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EDITOR'S NOTE:

## Adapting for change

Glenn Townsend  
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For the Church to be relevant to our changing world, small groups in some form are essential.

I recently visited four groups in Goroka, Papua New Guinea, that have between 100 and 160 people involved. All four started in March 2020 with between 4 and 10 people each. COVID-19 restrictions in PNG allowed no more than 10 people to meet at one time. So dozens of small groups were started on Sabbaths with Adventist disciples of Jesus opening their homes and properties to a small group of people to meet.

Most use World Changer Bibles and the Discovery Bible Reading method. The group reads one passage of Scripture a few times, retell it, and then answer questions that give meaning and application to what has been read. The Holy Spirit who inspired the Scriptures still works on the hearts and minds of humans to transform lives. This is one of the processes that local and South Pacific Division departmental leaders have been promoting.

Former members returned to fellowship and new people were baptised because of the transformation that was taking place in these groups. An elder of a large church, now one of the leaders of a rapidly growing small group, said “this is now my church”. Since the pandemic the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission (EHSM) has seen 226 new churches established because of these “COVID-19” induced groups. EHSM president Pastor Joanis Fezamo says there has been some resistance to these new groups and methods but the executive and pastors believe God prepared them to grow during the period. They've embraced these new churches that are now multiplying disciple makers.

The church all around the South Pacific has had to adapt to the changes that the pandemic brought. There are Adventist disciples in all four union territories who have found joy, fellowship, personal growth and adaptability in small groups. For many, this is their new church—it brings more spiritual life compared to the past. The conference or mission is a sisterhood of churches and as a collective we need to find ways to incorporate these new groups so they can be part of the extended church community with news, training, support, development, information, tithes and offerings.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in China historically has had many church buildings shut. When I visited some time ago, the pastors (mainly women) were not worried about the closure of church buildings. They said for every closure, it usually led to at least another three other churches started by faithful disciples of Jesus as small groups, meeting in homes and parks.

Christians throughout history have been persecuted and found that small groups nurture their faith and give courage—they are adaptable to changing circumstances. Small groups do the same thing today and continue to be the basis for Christian community, service and sharing.

Historically Adventists have had dynamic small groups. Some met during the week and became known as prayer meetings; others met on Sabbath as Sabbath school groups. Small group evangelism was borrowed from Methodists. Natural Church Development research shows that “Holistic Small Groups” are one of the eight characteristics of a growing church, even today. This growth can be measured in quality and quantity.

For the Church to be relevant to our changing world, small groups in some form are essential. Sabbath school groups and mid-week groups add to the spiritual life of people in larger churches. House church groups can be a complete church experience for others. All these types can be connected in a conference or a mission. In PNG every organised church has several hand churches or small groups or church plants. It is the secret to their growth.

The original church met in homes. There were no buildings called churches until the third century. The New Testament records how the early church developed in groups (Acts 5:42; 20:20) and the letters to the churches were all to people meeting in homes (Romans 16:5; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 1:2).

All movements of God in history have evangelised and nurtured people in small groups. I dream of a multiplying, small group movement of disciple-makers all over the South Pacific. Will you dream, pray and work with me to make it happen?





INSIGHT:

## Let's dance—getting our groove back

Eddie Tupa'i  
New Zealand Pacific Union president

I don't dance. Do you?

Even though the Bible encourages dance, I don't indulge. At the end of the book of Judges there is an unfortunate story where dancing is stifled in an abusive and traumatic manner. There was a shortage of women for the tribe of Benjamin. So a plan was devised that while the daughters of Shiloh were dancing at the annual festival of the Lord, the single men would rush in and kidnap themselves a wife. It was negotiated with the fathers and brothers of the young women to allow the attack. Joyous dancing of the vulnerable was tragically turned into mourning.

My almost two-year-old granddaughter is a dancer. From birth she has always had an immediate physical response to music. A smile breaks across her pretty face. Her petite arms go up into the air, and her slender shoulders rock side to side as her head bobs back and forth—her little body becoming a total expression of joy! I would love to dance with my granddaughter. But I don't.

Maybe I too was a dancer when I was two. Maybe like the women of Shiloh (Judges 21) I was kidnapped while dancing and my groove was locked in the "no-you-shouldn't" drawer. Sometimes at church gatherings I feel moved to obey the Psalmist and raise my hands in worship, but I'm too self-conscious. I prefer to keep my "want-to-groove" hands firmly in my pockets.

At Samoan weddings when a classic Samoan tune strikes up and the newly married couple step out for their first dance I want to join in, but I'm uncoordinated (code for cannot dance). More importantly I don't want to bring shame to my family! I don't think I'll be doing any dancing this side of the archangel's trumpet call.

For now, I look forward to the restoration of joy, celebration and even dance promised by God through Jeremiah: "The young women will dance for joy, and the men—old and young—will join in the celebration. I will turn their mourning into joy. I will comfort them and exchange their sorrow for rejoicing" (Jeremiah 31:13). Whatever you face this week may the joy of our Lord help you get your groove back. And, I'll keep praying my granddaughter will never lose hers.



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Dr Neville Clouten and his new book.

## New book explores a life in design

📍 Warburton, Victoria | Lauren Webb

From the Sydney Opera House to outback Australia; Andrews University to Africa and many journeys in between, a new book from Signs Publishing presents snapshots from the life and career of Adventist architect and academic Dr Neville Clouten.

Released this month, *A Plan Larger than I Could Draw* traces God's leading in Dr Clouten's life. "Like many, I have a healthy scepticism of attributing life's events to Divine guidance," he said. "But there are some experiences for which I have no better explanation than that God intervened."

"We have appreciated working with Dr Clouten to share these reflections on his life's work and journey," said Nathan Brown, book editor at Signs Publishing. "When I first read the manuscript, I was fascinated by his experiences and enjoyed being prompted to think about our world in different ways, which is the hallmark of a good read."

Dr Clouten was beginning his architectural studies at the University of Sydney when the winning entry in the design competition for the Sydney Opera House was announced. He eventually earned a position guiding tours on the Opera House site and explaining the building to dignitaries and the public.

This experience and his connection with architect Jørn Utzon opened

doors for Dr Clouten to work in Sweden and the United States, including the opportunity to share his Opera House experiences at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and Yale University. Later, he would help launch the Adventist Church's first architectural study program as the inaugural Professor of Architecture at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

*A Plan Larger Than I Could Draw* records some of Dr Clouten's many adventures—camping across Europe in a small tent, driving treacherous roads in Central America and using stereoscopic photography to record First Nations' rock carvings and paintings in the Australian outback. At times funny and at other times deeply reflective, these stories "portray a healthy curiosity and thoughtful engagement with the wider world", according to Mr Brown.

In recent years, Dr Clouten and his wife Norene have been a key part of building a school for a community in Kenya.

*A Plan Larger than I Could Draw* is available from Adventist bookshops in Australia and New Zealand, or online at [adventistbookcentre.com.au/a-plan-larger-than-i-could-draw.html](http://adventistbookcentre.com.au/a-plan-larger-than-i-could-draw.html).



From left to right: NNSW Conference president Pastor Adrian Raethel, Newcastle University church leader Na Shen, associate pastor and NNSW young adults director Blair Lemke, and NNSW church planting director Joseph Skaf.

## Newcastle University Adventist group becomes a church company

📍 Newcastle, NSW | Henrique Felix

The Newcastle University Seventh-day Adventist group (Newcastle, NSW) officially became a church company on Sabbath, September 3.

A special service was held in the afternoon, attended by North New South Wales Conference (NNSW) president Pastor Adrian Raethel, church planting director Joseph Skaf, young adults director and associate pastor Blair Lemke and senior pastor Ernst William.

The group's activities started in 2019 with ASOC (Adventist Students on Campus) initiatives for university students.

The first official meeting at the

University of Newcastle campus occurred in March 2020—the same weekend COVID-19 hit Australia.

According to Pastor Raethel, becoming a church company is a recognition that the group is growing in their ministries. "Now they are part of the sisterhood of churches, and that is really exciting for the Newcastle University church company," he said.

For church leader Na Shen, the achievement is exciting, but there is still much to be done. "And just as God gave us this vision as we started, He will give us the vision for the future."



New TPUM secretary Jane Gibson-Opeteia.

## New TPUM secretary announced

📍 Suva, Fiji | Tracey Bridcutt

Jane Gibson-Opeteia has been appointed as the new secretary of the Trans Pacific Union Mission (TPUM).

This is the first female appointment of a senior officer for any of the union missions in the South Pacific Division (SPD). Mrs Gibson-Opeteia has been serving in the SPD administration team for the past four years, most recently as secretariat services manager.

"I feel very honoured to be asked to join the TPUM team," she said. "My husband and I have been praying about being able to serve in the TPUM. God has unfolded another miracle in our lives; we are very excited to serve with the TPUM family."

SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend said Mrs Gibson-Opeteia will be missed at the SPD office.

"Her enthusiasm for mission, desire to excel and ability to work with people in all situations will be a bonus for the

TPUM," he said. "There are still a few details to work through regarding start time because of immigration and work visas but the process can get underway now. Jane will start the role from Australia and then transition to Suva, Fiji, where the TPUM office is based."

TPUM president Pastor Mavani Kaufononga said the TPUM team are delighted with the appointment and are looking forward to having Mrs Gibson-Opeteia join them.

"We are excited to have a woman as part of our leadership team," Pastor Kaufononga said.

Mrs Gibson-Opeteia is married to Billy and they have four children.

She replaces Matthew Brown, who has accepted a call to Avondale University as chief financial and operations officer.



Adventist Record editor Jarrod Stackelroth spent two days at Fulton empowering students to write and share stories.

## Writing workshops inspire Fulton students

📍 Nadi, Fiji | Pauliasi Dawn/Tomasi Katakata

Inspiring the minds of future writers, *Adventist Record* editor Jarrod Stackelroth took time out of his busy schedule to teach the students at Fulton Adventist University College, Fiji, from August 29 to 30, using interactive discussions and writing activities.

Students of the theology, education and business departments learned how to improve their writing skills, write newsworthy articles and the positive power of sharing one's personal story.

"People are 22 times more likely to remember a story than facts," shared Mr Stackelroth.

The initiative was organised by the university's theology department, Drs Limoni Manu o'Uiha and Ronald Stone (head of department), and their team. Other students were also invited.

Theology lecturer Dr Tabua Tuima said, "I've always wanted to sit in a journalism class and today I got all the basic information I needed to start writing!"

Workshops included "how to write news and improve writing skills", "digital ministry fundamentals and how to create

content and identify your audience" and "the power of story".

The goal of the two-day event was to encourage Pacific theology lecturers and future pastors to consider writing and contributing to Adventist publications, so there is more representation in a Division where 80 per cent of the membership comes from the Pacific.

"Since students from other disciplines were able to attend, we hope that we can also get news and information about what God is doing in schools and local churches right through the region," said Mr Stackelroth.

"Today's experience was very informative; I now have a better knowledge of what it feels like to be a journalist," said Lepani Dakai, Ministerial League student president.

A theology student, Viliami expressed how easy it is to "use media to our advantage to proclaim the good news".

The Wednesday morning chapel program was also taken by Mr Stackelroth and focused on the importance of sharing testimonies in sharing one's faith.





Pastor Moe Stiles (second from left) was part of a group of Christian women leaders who met with Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Penny Wong (third from right).

## Adventist pastors ask for government action on hunger crisis

📍 Canberra, ACT | Nathan Brown

Two Adventist pastors were part of Micah Australia's women's delegation that met with Australian political leaders in Canberra on September 7 to highlight the needs of the world's most vulnerable people.

Pastor Sylvia Mendez—Women's Ministries liaison for the Australian Union Conference and a church pastor in Melbourne—and Pastor Moe Stiles—a chaplain and pastor in Melbourne—participated in meetings at Parliament House representing the Adventist Church and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), one of 18 Christian organisations that make up the Micah Australia coalition.

"It was a privilege to be able to bring the voice of those who couldn't speak for themselves to Parliament," said Pastor Mendez.

The 36 Christian women leaders spoke with 45 members of parliament and senators in support of Micah Australia's current campaign highlighting the urgent needs of an estimated 50 million people around the world who "are on the brink of famine as a result of the convergence of conflict, COVID-19 and climate change". They called on the Australian government to provide additional emergency aid of \$A150 million in this month's budget to help the most-affected nations, including Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan.

"As women leaders, we also pointed to the fact that it is often women and children who are the face of suffering and poverty—and it is those who are already vulnerable who are hit hardest," added Pastor Mendez.

Both pastors expressed their appreciation of the opportunity to speak up on an important issue, as well as to interact with politicians and other Christian leaders.

"It was wonderful to see the church—regardless of the brand we represent—show up and stomp the halls of parliament, advocating and amplifying the voices of those in vulnerable situations."

Pastor Stiles also admitted that her meetings with parliamentarians helped to humanise her perception of politicians, including being invited to pray for a senior government minister. "There is a real person behind the title and role and party affiliation," she said.

To learn more about Micah Australia's "Help Fight Famine" campaign, and to take action and add your voice, visit <a href="http://fightfamine.com.au">fightfamine.com.au</a>.

## making headlines

### New record in mega-choirs

The São Paulo Conference (Brazil) celebrated 100 years of church history and achievement with a 24,000 member choir, beating the previous record for the largest Christian choir in the world. For about an hour, the mega-choir sang hymns from the new Adventist Hymnal as they celebrated the Church's heritage and announced Jesus' coming. —*Adventist Review*



### Surprising research

Participants at the Nordic Health Congress in Norway could hardly believe their ears when researcher Niels Christian Hvidt informed them that Adventist and Baptist males in Denmark have a 97 per cent lower risk of dying in a traffic accident (92 per cent for females) compared to the general population. The finding is so unexpected that it has made headlines in the Danish press. —*TED*

### Healthy bites

The Adventist Medical Center Manila (Philippines) has launched an outpatient pharmacy and vegetarian restaurant called Healthy Bites to further expand the hospital's services. The addition of these establishments provides the hospital with an opportunity to create more connections to the public through holistic healthcare services. —*ANN*

### Smarter bins

Smart bin technology developed in Australia can separate metal, glass and plastic bottles for recycling. Drink containers are one of the most common items found in the environment as waste. The new bins will improve recycling rates and ensure materials can be recovered for reuse. —*CSIROscope*



## Session highlights

The South Queensland Conference (SQC) held its 77th constituency meeting from August 13 to 14. Throughout the session, live surveys were conducted to gain demographic information, as well as member perspectives about church life and mission. SQC president Pastor Brett Townend and chief financial officer Scott Hopkins were reappointed in their roles. Pastor Joseph Maticic was announced as the new Conference secretary, replacing Pastor Colin Renfrew. "I am looking forward to serving with a new team and seeing what God has in store for the work of His Church," said Pastor Maticic. —**Kymerley McMurray**



## Baptisms at camp

Markham Two District in Lae, Papua New Guinea, hosted a week-long camp meeting themed "I Will Go" at Banabin church from August 21 to 27. Guest speakers included Pastor Kinsely Peter and Danny Steven. Also in attendance were various departmental directors from the PNG Union Mission and Morobe Mission. On the Sabbath, 35 people were baptised—of which 14 were students. According to a local Adventist school principal Jeffery Inamuka, many students have decided to get baptised as a result of the positive influence of the Wide School Evangelism Program—an initiative coordinated by the PNGUM personal ministries/Sabbath school department along with Adventist Education and Morobe Mission. "This is an incredible initiative that has added to the spiritual curriculum of our schools," said Mr Inamuka. —**Gibson Yudah**



## Gathered again

South New Zealand Conference pastors recently gathered in Invercargill for their first in-person ministers' meetings since the beginning of COVID-19. Held at Southland Adventist Christian School hall, the meetings gave the group the chance to spend time in prayer and talk through the past few years' impact, challenges and opportunities. A whole morning was spent with the school, running a highly interactive chapel program and spending time with the children in their classes.

—**South News**



## Hindi outreach

South Pacific Division president Pastor Glenn Townend empowered elders and ministers in Fiji who work with Indian communities during his visit from September 9 to 13. Pastor Townend attended the Nadi Indian church and spent time with Hindi outreach coordinators in the Western Division in Waiyavi. He also met with Central and Northern division church members. In Fiji, Indo-Fijians make up 38 per cent of the population but only 2 per cent of the Adventist membership. —**Record staff**





## Hybrid homecoming

Former students and staff members returned to Avondale in person and online for the university's first hybrid Homecoming on August 26 and 27. The event is establishing new traditions to extend reach while returning to others because alumni like to meet face-to-face.

The most engaging new tradition: the live streaming of an online-only interactive Memories Program. It featured the return of a well-received initiative: interviews recorded on Zoom with award and citation recipients. Performances of hymns and songs provided segues to the video packages, while social media comments fed conversation between the hosts.

For the first time in two years, alumni gathered in person to worship on Sabbath. Music from Avondale Symphony Orchestra and Avondale Singers provided one of the talking points. A sermon from 2012 alumnus Pastor Abel Iorgulescu revealed gospel symbolism in the story of David and Goliath. "We were encouraged and blessed by the excellence of presentation and the ideas expressed," wrote one alumnus who watched online with his wife. Another attended in person but shared the livestream with friends. "[My wife and I] came away thinking how fortunate we were to have had the Avondale experience."

All honour year reunions were in person, although several welcomed alumni online. One even had two hosts: on campus and on Zoom. —**Brenton Stacey**

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## Gift packs for dads

The young adults team from the Landsborough Seventh-day Adventist Church (Qld) door-knocked homes in the local area and gave away 30 gift packs to fathers to celebrate Father's Day. The packs included a punnet of strawberries, chocolates, a church flyer and Dr Darren Morton's booklet *Live More Happy*. The strawberries were kindly donated by a local farmer at Beerwah. "It was a great opportunity to involve our young people in acknowledging and showing appreciation for the important work that fathers do in the home and the community," said Landsborough community ministries leader Charles Russell. —**Record staff/Charles Russell**



## 3D-printed ears

A Sydney Adventist Hospital specialist is leading a project using 3D printing technology to assist children with ear deformity. The innovative project, called NEW EARS (iNtegrated nEtWorks for Ear Additive Reconstructive Science), is an Australian first for hybrid bio-printed ear reconstruction, achieved by integrating the science of 3D printing, cell biology and materials engineering. The project has been named a finalist in this year's Australian Museum Eureka Awards—the country's most comprehensive national science awards. —**Maddi Glover**



## New scholarships for women called to pastoral ministry

**W**omen who feel called to pastoral ministry are being encouraged to apply for a South Pacific Division (SPD) scholarship.

The SPD Women in Ministry Scholarship Fund, administered by the SPD ministerial department, is offering financial assistance to women wishing to enrol or who are currently enrolled in ministerial/theological training at Adventist institutions of higher education within the Division. It is aimed at affirming and encouraging women across the entire Division to undertake a study program that would equip them for effective full-time ministry.

Currently, while over 55 per cent of members across the SPD are female, just 7 per cent of pastors in the SPD are women.

"If we truly believe that both men and women were created in the image of God, and that both men and women reflect the image of God, however imperfectly, then the perspectives of both men and women are needed for the task of reflecting the love and grace of God to a world in need of knowing Him," said SPD associate ministerial secretary Dr Edyta Jankiewicz.

The SPD is following in the footsteps of the Australian Union Conference (AUC), which introduced the Scholarship for AUC Women in Pastoral Ministry last year.

"We are excited about the quality of applicants who have come through this first round and were delighted to be able to award five scholarships this year," said Pastor Lyndelle Peterson, associate ministerial secretary and director of Sabbath school and stewardship at the AUC.

"I've personally been encouraged hearing the stories of these women as they faithfully follow the calling God has placed on their lives and look forward to seeing how God will use them for ministry as they complete their studies, graduate and go on to serve in our local churches."

Senior church leaders have affirmed their commitment to seeing more women involved in pastoral ministry.

"God calls both men and women to ministry," said SPD president Pastor Glenn Townend. "It is because of what God does that the church needs to respond and support the women who hear God's call. Women have unique pastoral gifts and with over half of the membership in the SPD being women, having other women in pastoral leadership to support

them is important. They can minister in ways that men cannot."

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference president Pastor Eddie Tupa'i said the perspective and voice of women in ministry is critical for communicating the fullness of God's image and character.

"It is still a missing, muted and devalued contribution that requires intentionality on the part of a leadership that is predominantly male. The church and community will be blessed abundantly by such a simple yet significant shift."

AUC president Pastor Terry Johnson said pastoring is often associated with men because the pastors we have traditionally seen are men.

"We are shaped by what we see and experience," he said. "When women are given opportunities to be effective soul-winning pastors, with the unique purpose of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and wonderful grace-based end-time message, they model that the spiritual gifts of shepherding, leadership, evangelism, teaching, administration (amongst the rest) are open to all because ministry equals service and God calls all to serve."

According to SPD field/ministerial leader Dr Darius Jankiewicz, a lack of women's involvement in ministry impedes fulfilling God's mission.

"The means of accomplishing the great commission are the spiritual gifts given to believers at the discretion of the Holy Spirit, regardless of their gender," he said. "These spiritual gifts are foundational to the Protestant teaching on the priesthood of all believers—that all believers contribute to fulfilling God's mission in the world."

Find more information on the SPD Women in Ministry Scholarship Fund and how to apply by visiting [adventistchurch.com/women-in-ministry-scholarship/](http://adventistchurch.com/women-in-ministry-scholarship/).

**Tracey Bridcutt**

Communication director, South Pacific Division.

# Ukraine resident connects with Wairoonga prayer group

Attendees at the weekly prayer meetings at Wairoonga Adventist Church in Sydney (NSW) got quite the surprise when a Ukrainian resident joined them on Zoom.

Anatolii Lepeshko had been looking to connect with Adventists in an English-speaking country and during his search he Googled churches in Australia.

"God told me 'to find brothers and sisters abroad'. I didn't understand why but I started to find countries where [they] speak English, because I know it a little," Mr Lepeshko said.

"In Australia I found a lot of churches but just Wairoonga church has the available online prayer meeting [listed on the church website]."

Due to the war in Ukraine the 31-year-old had lost connection with his church in Kiev.

"I remember our pastor asked everybody, 'What will you do when you lose or disconnect with your church? Or if the churches will close?' [These] were questions in that time when there was COVID. But nowadays in Ukraine these questions remain relevant," he said.

Wairoonga hosts its weekly prayer meetings in a hybrid arrangement—some meet in the church building while others join via Zoom.

Sandra Weslake, one of the organisers, said she got quite the surprise when she first saw Mr Lepeshko join the meeting "as I thought I knew all our online prayer warriors".

"I said hello to him not knowing if he spoke English or not. I thought he linked in by mistake and when I saw his name Anatolii from Ukraine I thought he logged into the

wrong Zoom site," Mrs Weslake said.

"When he said he wanted to join a prayer group I realised he was on the right site. The whole prayer group made him feel so welcome. I emailed him the prayer list afterwards and he was so thrilled to join in and be made to feel so included as part of the group.

"He asked for other links for our church, so I sent him the Sabbath school link that runs at 8am Sabbath mornings, our livestream site for church and also the singalong Friday night link with Sandra Entermann. He has been on all those sites and thoroughly enjoyed them all."

Mr Lepeshko has become a regular attendee at Wairoonga's prayer meetings—and he's not the only international participant. A Wairoonga member currently living in South Africa also joins online each week.

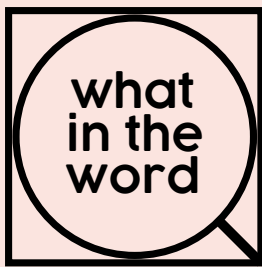
"I would never have thought Zoom would be such a blessing as it has been," Mrs Weslake said. "COVID has stopped a lot of ministries in our churches, but it has certainly enhanced Wairoonga's prayer meeting by at least two-fold. Praise God."

**Tracey Bridcutt**

Communication director, South Pacific Division.







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## Hear/listen

**verb:** שמע | *shema* [shaw-mah'] Hebrew

Hebrew is an action language, so sentences are normally structured around the verb. What (the action or event) happened is more important than when (the time) it happened for God and ancient Israel. For this reason, the verb is often placed at the beginning of Hebrew sentences. Emphasis is thus keyed onto the verb or predicate (action) and the subject (the noun or the doer of the action) of the sentence. However, when the subject (noun) is placed first in the sentence, it points to a shift of emphasis to the subject in place of the action (verb).

The Hebrew verb *shema* is a significant word in the Hebrew Bible with the basic meaning "to hear". This significance is evident in the 1474 occurrences of its root *smh* in the entire Hebrew script. A central tenet of Jewish prayer and worship is built on three passages in Deuteronomy 6:4–9; 11:13–21; and Numbers 15:37–41 and is known as the Shema. In Deuteronomy 6:4, the verb *shema* is an imperative or command: "Hear (*shema*) O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (NASB). This word is packed with practical and profound meaning for ancient Israel and for us today.

"To hear" is the first and primary meaning of *shema*. It underscores the importance of hearing God's Word. In Deuteronomy 6:4 and throughout their desert wanderings, ancient Israel was constantly commanded to be on their "guard before him and obey (*shema*) His voice" (Exodus 23:21). Remarkably, the first occurrence of the verb is found in the failure of Adam and Eve "to hear" (*shama*) God's Word to them in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:8,10). The counsel to hear is heightened in the letters to the seven churches of Revelation: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22; cf Romans 10:17).

Listening follows hearing. One can hear many things without listening. This was one of ancient Israel's problems: hearing without listening—"Now, O Israel, listen (*shama*) to the statutes . . . that you may live and go in and take possession of the land" (Deuteronomy 4:1; 11:13,27; 12:28). In a world where there are a plethora of voices and noises, God's people are called upon to hear the Word of God and listen to it attentively and not to the devil or his false prophets (Genesis 39:10; Deuteronomy 13:3).

The next step is to take heed of God's Word. Israel must take the Word of God to heart. Presumption must be avoided like a plague (Deuteronomy 17:12,13). Adam was charged for listening to his wife more than God's instruction (Genesis 3:17). Taking heed of God's Word is followed by willful obedience (cf James 1:22). God blessed Abraham because of his obedience: "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed (*shama*) My voice" (Genesis 22:18). Moses reminded the children of Israel to "obey" (*shama ta*) the LORD and observe all His commandments" (Deuteronomy 13:18; 15:5; 30:8).

Finally, as the people of God hear, listen, take heed and obey His Word, understanding will fall into place. It is guaranteed. In today's generation understanding God's reason for His Word may be desired first, but it always comes last. It is a test of faith. God is faithful and none of His promises fail or fall to the ground (Joshua 21:45; 23:14; 1 Samuel 3:19). *Shema* thus means to hear, listen, take heed, obey and understand God's Word—in that order!

**Dr Tabua Tuima**

Theology lecturer, Fulton Adventist University College.

# The 10

## Bible characters who received new names

There are many times in the Bible when a person's name was changed, or a nickname is given. Not all these names came from God, but all name changes marked a transformation in the people who were renamed. Here are 10 examples:

### **Abram/Abraham (Genesis 17:1-5)**

God appeared to Abram when he was 99 years old and made a promise to bless Abram and multiply his descendants. God then changed his name from Abram (meaning "exalted father") to Abraham (meaning "father of a multitude").

### **Sarai/Sarah (Genesis 17:15)**

In the same conversation where God changed Abram's name, He also changed his wife's name from Sarai to Sarah. Both names mean "Princess", but the change marks a new season in Sarai's life as God works through her as well.

### **Joseph/Zaphenath-paneah (Genesis 41:45)**

Pharaoh was so impressed by Joseph he gave him a new Egyptian name, Zaphenath-paneah, along with a wife.

### **Jacob/Israel (Genesis 32:28)**

After an overnight wrestle with God, Jacob's name was changed to Israel (meaning "He strives with God") and a blessing was bestowed on Jacob (Genesis 32:28).

### **Hoshea/Joshua (Numbers 13:16)**

At his first task of leading the spies in scoping out the Promised Land, Hoshea ("salvation") becomes Joshua ("Yahweh saves") at Moses' direction.

### **Solomon/Jedediah (2 Samuel 12:24,25)**

At his birth, a young Solomon (meaning "peaceable") is given a new name from God through the prophet Nathan. This name is Jedediah, meaning "beloved of the Lord".

### **Naomi/Mara (Ruth 1:20)**

On return to her homeland without her husband and sons, Naomi tells those who excitedly greet her that she should no longer be called Naomi ("pleasant"), but Mara ("bitter").

### **Mattaniah/Zedekiah (2 Kings 24:17)**

Nebuchadnezzar conquered Israel and put Mattaniah on the throne, changing his name to Zedekiah ("righteousness of Jehovah").

### **Simon/Peter (John 1:42)**

Jesus gives His disciple Simon (meaning one who "hears") a new name in Peter which means "rock". At the time this name seems strange as Simon Peter's character does not seem reflective or worthy of this moniker, but he really grows into it as he continues Jesus' ministry on earth after the crucifixion.

### **Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah/ Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 1:7)**

When Daniel and his friends were taken as captives into Babylon, they were designated new names by the chief official as a way to force their assimilation into Babylonian culture.



A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a teal and black wetsuit, is running through the ocean waves. She is carrying a blue and yellow surfboard under her arm. The water is splashing around her, and the background shows a coastal town with buildings on a hillside under a bright sky.

# WHAT SURFING TAUGHT ME ABOUT **SURRENDER**



**W**hen I first started surfing, I was under the impression it would eventually get easier. I quickly learned that the conditions of the ocean are too unpredictable for it to become “easy”, and if I’ve excelled at anything, it’s becoming resilient to oceanic beat-downs.

If you’ve ever tried surfing, you might know the feeling of being caught off guard by a towering wall of whitewater. Instead of lifting over the wave or successfully diving through it, the wave grips you in its torrent and spins you around like a piece of clothing in the dryer. The temptation is to panic and work your way out. But a seasoned surfer knows when the wave is in control, the best thing you can do is “go loose”—or in other words, surrender. Fighting only drains your energy and steals your most precious resource: oxygen.

Surrender is a word that is not uncommon in the surfer’s dialect; nor is it a term I struggle with in that context. But in my walk with God, surrender has confused me entirely. When people have advised me to surrender something to Him, my response has often sounded like, “Yeah, but how? What does that actually mean?”

My confusion has stemmed from experiences where I have wholeheartedly surrendered something and failed to see any change in my circumstances or emotions. I’ve begged God to take things only to feel I’m still the one bearing the weight. I’ve given things over time and time again, only to have them continue to cause me to worry. These verbal “I surrender \_\_\_\_ to you God” or the more desperate “PLEASE TAKE IT!” pleas have often left me feeling frustrated and unheard.

So why does surrender for me, and maybe you too, seem so difficult? Do I have an incorrect understanding of it? Is it something I am or am not doing? Have my expectations of God been wrong?

It might surprise you that the surrender we sing and preach about isn’t in the Bible. In most translations, it doesn’t appear at all. Across multiple translations, it is used less than 20 times—all of which are in the Old Testament. In those few moments it’s used, it refers to literal surrender in a battle that implies giving up all rights to the conqueror. When an army surrenders, the men lay down their weapons and the winning side takes control. But what does surrender look like for us in our daily lives? Why, when we lay things down at the feet of Jesus, does the battle sometimes seem to carry on? If we surrendered in a literal battle and the opposing army continued to fight, we might give them a funny look and say, “Excuse me, did you not hear me? I said I surrendered.”

Many of us have bought into the idea that surrendering in our Christian walk means doing less or ceasing to do anything at all. Yet even in the surf, surrender doesn’t look like me sitting back on my board and allowing the water to puppeteer me safely over a wave or back to shore. It asks me to evaluate my surroundings and my circumstance so I can make the best decision: where to paddle, how to posture myself, how to protect myself, when to dive, when to wave for help, when to keep moving, and sometimes when to know my limits and get out of the water. In the thick of a wave is the only time surrender looks like doing nothing . . . and even then, I’m still doing something. Still protecting my head, holding my breath and trusting gravity will bring me to the surface again. We can

look at spiritual surrender in a similar way—not as a passive response but as something that requires our participation.

Philippians 2:13 tells us, “God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” God does not do His will instead of us; He gives us the Holy Spirit to work in us. Surrender requires us to remember we have been remarkably designed by the God of the universe, who calls us His handiwork (Ephesians 2:9) and made us to represent Him (Genesis 1:27). Much of our confusion comes from thinking it’s God’s job to fix everything. But there are times when He doesn’t want us to give up, lay down or cease but to partake in the life He gave us autonomy of; to use the gifts He’s given us: wisdom, discernment, faith, clarity, boldness, strength, patience, compassion and kindness.

I love how motivational speaker and preacher Eddie Hypo-lite defines it. He says, “Surrender means we stop fighting God in the places He’s trying to change us and bring growth in our life.” We fight this in many ways: through denial, minimising, projecting, rationalising, procrastinating, distractions, blaming ourselves and blaming others. We become attached to identities, relationships and dreams. We have ideas about what we want our lives to look like and become disillusioned when things don’t work out as we hoped or planned.

Surrendering, therefore, can be the most challenging thing we ever have to do. It requires us to be honest with ourselves and examine where we need to grow. It asks us to trust in God and His love for us.

In the book *Overcoming Through Jesus*, Pastor Bill Liversidge says, “Victory is in surrender, not struggle.” Like a fish in the water, the journey will be a whole lot easier if we’re swimming with the current.

In life, as in surfing, there are waves that will come out of nowhere and throw us off course. There will be days we’ll go out with confidence and excitement yet find ourselves getting pummeled and pinned down. If you’re always worrying about things going wrong, you will stagnate your skills, stress yourself out, bypass the joy of the experience and constantly be guarding yourself from what-ifs. But there is strength in knowing and acknowledging our limitations and weaknesses (2 Corinthians 12:9). When we do this, we can move forward and save ourselves and others from a lot of hardship. As Liversidge writes, “If you’re under grace, you are free to address every aspect of your life and character, and you’re free to grow up and mature in every way, without feeling condemned as you go.”

So, when the seas are rough and life is serving you a slice of humble pie, don’t just throw your hands up and yell to the heavens “take the wheel!” Instead, stay in conversation with the Divine. Work with Him. Ask what He wants to do in you. Let Him take you to shore, but don’t expect that will happen while floating on your back. Swim alongside Him as the brave and brilliant human He has called you to be. And trust that even when the conditions are wild, God’s there with you, doing something in you. He knows when to step in as your lifeguard and will throw you a rope when you need one.

**Zanita Fletcher**

Assistant editor, *Sings of the Times*.



# Elijah:

## a failure or a victor?

**E**lijah the prophet first appears in 1 Kings 17:1, where he confronts King Ahab of Israel, telling him that neither dew nor rain would fall on the land for three years as punishment for Israel's waywardness.

Elijah was of the family of the Tishbites who lived in the area of Gilead. While it is not directly stated that Elijah was an Israelite, this may be inferred from 1 Kings 19:10 and 18.

Earlier in their history, the Ephraimites accused Jephthah and his men of being "fugitives of Ephraim", one of the tribes of Israel (Judges 12:4). Jephthah had led men from Gilead against an army from Ephraim and defeated them. Gilead was an area on the east of the Jordan River and this name is referred to scores of times in the Old Testament. Where the name Gilead appears it mostly refers to an area of the country. It also refers to a mountain range in that area, to the father of Jephthah and one of the chiefs of Gad. The area is now part of the modern country of Jordan. Elijah was a prophet during the reigns of Ahab and Ahaziah, kings of Israel.

So much for Elijah's ancestral background. Let us now consider this prophet's failures and his victories.

### Failure

Immediately after his shattering victory on Mount Carmel, Elijah fled when Queen Jezebel threatened to kill him by the same time on the morrow. By now Elijah's spiritual and physical resources were drained and, seemingly forgetting that God could help him in his extremity, Elijah fled a day's journey into the wilderness and sat down under a broom tree. Although God had sustained him during the drought, beside the Brook Cherith and at the house of the widow of Zarephath, Elijah blurted out a prayer for God to take his life, for he felt he was no better than his fathers.

God would have none of that, for He still had a work to do through His prophet. Rather than letting His servant die in the wilderness God had something wonderful in mind for His devoted servant.

Elijah went to sleep under the broom tree, totally exhausted. Later, an angel, who had prepared a meal for Elijah, touched him and bade him to eat and drink. We can only imagine the restorative powers in that simple meal of bread and water, seeing it was prepared by an angel. Truly, food from heaven made on earth. Elijah slept again and then dined on another meal prepared by the angel. The angel, knowing the ingredients in the meal he had prepared for Elijah, instructed him to go on his way to Horeb (ie. Sinai), the mountain of God. On the strength given him from those two meals, Elijah journeyed 40 days, sleeping in a cave when he arrived at Horeb (1 Kings 19:1-9).

God then spoke to His servant in a kindly manner, asking him what was he doing there? It was here that Elijah poured his heart out to God as to why he had fled, saying, "The children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (1 Kings 19:10).

But God had a surprise for Elijah, for He said, "I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all of whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him" (v10). Appropriately chastised, Elijah left the mountain, found Elisha, son of Shaphat, and threw his mantle upon him as the sign that Elisha would be God's prophet after Elijah.

So, what was Elijah's failure? Simply, that he did not continue to trust in God at the threat of Jezebel so soon after his great victory for God on Mount Carmel. God does not abandon us after one victory. He is with us all the time, although





unseen, as He demonstrated shortly after. We must not let our faith in God waver when adverse circumstances are seemingly about to overwhelm us. Instead, we should sing in our "prison" like Paul and Silas did, with their feet in stocks and Roman guards on either side.

Trust renewed, though, turns a failure into a victory.

### Victory

When the drought was due to end, God sent Elijah to Ahab to tell him that rain was coming (1 Kings 18:1-18). Elijah then told the king that he must assemble the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah on Mount Carmel. It was there that the people would have to decide who was to be their God, after vacillating between the great God of heaven and the pagan gods of the surrounding countries.

The air was electric with expectancy as Elijah, in total trust in God, had told the people to prepare an altar, slaughter a beast on it and the prophets of Baal and Asherah were to call on their gods to kindle a fire to consume their offering. Of course, that did not happen, even though their raving and ranting continued all day. Quietly and calmly, Elijah then prepared an altar to the Lord, laid the dead beast on it, had barrels of water poured over the sacrifice and altar and then prayed a simple prayer of dedication to God, asking him to show the people who was the true God. God immediately rewarded the faith of His servant by sending fire from heaven that totally consumed not only the sacrifice, but the stones of the altar and the water in the drain around the altar.

The conclusion was obvious to the thousands of Israelites who had gathered on Carmel for this great spectacle. The prophets of Baal and Asherah were seized and slaughtered and the God of heaven was acknowledged as the true God.

As promised, Elijah discerned that rain was on the way and told King Ahab that he must hurry back to Jezreel. Not only that, but God gave His servant strength to run ahead of Ahab's chariot right to the entrance of Jezreel, the city of the king of Israel at that time.

If ever there was a more resounding victory gained through one of God's servants, it is not recorded in Scripture. Faith and trust triumphed in Elijah's life with the power of God sustaining him through that traumatic experience that lasted a whole day and into the evening.

Surely, Elijah was a victor in the true sense of the word.

Elijah's ministry was soon to end, but not his life! From his experience with God on Horeb, he went to find Elisha and anointed him as God's next prophet by throwing his mantle over him. Elisha then followed Elijah and would not leave his side even when Elijah said he was going to other places. The moment came in God's great time clock though, when a chariot of fire appeared above Elijah and he was taken to heaven, never experiencing death. This was truly the ultimate reward for a faithful prophet—even though he had his weaknesses—who not only did not die, but ministered to the Saviour, with Moses, on the Mount of Transfiguration during Jesus' ministry (Matthew 17:1-3).

What an honour for one of God's true victors!

**William Ackland**

Retired in Cooranbong (NSW) and has written eight books.



# Healthy & budget friendly *pantry staples*

Making your food go further is a smart way to cook, whether it's to help cut the grocery bill, to feed a small army or to make extra to freeze as meal prep for busy nights.

There are some really tasty budget ingredients that can be used to bulk up dishes and help make dinners healthier, too.

Here are Sanitarium dietitian Trish Guy's top five pantry and kitchen staples that she regularly uses to extend favourite family meals:

## 1. Dried red lentils

At less than \$5 for a kilogram bag, these are a great ingredient to stash in the pantry and use to bulk up and thicken casseroles, soups or pasta sauces. Lentils add extra protein and fibre, as well as iron and zinc—two key nutrients we need to keep our immune system functioning well.

## 2. Fresh carrots

As well as being super cheap, a bag of carrots is long lasting and so versatile. They're a delicious addition to a tray bake, ideal for grating into pasta or pizza sauces for bulk and extra veggies, and an easy gap filler for lunch boxes. I also love adding carrot to porridge! Their sweetness gives the oats a carrot cake flavour.

## 3. Potatoes

The humble spud may already be your go-to for bulking out meals and there's plenty of reasons to stick with this delicious veggie. I mean who doesn't love a roast potato or mash. But did you know half a medium-sized potato provides a quarter of your daily vitamin C needs, as well as providing folate too? These nutrients support your



immune system and help with growth and development. Potatoes are also more satiating than rice or pasta—in other words they'll keep you fuller for longer.

**My hot tip:** keep the potato skin on for extra fibre for better gut health and to help keep you full for longer.

## 4. Canned beans

They're cheap and last for ages in the pantry. In fact, I pop a can in the trolley whenever I spot them on special. There's a broad variety of canned beans to choose from including brown lentils, chickpeas, butter beans, cannellini beans, borlotti beans and black beans. They're all tasty additions to a bolognese sauce, taco mince, burrito or enchilada sauces.

Canned beans are packed with dietary fibre, which helps to keep you full for longer and feeds your gut bacteria. Did you know your gut bacteria works with your immune system to ward off germs?

## 5. Frozen veggie mixes

They make it super convenient to increase the amount of veggies you eat for a cheaper and healthier dinner. Frozen veggies are often just as nutritious as fresh produce, because in many cases the vegetables are snap frozen within hours of picking. My favourite quick dinner is a frozen veggie stir-fry.

Check out our website for delicious, nutritious and budget-friendly recipes, using canned foods and pantry staples.



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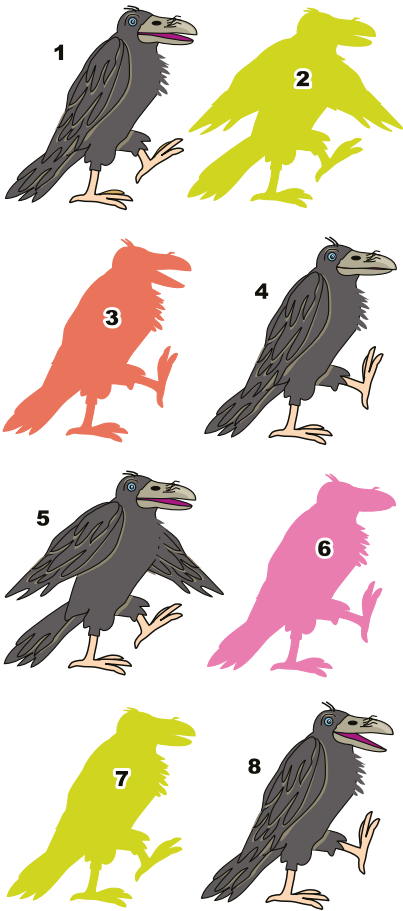
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## ELIJAH'S RAVENS

MATCH THE RAVEN WITH THE CORRECT SILHOUETTES



# THINKING OF YOU

Elijah was sad. The kings of Israel had led their people into idol worship. God told Elijah to go to King Ahab and tell him that there would be no rain or dew for a few years until the nation recognised the one true God. The plants started to wither and die, creeks started to dry up, animals and people became hungry and weary. But God kept Elijah alive. He sent ravens with bread and provided water to drink. In Zarephath, Elijah asked a widow to make him some bread. The widow had little left for her and her son, but she was faithful to God. Because of this, God promised that she would never run out of the ingredients she and her son need for bread.

# BREAD MAKING

Make bread like the widow of Zarephath



Mix 1 cup of flour, 1 cup warm water with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of sugar & 1 packet of dry yeast ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon) - wait 10 min for the yeast to activate.



Add another cup of flour, 1 teaspoon of salt and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of oil to mixture.



Add the last cup of flour and stir again - your dough will be sticky. Put flour on a board and knead with your hands for 10 min.



When the dough becomes silky smooth, place it in a greased bowl. Lay a clean towel over it and set the bowl in a warm place. Allow the dough to rise for 1hr until double in size.



Knead into balls, place on greased metal baking tray and leave to rise for 10 min.



While it's rising again, preheat the oven to 180C and bake for approx 25 minutes.

## MEMORY VERSE

"So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there" (1 Kings 17:5).



# Conversations

## Bastion of truth

Among the takeaways offered in the foyer of a Seventh-day Adventist church I attended recently was one book that stood out from the Seventh-day Adventist publications also available on the table—*The Secret Terrorists*, by Bill Hughes, published by Truth Triumphant in 2002.

Unfortunately, this book is totally untrue—it claims that the assassinations of several early US presidents, including Abraham Lincoln, the sinking of the Titanic, World War I, the assassination of John F Kennedy, the Waco massacre, the Oklahoma City bombing and the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre, were all the result of Jesuit plots, and it misquoted Ellen White as part of its justification for this disinformation.

One thing I have appreciated about the Seventh-day Adventist Church ever since I first became associated with it is the freedom of thought and discussion within it. The fringes of Adventism are sometimes an embarrassment, but they provide evidence that Adventists are not brainwashed or coerced into conformity of belief as are the members of certain other groups that claim to be Christian. However, allowing lying publications like this to be made available in the foyer of any of our churches is taking our tolerance of diversity of opinion too far. Such publications

could put off an informed visitor who wanted to know what we believe, or they could sidetrack an uneducated visitor or church member into conspiracy theory instead of Bible truth.

I would not want the Seventh-day Adventist Church to start banning books, but surely our pastors and church elders should ensure that we do not go as far as appearing to promote conspiracy theories and other lies, by ensuring that such materials are not made available in our churches, and also by attempting to counsel any person who tries to promote them. We live in a time in which conspiracy theories and false facts are rampant. Our Church should be a bastion of truth for our times, not a promoter of lies.

**Peter Schaper, Qld**

## The best words

The article "The father wound" (editorial, August 27) was very good and it meant something. I wasn't blessed with any children of my own, however I do find myself married to a great woman, who has two lovely daughters.

I have been married to Miriam for just over four years and I have been living with her and the two adult girls for this time. They still have a relatively good relationship with their biological father, which of course I fully support and I am happy

for them. But I must admit that I felt a little envious that he enjoyed this relationship of a father and yet was not very present in their lives. I tried my hardest to provide a good father figure but never felt like one. I prayed and asked God to guide me, I spoke with my own parents and also with Miriam, and the answer seemed to be to be patient, be a friend, and God and time will do the rest. Some days I was a little sad—one of these days was Father's Day as I was not really recognised as any sort of father figure. It kind of hurt.

Well, this year I was in for a surprise. Father's Day is celebrated on June 19 over here, and as it approached I started to feel a little depressed again. The day came and sometime in the morning just after breakfast the girls came to me with a brown paper bag and some silly grins on their faces. They gave me a big hug and said "Happy Father's Day Matt". I have to tell you they were some of the best words I have ever heard. I was crying like a blithering fool, it meant so much. They told me I had always been the best number two Dad.

Your article reminded me of this day. I have always felt since I am also here, that stepfathers, good ones, don't seem to get the recognition they deserve.

**Matthew Peterson, Peru**



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## Obituaries



**GILES, Joy** (nee Chaplin), born 9.9.1932 in Adelaide, SA; died 14.8.22 at AdventCare

Nunawading, Vic. Joy was a teacher and is survived by her husband, Pastor Dean Giles (North Ringwood); daughter, Rosemarie and husband Geoff Blackburne (Lilydale) and son, Calvin (Melbourne); granddaughters, Kylie-Anne Kang and husband Steve (Eleebana, NSW) and Kate and husband James Paulet (Stratford, Vic); great-grandchildren, Sibella and Michael; and sister, Audrey Bullas (Adelaide, SA). Joy was competent and committed in support of Dean's ministry in Western Australia, Vanuatu and Victoria. She was devoted to her family, sacred music and the Church. Strong in faith and steadfast in hope.

David Pearce



**WIND, Shirley Fay** (nee Tichborne), born 31.1.1942 at Wiluna, WA; died 3.9.22 in Avondale House, Cooranbong,

NSW. Shirley is survived by her children, Michael (NSW), Christopher (WA), Julie Hoey (NSW), and Susan Young (NSW); six grandchildren; and brother, Jeffrey Tichborne and family (WA). Shirley was baptised in 1971. She went to Avondale College in 1976, graduating to a standing ovation in 1979. Shirley was a kind and compassionate high school teacher and in her retirement, worked tirelessly contributing to the Kalgoorlie (WA) community. Shirley loved to study the Bible deeply, and she had a strong faith in a personal and loving God.

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Pastoral Services Leader – Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Group



With the recent appointment of Pr Gilbert Cangy to the newly formed position of Director of the Discipleship and Evangelism Institute at Avondale University the position of Pastoral Services Manager for the Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Group has become available. We are seeking expressions of interest for this role from suitable candidates.

The Pastoral Service Manager is the leader of our Chaplaincy team and has primary oversight of the Chaplaincy team and program for around 1,800 staff across all our Group entities around the world.

Our core Sanitarium Health Food entities, which include 8 sites across Australia and New Zealand, are the major focus through working collaboratively with the team of two Chaplains, one in Australia and one in New Zealand, that provide direct on the ground support and report into this role.

In addition to domestic oversight this role is also responsible for the development and implementation of contextualised and consistent Chaplaincy programs for our international entities in the USA, UK, India and China.

Our existing Pastoral Services Program includes a number of components.

**Life Matters** – A daily time of reflection on life purpose and meaning, annual thanksgiving programs and various internal team programs and other corporate events.

**Care Matters** – Specific point of need support provided to individuals, teams and workgroups in the work environment

**Family Matters** – A dedicated family support program, for example vacation care programs

**Prayer Matters** – our intercessory prayer program across our business and teams.

The individual must have significant Pastoral background and experience and be a Commissioned/Ordained Minister of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The right individual must have strong strategic thinking, planning and organisational skills. People and interpersonal skills are critical, as is strong communication ability and demonstrated constructive behaviours. Staff management experience is preferable. This role will also liaise closely with the People and Culture team and the Communications team.

The role has a dual direct reporting line to the Executive General Manager Sanitarium Australia and New Zealand and to the Chief Executive Officer.

Location for the role is the Sanitarium Berkley Vale Head Office, Central Coast Australia. An ability to travel is important.

Please forward Expressions of Interest including CV details to Peter Hartnett General Manager People and Culture ([Peter.Hartnett@sanitarium.com.au](mailto:Peter.Hartnett@sanitarium.com.au)) by 30th October 2022.



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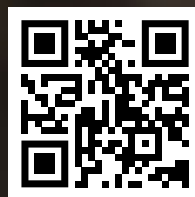
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