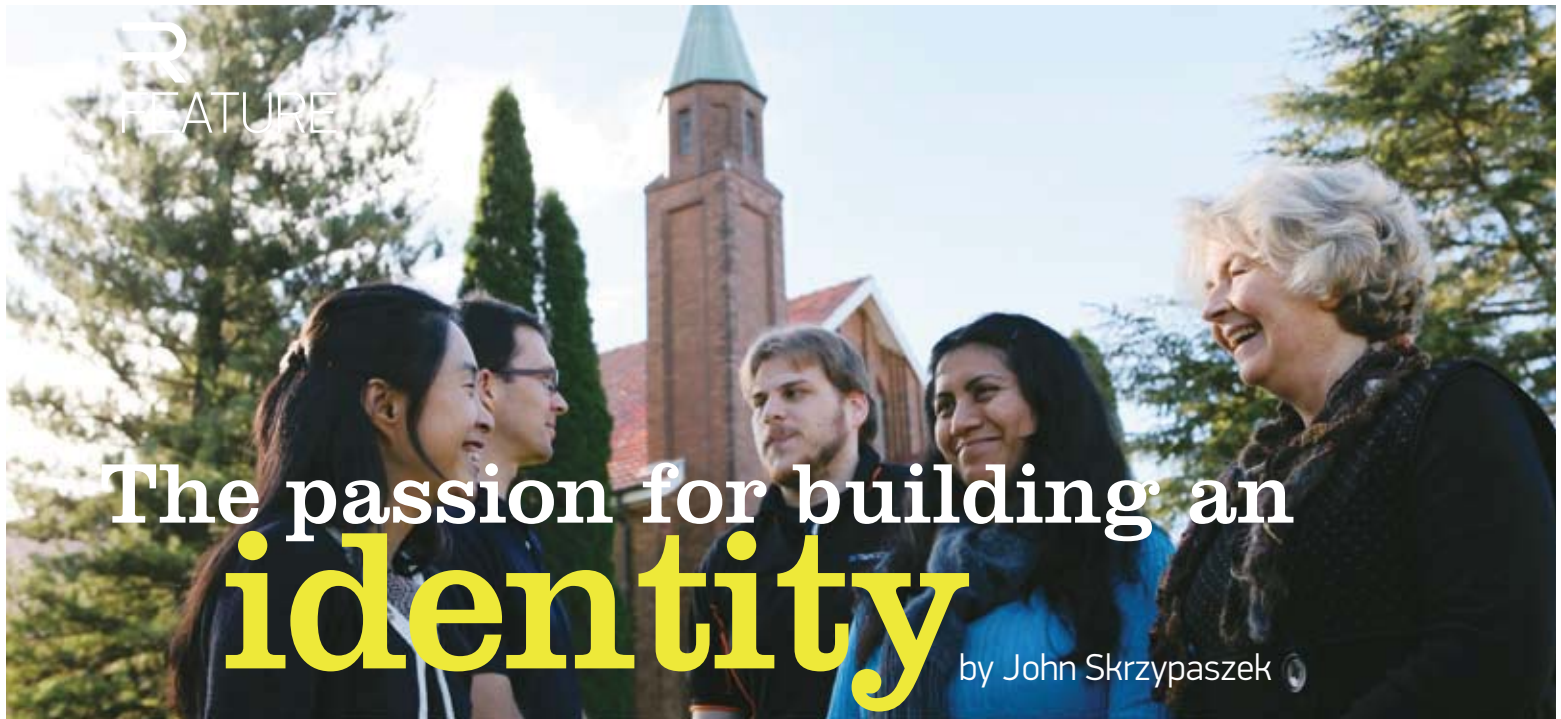
While there is a general expectation among many Christians that government is responsible for addressing the problems of poverty and hunger, Scripture constantly indicates otherwise. The Bible contains more than 300 verses on the poor, social justice and God's deep concern for both.

For those of us radically transformed by the love of Christ, there is an obligation to care for those who are in need. When the Apostle Paul and Barnabas were sent out to preach to the Gentiles, they were encouraged "only that we would remember the poor, which I made every effort to do" (see Galatians 2:9-10).

While having lunch with my sister and sharing my thoughts—she reminded me that the poor, needy, homeless, widows and orphans live in our communities. They're people we come into contact with every day. We see them at church, on the street, bus, work, shopping centres—in our neighbourhoods.

Driving home that afternoon a powerful text came to mind. I believe it was the Holy Spirit reminding me of Jesus' mission, His call for me to follow—to empower the poor to be poor no more, heal the brokenhearted, set the captives free, heal the sick, restore sight to the blind and set at liberty those who are bruised (see Luke 4:18). **R**

Pastor Pablo Lillo is head of news and editorial for the South Pacific Division.



The passion for building an identity

by John Skrzypaszek

OCTOBER 1, 1860 WAS A MEMORABLE DAY. During the fifth session of a General Conference at Battle Creek, the growing movement adopted an official name. The proceedings of the day's business session opened with a question "shall we adopt some name?" Following a time of open deliberation, "The name Seventh-day Adventists was proposed as a simple name and one expressive of our faith and position." Remembrance of such an historic occasion raises a question. How significant is the name to the Seventh-day Adventists' identity in the 21st century?

Bull and Lockhart link this memorable occasion with the movement's recognition of an already existing identity "defined by its distinctive theology". So, the name, Seventh-day Adventist meant more than the adoption of a denominational nametag needed for corporate business transactions. Rather, it stemmed from the movement's passionate search for self-understanding. A few months after the 1860 conference, Ellen White wrote, "The name Seventh-day Adventists carries the true features of our faith." Progressively, the Sabbath and the Second Coming doctrine spanned a bridge of faith between the past and the future.

The Sabbath anchors Adventist faith in God's passion for a relationship between the Creator and the creation. Each Sabbath provides a time for reflective contemplation and an opportunity to rediscover one's potential and God-given uniqueness. It offers time for spiritual healing and restoration of human value and dignity—the essence of one's being.

The hope of Christ's Second Coming stretches over the valley of the shadow of death to remind people of God's passionate longing to reunite with His creation (Psalm 23:4; John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-4). Such a theological foundation attaches the pathway of faith and hope "in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men" (1 Timothy 4:10). This hope inspires a responsive song of adoration "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Commemorating the historic journey, from a nameless

group to an identifiable body, ignites a challenge for our contemporary generation. Around 1861, Ellen White wrote, "We cannot be accepted or honoured by God in rendering the same service, or doing the same works, that our fathers did. In order to be accepted and blessed by God as they were, we must imitate their faithfulness and zeal—improve our light as they improved theirs—and do as they would have done had they lived in our day." These words encourage each generation to recapture the passion, faithfulness, zeal and commitment with which their forefathers shaped the thriving heartbeat of identity. However, recalling such passion means much more than repetition of words, phrases and instruction. It invites generations to call to mind the spirit of the time, the passion through which one translates the meaning of God's presence for its time. While it's easy to be proud of one's name and heritage, Ellen White's challenge calls for a determination to recapture the spirit that shapes the quality of God's ordained identity.

The name Seventh-day Adventist emerged from such an experience for it was grounded in God's call to a pilgrimage. In her first vision, Ellen White saw Jesus leading His people to the Holy City. "As long as they kept their eyes fixed on Him, they were safe." On this journey, identity is not a descriptive nametag, a play on words or an entity created by verbal definitions. Rather, it is a dynamic, life-changing and inspirational process shaped by the divine initiative. Such a journey enables the community to display what it means to be God's people and what it means to have faith in God, faith in the God of creation and confidence in the God of the final redemption and restoration. R

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Dr John Skrzypaszek is director of the Ellen G White Estate.

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Notice is hereby given that the 27th Constituency Meeting of the Greater Sydney Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held in the auditorium of the Sydney Adventist College, 159 Albert Road, Strathfield, on September 18 and 19, 2010. The program will commence on Sabbath, September 18, with registration at 3pm, followed by a praise and inspirational program at 4pm, including the closing of Sabbath. The seating of delegates and the constituency meeting, to include proposed constitutional changes, the presentation of administration and departmental reports and financial statements for the years 2006 to 2009, will commence at 7pm and will continue on Sunday, September

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19. The officers, executive committee, appointments committee, nominating committee and constitution committee of the conference for the next quadrennium will be elected at this constituency meeting. M A Worker, General Secretary.

Notice is hereby given that the 63rd Constituency Meeting of the South New Zealand Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at Ilam at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Christchurch, commencing at 2.30pm with registration on Saturday, September 25, 2010, and continuing until Sunday, September 26, 2010. The business session will include the presentation of reports from administration and departments. The election of a president and executive committee for the ensuing triennium will take place and amendments to the conference constitution will also be considered.

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Nunawading Church 60th Anniversary Invitation. This year Nunawading church, Victoria, celebrates its 60th anniversary. As a result we are planning a celebratory day on Sabbath, July 24. We are inviting ex-pastors, ex-members and others connected to Nunawading

church to attend. If you have any memorabilia that could enhance the anniversary or for further information, please contact Pastor Rod Anderson on 0439 615 250.

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A draft itinerary for the Reunion includes:
Friday - 'Welcome BAC' time to catch-up with old friends
Saturday - 'BAC to the Future' in the Student Centre
Saturday Night - 'Looking BAC' Reunion Dinner & Launch of our Alumni (Faces@bac)
Sunday - Fun Fair Day

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Snapshot with Dr Barry Oliver



Why our church is special (Part 1)

Our church is very special. Attending the General Conference session in Atlanta has again reminded me of my joy in being a child of God and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Hearing a refugee from Afghanistan share his story of becoming a Seventh-day Adventist Christian; listening to a stirring sermon on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; being challenged by the immensity of the mission of the church in areas of the world that still do not know the name of Christ; rubbing shoulders and chatting with people who are just like family from Togo, Finland, Uruguay, Iran and Germany (to name a few whom I met today); this is just a small part of the specialness of our church. It is a privilege to belong. We can take it much too much for granted.

In the coming editions of the RECORD, Snapshot will share with you some of my perspectives on just what it is about our church that is special and unique. Some of my thoughts will be based on special beliefs. Some will be based on things we do. Some will be based on aspects of our lifestyle. We will be talking about our identity as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Of course, I will not discuss everything. In fact I think it would be wonderful if the "Letters" page was inundated with many reflections on the specialness of our church. A marriage cannot thrive on negativity. Nor can the church. We can too often tend to be critical when we should be thankful.

I have taken time today to thank my Heavenly Father for the privilege of being His child and the privilege of belonging to His family. That is something I need to do every day. You too?

Dr Barry Oliver is president of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



MY CHURCH

KATHERINE, Northern Territory Deslie Green

My husband and I moved from Sydney to live in one of the most pristine areas of the world. Often called the "Crossroads of the North" because of its location, Katherine is the fourth largest town in the Northern Territory, Australia, and is located 312 km south-east of Darwin on the Katherine River. We attend a small church that has a weekly attendance of about 30 people, whereas the population is approximately 9804.

The congregation consists of young families who recently moved into the area. We want to see our church grow—so we serve our community as much as possible. We organise children's programs, volunteer with St John Ambulance and the State Emergency Service. Because the church is on the main road, near the Katherine racecourse and golf course, we're visible to all who drive past.

Our pastor is shared with other remote congregations and lives three hours away—we see him once a month. As a young congregation we want to see our church grow, we want to see the people of the Katherine area fall in love with Jesus and worship with us on Sabbath.

My dream is to have a church full of people of all different ages and backgrounds with one common purpose—to spread the gospel message to everyone in Katherine. So we're trying to be relevant and meet people where they are in their journey through life.



WHY I AM AN ADVENTIST

Regina Amuimuia, Kuranda, Qld

Growing up our family had a motto, which my mother continuously reminded us of. It went like this: "Keep your hope, use your faith and give your love away".

For me, this is what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist—to keep my hope in the promise of Christ's Second Coming, to proactively use my faith in Jesus every day, and to daily give the love that God has given to me away to those around me. It may sound simple but growing up in this sinful world has shown me how difficult it really can be.

Through life's trials I've discovered how easy it is for me to give up, to doubt and to only give my love to those who give it back to me. However, the beauty of God is that He gives me the strength to uphold my family motto, for it is when I am weak that His power and strength is made perfect! He gives me assurance in my life, and despite the trials and the mistakes He renews me every day and motivates me towards eternity! So I guess for me, this is what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist; to keep my hope, use my faith and to give my love away.



RECORD REWIND

Dr Lester Devine



First Maori physician

At the time of Maui Pomare's birth the native Maori population of New Zealand was in serious decline with diseases and dissolute health practices adopted from the white settlers decimating the indigenous people.



Sir Maui Pomare lived from 1876 to 1930.

While attending Te Aute College in 1892, Pomare, son of a Maori chief, was converted to the Adventist faith and began attending the Napier church. Ellen White and the church members were encouraged by Pomare's conversion, and Ellen White and Dr Margaret Caro sponsored him to study medicine in Battle Creek, Michigan. Pomare also undertook further study at Battle Creek Sanitarium impressing Dr John Harvey Kellogg in the process—who assisted him financially. Pomare graduated from medicine in 1899 and returned to New Zealand in 1901—

the first Maori ever to qualify as a physician. With no position available in church work he was appointed native health officer and in time his church membership lapsed.

Elected to Parliament in 1911, Pomare soon became the Maori representative on the country's Executive Council and held the position for 16 years through four governments. In the 1920s he was Minister for Health and also Minister of Internal Affairs. During this time he "instilled a new sense of pride, purpose and self-worth in his people and successfully initiated procedures to have ancient wrongs redressed in Parliament by the restoration of previously confiscated lands. During these busy years Pomare also made time for collecting and publishing a large volume of Maori legends and traditions that had been passed on to him." He made significant improvements in mental health care and did outstanding work with Cook Island lepers. Stricken with tuberculosis, he travelled to California and as a patient in Glendale Hospital, in the care of his medical school classmates, "he came back to his people and his first love—to the Adventists to die. . ."

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