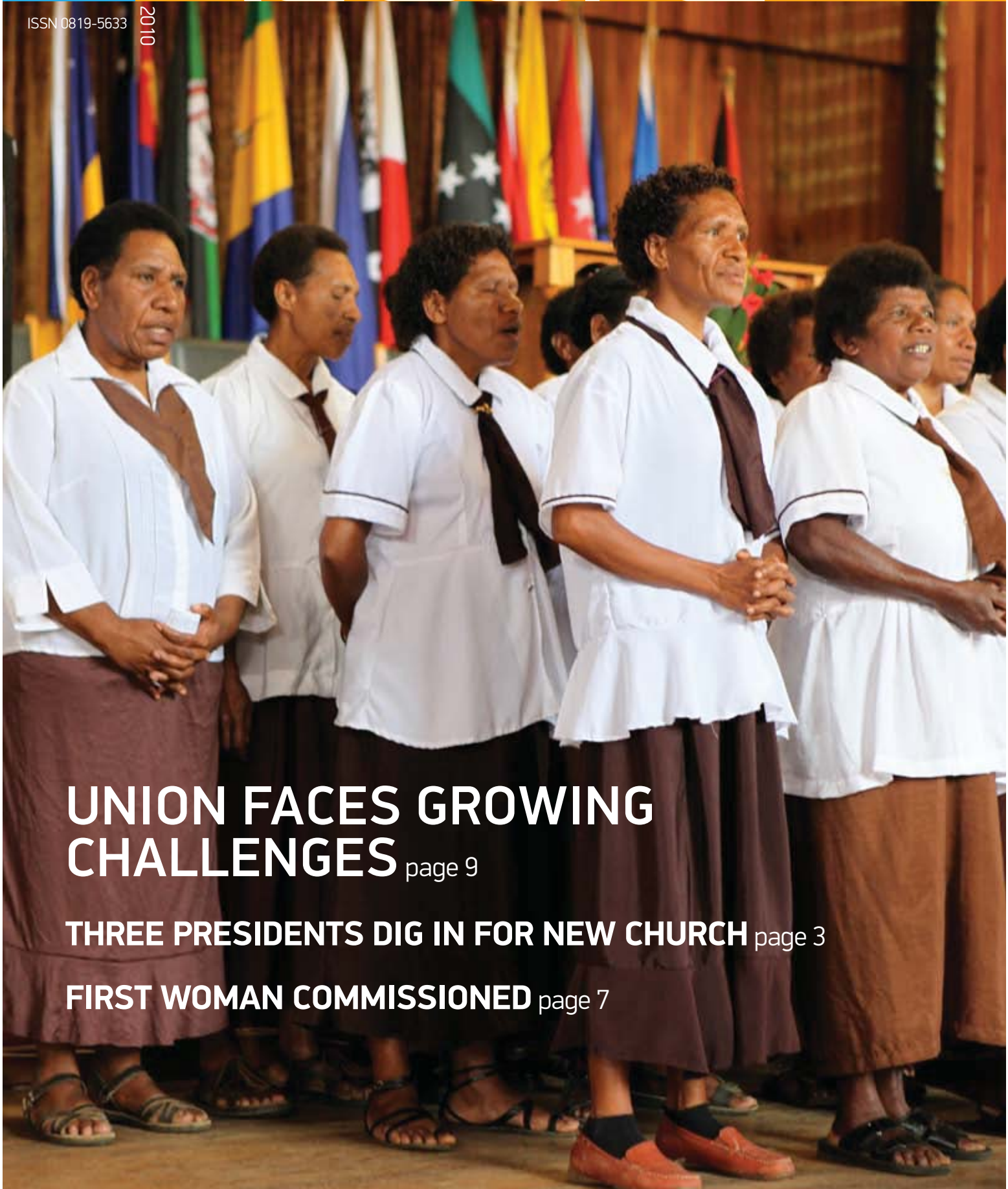


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Three presidents dig in for new church

Pablo Lillo—Auckland, New Zealand

Manna Park Church in Auckland, New Zealand, held a special celebration to mark the amalgamation of two churches and the start of a building program.

Manna Park Church was formed by the amalgamation of the Pukekohe and Huntly churches. "The churches amalgamated because of people moving out of the area and youth moving to university to study," said Pastor Eddie Tupai, president of the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC). "As they became smaller, they looked at the big picture and chose to come together to reach a wider audience in the area. I'm excited by their vision. They're intentional about being a positive presence and influence in their community. They also want to participate in the rapid growth into the city in which they live, work and serve."

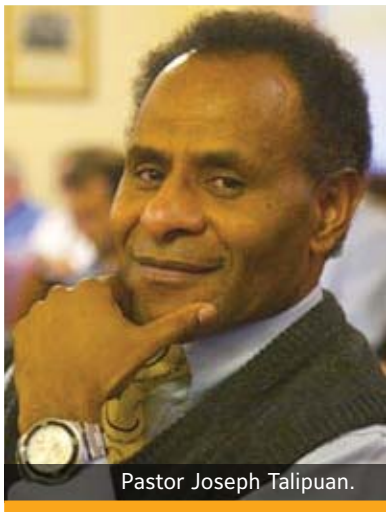
Pastor Jerry Matthews, president of the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference, and Dr Barry Oliver, president of

the South Pacific Division, joined Pastor Tupai in turning the soil with special spades, engraved with the date and occasion. Church member Doug Davidson outlined the process of selecting a property for the new church and obtaining resource consent.

"Our position at the gate of the southern growth corridor of Auckland city presents a unique opportunity in a rural growth area," Mr Davidson said.



Men at work L-R: Presidents Eddie Tupai, Barry Oliver and Jerry Matthews.



Pastor Joseph Talipuan.

Ambitious goal: 1 million disciples from 2015

Jarrod Stackelroth—Goroka, Papua New Guinea

The newly elected president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) used his inaugural speech to encourage members to revival. Pastor Joseph Talipuan, former director of Sabbath School and personal ministries and stewardship for the South Pacific Division, echoed the call of General Conference president Ted Wilson's first speech encouraging members to disciple and to pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on their lives and work.

He had three specific goals he would like to see worked towards in the next five years. PNGUM and its members growing in spiritual maturity, through the Missions achieving Conference status. He also called for increased ministerial leadership, in a country with a growing membership but and one minister for every 10 churches. He hopes to increase the number of people attending an Adventist church every Sabbath to 1 million from 2015.

Pastor Talipuan called for unity among church members to achieve the goals. "When I'm calling for unity, I'm not asking to change your tribe or skin colour. Let's unite on something we will agree on." He referred to the 12 Israelite spies who scouted Caanan and saw giants in the land. "We have seen the land and coming King, the real King."

Dorcas women take to the streets

Kent Kingston—Honiara, Solomon Islands

More than 6000 women gathered in Honiara, to celebrate the lives touched by the work of the Adventist Community Services (or Dorcas) Societies. The women, along with their male supporters, came to the capital from all regions of the Solomon Islands, a journey of days for many. The 1000-strong contingent from the Western Solomon's region chartered a ship large enough to carry the whole group at once.

Three thousand of the most able-bodied attendees marched down the main street of Honiara, from Kukum church to the Solomon Islands Mission (SIM) compound.

Lady Grace Kabui, the wife of the Solomon Islands Governor General, officially opened the five-day congress. The guest speaker was Dr Jonathan Kuntaraf, director of the personal ministries department at the Seventh-day Adventist

Church's world headquarters in Washington, USA.

The congress convenor, Pastor Luther Taniveke, the SIM personal ministries director, needed all the help he could get from his organising committee as attendance approached 7000 on the final Sabbath.

There were 30 workshops during the week and 18 people were baptised, represented the 200-plus who have joined the church this year as a result of Dorcas.



The Dorcas Societies motto is "Loving, Caring, Sharing".



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"Woman's choir sings on Sabbath afternoon at the PNGUM session."

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Less bathwater, more baby

Kent Kingston

It may be that I belong to the first generation of Seventh-day Adventists in which many seem to have little conscience about breaking the long-held lifestyle standards of the Church. Well, perhaps we don't so much defiantly "break" the standards as simply ignore them. Some of us cheerfully roll up to barbecues, sausages and rissoles in hand. Some of us ride bikes on Sabbath, discussing what movies we'll see at the cinema. Children attend dance classes. Jewelry is worn openly and some even toy with the idea of a tattoo.

Something has changed. Somewhere along the way, the manner in which some of the traditional Adventist lifestyle standards are being lived and communicated has lost its credibility for many of us. It might have been when our parents noticed that some of the prescriptions had more to do with culture than Biblical principle. It might have been when those who had been taught that angels don't enter cinemas realised they were watching the same movies on television a few months later.

But my generation, in embracing its so-called freedom, has often failed to develop mature Christian discernment. Once the door opened, it became a floodgate. We see dancing as a part of worship in the Bible, so we accept all kinds of stripper-inspired raunch. Movies seem to be OK, so we view hours of murder and mayhem and allow our children to rehearse the same behaviours on the Playstation. Back-masking is bosh, so we listen to top-40 radio where deejay patter and music lyrics are becoming more and more explicit. We struggle to make Sabbath meaningful. Christian simplicity has been buried under an avalanche of Audi keyrings and Versace handbags.

It's time to take stock. Not because some finger-wagging fundamentalist is telling us to. But because we care about who God is, who we are, and the direction our spiritual lives are heading. Don't we?

In this edition, Pastor Lloyd Grolimund looks at Ellen White, the Bible and perfection (page 14). Go to <record.net.au> to answer the poll about perfection.

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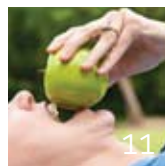
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Offering to help college relocation

Brad Kemp—Wahroonga, New South Wales

The recipient of the Mission Extension Offering for 2010 is Fulton College in Fiji. Fulton College offers senior high school and tertiary level studies in theology, church ministry, primary education, information technology, business and secretarial studies. There are about 200 students and 50 staff who live on the Fulton College campus, about an hours drive from Suva.

The decision of the Fiji High Court to revert the Fulton College land to native title has meant that Fulton College will have to move from its present location. For this reason it was decided to relocate Fulton College to a new site at Sabeto, close to Nadi. This will provide a long-term future and serve the needs of students and the Church.

Pastor Waisea Vuniwa, president of the Trans Pacific Union Mission reports, "Clearing of the new site has begun. The flat area dedicated for farmland has been cleared and

all the buildings on the site have been pulled down. That leaves only three buildings on site."

The fencing of the College boundary has been set up and church members from Nadi, who are volunteering their time, are carrying out much of the work. However, the finances are not all locked in place.

The Mission Extension offering to be collected on December 4 is your opportunity to help support the relocation of Fulton College to its new site.



The new property has now been fenced and boundaries have been marked.

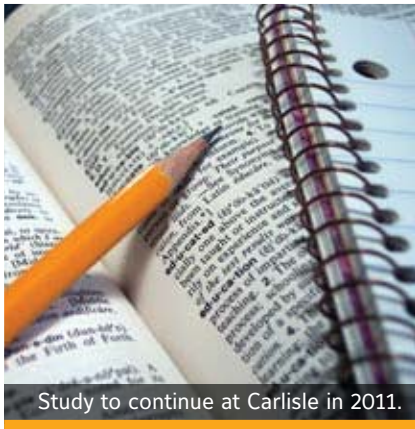
Donations keep Adventist school open

Kent Kingston/Daily Mercury—Mackay, Queensland

A Seventh-day Adventist secondary school in Mackay, has narrowly avoided closure after Adventist business owners agreed to provide the financial support needed to keep classes running for 2011.

Carlisle Christian College, established as an Adventist primary school 50 years ago, launched its secondary school in 2006; this year providing classes from Years 7 to 10. But with secondary student numbers at only 27, the Northern Australian Conference announced last month that secondary classes would cease at the end of 2010.

The announcement was met with dismay by school families, with the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) alerting local media. During negotiations between the PFA, the school, the Conference and concerned others, a number of Adventist businesspeople offered to cover the financial shortfall for 2011 while efforts are made to increase enrolment. At the time of writing, a verbal agreement has been made and a full written agreement is expected soon.



Study to continue at Carlisle in 2011.

Author shows God of reckless love

Brenton Stacey—Cooranbong, New South Wales

Signs Publishing Company book editor Nathan Brown launched Dr Bruce Manners "first" book, *Reckless Love*.

What makes *Reckless Love* different, he said, is the context from which it is written, its practical application—the book includes a discussion guide—the author's credibility and "the depth and the greatness of what it represents."

Dr Manners sees *Reckless Love* as his "first" book because it is the first he has published with a particular purpose on a single theme. He wrote *Reckless Love*: to discover the elements of grace and God's love within the core doctrines of the Adventist Church, and to answer the "so what?" question, to ask how we respond to God in our being and living. Avondale College Seventh-day Adventist Church, where Bruce is senior minister and where the launch took place.

In dedicating the book, Mr Brown offered a prayer for the

books readers, borrowed from Paul in Ephesians 3:18, that they "may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (NIV).

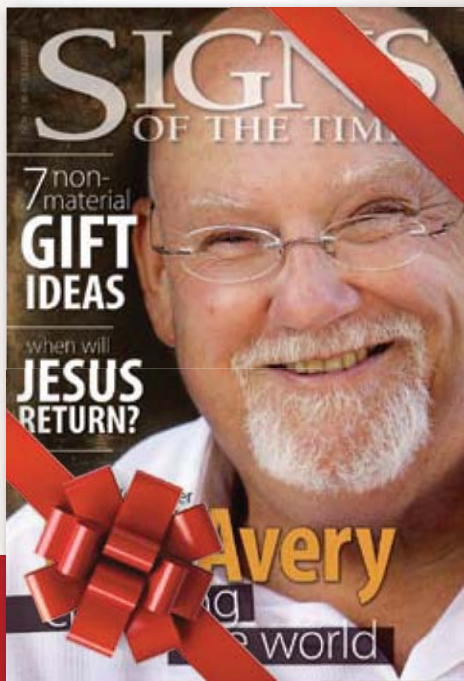
The origins of the book came from conversations Bruce had with Adventists longing for a deeper Christian experience. "They just saw doctrines as a list of things to know," he said during the launch. The experience encouraged Bruce to do more to communicate the God-is-love message.



Book editor Nathan Brown presents a framed cover of *Reckless Love* to its author Dr Bruce Manners.

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Church holds police conference

Christine Lukhelo Williams—Papatoetoe, New Zealand

More than 120 police officers and staff from around New Zealand (NZ) met for a three day Christian Police Network Conference at Papatoetoe Seventh-day Adventist Community Church (Papsda).

Guest speakers included the Principal Youth Court Judge of NZ, Andrew Beecroft and Gary Raymond retired Chief Inspector, New South Wales Police Force. The conference spanned three days and aimed to create a sense of community amongst Christian Police and challenged them to grow in their own personal connection with God.

Constable Sel Selone is a member of Papsda and works full time as a 'COP-in-School' in two Otago High Schools. Constable Sel grew up in Otago, a vibrant, primarily Pacific Island community with a large youth population and high crime rate. It's also Papsda's neighbouring suburb. Having attended the first Police Christian Support Network Conference in 2009, Constable Selone dreamed of hosting the second in his own church. He saw it as an opportunity to build connections with other Christians and allow his church to serve and give back to his fellow police officers.

He believes young people need adults they can look up to and he relishes the challenge of being a positive role model. When he is off duty, Constable Selone also serves on the Papsda Burger Van (similar to a soup kitchen) that operates on Friday evenings in Otago.

A team of local police and Papsda members planned the event which included small group workshops, key note addresses, opportunities for telling stories of God's leading as well as a time for praise and worship. Detective Jon McKenzie from Whakatane, challenged the 650 strong group to act on God's calling in their lives no matter their vocation.

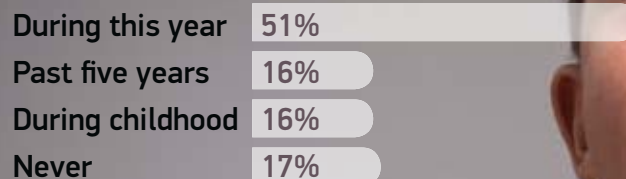
"This weekend has been a fantastic opportunity to thank and honor our police, who ultimately have the same core mission as us—to help people live life to the full," says Papsda pastor, Leanne Davies.



Constable Sel Selone.

OPINION POLL

Have you ever experienced a miracle?



Next Poll

Is striving for perfection a sin?

Yes No

Refer to *Ellen White, the Bible and perfection* (page 14). Please visit record.net.au to answer this poll.



First woman commissioned

Damien Rice/Carole Ferch-Johnson—Vanuatu

During the business session of the Vanuatu Mission, the Seventh-day Adventist church held an historic service that saw its first female pastor commissioned to the gospel ministry.

Pastor Dorolyn Laloyer, who has served Vanuatu Mission since 1990 began work as the office secretary in the then northern district of Santo. She became actively involved in supporting departmental work for which she showed a passion and aptitude. Later she was to take on responsibilities as women's ministry, children's ministry and community services director. Prior to the commissioning service she was re-elected to serve for a further five years as director of those departments.

"Standing with her husband and five children at the ceremony Dorolyn received the charge to serve God as a minister of the gospel," says Pastor Carole Ferch-Johnson, associate ministerial secretary of the Australian Union Conference and advocate of women in ministry.

"Dorolyn was recommended for commissioning along with a number of untrained but experienced male ministers through the usual process of ministerial appraisal," says Pastor Damien Rice, general secretary and ministerial association secretary at Vanuatu Mission.

TPUM general secretary Pastor Paul Cavanagh reports that "this is the first commissioning of a female pastor to take place anywhere in the Pacific Islands."

According to church policy, Pastor Laloyer's commissioning will enable her to fulfill all the functions of pastoral office except to ordain elders and deacons, or



Pastor Dorolyn Laloyer, with her husband, receiving congratulations.

dedicate, unite and organise congregations. She is also ineligible for election as president of the Church in Vanuatu.

"Dorolyn does not have any formal theological training and entered ministry in an unusual way," says Vanuatu Mission president, Pastor John Leeman, "so this is an exceptional circumstance that is unlikely to be repeated for some time."

Vanuatu Mission employs three other female ministers who have been trained at Fulton and Sonoma colleges.

"In due course they will also be considered for commissioning," says Pastor Rice.

The service was also significant because youth director, Pastor Charlie Jimmy was ordained into gospel ministry. He is one of the youngest workers to be ordained by Vanuatu Mission. Vanuatu Mission currently has around 17,600 members and is served by 32 ministers and a similar number of Bible workers and Global Mission pioneers.

Vote: women can be presidents

Mark Kellner/Kent Kingston—Silver Spring, United States

Seventh-day Adventist conferences and missions in North America can be led by a male or female minister, members of the division executive committee voted overwhelmingly on November 7 during year-end business meetings.

While the General Conference has stopped short of granting women full ordination as pastors, their call to ministry is recognised in some regions by the granting of "commissioned" status. A move to change the North American Division's (NAD) working policy to allow commissioned pastors to hold the position of conference/mission president, was put on hold from last year.

"There was a request from the president of the General

Conference to pull it back because there was a desire to have a broader discussion... on the role of women in

ministry at the meeting of the executive committee prior to the General Conference," says NAD president Dan Jackson.

But during the 2010 year-end meetings of the NAD, the issue was once again addressed, with an almost unanimous vote in favour of changing the wording of the policy, which now reads: "... a conference/mission president should be an ordained/commissioned minister."

According to a statement from the NAD, "This ... is an issue of equality and opportunity for all leaders who hold the commissioned minister credentials." The year-end meeting also recommended that the General Conference vary the language of its model constitution to "accommodate the unique needs of the NAD."

NAD president, Dan Jackson, denies the move is merely symbolic: "I think we have a number of women, a number of treasurers, a number of college presidents in North America who are skilled individuals; who have the ability to lead conferences and some of who, I believe, in time, will be conference presidents."



Pastor Dan Jackson.



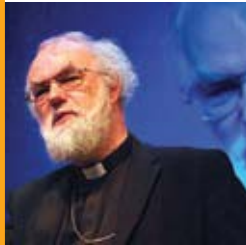
Backflip

Australia's Immigration Department has backed down after pressure from local Federal politician, Shayne Neumann, who objected to the department's ruling that citizenship ceremonies could not happen at a Uniting Church hall in Ipswich, Qld, as it is used for religious purposes. Mr Neumann says there's never been a complaint. —Queensland Times



Sadly missed

Papua New Guineans are in mourning after the sudden and tragic loss of charismatic evangelist Joseph Kingal in a car accident. Kingal was the head of The Word, The Spirit and The Cross evangelistic ministries based at Omili in Lae and preached to thousands over the past 14 years. —malumnalu.blogspot.com



Rebadged

Five Church of England bishops have joined the Roman Catholic Church, disappointed over moves within the Anglican communion to ordain women bishops. Last year, the Pope offered Anglicans a place within the Roman Catholic Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, said he accepted the latest resignations "with regret". —Christian Today



Massacre

After a Baghdad church siege left two priests and 56 others dead, an extremist group, known as the Islamic State of Iraq, says any church or Christian organisation is now a legitimate target. The attack is the worst violent incident directed towards Christians since the American-led invasion in 2003. —NewsMax



History repeats

A man dressed as Jesus has been kicked out of a Lutheran church in St Louis, Missouri. For 22 years Neal Thompson has been attending a different church every week with his white robe, cross and staff. He says Christians are called to be ambassadors for Jesus. —Fox News



Generation worry

Research by a Christian welfare agency says young Australians are stressed and more worried than ever about how they measure up. The survey of more than 50,000 young people, found that body image was their biggest worry. Other areas of concern included the environment, family breakdown and drugs or alcohol. —Mission Australia

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Fulton College in Fiji

Please give generously to the Fulton College relocation to Sabeto

Union faces growing challenges

by Jarrod Stackelroth



DELEGATES REPRESENTING THE NINE MISSIONS and one conference of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM), have gathered at Kabiufa Adventist Secondary School, Goroka, for the 14th Business Session. The session was to be held in Lae but was moved to Kabiufa, after unrest in the area. Even with the late change, 228 delegates attended and the program was conducted without mishap, with administration, ministry and mission reports all being delivered.

The theme of the meetings was "Proclaiming God's Grace" and the week was just as much about revival as it was about business. The morning and evening devotionals, taken by Pacific Adventist University (PAU) Theology lecturer Dr Scott Charlesworth, examined themes of God's grace, law and the covenant, and encouraged members to take an active part in finishing God's work.

Incoming PNGUM president, Joseph Talipuan, and incoming general secretary, Leigh Rice, shared chairing duties for the reports with outgoing president, Thomas Davai.

Church membership will soon reach 250,000, making it the largest Union in the South Pacific Division (SPD). However, according to outgoing general secretary, Pastor Neone Okesene's report, the number of people who have left the Church is alarming. "In the last 15 years, we brought in 152,843 new members but lost 55,046 or 36.02 per cent," the report states. "This is equivalent to losing one whole Australian Union Conference in 15 years! Or one North New Zealand Conference every three years." During the past five years, 29 new members were added through baptism and profession of faith per day. The number who left the Church was 14 per day, and the death rate was two per day.

The limited number of church workers contributes to these losses. Church members are not nurtured and with low literacy rates and expensive resources, they are often unable to read the Bible for themselves. The ratio of ministers to members has improved slightly during the past five years from 1:678 to 1:643, and ministers to churches from 1:10 to 1:9.1. During this period, 75 new ministers were added to the workforce. At the same time, church membership grew by 24,909, while 226 new churches/companies were added.

One of the biggest decisions to be tabled was a recommendation from PNGUM and SPD, that the South West Papua Mission (SWPM) be administered by the Union. This decision is subject to the action of the SWPM session. SWPM will keep its identity and boundaries but the positions of president, secretary and treasurer will be removed. The PNGUM undersecretary will administer the region and the associate treasurer will be in charge of finances. Due to the costs involved, there are only seven ministers for the whole area, which has 12,000 members. This frees up enough budget to increase from seven ministers to 17. The arrangement would be reviewed after three years, and would be tabled again at the next business session in five years' time. Delegates of the PNGUM session voted the matter through to the SWPM mission to make the final material.

Education director Joe Ponduk's report prompted much discussion. Enrolment has grown from 8323 students in 2005 to 18,644 in 2009. The Adventist school system in PNG has been struggling with enrolments, however the past few years have seen a significant increase due, in part, to the Adventist system's integration into the Unified National Education System. The PNG government, through the Teaching Services Commission, now pays Adventist teachers. Primary schools, which had closed, have been reopened and school fees have become more affordable to Adventist parents. Schools are owned and operated by the Church and teachers have to comply with church policies and philosophies.

A motion was passed to recommend the PNGUM executive committee appoint a full-time proposal writer so the education department can access government funds. A second motion was passed to recommend the establishment of a vocational college for Year 10 leavers. There is a plan to establish such a college at Kokoda. Sonoma College has also become officially affiliated with PAU, meaning students have access to upgraded awards and courses and more widely-recognised certificates.

Long-term plans include four Missions working for conference status in the next five to 10 year period.

Jarrod Stackelroth is assistant editor of RECORD.



Cairns school celebrates 60 years
Politicians and fire-trucks joined teachers, parents and students to celebrate CAC60—Cairns Adventist College (Qld)—60 years of providing quality Adventist Christian education to the community. They all seek God's support as they plan to start a high school. —*Northern Australia TopNews*



On location reports
Pastor Don Fehlberg (centre) continues to travel through Australian Aboriginal communities. In Maningrida (NT) he preached five evangelistic meetings, gave baptismal studies with some who watch Hope Channel and found some who will attend Mamarapha College (WA) in 2011. —*TopNews*



New to PNG
RECORD assistant editor Jarrod Stackelroth (right) took his first trip to PNG and met with church leaders including the new vice chancellor of Pacific Adventist University, Ben Thomas (left). —*RECORD staff*



Leaders chew it over
PNG Education Minister James Marape (left), a Seventh-day Adventist, talks with former PNG Union Mission president Pastor Thomas Davai (centre) and newly-elected president Pastor Joseph Talipuan (right) during the PNGUM session in Goroka. —*RECORD staff*



Avondale students make a point
Lecturer Sonja Frischknecht (fourth from left) joined seven mission-minded Avondale College nursing students at Atoifi Adventist Hospital on Malaita (Solomon Islands) for two weeks as a part of a master's thesis about the effectiveness of clinical learning experiences for undergraduate nurses in developing countries. —*Brenton Stacey and Loring Kwon*



Soccer stars shine at Adventist school
Prescott Primary Northern (SA) hosted an exciting in-school soccer clinic run by the Adelaide United Football Club. Robert Cornthwaite and Iain Fyfe (defenders), Mark Birighitti (goal keeper) and Matt Mullen (youth captain) ran the one-hour clinic, then rewarded the students with a signed poster and an Adelaide United cap. —*Shane Blake*



StormCo youth boat it
Ten young people from northern Australia went to Hammond and Thursday Islands (Torres Strait) to run a kids' club, give Bibles out to the public and run an evangelistic series. Local residents want more information about Adventists and were there to wave goodbye at the end of the trip. —*TopNews*



Scare the crows!
Macksville Adventist School (NSW) held its first Spring Festival running workshops on recycling, gardening and solar power. Students, teachers and parents from Port Macquarie Adventist School joined them for activities like potting plants, racing solar powered cars and building a group scarecrow. —*Northpoint*



What a gift!
Students in Years 3 to 8 at Southland Adventist School in Invercargill (SNZ) made up 60 Earthquake Care Bags—full of Sanitarium products, bottles of water, muesli bars, chocolates, pens and pencils—for the younger children at Christchurch Adventist School, traumatised by the recent quakes and hundreds of aftershocks. —*Southern Connexions*



That takes the cake
Port Macquarie (NSW) church members raised \$A2667 for ADRA by decorating cake boxes and auctioning them. Each contestant was required to place something 'edible' inside the box. —*Northpoint*



Dare2Hope
Surfer and student Karl Taaffe has started a 2012 km, 76 day walk from the bottom of the South Island to the top of the North Island to bring about a greater awareness of suicide. Approximately 10 people in New Zealand die by suicide every week. Karl hopes to finish the walk on January 28, 2011. Follow the walk and give support online at www.dare2hope.co.nz. —*David Gibbons*



Importance of Fibre

What is dietary fibre?

Dietary fibre is the structural part of plant foods that cannot be broken down in the small intestine and enters the large intestine undigested. In the large intestine some of the fibre is broken down by bacteria and the rest helps move the remaining waste out of the body.

There are three basic types of dietary fibre.

Soluble fibre—found in fruits, vegetables, dried peas, soybeans, lentils, oats, rice and barley.

Insoluble fibre—found in wholegrain and wholemeal breads, cereals and pasta, fruit and vegetables.

Resistant starch—found in firm bananas, potatoes, legumes and cornflakes.

What are the health benefits of fibre?

Think of fibre as a tool for exercising the intestinal tract muscles, which are required to move food wastes through our gut. If we have a consistently low-fibre intake, these muscles become slack and cannot move food through our gut as they should. This can result in constipation and associated health issues.

High fibre foods such as wholegrain cereal and bread are associated with lower prevalence rates of cardiovascular disease and high fibre foods such as fruit, vegetables and wholegrains tend to contain high levels of vitamins and antioxidants, which have been linked to lower incidences of many types of cancer.

Good food sources of fibre

The best way to get enough dietary fibre is to regularly eat wholegrain or wholemeal breads and cereals, legumes (such as kidney beans, soybeans and lentils), fruit, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

- Choose wholegrain breads and cereals, brown rice, wholemeal pasta and wholegrain crackers.
- Add legumes such as baked beans, kidney beans, lima beans, soybeans, chickpeas, dried peas and lentils to soups, casseroles and salads.
- Eat unpeeled fruits (eg apples and pears) and vegetables (such as potatoes) wherever possible—the skins are a valuable source of fibre.
- Where possible, choose to eat the whole fruit instead of just drinking the juice—the juice contains very little fibre.
- In general, look on the nutrition panel of food products and choose those which provide at least 1.5 grams of dietary fibre per serve.
- Ensure you drink plenty of fluids as soluble fibre needs water to work at its optimal level.

Call and speak to one of our qualified nutritionists at the Sanitarium Nutrition Service on 1800 673 392 (in Australia) or 0800 100 257 (in New Zealand). Alternatively, email us at nutrition@sanitarium.com.au (Australia) or nutrition@sanitarium.co.nz (New Zealand). Don't forget to order our free cookbook, *Food for Health and Happiness*, by visiting our website www.sanitarium.com.au or www.sanitarium.co.nz

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RECIPE

Baby potato, asparagus and almond salad

- 400g small new potatoes, washed
- 150g green beans, trimmed
- 1 tbsp baby capers, rinsed and chopped
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 50 g rocket or baby spinach leaves
- 1/3 cup flat leaf parsley leaves, chopped
- 2 bunches asparagus, trimmed
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp finely chopped chives
- 2 tbsp slivered almonds (toasted)

1. Cook potatoes in a large saucepan of boiling water for 12 minutes or until just tender. Drain, rinse in cold water and set aside to cool. Thickly slice potatoes.
 2. Cook asparagus and beans in a frying pan of simmering water for 3 minutes or until just tender. Drain and refresh in cold water. Pat vegetables dry with paper towel. Dry the pan.
 3. Heat oil in the frying pan over medium heat. Add capers and garlic. Cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add lemon juice, parsley and chives.
 4. Mix 3/4 of the warm lemon dressing with hot potatoes, then add asparagus, beans and rocket or spinach. Serve on a large platter (or serving plates). Drizzle the remaining dressing over the top and sprinkle with slivered almonds and serve.
- Serves 4 as a main, 6 as a side dish.

Preparation time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 15 minutes

PER SERVE: 850kJ (205cal); Protein 6g;
Total Fat 12g; Saturated Fat 1g; Carbohydrate 15g;
Total Sugars 2g; Sodium 35mg; Potassium 845mg;
Calcium 70mg; Iron 2.3mg; Fibre 4g.

LETTERS

MY CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Name withheld, VIC

I appreciate Graham Hood's piece "Healthy godly men" (Opinion, October 16). It is with a heavy heart that I admit to being like this.

I do struggle in my personal life from depression and my marriage of more than 20 years is very close to ending. I do question my faith, and struggle to find motivation to keep attending church. My Christian experience has been based on biblical "knowledge and fact" and I admit I have a "lack of faith".

I wish our Church—at all levels—would run some sort of help program for men like myself who are struggling with life's battles.

MISSION PAPER?

Graeme Quick, QLD

There was a time a few years back when I actually used RECORD as a mission paper and would hand out copies to non-Adventist neighbours. But I wouldn't lately—it has gone soft on solid Adventist material.

For example, the special edition "God's Word" (October 30) could have been an Anglican or Baptist newsletter.

Its emphasis on the Bible was of course well placed, but it was hardly presented in an Adventist context. There wasn't a single word from the Spirit of Prophecy, hardly a single Adventist doctrinal point made. And too many platitudes.

MY FAVOURITE PAGES

Mary Carter, WA

Thank you for the special edition, "God's Word". Three items that stood out were:

Flashpoint: I enjoyed reading people's convictions and confirmation of God's leading.

Children need the Word: I learnt if we plant the seed while they're young, the seed always brings them back.

The secret of prayer: I was reminded of how powerful prayer is. God does listen to family and friends when they are praying for you.

I send every RECORD to my best friend who isn't a Seventh-day Adventist, yet. For Christmas, I'm also giving my non-Adventist Dad every RECORD printed in 2010.

MAKES NO SENSE

Lyn Vermeulen, WA

I refer to the news story, "Ellen White meets Mary MacKillop" (October 30).

During the weeks leading to the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, doors were opened to speak kindly, yet clearly to the Catholics to reveal the unscriptural farce of the whole process.

Therefore, I am dismayed that two lecturers would do any less than politely decline Dr Allan Cadwallader's offer.

The title of the article in RECORD makes no sense at all and is offensive. It appears from the editor of RECORD our Church in the South Pacific is well on its way to becoming part of the ecumenical movement.

MAKES NO SENSE RESPONSE:

Dr John Skrzypaszek, AVONDALE COLLEGE

Thank you for your response to the news story, "Ellen White meets Mary MacKillop".

Dr Cadwallader extended an invitation to a number of different faiths to write about heroes of faith from within different religious traditions and denominations. The focus of the collection was to show how

heroes of faith are esteemed in each tradition.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church does not agree with the Catholic position on sainthood. However, this invitation provided a golden opportunity for us to share a positive view of Ellen White's contribution to the Adventist Church in Australia and the world.

Ellen White was always wise in her counsel, "We should not, upon entering a place, build up unnecessary barriers between us and other denominations, especially the Catholics, so that they should think we are their avowed enemies. We should not create a prejudice in their minds unnecessarily. . . . From what which God has shown me, a great number will be saved from among the Catholics" (Ms 14, 1887).

I'd like to encourage Adventists to read *Ellen G White: a visionary Seventh-day Adventist* to gain a better understanding. Go to:

<wp.avondale.edu.au/news/2010/10/13/heroes-of-the-faith>.

REAL POETRY

Malcolm Ford, NZ

I enjoyed "The great disappointment" (Feature, November 6), which I thought was beautifully written. Even I, in my early 80s, could sense the feeling of despair of a young girl, and woman, desperately searching for romantic fulfilment.

As I progressed through the story comparing her experience with the historic church event, I was hopefully waiting for the "Cinderella" denouement—a reversal of 1844—the arrival of the prince. The ending was better, "He has been faithful in my desert". Real poetry.

Note: Views in letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should be less than 250 words, and writers must include their name, address and phone number. All letters are edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author's original meaning will not be changed. Not all letters received are published. See Page 3 for contact details.

Meeting Moses

by Dave Edgren

RECENTLY MET MOSES IN THE OUTBACK.

I spent a week in Western Australia at the Karalundi Aboriginal Education Community telling faith stories to the students. Moses is a tiny, five-year-old student who has the uncanny ability to appear in front of you at the slightest wiggle of a lens cap. I now have a sizable collection of photos of Moses' amazing smile! What he lacks in stature, he makes up for in joy!

Meeting Moses was not the only inspirational thing I experienced at Karalundi. There were so many beautiful people with wonderful hearts. Students who love life. Teachers who exude a clarity of purpose. Staff members who care deeply. Karalundi, an oasis in the desert, truly nourished my heart and soul.

The Aboriginal people are a storytelling people. I spent hours sitting at a picnic table or in a conversation-circle on the ground with students. I learned so much and laughed a lot. And I answered a lot of questions: "Pasta, where ya from? Who ya mum? Who ya wife? Who ya kids? Where ya been? Where ya go?"

I was particularly blessed by one special questioner. At the Friday night program, I invited anyone who wanted to pray or to know more about Jesus to come forward and sit next to me on the stage after the meeting. After nearly everyone had left, nine-year-old Kelly sat next to me and wiggled her head under my arm so that it draped over her shoulder. She looked up at me for some time before asking

two deeply beautiful questions.

"How Jesus be up in Heaven and be here too, one like us?" This question still brings tears to my eyes (even now, as I write, I'm dabbing my eyes!). One like us . . . Me and Kelly. Us. How do you explain the all-embracing love of a child? I squeezed my arm tightly around her little shoulders.

"How God be way far up there and still He hear us when we pray?" I'm not sure if it's the questions (they were good ones!) that bring the tears or if it's the memory of the truly pure heart I was so privileged to sit next to. The questions were easy. I answered them with one word each: "Incarnation. Omnipresence. Run along now!"

Not even close. Kelly and I sat there for a long time as I told her stories about a God big enough for both of us and more all-embracing than we can hope to imagine or begin to imitate. She was gracious and listened. Then she rushed out to get the evening snack from the kitchen. Did I mention the cooks? Wow!

I suppose, the desert experiences in life are meant to teach us. But I was caught by surprise. When I landed in Perth and began the eight-hour drive, I knew I was going to the desert. But instead, I found the promised land, or at least a brief snapshot of it. Thanks, Moses. Thanks, Kelly. And thanks God, for Karalundi. R

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A person wearing a blue and white plaid shirt is holding an open book. The book's pages are fanned out, and the person's hands are visible at the bottom. The background is a solid teal color.

Ellen White, the Bible and perfection

by Lloyd Grolimund

SINCE MY EARLY CHILDHOOD ELLEN WHITE HAS been a part of my life. The deeds of her life are extraordinary. She had the gift of prophecy (as outlined in Revelation 19:10); wrote 40 books, 5000 periodicals and more than 100 titles are available today in English; is the most translated woman of nonfiction works in history and the most translated American of either gender of nonfiction works in history; established schools and medical centres all over the world; and was a key founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her little book, *Steps to Christ*, has been translated in over 140 languages.

Outside of the Bible, Ellen White has had more influence over my life, how I think and what I believe, than any other person or factor. Her writings and life have been a source of inspiration and encouragement to me for many years.

Despite my admiration for Ellen White, I was taught by my parents, at a very early age, about the supremacy of the Bible. The Bible is the ultimate authority for Seventh-day Adventists. It is the final arbitrator of what is and isn't truth. All "truth" must be tested against the anvil of Scripture. The validity of any claim, belief or teaching stands or falls on this simple and yet elegant approach. This must include, of course, the writings and works of Ellen White.

Because of this I have always initiated my search for truth in the Bible. Every doctrine I have and hold dear was first found and established in the Bible. There is nothing I believe, teach or preach that does not have its birth and development in Scripture. In this paradigm the Bible interprets the writings of Ellen White—not the other way around. Let me explain why this is important.

Currently in the United States, the view that you must be perfect before Jesus comes is being circulated. It's burning hot through large sections of Adventism. The concept is also gaining increasing popularity in my country, Australia. To back this popular theology, exponents use Ellen White and selected quotes. By doing this they gain validity and credibility from unsuspecting Adventist listeners. Following are two quotes commonly used to advance the "perfection" cause.

"... The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honour of God, the honour of Christ, is involved in the perfecting of the character of His people" (*Desire of Ages*, p 671).

"When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p 69).

An initial reading of these statements could leave anyone with the distinct impression that God demands that we must be perfect to be saved. My response is one of concern for my wickedness and a desire to be totally without sin. I would begin to search my life for sin and ruthlessly eradicate it. Perfection of character would be my goal because without it God would not be coming for me.

This approach has caused untold suffering and anguish in Adventism. Many have left the faith in despair because of their inability to totally overcome sin. While this doctrine of

perfection is preached as a way to liberation and freedom, it chains its unsuspecting victim so tightly, that few who find themselves in its embrace ever escape.

If the Adventist Christian would just allow the Bible to define what perfection is, the statements of Ellen White would be a blessing rather than the curse they have become for so many. Remember, the Bible should interpret Ellen White not the other way around. The Bible clearly states:

1. We are all sinners under the curse of death (see Romans 3:23).

2. Jesus died the death price for all (see John 3:16).

3. If we repent and ask Jesus into our hearts that He will save us (see Acts 3:19).

4. When Jesus saves us He puts His robe of righteousness around us. Instantly we are perfect. It is His perfection, not ours. At that very moment we are ready for translation. This is called justification (see Zechariah 3:1-7; Isaiah 61:10, 64:6; Matthew 22:1-11; Luke 15:11-32).

5. Once Jesus has saved us, He comes inside us and begins to change us. He convicts, encourages and leads us into victory over the sins we have in our life. He does not convict us of every sin we have. That would overwhelm us. He presents to us our weaknesses in His time, at His pace, in His way. This is the work of a lifetime. It will continue until we die or Jesus comes. This is called sanctification. It does not save you; it happens because you are already saved (see Zechariah 3:7).

In the light of what the Bible teaches about "perfection" let's re-examine the two quotes. Remember we are now interpreting these statements from our new found knowledge of how the Bible defines "perfection".

"... The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honour of God, the honour of Christ, is involved in the perfecting (Jesus' perfection—Jesus' robe of righteousness) of the character of His people." "When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people (Jesus' perfection—Jesus' robe of righteousness), then He will come to claim them as His own."

The "perfection" statements of Ellen White now take on a new meaning. Instead of chaining me to legalism, they free me into the marvellous and wonderful grace of Jesus. They not only affirm the biblical view of perfection, but re-emphasise the fact that Jesus truly is my Saviour.

Must I be perfect before Jesus comes? Of course, but not my perfection, it is Jesus'. I get it instantly when I give my heart to Him. This is the Gospel. Praise God.

Is this cheap grace? God forbid. Once Jesus has perfected me—justification—He then gets inside and changes me—sanctification (see Romans 3:21-31).

Instead of trying to make the Bible fit into Ellen White's work and writings, it's essential those writings fit in with the Bible. It is beautiful. It works. It makes the words of Ellen White, our modern day prophet, very precious indeed. ➤

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OPENING HIS WORD

David McKibben

The Lord's Supper

The sacrament that we know as the Lord's Supper was designed by Jesus to symbolise and demonstrate the unity and fellowship of His followers. Sadly, a history of conflict and division is associated with this memorial of Christ's death; indeed, arguments over its significance made it one of the major battlegrounds of the Reformation.

What are the main purposes underlying the observance of the Lord's Supper?

- Essentially the Lord's Supper is a memorial service; Jesus asks His followers to remember specifically His sufferings and death (1 Corinthians 11:26) every time this service is held. **Read** Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25.

- The celebration of this service also expresses our complete dependence upon Jesus for our physical and spiritual lives. The use of common elements like bread and grape juice shows that we owe everything to Him. **Read** John 6:53-57.

- Participation in this act of worship is an expression of unity and fellowship on two levels. We experience meaningful communion with Jesus and a deep fellowship with other believers.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.

- The Lord's Supper also contains the element of anticipation. We not only look back in remembrance of the Cross of Christ, but we also look forward in hope to His return. **Read** Matthew 26:29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:14-18 and 1 Corinthians 11:26.

How often should we celebrate this memorial?

The Bible does not specify how often we should celebrate the Lord's Supper, but Jesus simply commanded that we should remember Him when we do so.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. In common with churches in the reformed branch of Christendom, we celebrate this memorial of the death of Jesus four times per year. This simple but profound service affirms our faith and hope in Jesus and builds a sense of community with fellow believers.

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HEALTH WISE

Dr James Wright

Osteoporosis

Strong bones for life are essential. They are the framework on which everything else hangs or is attached. Bone mass is at its peak in the late teens. In childhood growing bones are soft and bend easily. They become strong in



adolescence and early adulthood. Calcium and vitamin D are the key essentials for strong bones. That means heaps of calcium-rich foods. Low fat dairy products head the list, including milk, yoghurt and cheese.

Salmon, dried figs, peanuts, walnuts, almonds and soybeans are good sources. Generally 1500 mg a day is advised (more when pregnant). A 1000 mg supplement

is often advised especially with older people. Vitamin D comes from the sun reacting on the skin, and we only need 20 minutes of sun exposure a day. But today, with universal "cover up" and sunscreens, many people are deficient and require a daily supplement. Deficiency of calcium and vitamin D inevitably lead to osteoporosis ("porous bones") where bones, especially vertebrae, crush on themselves, leading to forward stoop and an irreversible hunch back. Fractures occur with relatively minor falls but most are preventable. Regular exercise is vital. Avoid heavy lifting, look where you are walking and avoid falls from slippery surfaces, paper, cords, steps and carpet edgings. Don't smoke. A regular bone density test gives an accurate diagnosis. Oral or intravenous prescription medication is available from the doctor.

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Susan Silas SIVONA, Bougainville, PNG

I come from the North Nasioi area of Bougainville, an island that is close to the Solomon Islands but still part of Papua New Guinea. I was honoured to attend the recent Papua New Guinea Union Mission session. It was my first time as a delegate and it was very exciting to see what the Church is doing all over Papua New Guinea.

My church has about 126 members that attend. I am an elder there and also the women's ministry leader.

My church has lots of women, many of them are widows. This year the church ran a women's retreat for the whole district. We also ran a health awareness program at the Kosikereo campsite. Clement Bireo from the United Nations Mission on Bougainville ran the program using slides and projectors to illustrate the dangers of drugs, such as marijuana and alcohol. The church has also run youth meetings in the area.

The thing I most want for Sivona church is spiritual growth among the members. A big challenge in Papua New Guinea is the lack of resources. Bougainville has had a difficult past and there are many needs.



A pastor's life

by Jennifer Philippiadis

IT IS SAID THE BOOKS YOU READ ENRICH THE QUALITY of your life and character. I would add this—for a Christian, it's the "sermons you hear".

Most of the sermons we hear come from a pastor. They impact your life, keep you on track, give you food for thought, and most important of all—direct your thoughts towards God.

The Pastor dispenses the "bread of life" to a congregation who may sometimes prefer "roast pastor for lunch". At the lectern—they do what is said to be the one of the most fearful things, "public speaking". Week after week, year after year, with the knowledge that some will analyse the words, take note of any imperfections and be prepared to throw stones at thoughts and words.

The pastor has chosen this profession because he/she cares for people, wants to make a difference, and believes to be called and chosen by God. The pastor is often of a melancholy temperament—sensitive and spiritual. The downside of this is they can be very hurt by the barbs of criticism that not one but many in a congregation hurl—the very people he/she is trying to care for and shepherd.

Sadly, some of us are all too willing to criticise the pastor and their families.

Yet, these leaders are called to support the very people who are eager to criticise them.

If the pastor retaliated with the same amount of criticism, church members would be crushed. One might think it could be more so his/her duty to appraise and remonstrate with us over our struggles, than it would be for us to criticise the pastor, someone chosen by God to build His church.

It's interesting how we find the time to be so aware of the flaws in others, when we should be flat out dealing with our own issues, the plank in our own eyes.

The pastor lives a transitory life that on many levels—is not to be envied. Here are men and women who have chosen to live a life of service with little hope of permanency

until retirement. It's a gypsy-like life. They're called to nurture congregations they must leave every five years or so, in case the congregation gets sick of them. Not only do they uproot themselves from any secure consistency and familiarity with their home and town, but also drag their sometimes reluctant spouse and children with them to settle in yet another temporary home.

Pastors struggle to reach every person in the congregation—an almost impossible task—to please all the people even some of the time. The pastor who descends for the sake of peace to the role of "people pleaser," struggles to make pleasing God their top priority, and to remain true to themselves.

Over the years, many pastors have dispensed the "blessed hope" to me. They've changed my life and left indelible impressions on my mind. They've played a major role in the formation of the one thing that will last forever, my character.

Some of the pastors who've made major impacts in my life are:

- Pastor Doug Martin who performed my wedding ceremony and nurtured me as a young Christian.
- Pastor Percy Holmes who helped me believe God could love a sinner like me.
- Pastor Francis who showed compassion to an orphan boy.
- Pastor Amos and his wife.
- Pastor Chris Foote
- Pastor Brian Lawty whose humanity, caring, sincerity and engaging sermons—have enriched my walk with God.

I'm saddened that many pastors are lined up by some and measured in search of the perfection we fail to achieve.

More importantly, I'm deeply grateful for the pastors in our churches. I'm reminded of their family, lives and feelings. And I pray for them . . . often.

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Jennifer Philippiadis writes from Ballarat, Victoria.

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RECORD REWIND

Dr Arthur Patrick

Missionaries escape war zone

On January 5, 1942, missionary families from Australia and New Zealand serving in the Solomon Islands were urgently instructed by the government that their women and children should leave. Within a week, with the Japanese close to the coast of Bougainville, a vessel carrying 60 Japanese prisoners of war was transporting the women and children to Sydney. Four more weeks of anxiety remained for the men until, aboard the mission ship *Melanesia*, a New Zealand official advised them to take a course for Sandy Cape on the coast of Queensland.

While the staccato diary entries of John Howse and Hamley Perry say nothing about the tense emotions of the journey, they calmly record several perils. Having escaped the area of Japanese bombs, the vessel struck a reef between Malaita and Guadalcanal—it was refloated with the help of anchors and chains. On February 16, the bearing of the propeller shaft heated. During the emergency repairs the next day, a small but essential fuel pump screw was lost in the oily bilge. "Definite answer to prayer in matter of fuel pump screw being found," John Howse confided in his diary. On February 19, the sight of land evoked intense discussion as to whether it was New Guinea or Australia, and would the Japanese be there? It was Australia, but the escapees were confronted by fixed bayonets wielded by nervous soldiers.



John Howse with Kata Ragoso, a well-known Solomon Islands Adventist leader.

With instructions from church headquarters to proceed to Sydney, the *Melanesia* hugged the Australian coast. Near Moreton Island, searchlights suddenly lit up the deck. Soon the ragged voyagers learned the defenders of Australia had their fingers on the triggers of six-inch guns, about to destroy the little vessel that had just safely passed over a minefield.

Entering Sydney Harbour, the final dilemma was how to get through the submarine fence. When a Manly ferry negotiated a narrow opening, the *Melanesia* followed and, at last, reached the safety of Watsons Bay.

The escape from the theatre of war in the Solomons is merely one of countless South Pacific stories indicating that the missionary task often calls for resilience, courage and faith.

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The 1917 commissioning (dedication) of the *Melanesia* in Sydney. With modifications, the vessel would serve Adventist missions in the Pacific for 27 years.

DEDICATION OF THE MELANESIA

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GRACELINK MESSAGE

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SNAP SHOT

with Dr Barry Oliver



Why our Church is special (Part 8)

Our Church is special because we believe in the Second Coming of Jesus. In fact, we do not just believe it. We actually call ourselves “Adventists”. To be Adventist is to be one who looks for and is committed to doing everything possible to hasten the return of our Lord.

John 14:1 begins with the words, “Let not your heart be troubled . . .” I Thessalonians 4:18 concludes with the words, “Comfort one another with these words”. These passages assure us in simple yet profound language that the people of all the ages can anticipate and be encouraged by the certainty of the return of Jesus.

The same Jesus who walked and talked with the people of Palestine; the same Jesus who was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead; the same Jesus who was taken up into heaven while a small group of disciples stood on the hill top open-mouthed; this same Jesus is coming again in a manner similar to the way in which He left.

Surprisingly many Christian communities do not talk much about the return of Jesus. Sadly, some even seem to doubt the reality of the literal, visible, audible return of Jesus in the clouds of heaven. They attempt to spiritualise or mysticise the event.

But Seventh-day Adventists most certainly believe that Jesus is literally coming again, and we cannot stop talking about it. His return gives us a focus for tomorrow and a hope for today. It gives meaning to life’s biggest questions and an anchor in the midst of life’s greatest joys and tragedies.

Indeed it is our privilege to “Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again”.

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



OPINION

Dr Barry Hill

This will change everything

John Brockman asked 134 great thinkers, “What will change everything and shape the future?” Responses included extending our lives to 150 years, true lie detection, direct communication from brain to brain, restoring the plasticity of brain neurons to combat disease, a meteorite strike, and continuing to heat the earth as we are now.

But the entry by Paul Meyers jolted me. He thinks we are revising what it means to be human, a task started by Darwin, and one that makes old ideas of “souls and spirits ludicrous”. In other words we are changing who we are and this alone will change everything else. This is a chilling message. We Adventists know we have a God-shaped vacuum in our hearts and that God is right here among us. To survive the future we will not only need to survive daily life itself, but we will need clear beliefs about who God is and who we are.

So what will change everything? In the end all of us are trying to answer four big life questions—who am I, where am I, what is wrong and what is the solution? Our answers create our viewpoint from which we interpret our world, something we live and even die for. When Galileo and other thinkers showed that the Earth was not the centre of the universe and that it revolved around the sun, they changed the world so much that we are still feeling the fallout.

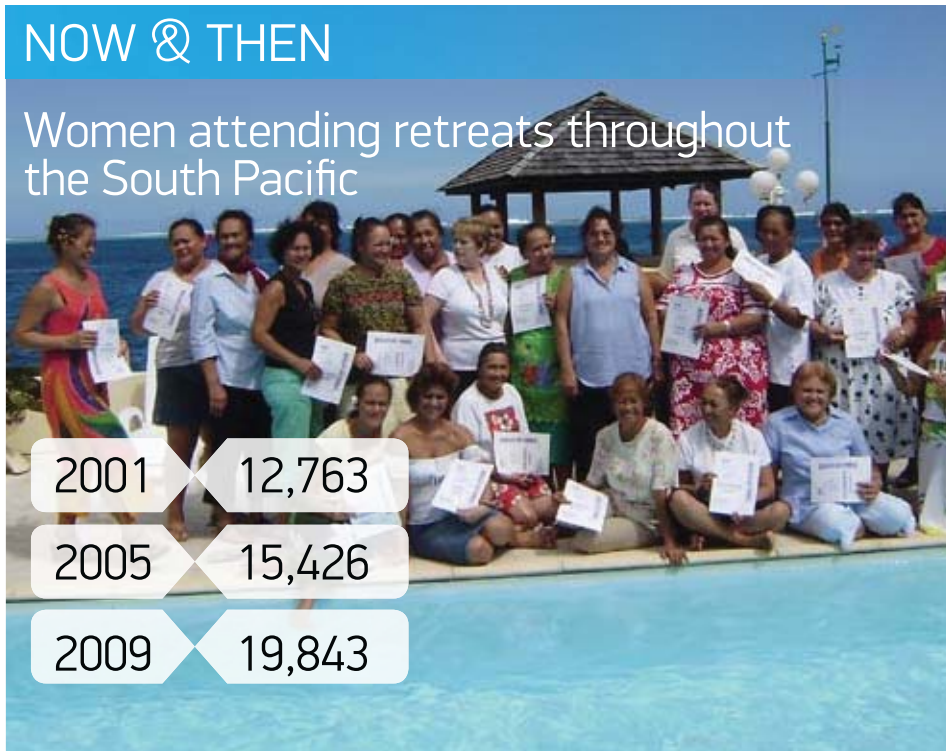
Our Adventist faith is a view of the world that is built unconsciously over time, not overnight. If this world view is to hold us together we need to keep its non-negotiable core sacred yet continually review parts of it to keep it fresh and alive. That is why we have Adventist education. Pastors, parents and teachers need “the smarts” in knowing who they are as God’s children, and what their current Adventist world view is. Their task is to disciple students through sharing their spiritual journeys in today’s changing world, and not some world from the past. Meyers is right. Changing our world view does change everything else.

John Brockman Editor, 2010. This Will Change Everything. Ideas That Will Shape the Future. New York: Harper Perennial.

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■ **Accountant—North NSW Conference (Wallsend, NSW)** is seeking a full-time accountant based at Wallsend. This is a key role to the functioning of the conference and requires a person with a broad range of accounting skills. In addition to a sound understanding of accounting principles and practice, the successful applicant will ideally have skills and experience in providing friendly, professional customer service and be capable of leading a team. The successful applicant will hold a degree in business or accounting and be a member/eligible member of a recognised professional accounting organisation (CA/CPA). Commitment to quality and service, together with a personal commitment to the mission and lifestyle of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, are essential. For further information contact: Greg Fowler on (02) 4951 8088, or email <gregfowler@adventist.org.au>. Applications in writing should be forwarded to Greg Fowler, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Seventh-day Adventist Church (North NSW Conference) Ltd, PO Box 7, Wallsend, NSW 2287. Applications close **December 20, 2010.**

■ **Program manager—Tui Ridge Park (Rotorua, NZ).** New hands-on role leading the team responsible for outdoor recreation facilities and programs. The successful applicant will love the great outdoors, have a fun, outgoing personality, leadership skills and a keen interest in health and wellbeing. You will need to be able to research and identify opportunities, develop new programs and content, develop and manage relationships with clients, providers, funding bodies and partners as well as train, motivate and lead staff to deliver excellent programs and customer service. Financial, marketing and management skills desirable. Please send your CV, along with covering letter highlighting why you believe you are the person we need, to: Chairman Tui Ridge Board, Private Bag 76900, SAMC Manukau City 2241 or email to <jonmarshall@bethesda.org.nz>. Applications close **December 10, 2010.**

POSITIONS VACANT

■ **Business manager—Macquarie College (Newcastle, NSW)** invites applications from candidates who have appropriate qualifications and experience to fill the position of business manager. Macquarie College is a Seventh-day Adventist co-educational pre-school to Year 12 campus located in Newcastle, NSW. The successful applicant will have the responsibility for the management of the financial, business and campus development areas of the college. A position description is available on the Macquarie College website at <www.macquariecollege.nsw.edu.au>. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a statement addressing core competencies and responsibilities, as well as contact details of three referees. Applications should be sent to: The Principal, Macquarie College, PO Box 517, Wallsend, NSW 2287 or email <principal@macquariecollege.edu.au>. Applications close **December 9, 2010.**

■ **Camp manager—Tui Ridge Park (Rotorua, NZ).** This position requires an outgoing person with exceptional people skills. The ability to manage staff, finances and property, promote the park and develop and implement programs is essential; along with a strong commitment to the mission and values of the Adventist Church. This is a lifestyle position, living on-site the 172-hectare park, which is a premier camping facility. You’ll enjoy the outdoors and have a heart and passion for ministry through adventure activities and camping programs. If you are ready for the challenge please send your CV to <jonmarshall@bethesda.org.nz> or by mail to: Chairman Tui Ridge Park, Private Bag 76900, Manukau City 2241, New Zealand. Applications close **December 10, 2010.**

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■ **Positions vacant 2011—Karlundi Aboriginal Education Community Inc (Meekatharra, WA).** **Head Cook:** provision of nutritious meals including non-vegetarian to approximately 80 students and staff.

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Accountant: provide full accounting services to fulfil various funding agency requirements. Provide payroll, account payments and banking functions. Karlundi also operates a few business enterprises that requires financial management.

Karlundi Aboriginal Education Community Inc is an independent, Adventist-affiliated boarding school and community catering for Indigenous students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Karlundi is an oasis in the desert and includes a swimming pool, staff gymnasium and other recreational activities. Contact the CEO or principal for more information: (08) 9981 2000, email: <ceo@karalundi.wa.edu.au> or <principal@karalundi.wa.edu.au> or post your CV with three work-related references to The CEO, PMB 6, Meekatharra, WA 6642.

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