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In Matthew's Gospel, chapters 24 and 25, Jesus has a lot to say about waiting for His return and the end of the world. He speaks very briefly about the questions of "when," stating clearly "no one knows" (24:36) and spends three-quarters of the verses on the questions of "what"—what to do while waiting for the Second Advent.

Christ says that anyone who spends his or her time engaged in conflict with other believers (24:49) or withdrawing from the marketplace (25:25) will end up just like anyone who does not develop the spiritual resources to hold on until the end (25:7-8). In all three cases, the result is finding oneself outside the Kingdom (24:51, 25:11-12, 30).

This sermon by Jesus ends with a picture of the judgement day in which it becomes clear that Jesus expects to find His faithful followers engaged in efforts to address hunger, poverty, disease, suffering and injustice when He returns (25:31-46). In fact, it says that those who are not so engaged will be greatly disappointed, thrown "into the consuming fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (25:41).

The Bible clearly teaches that compassion is fundamental to the message and mission of Adventists. Practical acts of compassion outside the Church, in the local community and the entire world, speak to the reason why Jesus died on the cross, rose again the third day and promised to come again. They speak volumes that can never be communicated in words of any kind.

Once upon a time, when each new member joined the Adventist Church, among the basic Bible studies they took was one entitled "Our Duty to the Poor." If you can get an old copy of *Bible Readings for the Home*, published before 1920, you will find that study included. It has been taken out of later printings, and for several decades, this teaching was lost.

In the past 10 to 15 years, the emphasis on active involvement in ministries of compassion has begun to return. Adventists show their social concern by supporting the work of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) overseas. They also have the opportunity of becoming personally involved in local community action through Adventist Community Services (ACS), which has become the domestic branch of ADRA here in the United States.

On pages 4-5, you may read a report on the five ACS agencies in the Columbia Union that qualify as "ADRA Affiliates." Perhaps you are among those who need to read this report in order to discover that what you thought you knew about "Community Services" is not true anymore.

As an Adventist Church member, you can be proud of our social action agencies. ADRA is recognized by the United Nations and has written agreements with 140 national governments. The national director of ACS was presented an Outstanding Public Service Award by the Federal government in 1994, and ACS has written agreements recognizing it as a full-blown national charity with the American Red Cross, the United Way's Combined Federal Campaign, the Federal and many state governments. ACS has a contract with the Corporation for National Service allocating it a number of AmeriCorps workers and has received significant grants from corporate donors such as the McCormick Foundation in Chicago, Illinois, and Worthington Foods in Columbus, Ohio.

This past year, 341 ACS units across North America met the needs of 1.5 million people struggling with poverty, disaster and other human needs. Some 19,000 volunteers and fewer than 100 paid staff (many of them part-time) utilized \$6.4 million in cash donations and \$13.7 million of gifts-in-kind (most of it food) to provide a wide array of services to inner-city children, homeless adults, disaster survivors and families in crisis. About 300,000 Adventist Church members helped by raising funds, gathering donated goods, etc.

Seventh-day Adventists do care about their communities. The Adventist Church does make a visible impact, at least in some places. ADRA overseas and ACS at home are the vehicles that Adventists have through which to demonstrate their social concern and the compassion of Jesus Christ.

Monte Sahlin is vice president for creative ministries at the Columbia Union Conference and serves as editor of the Visitor.

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Getting ready to meet Jesus

The local congregation is the central focus and driving force of the Adventist Church; therefore, the energies of the conferences and union will be directed toward making it successful as a spiritual, educational and evangelistic center.

Many Seventh-day Adventist congregations are giving each member family a copy of a little paperback entitled *Getting Ready to Meet Jesus* this spring. Along with the book are covenant response cards for each member.

The book outlines practical keys to preparing spiritually for last-day events and Christ's second coming. "It will help you plan personal daily devotions, your prayer life, volunteering in service to Christ and other spiritual activities to nurture your relationship with Jesus," said Cyril Miller, vice president for evangelism at the North American Division headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Miller is chair of the national campaign to encourage basic spiritual disciplines among Church members, utilizing the book and a covenant with Christ. Neville Harcombe, president of the Chesapeake Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is chairing the campaign in the eight-state region served by the Columbia Union Conference.

Topics covered in a practical way in the book include making a covenant with God, how to pray, how to fast, how to witness and how to study the Adventist heritage in the writings of Ellen G. White. It also includes God's grace and enabling power, how to respond to God and how to prepare for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit in "the latter rain."

The book was printed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. If you did not get a copy from your local church, you can purchase one from your local Adventist Book Center at (800) 765-6955.

Many congregations and some conferences are using other material for their participation in the national campaign. Some are using the "Connections" curriculum to help members find the unique calling of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Others are focusing on small-group ministries and using a new series of study guides entitled "Growing Together." It helps people learn new and deeper approaches to prayer, quiet time, Bible study and spiritual mentoring.

A list of recommended resources can be obtained from your local conference office. Information about "Connections" or the "Growing Together" small-group study guides can be obtained from the Center for Creative Ministry at (800) 272-4664.



Pastor Rick Remmers presents a book to Faith Blair.

Write to us!

The affects of NET '98 are still being felt throughout the Columbia Union. How was your church involved? What was the outcome? Send your stories (200-600 words) and photos to Kimberly Luste Maran, *Columbia Union Visitor*, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045; send by E-mail to 104315.2145@compuserve.com; or send a fax to (410) 997-7420. Deadline: May 30.

Other topics the *Visitor* will be addressing:

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Windows to Adventist Community Service c

Author Norbert Blei, in his 1987 work entitled *Neighborhood*, described how windows affected the people in his town: "Neighborhood people kept a trained eye on passing life... Many times, day and night, someone would be watching someone pass by, something going on in or across the street. It wasn't being nosy or a busybody so much as the real need to turn one's back periodically on the household... and look out the window to see what was going on in the world. Sometimes to even imagine what might be going on."

Windows not only show us what waits outside, they give us a world of opportunities—a portal into possibilities.

Community service is a window to compassion—showing us who needs help and who can give it. Along with the many congregation-based initiatives such as food pantries, clothing drives and health education programs that span the Columbia Union, there are five major Adventist Community Services units who have attained the status of Affiliates with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Each is unique—focused on their own area's windowscape. Here's a brief picture of each.

Rest for the weary

The W.C. Atkinson Memorial Center was built in the early 1920s by African-American physician Whittier C. Atkinson. The structure, before being purchased by the Allegheny East Conference in September 1988, housed a 120-bed hospital that functioned until 1978.

After extensive renovations costing about \$2.6 million, paid for by public and private agencies and foundation investors, Atkinson now offers four different "services" for the community: emergency housing, clothing and meals for the homeless; permanent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals in an 18-unit apartment complex; social services, education programs and health-care services for community members; and community service projects, community volunteer opportunities and education to promote community involvement and cohesiveness.

Inside the neat, red brick facilities located on East Chestnut Street in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, is a staff committed to giving excellent care for those who have fallen upon difficult times. The Atkinson center truly provides rest for the weary and an answer to prayer for many members of the community. It also gives those who have been helped a chance to volunteer and help another.



Good news in a blue-collar community

In 1993, Chesapeake Conference President Wayne Coulter shared the vision for planting an inner-city church and launched the Pigtown project. Pigtown is a neighborhood just south of Camden Yards and the Inner

Harbor. This Baltimore community is the quintessential blue-collar neighborhood.

The Adventist Community Services van ministry paved the way into this unreached neighborhood and, through help and funding by ASI, mobilized hundreds of volunteers to help with a neighborhood kids' club, tutoring and health education classes. After an extensive evangelism series in 1994, a small congregation of newly baptized members was started. An old warehouse was purchased for the church and service center.

About 6,000 people are touched each year with health screenings and a feeding program for the homeless. For \$5, community members can receive necessary check-ups and screenings, a program that grew out of the soup kitchen. "Ellen White's vision of a city center has become a reality in downtown Baltimore," comments founding Pastor Willis Dagenais.



The privilege of kindness

It was the Barberton, Ohio, church's mission—"to glorify God and help our community and ourselves find a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ"—that motivated the congregation's members to find a way to alleviate the suffering and needs of their community. Following the commission of Revelation 14:6-10, the Barberton church sponsored the creation of an Adventist Community Services center to serve the greater Akron, Ohio, area.

The center, located at 223 Second Street NW in Barberton, offers community members food and clothing, encouraging those it helps to further their education and seek employment, to learn to live within their means and to show them the love of Jesus. Through programs such as the "New Start Bakery" and community pregnancy outreach, the center not only aids the community, but also enables neighbors to help neighbors.

According to Barberton ACS Director Joan Woods, "Many of our volunteers come back to help after they have been helped and [some] are friends of people who have worked for us before. Many of our workers are relatives of another worker or a neighbor." During 1997, the Barberton ACS center helped more than 4,000 adults and 2,500 children.

Partnering for people

The Good Neighbor House is committed to offering a full ministry of physical, mental and spiritual assistance by providing food and clothing, medical screening and care, professional counseling and adult education programs for vocational and life skills.

Several local churches established this ACS center in order to serve the greater Dayton, Ohio, community.

Compassion

ers offer aid and opportunities

Located on South Patterson Boulevard, the Good Neighbor House offers classes such as English as a second language, life skills such as NEWSTART programs, stop-smoking classes, parenting classes, tax preparation and substance abuse programs, a food pantry, clothing, household and furniture provisions, a medical and dental clinic and job search assistance.

GNH is partnering with Kettering Medical Center, Kettering College of Medical Arts and Spring Valley Academy, as well as many agencies in the community it serves. Partnering for people is part of the center's mission and according to Executive Director Sung Kwon, "The Good Neighbor House is a demonstration that we are all washed by the blood of the Lamb. It is not who we are, but who we belong to that gives us the ability to make GNH a reality."

The human touch

Adventist Community Services of Greater-Washington has helped its neighbors in the Silver Spring, Maryland, area for more than 15 years. Supported by the Beltsville, Burnt Mills, New Hope, Silver Spring, Sligo and Takoma Park churches, ACS continues to provide services that allow, according to Executive Director Viretta Bryant, "the disenfranchised in the community to find nurture and encouragement, [as well as] life skills and coping tools."

ACS serves the Silver Spring area through educational programs, a food pantry, clothing and household provisions, spiritual support and counseling, emergency financial assistance, referral assistance, a "sliding scale" medical clinic (partnered with Mobile Medical Care) and a thrift shop.

Along with being the local ADRA affiliate, the agency, with a staff of executive director, bilingual counselor and many volunteers, assists more than 6,000 people each year. ACS strives to serve and minister to the community as Jesus did while on earth, reaching out with a human touch.



The big picture

We need to see the "big picture." Look out your window and see who you can help. With a little imagination and dedication, you can bring about positive change. For more information on ACS and how to become involved call (800) 381-7171.

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In-sight

Linda Lundberg, associate vice president for the Adult Evening Program

Approximately two years ago, the Columbia Union College administration and board of trustees approved a strategic plan for the establishment of off-site locations for non-traditional programs. A task force had already met and suggested to prioritize locations.

The Adult Evening Program staff began the difficult but exhilarating process of gathering market information and preparing proposals. The board approved the initial proposal to develop the first off-site in upper Montgomery County, Maryland, and things seemed to be moving quickly.

As is often the case, plans can sometimes change form, slow down and seem as though they may not come to fruition. In reflecting on this process of the past two years, I am reminded of Proverbs 16:9, which refers to our planning as the Lord's directing our steps. We need to plan, but we also need to trust in the Lord's choice of timing and in His direction.

This past fall, a site was finally secured in Gaithersburg, right off I-270. The college has now received approval from the Middle States Association and from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish off-site locations. Equipment is on order, electrical work is in process, and the Columbia Union College sign has been installed on the front of the building. Daytime credit and non-credit training courses began in early March, with the first Adult Evening Program major courses beginning in late March.

I am gaining new insights into planning processes and waiting on the Lord. A vision for the college's future is about to become an in-sight reality. Please keep us in your prayers as we expand our educational ministry to our community.

If you or someone you know is interested in completing a bachelor's degree or taking training courses in the Gaithersburg area, please give us a call toll-free at (877) 246-2225. Perhaps we can be of help in making a deferred goal an in-sight reality.



Linda Lundberg



Gateway to Christmas

Amanda Mutchler, junior communication major

The students at Columbia Union College busily decorated their rooms with different holiday themes, changed from their normal school attire of jeans and T-shirts to suits and dresses and prepared for the exciting evening to come. On the night of December 12, CUC held its annual open house and Gateway to Christmas banquet.

The night of events started at 6:30 p.m. with the girls' dorm open house. Guests paraded through the dorm inspecting rooms and decorations. At the end of their visit, each guest was given the opportunity to vote on what room he or she enjoyed the most,

which was tallied as the People's Choice Award. Other awards were judged by people from the community. After the winners were chosen, students proceeded to the banquet.

The cafeteria had been transformed into a Christmas wonderland filled with lights and gifts. Upon entering the room, guests were greeted by people taking pictures by Christmas trees and handing out complementary Gateway to Christmas picture frames to keep them in. A delicious dinner was served by the faculty and staff, followed by an assortment of desserts. After the meal, students were entertained by the drama

club's production of "The Grinch That Stole Christmas." After the play, each student wrapped Christmas gifts for needy children. The gifts were sent to children in Honduras and the nearby TESS Community Center of Montgomery County.

To end the evening, students toured the men's dorm and judged their rooms and decora-

tions. The evening was fun for everyone and a great way to start the Christmas season. "The event was well attended, and it has grown into a special CUC tradition," said Linda Williams, associate vice president for student services.

Mike Moulder and Wendy Selva enjoy Gateway to Christmas.



NEYE heads to Jamaica

Amanda Mutchler, junior communication major

Only a few days after Christmas Day, the New England Youth Ensemble returned to CUC for a concert tour. Although this may seem like an inconvenience to their vacation, it definitely had its benefits.

The Ensemble started the extensive tour with a performance at

Carnegie Hall. As soon as their performance at Carnegie was over, they boarded a plane for Jamaica. The warm climate and hospitality greeted them the moment they arrived. The Ensemble spent the week performing and enjoying the island attractions.

They spent some time sight seeing and visiting the famous Dunns River Falls. Another highlight was performing at numerous five-star beach resorts and being invited to use their hotel accommodations for free! "The beaches were absolutely perfect," said Dan Malarek, a second-year member.

In the midst of many performances in Jamaica, they held a concert at the Hilton

Hotel in Kingston, the capital of Jamaica. All the proceeds from tickets sales were donated to Andrews Memorial Hospital, the Adventist hospital in Jamaica.

After spending a week in Jamaica, they boarded a plane bound for California and spent the following week touring Southern California. Although this was a more intense schedule, they still were able to visit the beach several times during their visit to the West Coast. After a very exciting and exhausting few weeks, the NEYE finally returned to CUC, refreshed and ready to start school again.

NEYE performs at Valhøe church in Glendale, California.



NEYE takes a moment to relax on the beaches of Negril.

CUC's choirs head south

Lauren Pervis, sophomore journalism major

Every year at CUC during the Christmas holiday, the Columbia Collegiate Chorale and Pro Musica choirs go on tour. This year, they began in sunny Florida.

The choirs left from BWI Airport on January 1 and landed in Orlando, Florida. The choirs stayed at Forest Lake Academy for the first night. The next morning, they performed at the academy's church, then left for an evening concert in Avon Park, Florida. The choirs stayed overnight at church members' houses to rest up for the following day at Disney World.

After this one-day vacation, the choirs left on an extensive road trip. Over the course of six days, the choirs visited Montgomery, Alabama, New Orleans,

Bass Memorial Academy, Cordova, Tennessee, Madison Adventist Academy, Highland Academy, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Atlanta and Collegedale, Tennessee.

"Our best concert was at Southern," said Dr. James Bingham, the choirs' director. "The concerts at Madison Academy and Georgia-Cumberland were also high points. We had so many high points." The choirs returned to CUC on Sunday, January 10.

The Columbia Collegiate Chorale and Pro Musica won't rest long. They will be finishing up a busy touring schedule this semester and have tentative plans to visit Australia this summer.

Attention lawyers!

The Center for Law and Public Policy and CUC invite Adventist lawyers and government policy makers to a conference on "What Does it Mean to Make a Public Witness?" on April 2-3. For more information, please call Roy Branson at (202) 547-7440.

Calendar of Events

March

- 16 Men's Baseball
Women's Softball
- 17 NAD Campus Ministries trip through 3/21
- 18 Men's Baseball
- 19 Women's Softball
- 21 CUC Baseball/Softball Tournament
- 22 SA Jazz and Java
- 23 Women's Softball
- 24 Men's Baseball
- 26 Men's Baseball
- 26-27 Keough Lectureship
- 28 Business Club trip to Toronto
- 31 Job Fair '99

April

- 1 Women's Softball
- 2 Tenebrae Service
SMA Retreat through 4/4
- 4 Easter
- 6 Men's Baseball
- 8 Nursing Alumni Education Conference
- 9-11 Alumni Weekend
- 10 Theology Senior Dedication
Nursing Dedication
- 11 Business Club Banquet
- 14 Blood Drive
- 15 Division of Arts and Communication Awards Banquet

* Home athletic games noted only

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Tutoring for tomorrow

Literacy program initiated in three communities

The goal of making a difference through volunteer tutoring is shared by many people, including the following: Colin Powell, President Bill Clinton and all of the living former U.S. Presidents, as well as many nationally recognized educators, active and retired. The Literacy Program, sponsored by Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, is part of the Alliance for Youth Project, a joint initiative of Adventist Community Services and the Youth Net. At the President's Summit, ACS made a commitment on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to launch 100 community-based tutoring sites.

The Literacy Program was inspired by a Columbia



Union College politics class taught by Dr. Roy Branson, conversations with Rudy Torres, former Sligo church pastor, and then initiated by Dr. Myschelle Spears, principal of the Sligo Elementary School, Dr. Margo Haskins and other persons in the Takoma Park, Maryland, area. Jose Rojas, director of YouthNet for the North American Division, and Sandra Brown, national program coordinator, have provided valuable support and resources.

During the 1997-98 academic year, tutors who volunteered were trained and placed in three sites: the Sligo school, John Nevins Andrews school and the School of Tomorrow at Gospel Rescue Ministries in Washington, D.C. The Literacy Program continues to grow, with tutors working in these three sites.

Responses from tutors and the people tutored reflect the positive benefits. Lauren Mustard, age 10, said: "My grades really went up after I was tutored. The tutor was really fun." Delores Maupin, a retired educator and avid supporter of the initiative, indicated that she enjoyed working with Lauren.

"Lauren is an enthusiastic, eager learner. It's a real joy working with her," stated Maupin. "I find it very rewarding to be able to challenge a young mind. For me, tutoring is a wonderful opportunity for service—a chance to share my own knowledge and life's experiences; a chance to become a learner; and a chance to make a difference in a young person's life."

Sharon Coles, an environmental engineer, has been tutoring for about a year at Gospel Rescue Ministries. Sharon reports: "It's the highlight of my week. I'm always impressed with how hard the students try and how eager they are to better themselves. I receive much more energy than I give."

The value of learning to read well is stressed by Principal Spears, a former professor of education at Howard University in Washington, D.C.. Says Spears: "It's extremely important that we help children learn to read and help them enjoy reading, thus avoiding what's called 'a reading crisis.' Children can travel around the world through books! Learning to read well helps children prepare for the 20th century and beyond."

The Literacy Program now has requests from the three sites for more volunteer tutors for specific students. Persons interested in making a significant difference in the life of a young person are encouraged to consider becoming a tutor. For more information about becoming involved as a tutor with the Literacy Program, please call Margo Haskins at (301) 598-0096 or (202) 789-1839.

Margo Haskins is coordinator of the Literacy Program and works as the associate director and coordinator of volunteers for the School of Tomorrow at Gospel Rescue Ministries in Washington, D.C.



Healing MINISTRY



Health care and the

education connection

From the earliest days of our denominational history, we have taken seriously the injunction to educate, to make disciples, to train and to replicate the expertise given to us through others in the operation of our health-care institutions. When the Kettering family invited Seventh-day Adventists to build and operate a new hospital in South Dayton, Ohio, that invitation included a graduate medical education program. It originally included a school of medicine, but denominational officials determined that the medical school in Loma Linda was enough challenge for a growing denomination.

From day one, Kettering Medical Center operated Kettering College of Medical Arts. KCMA, for most of its history, has operated as a two-year, very focused educational facility, offering majors in allied health programs to assist the medical center with a steady inflow of nurses and other needed health professionals. Today, they also grant four-year degrees in nursing and physician assistant programs.

KCMA is not the entire story on education at Kettering Medical Center. Almost from the beginning, Kettering has offered Graduate Medical Education (GME) through various medical residency programs. GME developed a strong relationship with the Loma Linda University School of Medicine that has continued through the years. Later, the Wright State University School of Medicine was located in Dayton. Instead of building a university hospital, they used several area hospitals as training facilities for their medical

students. It was a natural for Kettering Medical Center to be very central to this new and lasting educational opportunity.

KCMA and Graduate Medical Education are not the only educational opportunities available at KMC. The only hospital to offer Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Dayton is KMC. Medical research is ongoing at KMC in several areas. The original commitment from the Kettering family and their continued desire to assist have allowed equipment and funding for education that a normal community hospital would not have.

Health care and education will always be closely aligned. As Medicare and the government take costs from the health care system, however, it is becoming very difficult to move into the future with all of the various offerings of the past. New ways are being found

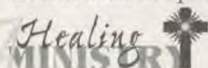
to fund these important programs. Foundation and grant monies have taken on new importance. We are developing various institutes of excellence within the medical center, and we will endow these to provide ongoing research and educational opportunities in the future.

The dream of the founders that included a strong educational program at Kettering Medical Center lives on and requires far more than a community hospital normally offers. Our future vision and mission will always include interaction between medicine and education.

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Dream becoming at Kettering



Jan Combs

A student works in the radiologic sciences and imaging program at Kettering.

The unique link between education and health care at Kettering Medical Center may not be immediately visible to patients, but the connection is strong and is making a difference not just to people in Dayton, but is literally impacting the health of people around the world.

Thirty-five years ago, a dream was realized when the family of world-renowned inventor Charles F. Kettering proudly watched as the doors of Kettering Medical Center opened for the Dayton community. Five years later, another Kettering fam-

ily dream became reality when the first class graduated from the Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA). Three decades later, there are more than 4,000 KCMA graduates caring for patients in health-care facilities located around the globe.

As KCMA students have graduated and moved on, so has the college. In 1997, KCMA became the first and only college in southwest Ohio to offer a bachelor of science in health professions degree. The baccalaureate program offers specialty tracks in physician assistant, respiratory care, advanced imaging and interdisciplinary studies. In addition, KCMA offers associate programs in nursing, advanced placement nursing, radiologic technology, nuclear medicine, advanced imaging, medical sonography, respiratory care, physician assistant, general education and the pre-professional program that provides students with a solid foundation for further education in a variety of medical fields.

KCMA offers a high quality education at about half the cost of other private Adventist colleges. "Our graduates pass their boards," Peter Bath, D.Min., president of KCMA, says. "The national board examination pass rate for the KCMA physician assistant program is 98 percent. In fact, one of our 1998 graduates had the highest score in the nation."

The college provides students with a safe campus that is attached to KMC's Kettering Memorial

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Kettering College of Medical Arts students take a break outside from their busy schedules.

Hospital, thus permitting students to network with one of the most progressive medical facilities in the area.

KCMA contracts with more than 40 different health-care facilities for clinical experience, and most students are placed in clinical settings within two to three weeks of beginning a program. KCMA's student-to-faculty ratio is 10 to one. The average class size is 20 students.

"KCMA is a unique organization," explains Dr. Bath. "Usually, it is a university that operates a hospital. But in KCMA's case, we're a college that is operated by a hospital. Even more importantly, KCMA is a Christian college operated by an Adventist hospital that is committed to providing the best of Christian education available for the community and the church."

And that's an important distinction. Just ask nursing student Lester Ortiz.

"I felt I was led to Kettering College," Lester says, who

Physician assistant students practice on each other.



transferred to KCMA in 1996 from Columbia Union College. "I came to realize that in a very direct way, I want to help people be healthier and happier. At KCMA, I'm learning about Christian caring, making a healthier community and loving everyone no matter what their opinions or background."

As part of his clinical nursing education, Lester has observed surgeries and rotated through medical-surgical units, pediatrics, obstetrics, psychiatry and, before graduation in

May, he hopes to complete a clinical rotation in the emergency department. Lester feels he has had the most impact on patients when he took time to stop and talk.

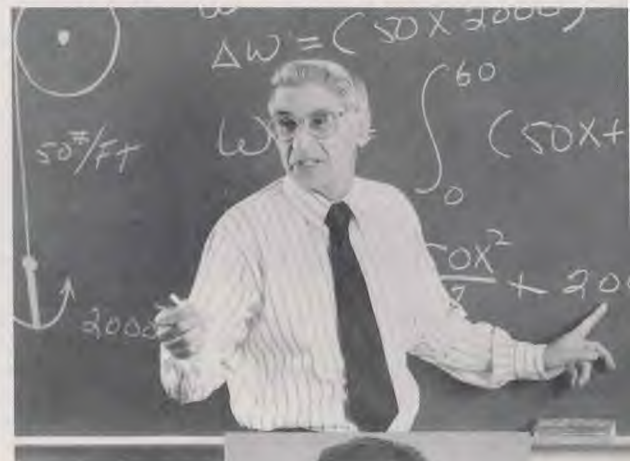
"One evening, I walked in the wrong room. I apologized and turned to leave when the patient, an elderly woman, said: 'I don't think God loves me anymore.' I had to stop and speak to her," Lester says.

He knelt on the floor by her bed and they talked face to face. "She wanted God to make her better," Lester explains. "She prayed, but she didn't get any answers. She felt God had left her."

Together, they talked about God and said a prayer. When Lester left, the woman was comforted by the realization that God would never leave her. "Those are the types of moments that make nursing worthwhile," Lester explains.

"At KCMA, the spiritual dimension of caring makes the 'right arm of the message' really work," Dr. Bath says. "There is no more important field in which ministry can take place than that of health care."

Below: KCMA Math Instructor Ed Pecce explains a formula during a class. Bottom: Lester Ortiz transferred from Columbia Union College to Kettering in 1996.



Adventist HealthCare

Generosity of Adventist HealthCare staff allows families to celebrate holidays

Once again, Adventist HealthCare employees responded with generosity to underprivileged families in the community during the holiday season.

A total of 10 families comprised of 14 adults and 29 children benefited from food and gifts from Washington Adventist Hospital employees this season. Employees of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and the support center also contributed gifts and money to Project HO HO, a project that assisted about 20 families and charities in the community during the holiday season.

The WAH social work department met six of the families while they were receiving care at WAH, and four families were referred from the neighborhood social service agency, TESS. The families sponsored by SGAH employees were referred through the City of Rockville.

Participating departments included the center for organizational learning, nursing administration, social work, Takoma Business Academy, the emergency department, laboratory/blood bank, department of cardiology,



WAH employees collected holiday gifts for local families. From left to right: Alice Khalil, administration; Katrina Leftridge, social work; Odette Forrest, Risk Management; Anita Clemmer, administration; Susan Callicott, physician relations and Cathy Livingston, social work.

WAH administrative offices, patient relations, risk management and accounting. Individuals from security, utilization management and other departments also made contributions.

Adventist cardiac rehab centers granted national certification

In January, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) granted all three (Takoma Park, Rockville and Laurel) Adventist HealthCare Cardiac Rehabilitation Centers national pro-

gram certification. To receive program certification, the program must excel in the following areas: emergency preparedness, updated policies and procedures, documentation, outcomes, risk stratification, equipment maintenance and patient and family education.

This was the first time that AACVPR has offered program certification and Adventist HealthCare Cardiac Rehabilitation Centers is one of the first programs to be certified nationwide. Only two programs in the state of Maryland are certified, and Adventist HealthCare Cardiac Rehabilitation Centers is proud to be one of them.

First local baby of the new year born at Shady Grove

The first baby born in the new year to residents of the Washington, D.C., metro area was born at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Katherine Figueroa and Luis Montiseno of Gaithersburg are the proud parents of Steven Austin Montiseno Figueroa. The seven-pound, 14-ounce baby boy was born at 12:05 a.m. on January 1, 1999, after 16 hours of labor.

When Steven was born, the clock in the operating room had stopped. A nurse called the telephone company to confirm Steven's time of birth, 12:05 a.m., four minutes before the next baby was born in the area.

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE IN THE COLUMBIA UNION

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Silver Spring, MD 20901
9430 Key West Ave. #205
Gaithersburg, MD 20850
(301) 681-9760

Adventist Preferred Nursing and Home Assistance
10800 Lockwood Dr.
Silver Spring, MD 20901
(301) 681-9602

Adventist Senior Living Services
9430 Key West Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 309-0660

The Atrium (Assisted Living Center)
9701 Medical Center Dr.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 424-2224

Fairland Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

2101 Fairland Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 384-6161

Hackettstown Community Hospital
651 Willow Grove St.
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
(908) 852-5100

Kettering Breast Evaluation Centers
580 Lincoln Park Blvd.
Kettering, OH 45429
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Kettering Medical Center Home Care
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Kettering, OH 45419
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Kettering Memorial Hospital
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Kettering, OH 45429
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Kettering Workers' Care
2023 Springboro West
Dayton, OH 45439
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Kettering, OH 45439

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9901 Medical Center Dr.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 279-6000

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7525 Carroll Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
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Resource

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FOR MINISTRY IN YOUR HOME, WORKPLACE, COMMUNITY AND CHURCH



Copyright and the Local Church

By Donald Martin

Copyright is the ownership of an original creative expression such as literature, music, visual art or anything else that the human mind can create and record in a fixed medium. A copyright gives the owner the exclusive right to reproduce, perform, publish, display or distribute the work. The copyright owner may give away, sell, lose or license any of these rights, either temporarily or permanently.

Copyright infringement is considered a type of theft and can result in criminal penalties. Many aspects of local church ministries touch on copyright issues. The law allows free use of copyrighted works in some religious or educational contexts. However, many uses still incur obligation to the copyright owner even though they occur in church or under church auspices.

Here are some practical factors to consider:

Sabbath school and worship services

Although many traditional hymns have passed into the public domain and are no longer subject to copyright, contemporary music, including reworkings of traditional pieces, almost always is protected by copyright. The law specifically exempts from copyright liability a live performance

during a religious service. However, that exemption does not cover ancillary activities such as the copying and distribution of song sheets or the projection on a viewing screen of

song lyrics, readings or other works.

The unauthorized copying of significant portions of a hymnal would also be an infringement. The hymnal itself enjoys copyright protection as a compilation, regardless of the status of individual works within the hymnal.

Local churches can purchase for a modest cost based on the size of the usual attendance at worship a blanket license to cover many such uses from an organization called Christian Copyright Licensing International. They can be contacted at (800) 234-2446 or online at www.cdli.com.

Bulletins and newsletters

Be sure that the art used on bulletin covers has been properly licensed. Most commercially prepared bulletin stock will come with adequate safeguards for the cover art. In any printed matter, take care to avoid extensive quotations from copyrighted sources unless you have the copyright owner's permission. A short passage may qualify as a "fair use," for which there would not be liability. However, the question of when an excerpt becomes too long for "fair use" is complex and requires careful analysis.

Books clearly labeled as "clip art" are usually intended to come with permission to use the enclosed materials within a limited range, such as the local church that purchased the book. Be sure to read carefully the "fine print" on the copyright page. The same is true of CD-ROM clip art.

Broadcast ministries

A broadcast is a "performance" under copyright law. The radio or TV station will have primary responsibility to the copyright owner for such a performance, but the program producer shares in that responsibility.

Stations generally have blanket licenses from ASCAP and BMI to cover the broadcast of

music. However, program producers should avoid long passages of quoting or copying from a non-musical work that is not covered by the station's blanket license. Such licenses also do not cover the reproduction and distribution to the public of taped copies of programs. Copyrighted material in the program would be subject to liability for copying and/or distribution whether or not a fee is charged for the tape.

On line ministries

Posting material on a World Wide Web site is "publication" for purposes of copyright law, and results in copyright liability. ASCAP and BMI sell blanket music licenses to web site owners, which cover most music. For all other copyrighted works, the site proprietor should either obtain permission or restrict the use to a "fair use."

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licensing, copyrights and trademarks. He has advised and/or represented many Adventist media ministries; the General Conference, unions and conferences in media matters; and laymen with independent media projects. He publishes a monthly newsletter,

ANTENNA, about current events and issues in the field of broadcast law. Mr. Martin may be contacted by telephone at 703-671 8887; fax at (703) 671- 8942; or E-mail at dempc@prodigy.net.



Your Resource Guide

information, tips and articles to enhance your ministry

Editor: Denise León Valenzuela

All of the resources, unless otherwise indicated, are available at your Adventist Book Center or by calling (800) 765-6955.

Even though they are not all published by our publishing houses, with a little creativity, they can be adapted for our use.

Creative Local church

Why not try a Genesis Seminar?

Byard Parks, an Adventist pastor in Colorado, recently finished a series of evangelistic meetings on the book of Genesis. The series was called "Genesis: Key to the Next Millennium." Individual audio cassettes can be purchased for \$3.50 or the whole series of 12 sermons for \$35. Just send a check to: LifeSource, P.O. Box 25339, Colorado Springs, CO 80936-5339.

Sermon titles include:

- Night 1—"Power for Living"
- Night 2—"What on Earth Am I Doing on Earth?"
- Night 3—"Good Angels, Bad Angels, Jesus and You."
- Night 4—"The Lie, the Legacy, the Liberty"
- Night 5—"How to Have a Heaven Made Home."
- Night 6—"Vitamins C and Vitamins You Don't See."
- Night 7—"The Enticement of Evil"
- Night 8—"Bridge Across Time"
- Night 9—"Are All the Children in?"
- Night 10—"The Joy of the Judgement"
- Night 11—"The Grateful Dead"
- Night 12—"The Seal of Eden and the Mark of the Snake"

An outreach idea: Christian media cafe

Christian Science Reading Rooms have become a familiar sight in cities across America. Why not create Christian Media Cafes where people can come to read Adventist/Christian literature, study Scripture and view videos? To be effective, these should be strategically placed in high foot-traffic areas. Several computers with free on-line access will attract "customers."—Rich Dubose, director of PlusLine



Adventist Deaf Ministries inaugural event

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Adventist Deaf Ministries was held on Sunday, November 8. The new ministry is located in Lincoln, Nebraska, and led by Director Thompson Kay and Evangelism Director David Trexler. Its mission is to encourage and support effective evangelizing and discipleship of the deaf and to promote their role in the church and its decisions. Contact Adventist Deaf Ministries at: (402) 477-3346; TTY (text phone): (402) 477-4538; Fax: (402) 477-8910.

YOUTHNET eXtreme evangelism

An unconventional approach to evangelism that targets youth and young adults is spreading across North America like a prairie fire. The eXtreme Team is a young adult revival and evangelistic team that travels around using music, drama, the spoken word and multimedia effects to present Jesus Christ.

They are sponsored by the NAD Youth Department and the Center for Youth Evangelism. Brian Yeager, traveling director, and his team are available to come to camps, camp meetings, youth rallies, academies, colleges and schools. They can provide weeks of prayer, special presentations and more. Call them on their mobile phone at: (817) 312-7222.



Project: Steps to Christ

STEPS TO CHRIST can be distributed to every household in your church territory or any specific zip code. This service is provided to congregations, evangelistic teams and other local ministries by a recognized ASL ministry named Project: Steps to Christ. The cost is \$39.95 per 100 homes in one zip code area or less for larger quantities. For more information write or call: Project: Steps to Christ, P.O. Box 361, Brushton, NY 12916; phone (518) 358-2541; fax to (518) 358-3028; or E-mail to Steps@northnet.

Well-assured health

WellAssured is a new set of study guides designed to educate users about healthy lifestyle issues. Each guide provides practical scientific advice in an easy-to-follow format that encourages participation and positive behavior changes. An optional instructor's kit is also available. For more information, call WellsSource at (800) 533-9355 or visit their website at: <http://www.wellsSource-inc.com>.

Outreach "how-tos"

Lay mobilization: What does it take?

Is your congregation serious about including everyone in ministry? If so, you need to do three things:

1. Place a high value on ministry, service and practical involvement as opposed to sit and listen.

2. Create an equipping process for church members to help them get involved in ministry that fits their interests, personalities and spiritual gifts.

3. Select the right leader. A strong lay mobilization program must be lay led.



Cell church evangelism

Cell church evangelism returns to the biblical model of one-on-one sharing that incorporates every member. Take the pain out of leadership and discover how you can involve all of your members in meaningful ministry.

For more information on planting cell churches, call Don James of the NAD Evangelism Institute at (616) 471-9220. E-mail: 74532.357@compuserve.com. Website: <http://www.tagnet.org/nadei>.

PlusLine ministry

Resources and ideas—PlusLine is the North American Division's designated helpdesk for ministry information. PlusLine Central does not sell products,

but it connects you with the best tools available by way of hands-on awareness and education. Besides Internet access, you can call (800) SDA-PLUS to find resource information for all areas of local church ministry, including outreach. Their website address is: <http://plusline.adventist.org/>.

Between January 1 and December 31, 1998, 18,925 calls were received from throughout North America.

Were you one of the 1,893 calls PlusLine received from the Columbia Union?

If you're like others, you know good books, videos and materials exist to facilitate ministry planning but you don't know their titles, and you're not sure where to find them. And even if you found them, would they really help? PlusLine can help. "Kingdom Builders ToolBox" is a 17" x 22" container packed with products for many different ministry areas. Your church can order one to review by calling the PlusLine toll-free telephone number. Please call to find out cost.

Once you know what you need, a toll-free call to your local ABC or AdventSource will bring the products to your doorstep. (Actual purchases are made through hour ABC or AdventSource.)

Grants for creative ministry projects

Versacare, Inc., was formed in 1953 by a group of dedicated Seventh-day Adventist lay persons intent upon supporting the principles and mission of the Adventist Church.

The organization provides grant monies to creative ministry projects within the North American and Inter-American divisions.

They are particularly receptive to projects that involve Christian

education, youth ministry and health. To find out about their guidelines, write to: Versacare, 702 South Washburn Ave., Corona, CA 91729. Phone: (909) 736-6909. E-mail: versacare@aol.com.



BOOKS... FOR YOU THE REVOLU- TIONIZED CHURCH OF THE 21st CENTURY

by Russell Burrill

This book addresses our urgent need to recover a sense of community through small relational groups. But this is not another handbook on how to conduct small groups. This is a heart cry—rooted in the history of the early Christian church and in early Adventist history as well—to make small, nurturing, relational groups the central organizing principle of our churches. Available at your local ABC or from HART Research Center by calling (800) 487-4278.



BITS AND PIECES

Bits and Pieces is a great little magazine (4" x 6")

filled with short quotes and illustrations. It's a quick read that provides dynamite filler for sermons and presentations. Price, \$27 a year (14 issues). Also available online. To subscribe, call (800) 526-2554. [Website: www.epinc.com].

Youth ministry forecasts

Ron Whitehead, director for the Center for Youth Evangelism, recently shared some forecasts for teen and young adult ministry in the Adventist Church that are based upon present trends.

1. There will be a shortage of academy chaplains, youth pastors, and conference youth directors.

2. Adventist teens and young adults will continue to have an attachment to their denomination, unless they see that their Church isn't making a difference for Christ. The new Adventist young adult is not into maintaining institutional ministry, but wants to see the visible impact in the world that makes any program or ministry legitimate.

3. There is a growing need for large national or regional events. Looking at the general Christian community there have been events like

Promise Keepers, Acquire the Fire and others attended by tens of thousands. In the Adventist Church large, national Pathfinder Camporees have helped keep the Pathfinder Club movement alive.

4. Local Adventist youth leaders will continue to flounder due to a lack of communication, affirmation, training and access to quality resources.

5. Young adults will be the engine for positive change in the Adventist Church. They are bold for Christ, tolerant of the diversity within Adventism, and a number see themselves as leaders at an early age.

SUMMER MINISTRIES

by **Stuart Tyner, Bailey Gillespie and David Wood**

This resource provides great ideas for church and conference youth groups. Now is the time to start planning your summer ministry.

Includes information on Hot Soup Kitchens, Mission Trips, Outdoor Drama, Parent's Night Out, Mega Projects, Urban Embrace, Six Great Spin-Offs and hundreds of other ideas. Available through AdventSource at (800) 328-0525. Price, \$19.95.



Some helpful and interesting websites

Integrity Online—if you're looking for a new ISP and want one that screens questionable sites, you should consider Integrity Online. They are a Christian ISP that prevents unseemly Internet content from being available to your family. This will give you peace of mind as you introduce your children to the research power of the Internet. For \$19.95 a month, they provide unlimited 56K access to the internet and E-mail. This includes up to five different E-mail addresses and 5MB of space for your own web page. There are no set-up fees. Go to: www.integrityonline.com.

Adventist Online is now available through a new Internet site that is officially open for business. Adventist members who are not members of CompuServe are invited to join and participate free of charge. Ralph Blodgett, sysop for CompuServe's Adventist Forum, moderates the site. Go to: <http://online.adventist.org>.

PlusLine exists to serve Adventist Church members involved in ministry. If your Adventist church or organization has a website, please consider putting a link to PlusLine's web site at: <http://plusline.adventist.org>. Also, your help with getting the word out will be greatly appreciated. Go to the Marketing section on the front page and use one of the bulletin announcements to inform fellow members about PlusLine's service.

PreachLink is a new service provided for Christian pastors by Cokesbury Press. It provides biweekly preaching commentary on contemporary culture and late-breaking news. It addresses timely, up-to-the-minute themes and ideas and will help the preacher bring the light of the gospel to bear on the confusing and often perplexing issues of the day. For more information on various price packages and formats, call (800) 672-1789. Website: www.cokesbury.org.

Bibleinfo.com (formerly known as Bible Information) continues to be a major resource for people wanting to become better acquainted with Scripture. Hundreds and thousands of people are being blessed and strengthened. Visit their website at: <http://www.bibleinfo.com>.

PlusLine Web Banners are available to select organizations and ministries throughout North America. For more information, visit the website at: <http://plusline.adventist.org>.

For support, call (800) SDA-PLUS (732-7587) Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (EST-PST).



Ingathering becomes ADRA Annual Appeal



The Annual Ingathering Appeal, which began in 1908, has a new name (ADRA Annual Appeal). While the name has changed, the general principle of inviting friends and business contacts to contribute toward a humanitarian cause remains the same. General door-to-door solicitation is being replaced with a more people-friendly approach that keys into one's personal influence webs. Monies received will be used to support numerous humanitarian projects.

For a complete outline of the new ADRA Annual Appeal, contact your local conference or call the ADRA North American office at (301) 680-6438.

BMA communiqué

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Nine students take their stand for God

When a student publicly proclaims his or her love for and commitment to Jesus Christ, it is an awesome experience. When nine students make this commitment on the same Sabbath, the experience is greatly magnified. Tears came to many eyes during the recent baptismal service. The students were keenly aware of the importance of their decision, and they were excited as well as nervous about it. Pastor Sergio Manente, who had studied with them over the past several months, performed the service. I asked a few of them how they felt about their decision. Here is what they said:

"I was inspired to give my life to God during Senior Recognition Weekend, when the speaker made the altar call. Since then, it has been great seeing God work in my life. I feel like I am going to live the rest of my life with my love (God), like I am getting married. I think senior religion had a little to do with it, too. I know God is with me, and I couldn't be happier. I am so thankful for

every-one who has been with me through it all. Jessica Colledge, '99



Baptismal candidates Rina Harb, Laurel Lincoln, Michael Kreitz, Elissa Morello, Meica Bodick, Jennifer Broadwater and Jessica Colledge.



Jeffrey Garcia, Pastor Sergio Manente and Frank Vazquez.

"What has touched me most about my baptism is the support I have had from my friends and family. My father, who is not an Adventist, even attended the occasion. This meant a lot to me. It was a highly emotional time for me, and I pray that we will all be able to keep our commitment to our Lord and Saviour." Jennifer Broadwater, 2000

"The commitment I made with God has helped me grow closer to Him. I'm very thankful to have the chance to come to this school. Number one rule: Love God always, for He is our creator." Jeffrey Garcia, 2000

God continues to work in mighty ways on our campus, and we give Him the glory.

Alumni Weekend info

Former band members—Please bring your instrument along to Alumni Weekend and join with BMA's current band in playing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" for the prelude in Sabbath morning's church service. **Former Bel Canto members** are invited to sing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" at the conclusion of the church service.

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Coming Events

March

26, 27-Alumni Weekend

April

2-5-History Honors Trip

6-10-Student F.O.C.U.S.

April 30-May 2-Music

Weekend and Aerial

Aires home show

May

2-3-Academy Days

14-16-Spiritual Retreat

22-Potpourri

23-Keybord Recital

28-30-Graduation

Weekend

Alumni Weekend
March 26-27
Sabbath Speaker
Pastor C.D. Brooks

Alumni Central and
general information,
visit our website at:
www.bma.k12.pa.us

F.O.C.U.S. on the good news of the Gospel

Winter F.O.C.U.S. week had an unusual start but an exceptional end. When our speaker, James Rafferty, experienced traveling delays, Mr. Haakenson had to pinch-hit for him on Monday night. He spoke about the need to bring our friends to Jesus, since He can do things that we are powerless to do for them.

During the daily meetings, Mr. Rafferty challenged us with a new way of looking at relationships. He emphasized the benefits of delaying physical relationships until marriage and suggested that teenagers should spend their time getting to know one another in a group or family setting.

At the evening meetings, Mr. Rafferty discussed what the Gospel really is. He described it as "good news," unconditional love. Mr. Rafferty made his presentations personal by including pictures of life here at BMA. He inspired us as he spoke of God's love in a

practical way.

The highlights of the week for me were Friday night communion and the Sabbath sermon. It was inspiring to hear what God is doing in people's lives and especially how much they feel BMA is helping them to grow spiritually.

In his Sabbath sermon, Mr. Rafferty made heaven and eternity so real. Sometimes, we forget that there is more to life than just living and dying—there is a heaven to gain.

Scott Haakenson, Campus Chaplain



F.O.C.U.S. speaker James Rafferty



Stan Rouse, Principal

"Therefore keep watch, . . ."

As I write this, the news reports a major earthquake in Colombia, air strikes by the U.S. and Great Britain in Iraq, tornadoes in several southern states and the pope's visit to St. Louis.

To the casual observer, it may look like life as usual on planet Earth. But the intensity of events continues to increase.

"...when you see all these things, you know that it [the end of the world] is near, right at the door."

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:33,42)

Life can feel so insecure. It can bring fear, self-doubt, confusion and despair. However, it doesn't

have to. God is still in control. Jesus came to provide a way out. He says, "Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:1-3)

This past Sabbath, nine of our students were baptized. What joy to see nine more proclaim to the world, "We are part of God's family!" If that is what we are, then we don't have to worry. We are going home soon! Our mission should be to share this good news, come what may. There is room for everyone!

Where are they now?

What pleasant memories do you have about Blue Mountain Academy? Our staff recently talked to some of our more senior alumni, who remembered a lot of really good stuff, not only about our school, but about a lot of other neat things that happened when they were very young and lived in Pennsylvania.

Roy and Betty Montgomery Dingle first met while they were attending church school in Waynesboro in 1949-1952. Betty went to Philadelphia Academy (the forerunner of BMA) for three years, dropped out for a year, then returned to graduate from BMA in 1957.

In the meantime, Roy went to Mount Aetna Academy in Maryland (forerunner of Highland View Academy), where he recalls in the summer of '55 staying in a farmhouse with the other 17 boys. Roy remembers that he was the seventh student to arrive on campus at BMA in the summer of 1955.

Roy says BMA helped him mature. It was his first time to be away from home and living in a dorm setting. He enjoyed working in food service with Pop and Mrs. Johnson. During his stay here, he was also employed in maintenance and at the farm and garden.

Betty, as the oldest girl in the dorm, was assistant to Mrs. Ellis. After Roy and Betty became interested in each other in 1956, Mrs. Ellis actually let them spend time alone talking together.

Roy and Betty both graduated from BMA in the quonset hut on June 2, 1957. They got engaged on February 14, 1958, and were married May 24 by Richard Fearing, a pastor and Bible teacher whom they had grown close to while students at BMA. Betty's dad helped Roy get a job in food service, and this coming September will mark his 40th year of denominational service.

Betty has worked at McKee's Bakery in environmental services for more than 24 years, and Roy has worked in food service and the bakery at Southern Adventist University for almost 25 years.

Do you have good memories of Blue Mountain Academy? We hope so. Would you like to share them? Students and staff, past and present, are what make our school special. We'd love to hear you reminisce about the good old days at BMA!



Roy and Betty Dingle

La Sonnette Ensemble performs at Carnegie Hall

Six o'clock is early on any day, but especially on a Sunday morning. However, at six o'clock on January 24, La Sonnette Ensemble members were seen loading their equipment for a special trip as they headed for New York and the famed Carnegie Hall. Twenty-five friends and family members joined them on the bus trip, and although it was raining quite hard, nobody's spirits were dampened.

Over the years, La Sonnette has traveled extensively throughout Pennsylvania and the surrounding states and has performed in various churches and schools. This trip, however, was their first trip to such a prestigious venue. Watching a performance at Carnegie Hall is a unique treat. To be able to perform on that stage is, for most, only a dream. Through the contact of Matthew and Cindy Straub, this dream became a reality for these 11 students and their director, Nancy Edison.

The Winter Choral Festival included six groups from Maryland, Vermont and even Calgary, Canada! Sandwiched in the middle of these groups was La Sonnette. Their repertoire consisted of four songs that highlighted various styles, sounds and effects that are possible with handbells. The crowd responded enthusiastically after each piece, and after their final number, they received a standing ovation. They were truly—at least in my estimation—the highlight of the festival.

Spencer Hannah, Vice-Principal

English covers just about everything

Second quarter senior English students were given study options as varied as mass media and literature. Each student also had to write a literary analysis, which



Andrea Chamberlin, Cristi Irizarry, Brandon Giuttari, Dwayne Hardware and Renee Rush proudly show off their English project.

required going to the Kutztown University Library for reference material. At the end of the quarter, each student or group presented a visual display of their studies.

Two groups combined their efforts into a "dinner theater." While one group served renaissance food (fruit, nuts, crusty bread and pastry), the other group performed a short excerpt from Shakespeare's *Henry V*. Along with the snack, each table had a candle and a bottle of sparkling grape juice to add to the ambiance.

Other presentations included original commercials on video, a *Jeopardy*-style game, a bulletin board and a mural.



Erin Allen and Deborah Schander as characters from Shakespeare's *Henry V*.

April Sweet, '99

Almost anything goes

Every year, BMA celebrates class spirit by doing "Almost Anything Goes." It happens on a Saturday night when we let down our hair and become avid fans of classmates who participate in crazy games.

The games include pushing rolls of toilet paper across the floor with our noses, sitting on balloons to pop them, riding mattresses across a sea of arms and blowing ping-pong balls down an aisle of students. The activities bring class members closer together because we are forced to work as a team. There is lots of cheering for each participant, and the activity proves to be a highlight in a dull January.

The class that wins walks away with extra money in its account, which is especially useful to the seniors. Who won this year? The seniors placed first, the juniors second, sophomores third and freshmen fourth. Isn't that the way it should be?

Ellie Fellows '99



Bonnie Cho and Peter LeBrun test their balloon-popping abilities.



Stephanie Hade and Joshua Swan wait for whatever comes their way!

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OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

A Triennium in Retrospect

Three new congregations were formed between 1996 and 1999.



← **Walk of Faith Fellowship** in West Cleveland.

West Boulevard Hispanic Church in Cleveland.

Gallia Church in Gallipolis.



A total of 1,410 campers enjoyed summer camp at beautiful **Camp Mohaven**.



A strong **Pathfinder** ministry included three Pathfinder fairs, three camporees and two leadership retreats. Currently, there are 18 clubs and 300 Pathfinders.



The 20 schools in the K-10 system saw increases in enrollment. Current enrollment is 814 students.

An elder-care facility was constructed at the **Cincinnati First Church** to house the church's elder-care ministry.



March, 1999

Dear Friends:

Three years have passed since the Ohio Conference held its last triennial constituency session. During these years, many victories have been won for God's Kingdom in the lives of Seventh-day Adventist Christians all across this conference and in the collective life of our congregations. The story of the Ohio Conference is the story of its people and their journey with God.

In these pages, we capture a few memories of what God has done for and through us to build His church and His Kingdom. Our confidence for the future is rooted—not in our accomplishments, abilities or resources—but in the unfailing goodness and mercy of our God.

Rejoicing with you in His grace,

Raj Attiken
President



• A **K-12 Local Professional Development Committee** has been formed to monitor the professional development activities of Ohio Conference teachers. The LPDC reviews and approves coursework, CEU's and other professional growth activities.

• During the past triennium, the Ohio Conference **Trust Services Department** assisted in the preparation of 166 wills, 11 revocable trust agreements, three charitable gift annuities, 125 powers of attorney, 108 powers of attorney for health care and 112 living wills.

• Seventy-one churches have appointed a **Women's Ministries** coordinator—friendship “teas” are a popular means of bringing women together to discuss ways to meet the needs of women in local congregations and communities.

• **Ohio Adventist Community Services** responded to both the southern and southeastern Ohio floods with personnel and supplies in coordination with the State of Ohio and OHVOAD.

• Some major improvement projects at **Camp Mohaven** include: lodge and nature center made handicapped accessible, pool gutter and filter system replaced, rebuilt horsebarn, basketball court completed and the new addition to craft building in progress.

• Average tenure of **district pastors** is 4.18 years.

→ The **Warren, Boardman** and **Salem** congregations jointly purchased a 10-classroom building with a gymnasium and offices on 20 acres to establish the Summit Educational Center.



→ The **Miamisburg** congregation moved into its new facility in April of 1997.



↑ Phase one of the **Canton Church**.



↑ The **Stillwater Church**, under construction in a northern suburb of Dayton.



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• **Area camp meetings** were held in Elyria, Columbus and Toledo. The Toledo event, in 1998, commemorated the 140th anniversary of the Great Controversy vision.



• Worthington Church, Stillwater youth, SVA, MVA and others participated in domestic and overseas mission trips.



• An average of 245 women attended each of the annual **Women's Retreats**. Guest speakers were June Strong, Virginia (Richards) Cason and Dr. Deborah Harris, respectively.



• Seniors enjoy the annual **Golden Buckeye Retreat** at Camp Mohaven.



Membership

A total of 1,123 people joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Ohio Conference by baptism and profession of faith between 1996 and 1998. These were the results of:

Personal witness and Bible study by members—ministries hosted by congregations.
Public evangelistic crusades conducted by Evangelist Don Barnt and Ohio pastors
Satellite evangelism.

Despite the more than 1,000 accessions to the church between 1996 and 1998, the membership of the Ohio Conference at the end of 1998 was 11,466 as compared to 11,211 on June 1, 1996.

• **Oasis**—The Kettering Church has a specialized ministry for the unchurched and Gen X'ers weekly on Sabbath evenings.



• The **Ken Cox** evangelistic team held weekend meetings in 10 Ohio churches in early 1999.



• Evangelistic meetings led by local pastors. **Dr. Franke Zollman** presents the "Archeology and the Bible" seminar in Mount Vernon.



• Evangelist **Don Barnt** held 13 evangelistic meetings.



- **Mount Vernon Academy and Spring Valley Academy** had major building projects during this triennium. MVA's Administrative Building was completely renovated to an "as new" condition. SVA completed and moved into their new 19,400-square-foot addition, with six classrooms, a teacher/conference workroom, cafeteria, kitchen and serving area, music/choral room, storage area and administrator's office.



Tithe Received

1996: \$7,396,971=4.15% Increase
1997: \$7,393,379= (.05%) Decrease
1998: \$7,900,341=6.86% Increase

Ohio Advance

Funds received . . .

1996	1997	1998
\$160,415	\$147,000	\$143,318

Primary use . . .

MVA Operations:	67%
MVA Worthy Student	8%
MVA Capital	20%
Conf. Bldg. Fund	5%

Educational Endowment Fund

The fund is currently in excess of \$2,035,887.

Income generated during the past triennium amounted to \$428,835.

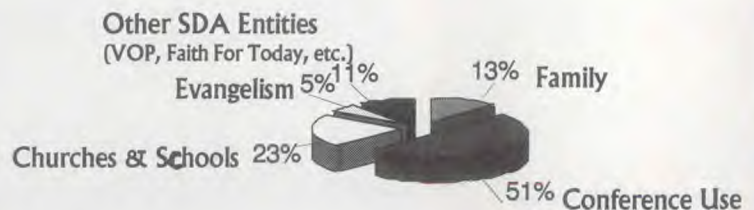
During this period, \$280,382 was distributed to participating academies and local church schools to assist students with Christian education expenses.

Primary Use of Tithe

Ohio Conference Pastoral Staff	30.0%
Ohio Conference Education	19.0%
(Elementary Education, Academy Subsidies, Dept. Admin.) and Columbia Union College Subsidy	
Employee Retirement Fund	10.7%
Ohio Conference Administrative Support	8.5%
Church Services and Ministries	8.5%
(Youth Camp, Evangelism, Camp Meeting, Publishing, Trust Services, Communication, etc.)	
World Church (GC, NAD, Union)	23.3%
Operations and Missions	

Wills and Trusts

A total of \$1,328,055 was received from matured wills and trusts. The funds were distributed as follows:



Adventist Book Center

Years ending January 31

	1996	1997	1998
Sales	\$936,181	\$963,129	\$929,982
Net Income	(\$13,849)	\$ 3,159	\$ 11,042
(Loss)			

Pennsylvania Pen

March 1999

Ask and you shall receive

Hark, the herald angels sing! Yes, the angels in heaven and the members of the York church were singing and praising God for the 18 people who were baptized and the four children who were dedicated to God in a service following the NET '98 series.

Several months ago, the York church's pastor took leave due to illness in the family.



Nathan Heltebridle learned what baptism is and wanted to be baptized with his mom, dad and sister.

The members decided to continue their plans for the NET '98 series despite not having a pastor. Members rallied together, volunteering to lead out in the positions necessary to have a successful seminar. Children's programs, registration, ushering, welcoming and

site host committees were established. Each night, members bonded with guests, forming friendships. A pastor's class, taught by the church elders, was available on Sabbath mornings where the beliefs of the Adventist Church were studied and questions could be asked.

Present for the happy occasion was Pennsylvania Conference President Mike Cauley, who remarked: "Today, December 5, is a high Sabbath for the York church and these dear souls who are about to be baptized!" As Pastor Cauley baptized each candidate, one by one, sometimes husbands and wives, sometimes families, he exclaimed: "I could just go on doing this all day!" to which loud "amens" were heard throughout the church.

When asking several members what they thought was the principal reason for the success of the NET '98 series, they said: "Prayer, prayer, prayer!" Small prayer bands were held during the planning season and prior to each meeting. Personal prayers included the meetings, those attending and intercessory prayers.

The York church took God at His word: "Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find; knock and the door will be opened unto you: For everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks, it shall be opened,—Matthew 7:7-8.

ANNA KRISHINGNER

Communication Representative



From left: some of the smiling candidates for baptism into the York church—Scott Richart, James Miele, Barry and Sherry Krout and Todd Heltebridle.

What's happening

March 19-20

Small Group Training
Laurel Lake Camp

March 26-27

BMA Alumni Weekend
Blue Mountain Academy

March 31, 1-4 p.m.

College Fair
Blue Mountain Academy Gym

April 14-17

ConneXions '99
General Conference

April 16-18

Columbia Union Hispanic Women's
Retreat
Ocean City, Maryland

April 23-25

Adventurer Family Retreat
Laurel Lake Camp

May 2

Pathfinder Fair
Blue Mountain Academy

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Walking the walk

By Celina Worley

A wheelchair for a child. Cash for missionaries in Russia. Money for victims of the 1996 flood in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. A new community service center for people in India. Radios for Adventists in Vietnam. The list of good will literally goes on and on! And who has been making it possible? Children!

Since 1983, students from the Blue Mountain Elementary School in Hamburg have raised over \$50,000 for specific mission projects. They've been featured in their local paper, as well as the *Quiet Hour Echo*. They've received certificates of appreciation and been personally thanked by grateful recipients around the world.

How do they do it? Over the years, this Adventist church school has used different methods to raise the money, but one of the main ways is to conduct a school walk-a-thon. The young people seek sponsors who provide a certain number of dollars for each mile that he or she walks.



Kindergartner Dylan Hamm pulls along volunteer Eve Gray as he walks laps around the gym at Blue Mountain Academy.

After the walk is completed and the money is collected, it is sent to the targeted project. (The Quiet Hour ministry based in California has provided them with many special projects.)

In 1997, the students' walk-a-thon raised \$1,200 for a "lamb's shelter" (a Sabbath school room for children) in India. This year, their goal is \$2,000. With this money, they will build a community service center in India. This past year, they raised \$1,600 to buy short-wave radios for Seventh-day Adventists in Vietnam who have suffered from religious persecution.

For more than 20 years, Vietnam-



Briana Manente (right) leaps along her walk with Angie Bechtel (center) and Brandi Reager.

ese Christians have been persecuted and their churches turned into dance halls and business centers. The radios give these people a chance to hear sermons, Sabbath school classes and hymns.

Next January, these students will again "walk the walk." I wonder: What will their next project be?

God uses a church to set a smoker free

This past year, the Uniontown Hilltop church came in contact with Thomas Epps, a resident of the Waynesburg Correctional Institute. Thomas had been on the Voice of Prophecy interest list and had completed Bible courses from the VOP and Amazing Facts. During the course of time, Thomas made the decision to join the church.

As Thomas went through the baptismal vows, his only obstacle was smoking—a habit he had had for 20 to 30 years. He knew his body was God's temple and wanted to quit. We prayed about it over the course of time, but he still struggled. Finally, the Uniontown church de-

cided to pray for him and send cards to encourage him.

A few weeks ago, Thomas mailed us a wonderful letter. He said that at the very moment he received the church's card, he was smoking. When he opened it up and realized that 15 people he had never even met signed the card and that they were praying for him, suddenly the cigarette he was smoking became distasteful. He put it out. Throughout the day, he continually tried to smoke, but the thought of that card prevented him. He said he held 11 cigarettes in his hand throughout the day and eventually broke all of them. Thomas has not smoked since December 21! Previously, he couldn't even go one day without smoking.

He has since been accepted into the Uniontown church through profession of faith. God is good!

DAVID KLINEDINST
Pastor

State of the church



MIKE CAULEY
President

This issue, I'd like to report upon the health and vitality of our conference.

Finances

As you may recall, just three years ago, we were facing serious financial challenges. Over the years, our Tithe had not kept up with inflation, and for several years, we'd come to depend upon unrestricted gifts from our wills and trusts program. Because of the shortage of Tithe income, we were forced to use unrestricted bequests to pay pastors and offset expenses associated with operating church schools. When we began to experience a decrease in maturities, we faced a crisis with our conference budget. This led to several belt-tightening measures.

Over the past year, we have earnestly prayed for the Lord to prosper His people in Pennsylvania and help them to be faithful in their Tithes and offerings. I am pleased to report that we had a four percent Tithe increase in 1998. Also, unrestricted maturities totaled approximately \$330,000. In addition, our expenses were approximately \$300,000 under budget. This has resulted in the largest operating gain in many years—about \$800,000. For the first time in

several years, our reserves are above the level recommended by the General Conference. We praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Our experience in 1998 is not something we can expect to sustain year after year. However, we can continue to pray for the Lord to prosper His people in Pennsylvania and help them to be faithful in their stewardship. As this continues, we look forward to someday expanding the work in this great state.

Soul-winning

Our baptisms this past year were the lowest in 10 years—336. During the '90s, we have added approximately 450 each year through baptism and profession of faith. We are not at all satisfied with this. Ellen White tells us that within the shadow of every church, there are many people waiting to hear the Gospel and last warning message. Forty-five evangelistic meetings and seminars are planned for 1999. Pastor Lynwood Spangler, our full-time evangelist, has five outreach series scheduled within Pennsylvania this year!

Laurel Lake Camp

We're planning a special celebration on May 23 at Laurel Lake Camp. You're invited to come and enjoy the progress made at Laurel Lake over the past 18 months. Pastor Dave Ferguson and Camp Rangers Ed and Wendy Eberhardt are working hard to plan an exciting and fun-filled day for all ages.

This spring, each church is being

invited to adopt a project to enhance the camp. A wish list is being circulated among the churches and will be updated monthly as projects are adopted. A report of the funds, services in kind and goods donated will be given at 1 p.m. on May 23. This will be an exciting day for the Pennsylvania Conference.

Adventist Health Ministry

The Pennsylvania Attorney General's office and Berks County Court have given us the green light for developing a health education and lifestyle-change center in the Reading area. The AHM board is now searching for visionary leadership to head this new and exciting enterprise.

Blue Mountain Academy

BMA is having a great school year. Pastor Sergio Manente recently baptized nine students and is looking forward to baptizing several others who are currently studying. Many young people are meeting voluntarily in Bible study groups before breakfast each morning. These groups were started by students and are led by students. We praise God for the ministry of Blue Mountain Academy.

The Lord is blessing, but we yet have a ways to go. During 1999, I'm asking my prayer partners to specifically pray for 450 precious souls and a six percent increase in tithe and the Pennsylvania Advance offering. Jesus is coming soon. "The night cometh when no man can work." Let us keep at our Father's business until we see Jesus' face.

Corrections

The new name for the *Pennsylvania Pen* will be published in the April 15 issue, not March 15 as previously stated. In the December 15, 1998, issue, the *Pennsylvania Pen* mistakenly referred to Huntingdon Valley Christian Academy as "Huntington Valley Christian School." Our apologies for the error.

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1998 CAMP MEETING RESERVATION APPLICATION
NO FAXES - NO WALK-INS

Name _____
 Date _____
 Street or P.O. Address _____

 City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____

Please make the following reservation for me at the June 11-19, 1999, Camp Meeting at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg.

IF SOMEONE ELSE IS STAYING IN YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS, WE MUST KNOW ALL OF THEIR NAMES AND AGES.
 Please supply a list of the names, ages and genders of all children accompanying you.

Fill in the blanks completely to eliminate the need for additional correspondence.

QUANTITY	LOCATION	FULL-TIME RATE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory room (two single beds included)	160.00	\$ _____
_____	Extra mattress (dormitory; each)	5.00	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity and floor (two single cots included)	72.50	\$ _____
_____	Extra single cot with mattress (each)	11.00	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity and floor (double spring with mattress; adults only), limited	72.50	\$ _____
_____	Double spring w/mattress (adults only; tents only), limited availability (each)	16.50	\$ _____
_____	Personal tent space (field by boys' dorm; electricity available)	31.00	\$ _____
_____	Personal trailer space (field by boys' dorm; electricity available)	38.00	\$ _____
_____	**Add \$1.00 a foot over 15 feet	1.00/ft.	\$ _____
_____	Cabin - Keystone (five sets of bunk beds) (10 single beds)	77.00	\$ _____
_____	Extra mattress (cabins; each)	5.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space - Keystone (trailer size _____ ft.) (electricity and sewer)	87.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space - Grove City (electricity only)	77.00	\$ _____
	1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____		

QUANTITY	LOCATION	PER-DAY RATE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory room (two single beds included)	27.00	\$ _____
_____	Extra mattress (dormitory; each)	2.00	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity and floor (two single cots included)	16.00	\$ _____
_____	Single cot with mattress (each)	2.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space (trailer size _____ ft.) Keystone	15.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space (trailer size _____ ft.) Grove City	12.00	\$ _____
_____	Personal tent space (field by boys' dorm) (electricity available)	8.50	\$ _____
_____	Personal trailer space (field by boys' dorm) (electricity available)	10.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL CHARGES		\$ _____
	ENCLOSED DEPOSIT		\$ _____
	BALANCE DUE		\$ _____

Part-time requests will be considered after full-time requests are filled.

PROTOCOL:

1. A written application along with **PAYMENT IN FULL** is required for all reservations. Checks should be made payable to Pennsylvania Conference.
2. Only mailed-in applications will be accepted and should be postmarked no sooner than April 5, 1999.
3. Applications will be filled on the availability of space.
4. Reservations will be processed as close to your request as possible. In the event your first choice is taken, please list your second and third choices. Families with children under 12 years of age are requested to make reservations in the boys' dorm instead of the girls' dorm.
5. All reservations must be in writing. (Telephone reservations for late applicants will be accepted only within the one week prior to camp meeting.)
6. Reservation applications must be made by the party attending camp meeting. Reservations cannot be made by one party for another. Please duplicate the application if you need one for a friend.
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ALLOWED ON CAMPGROUNDS OR IN CAMPING AREAS!**
8. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Children under 18 years of age ARE NOT PERMITTED to stay overnight at any of the camp meeting facilities unless accompanied by an adult.

ALLEGHENY EAST

Exposé

March 1999

**Check this
OUT!**

March 15-18, 22-25—
*AEC Pastoral Performance
Review*

March 20—
Diabetes Alert Day

March 22-23—
NAD Presidents' Summit

March 26-April 4—
*Pine Forge Academy's
Spring Break*

March 28-31—
*AEC Spring
Workers' Meeting*

April 1-4—
*Oakwood College
Alumni Weekend*

April 2-4—
*Marriage Commitment
Seminar*

April 4—
Daylight Savings Time begins

April 12-14—
AEC Media Workshop

April 17—
Christian Education Day

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Pine Forge Academy sings praises

With a slight nod of her head and a wave of her hand, Director Toni Hall leads the Pine Forge Academy Singers into an explosion of song. From the first note to the last, 80 tenors and sopranos blend together, resulting in a cultural and spiritual celebration.

The Singers are students from Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. Noted for their harmony, the choir travels all over the country to share their spiritual gift. Recently, the choir was awarded first prize at Zern's first holiday competition, where four other choirs participated.

Performing songs like "Glorious Everlasting," "Daniel, Daniel" and "Battle of Jericho," the choir moved more than 200 people into a spiritual frenzy. Emanating confidence and pride, each choir member smiled as the notes lulled the crowd like a soothing harp. And they swayed as the harmony swelled into a thunderous clap.

Zern's judges took note of four different categories, including technical which involved the singers' enunciation, pitch accuracy and rhythmic precision. Bobbi Gail Lipton, Zern's proprietor, presented the choir with a check for \$2,500.

David Gross, competition judge, was moved

by PFA's choir. He called their performance "superb and exceptional."

The Singers are used to performing in competition. During their 1992-93 season, the choir won the Quaker Oats Voices of Tomorrow Youth Gospel Competition for the Philadelphia area and was awarded \$25,000.

The choir has traveled to Barbados, West Indies; New York and Washington, D.C., and has accompanied many notable musicians, including gospel sensation Kirk Franklin, Motown legend Smokey Robinson, soprano Marilyn Martin and the Philadelphia Pops with conductor Peter Nero. In 1996, the choir recorded with the bass-baritone Wintley Phipps.

On February 1, 1996, the choir was honored to sing for President Clinton at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.



RACHEL SLAUGHTER
English Instructor

PFA sports program is growing

Pine Forge Academy is a small, private Seventh-day Adventist secondary school. The sports program is new to PFA. It is the first sports program in the school's 50-year history.

Our athletic program consists of cross country, ladies tennis, boys' soccer, girls' and boys' basketball and boys baseball. The basketball program is extensive. It consists of the boys' varsity and junior varsity and a ladies' varsity team.

In the past, our school has participated in basketball on an independent status and, at the end of the season, there wasn't any post-season play. Since being admitted into the Penn-Jersey league, we now have tournaments and post-season play.

The Penn-Jersey league consists of the following schools: Akiba Hebrew School, Pixs High School, International Christian, Sleighton, Center City,

Solesbury, DeLaSalle in Towne, Girard College, Life Center, Mercy Vocational, Moravian and Villa Victoria.

On the week of December 27-30, the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams participated in the Johns Graham Christmas Basketball Tournament at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland. The boys' team finished a respectable third. Kris Fielder and Richard Ashe made the Boys' All Tournament Team. Amber Parker made the Girls' All Tournament Team. Congratulations to both teams for their efforts.

**KRIS
FIELDER SR.**
Athletic
Director



—More Pine Forge Academy news on page 32—

Camp Davis—From the eyes of a counselor

Camp Daniel L. Davis, the Allegheny East Conference summer camp, has profound effects on those associated with it. Robert L. Booker, conference communication director, conducted the following interview with Sharrél Reeves, a sophomore at Pine Forge Academy and one of the camp counselors.

Booker: Sharrél, I understand that you were a counselor at Camp Davis. Have you ever been a counselor before?

Reeves: No, never before. This was my first experience.

Booker: Your first experience, and how old are you?

Reeves: I'm 15.

Booker: Fifteen? How old were the campers that you supervised?

Reeves: They were in the 8-to-12 age group.

Booker: What would you say was most impressive about the group you supervised?

Reeves: I believe it was the way they related to each other.

They were able to get

along and cooperate with each other, and they had not met before. At first, they didn't want to participate in worship. Later, they were willing to and even took the initiative.

Booker: As you observed them, what would you say was the focus of the conversations of this age group?

Reeves: I would say friends and boys, basic relationships. There was very little discussion of home life.

Booker: Sharrél, there is just a three year age difference between your age and the oldest child in your group. What was the hardest thing you had to do?

Reeves: Whoa! That's a tough one. I imagine it was being a substitute mother figure to them. Telling them when to wake up, etc.

Booker: This next question is in two parts. A. What type of relationships do you think you formed with the campers? B. What specifically do you treasure about your experience?

Reeves: A. I believe it was more of a friend relationship. B. The things I treasured most were the relationships I formed with the other counselors and campers.

Booker: What was the hardest adjustment you had to make as a counselor?

Reeves: Being a leader because I don't consider that as one of my strengths and being an example to other people.

Booker: What was your favorite camp activity?

Reeves: Water fights.

Booker: Why?

Reeves: Because it was fun and everyone had a chance to participate at one time. It brought everyone to the same level. After it was over it was camp business as usual, but the tension was broken for a while.

Booker: Whenever you see stories on tv, or read accounts of kids at camp, everyone makes fun of camp food.

What did your group think of the food?

Reeves: Since there were so many people who didn't eat meat substitutes, you heard things like "nasty," "what is this?" and "fake food." At the end, they were asking for seconds.

Booker: How would you evaluate your experience of working under the leadership of Camp Director Claude Harris?

Reeves: I had a wonderful learning experience. I also learned a lot from Camille Kibler, the camp superintendent.

Booker: If you were to choose one experience during the three-week camp period that you think you will probably remember for many years to come, what would it be?

Reeves: I would have to say the first week, Saturday night worship. Campers and counselors had fun praising God and sharing their talents. It was an experience we wanted to continue on and on.

Booker: There are always children who are unforgettable that you meet at camp.

What was the name of the child you were counselor of whom you would place in that category?

Reeves: Ashley! She was so full of life. She related well to all of her co-campers. She really made things exciting.

Booker: What was the most serious problem you encountered?

Reeves: I had to have a camper removed from the camp.

Booker: What do you think has been the biggest effect of your summer as a camp counselor on your life and your focus for the future?



Reeves: The responsibility of taking care of someone's children far away from home and having to make my own decisions in regard to them.

Booker: Would you want the experience again?

Reeves: Yes, most definitely!

Booker: As we close, give me a response to the following:

A. Water survival test.

B. CPR classes

C. First aid classes

D. Day at the lake

Reeves: A. I urged others to do it, but I didn't do it because I didn't swim.

B. I liked the knowledge. I was glad to get it. Now I know what to do.

C. It was interesting.

D. It was lots of fun.



Sharrél Reeves



Camp counselors relaxing on a camp outing.

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Claude Harris II, camp director, participates in outdoor activities with the campers.

VISITOR, March 15, 1999



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Street City State Zip

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PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Day ☎: _____ Evening ☎: _____

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The parent/guardian listed on this form will receive receipt and all pertinent information upon submission of application and deposit.

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We will be looking forward to seeing you on July 11.

CLAUDE HARRIS II
Camp Director

Yes, 3 Weeks!

Loma Linda officials visit Pine Forge Academy

Several weeks ago, the Pine Forge campus was all abuzz with excitement anticipating the arrival of Drs. Leslie Pollard and Leroy Reese, both representatives from the MITHS program. MITHS is an acronym that stands for Minorities In The Health Sciences. Pollard is the director of the office of diversity, and Reese is treasurer of BALL/U (Black Alumni Association of Loma Linda University) and the chairman of the obstetrics and gynecology department at White Memorial Hospital. BALL/U has been projecting a program of this magnitude for a number of years, but it was more recently the brainchild of

opportunities for an underrepresented population in mathematics and engineering. Reese, upon becoming acquainted with this particular program, vowed to take strides towards providing superior advantages for our own Adventist youth. He states that this effort would not resemble a remedial program in any shape, form or fashion. By contrast, the criteria would be stringent and the requirements stiff. For example, students in order to be eligible must have maintained an overall grade-point average of 3.5 throughout their matriculation in high school. Moreover, since it is targeting 11th-graders, the qualifying students must have been on a serious academic track for a period of time. These students, in addition, must demonstrate a strong interest in the health science and mathematics discipline. Their characters must be close to impeccable, for they will be representing their families, their churches and their schools—a tall order, you say? Well, Carley Cole didn't think so. When asked whether she thought the requirements were too stiff, she replied: "Oh, Mrs. Holt. I'm not intimidated, I'm stimulated." Neither did Carmen Robinson, who stated she was not daunted by the mandates one iota.

Other eligible students are Nicole Douglas, Talitha Hampton, Miriam Hoover, Justin Kelly, Tenile Mitchell, Dorett Palmer, Randy Phang, Rachel Privette, Chanel Sales, Tiffany Turner and Roy Willis. Mitchell is really excited. "It is not every day that one is chosen to take part in this wonderful endeavor, but that just makes me want to persevere even more to accomplish my goals in life." If one were to visit our school of late and see the teachers



Monk and his biology class study pine needles.

who are involved in this thrust, as well as Headmaster Diana Carguill, it would be difficult to determine who is more excited—the teachers or the students.

A cooperative effort of faculty and staff

Melcher Monk, head of the science department, has been relentless in fostering assistance to our students in

preparation of the necessary forms, essays and other paperwork that the university will need to process their selections. Headmaster Carguill expressed her desire of a larger number of students being given this opportunity; however, only 15 slots are available this year as this is the inception of this model program. Reese's long-awaited dream, though a far and distant cry from its desired denouement, is at least now past the launching pad phase. It has already been catapulted into orbit. Ultimately, he envisions that the existing number of slots will grow by 30 or 40.

Students to spend three weeks at the Loma Linda campus

The students will spend at least three weeks on site at the university, going through the normal rigors of a medical and/or dental student. Reese and Pollard state that while there will be some "mercy" extended, students will be sadly disappointed if they expect this experience to be without a supreme challenge. But on the other hand,

they are not to expect all work and no play. They will be provided with a well-rounded program that will enable them to socialize, work and worship with professors in the medical and dental schools. The experience, according to Reese, will be almost a carbon copy of the actual medical school experience, which of course carries with it both a broad spiritual and social orientation as well.

In this unique moment of scientific history, when ideas die and some struggle to be born—Pine Forge juniors—the world awaits your contribution.

GAZETTA HOLT
Correspondent/Instructor



Students of the MITHS program stand tall and proud because of their accomplishments.

Reese. The long and the short—15 students will be selected from a pool of students from academies all over North America who have earned the necessary 3.5 grade-point averages and whose interest in the health sciences had been made manifest through their performances in science and mathematics classes. To say that this is the opportunity of a lifetime would be grossly understated.

MITHS, not for the faint at heart

MITHS is patterned after a similar program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that seeks to offer unprecedented



From left to right: Leslie Pollard, Leroy Reese, Diana Carguill, James Winston and Melcher Monk.

Evangelism EXPLOSION! in New Jersey

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March 1999

In 1999, New Jersey is going to be blessed with public evangelism like never before. Here's a look at some of the events planned for this year. Call the conference office for more information on upcoming evangelistic events.

Russell Burrill, from the North American Division Institute of Evangelism out of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, is going to be holding a major series down at Delaware Valley Junior Academy. They have spent the last two years in preparation for this series. Several churches will be involved with the series. Also, several students from the seminary will be assisting Burrill in this series.

We even have several officers from our conference holding evangelistic efforts here in New Jersey in 1999. We are excited about the up and coming plans and ask that you remember these efforts in your prayers.

ED BARNETT
Evangelism Coordinator

Leo Schreven, one of the evangelists from It Is Written, is going to be holding a major series in Newark. Several churches and pastors will be involved with this series. Again, a thorough pre-work has been done, and we are expecting great things from this series. The last time I worked in a series with Leo, we had more than 100 baptisms. We are very hopeful that this, as well as the other events, will bring souls to Jesus.



We have more than 20 churches that are already making plans to be a part of Metro '99. The North American Division is making a big push for these meetings in and around New York City. We have such evangelists as Louis Torres, Frank Ottati, Carlos Turcios, Tony Torres, Sergio Ortiz, Jose Pereira Dos Santos, Leonel Pottinger and Vern Snow who will be doing live series for us.

Several other churches will be utilizing Doug Batchelor's satellite series. Also, La Red, the Spanish net program using Pastor Alejandro Buillon as their speaker, will be down-linked to several of our Spanish churches.



NDATES

March 21
Nominating Committee

March 23
Executive Committee/Association Board

March 27
A.Y. Drama and Music Festival

March 26-28
Women's Retreat

April 10
A.Y. Bible Bowl
(North and South)

April 11
Constituency Meeting
Meadow View

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NET '98 updates

Cherry Hill

Pastor Mike Gill

The Cherry Hill church, one of three churches in Pastor Mike Gill's district running NET '98, reported a positive outcome from the evangelistic series. Average attendance during the NET '98 series was approximately 55 adults and eight youth in the children's program.

Cherry Hill members supported the events, with 45 of them attending on a regular basis. Non-members/visitors averaged in at 10.

There was an increase on the weekends, according to Gill. "With more church members, we ended with 68 in the adult program and about 12 in the children's program. One Sabbath, we had 86 in attendance."

The Cherry Hill church baptized several people on December 5. A total of five individuals were preparing for the baptism.

Some of the responses were exciting. Says Gill: "When Dwight Nelson gave his first altar call, the first to respond from our church was a 16-year-old girl. That says multitudes for Dwight."

Gill estimates that the total number of baptisms will be five from Cherry Hill and two from Laurelwood (another church where Gill is pastor).

Gill is also excited about a re-baptism. "One of the five from Cherry Hill was previously an Adventist but had been away from the church for some time and no longer has membership anywhere."

"It amazed me to observe that the attendance actually increased as time went on," added Gill. "The support from members and the interest they had in this global event is wonderful."

How has NET '98 impacted your church? Send your stories to Kimberly Luste Maran at 5427 Twin Knolls Rd., Columbia, MD 21045. We want to hear from you!

We are at the threshold of a new millennium. People of all walks of life are hearing about the Y2K (year two thousand), and many are wondering how this will affect them. There are many different kits already on the market telling how to survive the Y2K, etc. People want to know what is going to happen in the future. It has always been that way. The disciples asked, "when will this happen? What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world" (Matthew 24:3, Contemporary English Version).

While the commission of "Go ye" is unchanged, the way we look to the future, in response to our vision, needs to be sharpened constantly to make sure we stay on course. God has a vision for His Church. It is important to ask ourselves the question, What would God want me to do? Leith Anderson, in his book *Dying for a Change*, wrote, "Because of the distortion caused by sin, it is impossible for us to see God without the corrective work of divine grace that enables us to see as God sees. Only when we see God as He is are we able to see the church as it could be."

Vision looks to the future, by nature. A product of imagination, sights and sounds of tomorrow. The Lord showed to the prophet Isaiah a vision of Himself in His temple, and what Israel could become in the future (Isaiah 6).

Shaping the vision—Let us begin!

Throughout the Old Testament, there are numerous accounts of the future glory of Israel.

Vision sees the way things could be. God is not satisfied with the status quo. He is out to change the status quo, to move us from dead center into motion towards our goals. God does not leave us the way we are when we come to Him. He changes us. Robert Kennedy, paraphrasing George Bernard Shaw, said, "There are some people who look at the way things are and ask, 'why?'; there are others who look at the way things could be and ask, 'why not?'"

It is fitting to reconsider our vision as we look forward to a major milestone in time—the ending and the beginning of a new millennium. Even though the task seems to be overwhelming, a statement from John F. Kennedy's inaugural address summarizes our thoughts on responsible change in the Church, "All this (His vision for America) will not be finished in the first one hundred days. Nor will it be finished in the first one thousand days, nor in the life of this administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin."

Let us begin!

DOWELL W. CHOW
President

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Spring releases from the Review and Herald and Pacific Press publishing associations are in!

Pick up the newest books by Morris Venden, Dwight K. Nelson, Celeste Perrino Walker and many more! And remember, March is "Music Month." Ask for your favorite cassette and/or CD today!



New Jersey Conference Pathfinders receive a \$10,000 gift

The New Jersey Conference Executive Committee voted to transport all our Pathfinders to Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the Discover the Power Camporee.

After a brief concern about helping our Pathfinders know how much the conference staff and executive committee members appreciate their service, ministry and evangelism efforts was voiced, a motion was voted to aid our youth for this very memorable event with a gift of \$10,000. This gift helps make the trip a reality.

Our youth in New Jersey are a high priority and concern, and we want to let all our youth leaders know how much we value their ministry for our young people. The Discover the Power Camporee, completely sold out, looks to be an event in which both leaders and youth can experi-

ence a good time with Jesus Christ and each other.

CARL RODRIGUEZ
Youth and Young Adults Director



Onward, Christian Soldiers!

Toms River Pathfinder Club earns award

The Toms River Christian Soldiers where chosen as the Pathfinder Club of the Year for 1997-98 in the entire

our heartfelt gratitude goes to our almighty God for achieving this.

We salute and congratulate the director, the staff and the Pathfinders. Keep up the good work!

Club collects for the needy

The excited voices of the Christian Soldiers

Pathfinder Club members and the Adventurer club members, plus the rustling of grocery bags, were the happy sounds emerging from the Toms River church as the youth loaded and unloaded bags full of clothing and canned goods collected during their annual can-collecting drive.

The group had collected canned goods and used clothing for Thanksgiving day to be distributed to the

homeless, elderly and underprivileged families around the area. This past fall, more than 300 canned items and more than 200 pieces of donated clothing were collected.

This food campaign is so vitally important because it provides for the needy while, at the same time, teaching the children to be more compassionate and concerned for others—a concept needed in today's society.

This is one of the most rewarding projects the Pathfinders and Adventurers are involved in. They exert a lot of effort to make the food drive remarkable and then get to see the harvest of their labor.

It is one powerful way to offer a helping hand to someone in need and has been a wonderful learning experience for those involved. The group is very thankful to the church and their neighbors for their heart-warming response to the drive and distribution.

MAYO SANZ SEVERINO
A.Y. Director and Associate Director of the Toms River Pathfinder Club



The Christian Soldiers pose for a group shot.

New Jersey Conference.

The club had met all the requirements and earned a total of 2,600 points, a perfect score. The group received the biggest trophy that was ever awarded by the conference.

We are so thankful to those who were (and are) involved, especially the parents and our church members for their unwavering support spiritually and financially. But most of all,

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

GSA

Allamuchy-Green first aid squad recognized

Garden State Academy and the Tranquility Seventh-day Adventist Church recognized the Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad at the church service on Sabbath, November 21, 1998. A plaque was presented to the squad in appreciation for their dedication and service to our church and school. Captain Lou Caruso, along with the other volunteers, attended church to accept this honor.

GSA recruiter Hebe Soares made the presentation. Pastor Brad Schleif came up with the idea when they were thinking of whom should be recognized for service to the community. Soares has first-hand knowledge of the dedication and caring of the first aid squad. This past summer, she was cooking for the Tranquil



Recruiter Hebe Soares presents an award of appreciation to Captain Lou Caruso of the Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad.

Valley Adventist Youth Camp when gas ignited from the stove and burned her hand severely.

The Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad was on the scene immediately. Manuela Rebeiro, one of the EMTs, was extremely comforting and helpful to Soares.

Both the church and the academy recognize their dependence on their community and have great respect and admiration for those who give of their time and talents so unselfishly.

BETH ANDERSON
Registrar

GSA

CUPS OF THE MONTH



... One Monday evening in December, Garden State Academy held its annual Christmas Banquet. This semi-formal banquet was coordinated by the boys club. There was special music by both the boys and girls clubs.

... The week of January 17 to 23 found students, staff and parents participating in the National Honor Society Culture Week. A different country was honored every day. Students and parents helped to prepare food from the featured countries.

The display case in the administration building became the focal point for faculty, staff and students as they anxiously awaited the displays of memorabilia, flags and music each morning. The students and staff found food especially delightful. The

week was capped off with a special Sabbath program featuring a Northeastern Conference Pathfinder Club. Pastor Trevor Baker (secretary of the Northeastern Conference) spoke for the divine worship.



... December 17th was an evening to remember in which staff, faculty and their families gathered to celebrate Christmas. They exchanged fun gifts and praised God for His love and watchful care this year.



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Potomac**

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POTOMAC CONFERENCE OF SDA

March 1999

Adult Ministries Training
Southeastern Region
Norfolk Church March 20

Adventist Community Services
Video Seminar
Norfolk Church March 21

Adult Ministries Training
Maryland/DC area
Sligo Elementary School March 27

Vacation Bible School Super
Day
Sligo Elementary School March 27

Executive Committee
Staunton March 31

SVA Concert Series
Easter Evensong April 3

Train the Trainer II (Children's
Ministries)
SVA April 9-11

Columbia Union College
Alumni Weekend April 9-11

Adventist Community Services
Video Seminar
New Market Church April 11

Education Administrator's
Council
General Conference April 13

Shenandoah Valley Academy
Alumni Weekend April 16-17

Disaster Response, Personal
Ministries and Stewardship
Training
Vienna Church April 17

Potomac Camp Meeting
SVA June 22-26

NAD commission looks at the 21st century

Dear Potomac Family:

I need to share with you important information about your conference. I urge you to read this report carefully and consider it prayerfully.

1998 was another outstanding year for soul-winning here in Potomac. Our pastors have again exceeded 1,000 baptisms, a goal we have achieved now for five of the past six years. The combined efforts of our ministers and laymen led to the establishment of 11 new churches last year, four Anglo and seven Spanish. We praise the Lord for this kingdom growth.

In spite of many good things, a number of challenges face our conference. Our conference committee has been working hard to address these issues. I need to share with you the challenges we face in our conference and in the North American Division.

First, let me thank all of you for your prayers, letters, cards and E-mails during the past months that I was on dialysis. On November 24, 1998, my niece, Dr. Shelli Cannon Hill of Morganton, North Carolina, gave me one of her kidneys. The operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore was a complete success. I no longer have

kidney failure. She has given me a new life. There is no way I can say "thank you" in person for your support, so please accept Jeanie's and my heartfelt thanks. I'm so thankful to God for the chance I have to again be able to give all my energies to the Lord's work. Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve you and Potomac. Roger Weiss and Kurt Allen, my fellow officers, carried a heavy load; and I am extremely thankful for their unselfish efforts to do double duty. Thank you all.

There are always challenges which a conference faces, and I am keenly aware of what they are. I want your careful attention as I address some of them. I do not consider challenges as problems. Challenges are problems only as they are ignored or allowed to fester and ferment. Your conference officers endeavor to have open ears to your suggestions. We want your written or oral reactions to this editorial.

The staffing formula of our conference is the first item that needs attention. It is generally ignored until it is time for pastoral or district realignment. Then it is equally disliked and attacked by laity and clergy alike. I know it. You know

it. And that needs to change. It is not healthy to be knocking a process that attempts to be fair in assessing and assigning the available personnel resources of the conference.

A bit of review. The staffing formula does not in any way tell us how many workers we need. The fact is that we need many more. We all know that. The formula simply addresses how we can be somewhat fair in assigning the number of workers we can afford.

The truth of the matter is that not all sections of the North American Division (NAD) have yet faced the necessity of developing such guidelines. All, however, will eventually because the cultural, economic and changing habits of Baby Boomers and X'ers are producing a changing Church. That's a hard fact for some Adventists to accept. Believe it or not, change is always present.

When I went to the Central California Conference on January 1, 1989, those forces had already hit the Southern California Conference and the Southeastern California Conference. In both of those conferences, large numbers of pastors were laid off with short termination notice. In Central

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we spent over six years rightsizing our pastoral staff, creating districts and redeploying workers so that we were able to avoid massive layoffs. All conferences in the NAD will have to give attention to this problem; and until the Division addresses the systemic problems, it will eventually happen everywhere.

When I left Potomac in 1985, we had 15,000 members and 80 pastoral full-time equivalents (FTEs). Nineteen years later, we have nearly 23,000 members and still have 80 FTEs. Tithe is simply not keeping up with inflation. The biggest problem with the formula is that in order to staff the growing segments of the conference, adjustments must be made in those areas where there is stagnation and negative growth. We will not abandon the idea of the strong helping the weak. As things now stand, we will be creating more three-church districts. Because we have many large churches, we have not had to have four- and five-church districts as they do in other parts of the NAD. Unless the Division-wide commission established at the 1998 Year-End Meeting finds us new monies for staffing at the local level, we will be creating even larger districts.

Recently, the conference committee voted that when single churches approach .50 on the staffing formula, they must come up with aggressive lay and pastoral-owned goals for reversing that trend quickly or face districting. By the time you read this, we will have the new numbers, and I will already be scheduling meetings with pastors and church boards to establish the mutually agreed on strategies to create improve-

ment of the church's standing on the formula. In the meantime, I have had to apologize to pastors who have had to wait for the help that outstanding growth demands. We are not adding additional staffing at 1.25 or 1.50, but only when the church shows signs of qualifying for two full pastors.

Now, let me address the current frustration level of our conference executive committee. Frankly, it is extremely high. Our committee is aggressively searching for solutions to the shrinking tithe dollar. A subcommittee of seven Executive Committee members have made bold recommendations, and the committee has forwarded them to the union. In turn, the union has sent our requests to the NAD. The NAD has established a division-wide committee to recommend what can be done to redirect funds to the local church level for the upbuilding of our division which has only 800,000 of the 10 million plus Adventists worldwide. This division provides, by far, the majority of the Church's funding. Another problem that must be addressed is the complicated process of money flowing up and back down and a system of Church finance which is difficult even for Church leaders to explain. Many Church members don't understand how it works and have become cynical about it.

Actually, I have begun to address two major problems: the frustration level of our committee and the proposed committee the NAD has approved to study the Church financial structure. Let's talk a bit more about the frustration of our executive committee. Our committee members have gone over our conference finances with a fine-tooth comb. Few unallocated funds exist. Much of the total

expense of the conference is salary related. Very little is spent in areas such as programming or departmental expense. The only significant funds that could be redeployed are the one percent now assigned to the literature ministry and the assets of, and operational costs of, Camp Blue Ridge. Both are under strenuous review. Our recent Blue Ribbon Educational Commission even designated that percentages of the unallocated trust maturities automatically go to the educational budget. All three of these pockets of funding are under review and will be debated at the upcoming town hall meetings. Changes will be recommended to be voted on by our spring constituency meeting.

I believe that we are going to all become frustrated in this process. The fact is that we need more funds for both the education budget and the hiring of more pastors. The debate will happen. Whatever we decide will become conference policy. The real solution is finding new funding for local growth.

Now, more about the NAD commission. Rumors abound that Potomac has or may threaten to withhold tithe funds if relief is not forthcoming. No such action has been taken.

Frankly, the idea has crossed many minds. Constituents report to the administration that such suggestions have even been made by some of our pastors. Let me make something crystal clear. Our committee has committed to work with the NAD to find ways to bring us relief. You need to know that I personally will not support the withholding of Tithe. I believe our constituents will

not vote such an action. I strongly recommend that all of you very carefully read the report in a recent *Review* of the discussion at the NAD establishing the study commission. The people debating the commission were highly informed lay members, pastors and administrators. I could not believe the tenor of much of the debate. Many openly expressed the need for tithe being available for local funding. I don't believe that our church will or should move away from our long held position that tithe is for the work of ministry and operational funds should come from sacrificial giving above the sacred Tithe.

Where should the relief come from? My position is that it should come from a reduction of levels of Church governance--the possible combining of unions. Conferences and unions merging into a new entity called a union conference. This is an important concept because the NAD would have greater strength, power and influence in the world Church if there were more union conferences. Our Church reorganized at the beginning of the 20th century. What excuse can we give to not reorganize at the beginning of the 21st century? Times have changed. Reduced cost as a reduction of people working at administrative levels is being demanded by laity everywhere in the NAD.

What other factors MUST be addressed by the commission? High on the list is the abandonment by many in the Church of the

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Tazewell, Virginia, church offers special service for those hurting during Christmas

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without loved family members who have recently died. It could be the pain of broken relationships, the insecurity of job loss or the weariness of ill health. It may be a time that has always been difficult. This can be especially painful in the midst of the celebrating that surrounds these people. For those reasons, the Tazewell, Virginia, church offered a special "Longest Night" service to the community on Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it), was invited.

The service lasted about 45 minutes. The theme of the simple service was to show that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. It included sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture and music acknowledging that God's presence is for those who mourn and struggle. The short service was followed by a brief time of light refreshments and fellowship.

Although the attendance could have been greater, everyone who did come said they were blessed and comforted by the service. They encouraged the church members to repeat it next year. The decision to do the service was made only the week before it was to occur, so time for publicizing the program was limited. Members of the local ministerial association were enthusiastic about the service, and most of them announced it to their respective congregations. Unfortunately, the announcement came one day

before the service was to be held. These ministers reported that in Tazewell, any



new activity has low attendance for the first year.

Without exception, the ministers also said that the community has a need for this type of worship service, and they felt the attendance will increase next year. The program will be repeated on Tuesday, December 21, 1999 with much ear-

lier and wider advertisement.

Even a small church can offer such a worship service to its community. Tazewell has about 10 active members, four of whom decorated the church and conducted the service. Two others baked cookies. A choir director and organist from a local church provided the music, including bringing a child to sing a solo.

**SUBMITTED BY
HENRY C. MILLER,
TAZEWELL, VA**

Welcome to Denton Grady - new youth director for Potomac

The Potomac Conference is pleased to welcome Denton L. Grady as its new youth director. Pastor Grady comes to us from beautiful Hawaii where he served in the same capacity, along with other responsibilities, for the past four years.

Why, you ask, would someone want to move from Hawaii? "I had completed the goals I had set and was ready for a new challenge," he says. His experience in coordinating Pathfinders, youth and young adult activities, camporees, fairs, Bible camps, mission trips and summer camps is going to energize and strengthen the youth work in the Potomac Conference.

"Kids are capable of incredible things! By the grace of God, I endeavor to empower young people to discover and use their God-given talents for divine ministry and service," Grady explains. When asked how he relates to kids, he lowers his head and thinks for a moment: "Up front, honest and direct, give them the

benefit of the doubt. Respect them. Treat them the way I liked to be treated. Nothing special."

Growing up as the son of missionary parents, Grady spent his formative years, ages 6-11, in South America, mostly in Brazil and along the Amazon River. Because of the high level of activity in the church and outdoors; he remembers them as happy years. Maybe this is how he developed his pleasant, laid-back disposition; or maybe the air by the Amazon River helped him grow. He is a big man at six feet three inches tall. Educated in the states, Denny graduated from Monterey Bay Academy and Pacific Union College. He received his master of divinity degree from Andrews University. Along with English, he speaks Portuguese and Spanish.



A year or so after graduation from the seminary, he noticed a pretty, dark-haired girl named Cyndee. She wouldn't give him the time of day. So, wise man that he is, he got a friend to invite her to join a group going on a mission trip. You guessed it! He was part of the group. As the saying goes, the rest is history. The Gradys have two sweet little girls: Nicole, age 3 and Noel, age 3 months.

**CAROL ANDERSON,
SECRETARY
YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

Camp Blue Ridge: more than fun and games

When was the last time that you spent an entire week of real quality time with your teenage son or daughter?

"Who do you think you're kidding? I don't have time for that in my busy schedule ... And besides, what would I do for a whole week with my teenager? I don't have the money to go anywhere special. I thought summer camp was just for kids, anyway."

Yes, summer camps were started years ago for the kids. They provided a safe place for youth to spread their wings, make new friends and become a little independent from Mom and Dad. It gave Mom and Dad a break for a few days. But now, our families have too many breaks from each other, our kids are taught independence too young, and most teens would not

include their parents on their list of friends. The need is not for a chance to 'get away', but to "come together."

This summer, Camp Blue Ridge has taken this need seriously. Designed into the summer camp schedule is a week that is for teens and their parents: mother/daughter, father/son or even mother/son, etc. Whether you choose our golf, horse, canoe/whitewater or wilderness adventure outpost, the emphasis is on re-connecting with your teenager in an atmosphere cleared of the demands of jobs, church and friends.

Replace the sounds of ringing phones, faxes and cellular calls with the sounds of streams, birds and laughter. Make eye contact with your teen at a breakfast shared with the squirrels and chipmunks, rather than over the morning paper. Instead of gathering in front of the TV

in the evening to watch your favorite show, gather around the campfire, singing and sharing what Jesus really means in your life.

O.K. It sounds good. But how can I afford it? Because we believe in the irreplaceable value of this experience, we

CAMP BLUE RIDGE 1999

Living on the Edge! Adventure Camp

Adventure Quest	June 20-27	(ages 7-11)
Adventure Camp	June 27-July 4	(ages 7-10)
Junior Camp		(ages 10-12)
Junior I	July 4-11	
Junior II	July 11-18	
Teen Camps		(ages 12-17)
Ski I	June 20-27	
Ski II	June 27-July 4	
Ski III	July 4-11	
Canoe/Whitewater	July 11-18	
Golf	June 27-July 4	
Horse I	June 20-27	
Horse II	June 27-July 4	
Horse III	July 4-11	
Horse IV	July 11-18	
Ultimate Quest	July 18-25	
Parent/Teen Camps	July 18-25	

For more information, please call
(888) RING CBR or (540) 377-2413.

Ways to show your teenager you really care

Be yourself
Help them discover new things
Look in their eyes when you talk to them
Listen to them
Laugh together
Tell them their feelings are O.K.
Be honest
Delight in their discoveries
Be relaxed
Tell them how terrific they are
Use your ears more than your mouth
Find common interests
Apologize when you've done something wrong
Keep the promises you make
Point out what you like about them
Ask for their opinions
Have fun together
Tell them how much you like being with them
Believe in them
Be flexible
Delight in their uniqueness
Let them teach you
Daydream with them

are making it available for just \$60 more for both of you than it would be for just a teen to attend camp for one week. If both parents want to come, it's \$120 more. We challenge you to go anywhere and get lodging and food for a week for just \$60!! And when you look at how much your child means to you, how can you not afford it?

Twenty years from now it won't matter who was in the White House or what was on TV, or where you were on the information superhighway. But you will re-

member a lake, a campfire or a moment of discovery in the woods, and you'll know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the only thing that really mattered was this time you set aside to spend with your child.

For more information, please call us at (540) 377-2413 or (888)-RING CBR, or E-mail us at campblueridge@compuserve.com. We'll be happy to send you a brochure or answer your questions.

**SUBMITTED BY
BONNY MUSGRAVE
CAMP BLUE RIDGE
SUMMER CAMP
DIRECTOR**

Celebrating 100 years of praise and service

Community Praise Center, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alexandria, Virginia 1899 - 1999

The year was 1899; the day, October 21. Alexandria Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially organized with seven adult members.

One year later, at the turn of the century, three more members were added. During this two-year period, six of the ten members contributed a total of \$14.82 in tithes and offerings.

One hundred years later, Alexandria SDA Church—better known as Community Praise Center, or "CPC"—has 463 members, with a record-breaking tithe and offering base of over one million dollars! To God be the glory!

Our heritage is rich in Adventist history. Pastors have come and gone. The church's address has changed numerous times; but after 100 years, the "three angels' message" is still being preached in Alexandria.

So, here we are in 1999, ready to embrace a new century, a new millennium. Have we truly made a difference in Al-

exandria in our lifetime? Are we as committed as our founding fathers to maintain an Adventist presence here?

What about you? What are you doing to ensure you are an integral part of spreading God's message in and around Alexandria? We must now be even more committed as we see the time approaching of Christ's soon return.

As we celebrate "100 Years of Praise and Service of Seventh-day Adventists in Alexandria, Virginia," let us be just as committed to serving the surrounding community so that we may continue to praise God for a harvest of new souls "in this generation."

Come, join us during our Centennial Celebration in 1999.

CPC Celebration Activities in 1999

April 10	Founder's Day; All members come to church in 19th-century clothing
Spring Concert	To be announced
July 17	Drama on Adventist History
September 18	Concert—Larnell Harris / CPC Mass Choir; Hylton Memorial Chapel
October 16-23	Centennial Celebration Week
October 23	Centennial Banquet

For further information, please contact: Wanda Jenkins at 301.292.3855.

Sligo eighth-graders dress the part

When Sligo Adventist School's eighth-graders visited Colonial Williamsburg this fall, they fooled many of the regular tourists who thought they were cast members and part of the city's re-enactment program. In fact, many tourists stopped the students to engage them in conversation while having their pictures taken.

Prior to boarding buses to take their social studies tour to Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown, the students and parents outfitted them much like colonial young people would have



dressed in the capital city of Virginia. Paul Copiz, social studies teacher, joined his students in the project.

Japanese intern teacher spends year at Sligo

Yukiyo Nakamura, a 25-year-old Japanese intern, has joined the Sligo Adventist School faculty for this school year. She is gaining greater fluency in speaking and understanding English while she shares elements of the Japanese language and culture with Sligo students.

Miss Nakamura is the daughter of a bank employee. She and her family live in Ichikawa, a suburb of Tokyo. Nakamura hopes to use her increased proficiency in English to translate English literature into Japanese.

When she was interviewed, Nakamura said she was surprised that the freedoms enjoyed by American children are dramatically different from the school routines in her homeland. While she is accustomed to a stricter approach to schooling, Nakamura does believe that American children enjoy school more



than do their Japanese counterparts.

"Americans are friendly and generous," says Nakamura. She also wondered at the immense size of the United States of America. A part of the work she does in the Sligo school includes helping children to understand Japan and its customs.

**CLARENCE DUNBEBIN,
ASSOCIATE
SUPERINTENDENT
OF EDUCATION**

concept of disinterested benevolence. Our leaders have responded to the changing interest of Boomers and X'ers to give to projects. If the conclusion of the commission is that we have to have it both ways--disinterested benevolence for the older members and project giving for the younger ones--then we have to be honest and say so and count results together. Right now, the higher levels of the Church actively promote project giving and clearly expect that traditional patterns of giving continue as well.

There may be huge institutional resistance to reduce levels of organization and numbers of unions and conferences. "One possible reason for the resistance could be concern about people losing their jobs" A simple solution is that no one would lose his or her position. All existing employees would be retained. The first savings

would come from reductions of offices and facilities. The second stage of savings would come as, by attrition, employees are re-assigned to the front line.

I truly hope that the money made available to the local church level for expanded growth in the NAD be used to fund additional pastors, youth pastors, more teachers and even stipends for pastors' wives who are capable and available to assist in ministry. A careful look should be given to the use of Tithe funds for full- or part-time church secretaries and treasurers. I hope our church never abandons the concept of Tithe for the support of ministry and additional offerings for church expense, buildings and programming.

Now, I am going to talk a little bit about Tithing and Tithe promotion. Those who live from the tithe have a clear obligation to return a faithful Tithe through the

system voted by the Church and the responsibility to teach our members to do the same. I can remember well the time early in my ministry when new members coming into the Church could and often did easily move into Tithe returning by the monies saved by life- style changes--quitting smoking, gambling, alcohol use and entertainments. Today, there is an even larger source of funding for Tithe and offerings I speak of the huge volume of consumer debt, especially credit cards, that enslave our members and too many clergy. I recommend our Church Ministries Director Chris Kober's seminars, which clearly show the way for many members to be freed from interest costs and thereby join again those who reap the blessing of God that comes from sacrificial giving.

A final word of hopefulness about the NAD commission. I have great

confidence in the combined resourcefulness of lay and denominational leaders who will have the challenge of forging a change in the funding for a revived NAD. There will be a great effort to say, "The problem is not financial but spiritual. Call on our members to be sacrificial and spiritual, and our financial problems will be solved." We need that emphasis. But the aforementioned systemic, cultural and complicated policy issues must be addressed as well. Frankly, I am urgently praying that my Church and its leaders will take seriously the issues raised by Potomac. I have served the Church loyally for nearly 39 years. I do not want to face increased frustration among constituents for relief that can and must be found. Change will take place. Our church is truly a *worldwide* movement and not just a local church. My dream is that the worldwide Church will see that a strong local church will maintain a strong world church.

If you wish to know more about Potomac's aggressive plans to be positive about the future of our Church, I invite all interested members of the Potomac Conference to attend the town hall meetings that will be held in eight locations throughout our conference prior to our mid-term constituency meeting. Let the delegates from your church who will be representing you at the April constituency know how you feel about these issues.

All of us can and need to be in prayer that God will guide us and our leaders as we give input to the revitalization of our beloved Church.

HERB BROECKEL
PRESIDENT

POTOMAC CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS SCHEDULE OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Sunday, March 21	10:00 a.m.	Wytheville, VA
Sunday, March 21	6:00 p.m.	Lynchburg, VA
Saturday, March 27	6:00 p.m.	Burnt Mills (Silver Spring)
Sunday, March 28	10:00 a.m.	Capital Spanish (Washington, DC)
Sunday, March 28	3:00 p.m.	Vienna, VA
Saturday, April 3	6:00 p.m.	New Market, VA
Saturday, April 10	7:00 p.m.	Norfolk, VA Church
Sunday, April 11	10:00 a.m.	Patterson Ave. (Richmond, VA)

Shenandoah Valley Academy

happenings

WORK TAKES ON A NEW MEANING AT SVA

For most parents today the bottom line is clear—Adventist secondary education is becoming less and less affordable. Considering this fact, it is more imperative than ever that our schools provide work opportunities for their students to help reduce families' out-of-pocket costs. Beyond this practical rationale, another primary reason our denomination established schools which offer work for students is to teach the value of a positive work ethic.

During its ninety-year history, Shenandoah Valley Academy has consistently presented a work/study program. However, in recent years, SVA's emphasis upon work responsibility has

taken on new meaning. Currently, the academy's excellent work program strives to elevate work ethics by teaching students habits of promptness, responsibility, productivity, and team work. As a result, student employees are left feeling satisfied with their accomplishments, refreshed physically and mentally, and gratified having defrayed a portion of their tuition.

Credibility for SVA's work program was boosted when students began earning academic credit beginning the '98-99 school year for working at SVA Recycling, the Food Service, and SVA Bindery. Earned



"I have worked at Box Factory for two years, and it has given me many skills and experiences that I will need later in life. It's a good place to work and still be able to socialize and keep up with your friends."

KC Schneider, four-year senior



"This is my first year at Box Factory, and I find that the supervisors and wages are great. Working at the Box Factory helped me to realize that you can talk to adults and they will listen to you. I love working at Box because of the people, but also because I make approximately \$10 per hour piece rate, which helps out a lot on my school bill."

Heidi Young, junior

credits count as elective units toward the three different diplomas available to students. While most students pursue the college preparatory and honors diplomas, every student desiring work, including those on the standard diploma track, can be employed.

The intended result of SVA's work/study program for credit is a healthy respect for the dignity of work

and pride in a job well done. Students are evaluated by their employer on the effectiveness of their work, and a work report is placed in their official file. A student who receives an "A" work grade and has a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, can receive a matching scholarship of 50 percent of their earnings each month.

Clearly, SVA Recycling is a God-given blessing to the academy, making it possible for many students to attend SVA who would be unable to otherwise. At the recycling plant, a worker can earn an average of \$2,500 each year working three hours per

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Shenandoah Valley Academy

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WORK TAKES ON A NEW MEANING AT SVA (continued from page 43)

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day. Currently, with between 60 and 70 student employees SVA Recycling's student employees while working on piece rate, have an earning range between minimum wage and \$11.50 per hour. The average hourly wage earned is \$6.25 per hour. With parental permission, those working at a school industry can receive cash on 10 percent of their monthly earnings. Additional earning opportunities are available for students during home-leaves and vacations. A full summer work program is also offered to students.

For employment and financial information, please contact Daryl Hevener, vice-principal for financial services at (540) 740-3161 Ext. 201.

"This is my first year at Box Factory. Because you get paid by piece rate here, I am able to make up to \$11 or \$12 an hour. This pays for a big portion of my school bill. If I did not work at Box Factory I probably wouldn't be able to attend SVA. The supervisors at Box are really friendly and flexible.

Reed Richardi, junior



"This is my first year at Shenandoah Valley Academy. I am glad that I am able to work at the Box Factory, if I didn't work at Box, I may not have the opportunity to receive a good Christian education or be here at SVA with all my friends. The supervisors, Wendy and Herb, are caring, kind, and supportive of you, and you can talk to them as a friend. You can also make good wages, I make approximately \$10 per hour, and occasionally when they have 100% cash days, some students make over \$100. It is a great learning experience!!"

Katie Marcussen, freshman

SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY UPCOMING EVENTS

**SVA's 90th Alumni Anniversary
Celebration**

April 16 - 18

SVA Academy Days

May 2 - 3

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Chesapeake *Challenge*

YOUR CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER • MARCH 1999



President's Focus

Have you ever stopped to think that the "law of supply and demand" works in the spiritual realm, too?! It is not a question of resources because the supply is inexhaustible—God's grace is limitless, and He is not a reluctant giver. Not only is God not reluctant, He is always taking the initiative to bless us. And the person who does not receive from God, won't. It is certainly not a problem of supply.

Nor is it a problem of demand. The world is filled with need. The consumer potential for God's resources is everywhere all the time. Wherever you look, you can see desperate need for that which only God has to offer. Many do not recognize this need, but that is not the basic problem. It is not a question of supply. It is not a question of demand. The real problem is "distribution."

The question is how to bring God's supply and man's need together. YOU are the key. God's method is YOU. Every Seventh-day Adventist Christian is where he or she is because God wants to use him or her right there as a point of distribution. God wants to bless other people through your life—right where you live and work and play and socialize. He wants to work through you, but He can do this only if you are willing to be available—willing to yield your life as a channel for the river of His blessings to flow to others.

I hope you will plan to spend time with us this June at our annual spiritual encampment—camp meeting. We are going to focus on God's spiritual distribution plan. We will have a program that inspires, encourages, enlightens and trains us for bringing together God's supply and man's need.

Chesapeake *Challenge*

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Wilmington youth trains for Olympics in 2006

Sixteen-year-old Jason Fedusenko is a very gifted young man. And while his scholastic achievements have placed him in the National Honor Society, his real notoriety comes from the two steel blades on the bottom of his feet. For four hours each day, Jason is to be found on ice—practicing his figure skating routine. And although he has only been seriously training for the past three years, he recently placed third at the Eastern Regional Pairs Competition. He now is waiting for an invitation to the Junior National Pairs Competition. And the true goal of this remarkable young man is to skate on the U.S. Olympic team in 2006. His coach, Ron Luddington, a former world champion and Olympic Bronze Medalist, believes Jason is Olympic quality.

Members of the West Wilmington church have followed Jason with keen interest. This young man's dedication to the Lord has not gone unnoticed. Members now assist with some of the expenses involved in his pursuit. On at least two occasions, Jason has asked tournament referees to change competition from Saturday to another day due to his firm convictions about Sabbath keeping. To the shock of his coach and friends, the changes have been made. "They don't know the God I serve," said Jason in response to their disbelief.

Jason's long-term goals involve helping young people. When not at the ice rink or studying for classes, Jason volunteers at a local community service center as a tutor. If his obvious skating talents allow him a good measure of financial success, he hopes to open centers for young people from broken and low-income homes. Somehow, you just know that with Jason and his God, anything is possible.



CAMP MEETING RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Members:

We are attempting to be as fair as possible in the housing assignments for this June's camp meeting. Please keep in mind the following important points as you make your application:

1. Reservations are handled on a first-come, first-served basis according to the postmark on the envelope. (Applications that are hand delivered will be hand stamped with the date as if it had been postmarked that day.)
2. No reservations will be accepted postmarked before **April 15, 1999**.
3. ALL money is due with the reservation form.

Every year, the demand for housing exceeds the supply. We make every attempt to accommodate the wishes of the constituent members while maintaining as fair a process as possible. Where we are unable to meet your expectations or desires, we are sorry.

RESERVATION FORM CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING June 15-19, 1999

QUANTITY	ITEM	PRICES	TOTAL
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DORMITORY ROOMS

GIRLS' DORM—ADULTS ONLY (18 years and older)

_____	Girls' Dormitory (1st floor - men's restrooms)	\$70.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Girls' Dormitory (2nd floor - ladies' restrooms)		
_____	Girls' Dormitory (3rd floor - ladies' restrooms)		

BOYS' DORM—FAMILIES & ADULTS

_____	Boys' Dormitory (1st floor - ladies' restrooms)		
_____	Boys' Dormitory (2nd floor - men's restrooms)		
_____	Boys' Dormitory (3rd floor - ladies's restrooms)		
	\$5.00/night each additional person		\$ _____

NO COOKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE ROOMS. No bedding or curtains are furnished. Dorm rooms must be rented for the full time. There must be two persons in the room. Third and fourth persons will be \$5.00 per night per person.

TENTS

(Tents available in trailer area only)

_____	Tent w/concrete floor & electricity or	\$ 30.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/concrete floor & electricity	10.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Single cot with mattress	3.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding table	1.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding chair	.50 each	\$ _____

BUNKHOUSES

_____	Cedar Bunkhouse	\$ 35.00/5 nights or	\$ _____
_____	Walnut Bunkhouse	10.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Single cot with mattress	3.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding table	1.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding chair	.50 each	\$ _____

NO COOKING IN THE BUNKHOUSES. You may cook outside of the building.

PERSONAL TENTS

_____	Space for your own personal tent or	\$ 15.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Space for your own personal tent	5.00/night	\$ _____
	(With use of shower rooms)		

TRAILERS

_____	Length of trailer _____ ft.		
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water, sewer or	\$ 50.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water, sewer	15.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water or	45.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space w/electricity, water	10.00/night	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space without hookups or	20.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space without hookups	5.00/night	\$ _____

CABIN UNITS

_____	Youth cabin unit with electricity	\$80.00/5 nights	\$ _____
_____	Folding table	1.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Folding chair	.50 each	\$ _____

Minimum of 4 persons per unit. **NO COOKING IN THE CABIN UNITS!** (Cabin units must be rented for the full 5 nights).

PAYMENT IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION! Reservations must **not be postmarked before April 15, 1999**, and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Refunds will be made on cancellations *only* if they are made before June 1, 1999. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE OF SDA.**

MAIL TO:	Chesapeake Conference Locating Committee	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ _____
	6600 Martin Road		
	Columbia, MD 21044		

NAME _____ HOME CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(It is MOST important that we have your FULL address with zip code and home church.)



Russell says farewell to Chesapeake

Rick Russell has accepted the invitation of the Carolina Conference to serve as its treasurer. He assumes his new role full-time as of April 1. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, the conference has 99 churches and a membership of more than 13,000. It is considered one of the most stable conferences within the North American Division.

Rick has served in Chesapeake for nearly 15 years—the first dozen as an assistant and then associate treasurer before being elected treasurer three years ago. We are greatly saddened by the loss to our team, but we rejoice for Rick in this new opportunity for professional advancement. Rick's wife, Kathy, who teaches at Spencerville Adventist Academy, will finish out the school year before joining him in Charlotte.

It is the consensus of those who have worked closely with Rick over these past years that he has always performed most ably in his role in treasury and by his kind, steady, open and thoughtful approach to money management has been a positive influence on the continued growth of the conference.

The fact that the profile drawn up by the Executive Committee looks remarkably similar to Rick Russell is no accident. The personnel committee is hard at work to find someone who possesses good interpersonal skills, with the ability to relate to all age groups; one who is a strong supporter of Christian education at all levels; one who brings significant experience to the job; one who has good money management skills; one who is a team player; and one who has vision and the ability to plan for the long-range needs of the conference.

Chesapeake bids farewell to faithful stewards and to good friends. And says "Thank You" for the ministry you performed while among us.

Chesapeake singles sail on

The Chesapeake Chapter of the Adventist Singles Ministry sponsored a cruise to the Bahamas aboard the Carnival Cruise Ship *Fantasy* January 21-24. Thirty singles and three sponsoring couples enjoyed the good food and fellowship, as well as warm, sunny days and a little sea sickness—but not enough to ruin the cruise. The cruise was from Port Canaveral, Florida, to Nassau in the Bahamas.

There were singles (and couples) from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas who joined in the fun. Besides all the contests, shops and shows available on the ship, the shops in Nassau, and swimming in the clear turquoise ocean, we all enjoyed the worships provided each morning and evening for our group by Rob Vandeman and Al Watson. We also had other interested people listening in on these worship sessions. Sabbath was a full day at sea, with a Sabbath school program of lesson study, Bible Balderdash with a very convincing panel of bluffers, and then church service. A Bible study by Howard Bankes and relationship seminar by Jan Kinnard were provided in the early afternoon.

We arrived back in Port Canaveral, Florida, on Sunday, and then each one was

headed back to his/her home territory. The photo below shows most of our group. Everyone really enjoyed the time together, especially the good food—enough to possibly do this type of trip again in October.

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March 19-21

Pathfinder Camporee
Pocahontas, Pennsylvania

April 2-11

Elementary School Spring Break

April 9-11

MV Training Retreat for children/
youth and family ministries
Valley Vista Adventist Center
Huttonsville, West Virginia

April 18

School Administrators Focus on
Excellence

May 16-19

Outdoor School
Valley Vista Adventist Center

Mark your calendar now!

Camp Meeting 1999 "Hope for Tomorrow" June 18-26

Valley Vista Adventist Center
Huttonsville, West Virginia

We hope to see you there!

Planning ahead

Valley Vista Summer Camps

June 27-July 4

Lifeguard Camp/Staff Training

July 4-11

Adventure Camp

July 11-18

Junior Camp

July 18-25

Teen Camp

July 25-August 1

Extreme Camp

Valley Vista Adventist Center

August 10-14

Pathfinder Camporee

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

President's Viewpoint: A father's love

As I write this, I'm sitting at my desk in my study at home. Above, I see a picture of my late father smiling down at me. My, how he loved me. He often told me so.

I also see a picture of Marty and me with our two grown sons. My, how I love them. I tell them of my love each time we talk on the phone and every time we're together. We hug each other and enjoy being together.

Our heavenly Father IS love. He has gone to great lengths to tell of His love in His Word. He has demonstrated His love by giving His Son. "For God so loved ... that He gave His only begotten Son,"—*John 3:16*. We hear that read or quoted, and we appreciate it, but do we really understand the depths of His love? Can we?

Perhaps a story will help.

Many years ago, a steamship was wrecked on Lake Pontchartrain near New Orleans, on which were a father, mother and their six children. The father was a strong, stalwart man and a very good swimmer. He resolved to get them all to land or die trying. He told his children not to be afraid, that he would come for them. He then jumped overboard, and his wife jumped after him. He took her by the hair and began to swim for shore. Although the breakers were heavy, he landed her safely on the shore. He then plunged back into the mad waves and went back to the ship for the children. One by one, he brought them to their mother on shore. Only one remained upon the ship. The devoted father didn't have the strength to stand up when he had brought the next to last safely to shore. People on the shore begged him not to try and go back again. He looked them straight in the eye and said: "Jimmy's on that ship, and I promised to come for him." He struggled back through the waves to the ship, and just as it was about to go down, he called for Jimmy to jump into the water.

As Jimmy splashed into the water, this loving father only had enough strength to reach out and pull his son to his chest. Those once-strong arms were now exhausted and, with his son hugged tightly to his chest, they sank together to rise no more. Such is the love of a father. "As the Father hath loved me, even so have I loved you," said Jesus.

Yes, the rugged cross and the nails brought Jesus great pain, but He could bear that more easily than the pain of losing any one of us, His children. Oh, how to understand a father's love! Don't try to comprehend it, just accept it with thanksgiving.



Randy Murphy
President

A new look!

Have you noticed the new look to our newsletter? *Mountain Viewpoint*, formerly the *Mountain View Challenge*, has a new name and format thanks to the capable work of our conference communication director, Cheri Hawkins. We're most grateful that she accepted the Lord's call to be a part of our ministry team in Mountain View a year ago. Perhaps you've seen our "camera lady" taking pictures at your church, at camp meeting, etc. She stands up to many Church leaders in the pulpit ... with her camera! As communication director, she is responsible for compiling, often writing and providing layout and design for the *Viewpoint*, as well as submitting articles and pictures to the *Visitor* for publication. She is anxious to work with church communication representatives



Cheri Hawkins

in building rapport with the community through news stories via radio, TV, newspapers, etc.

Hawkins is a graduate of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, and later from the University of Tennessee in Collegedale. Previous to her work here, she was employed as a secretary in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference office. She has excellent computer capabilities and finds fulfillment in using her skills to enhance communication in the Church and community. Her leisure time activities include reading, walking, most sports and making new friends.

Besides being communication director, she serves as secretary to the conference president and treasurer. She enjoys working with a variety of challenges in the conference and its ministries through each church and is looking forward to getting better acquainted with new friends across Mountain View.

KINGSLEY WHITSETT
Conference Secretary

News & Views

The **Clarksburg, Fairmont and Grafton** churches recently welcomed a new pastor to the district. Tim Eberhardt, his wife, Cheryl, and their two children come to Mountain View from Manchester, Kentucky, where Tim was chaplain of Memorial Hospital's home health agency. He fills the vacancy left when Richard Perkins took a leave of absence from pastoral ministry.

Glenville members are reaching out to their community through personal contacts. Involvement in nondenominational Bible study and sharing the health message through nutrition and cooking classes are yielding positive feedback.

The **Spencer** church met its Ingathering goal for 1998. Members visited all business establishments in six weeks, introducing them to the World Service Appeal. Contacts appreciated their visits, with many giving generous offerings.

Members of the **Spencer** church helped in organizing a community Christmas program held at the Minnora Community Center in Calhoun County. This narration of the birth of Christ was attended by more than 40 people, most of whom were non-Adventists. Other activities of the Spencer church include sunshine bands to a local nursing home, an active Bible correspondence school and youth involvement in Sabbath school.

The **Indian Creek** school presented a program entitled "What Child Is This?" during the Christmas holiday. Advertised in local newspapers, on local radio stations and a cable television channel, the program was a success, and the performance was soul-moving. It uplifted Christ and the Christian experience.



Cumberland school children are "Mountain View Stars." They and their teacher, Vera Goff, were featured in the conference-wide video introducing Arm in Arm, the conference's new offering initiative focusing on children and youth and evangelism. Arm in Arm replaces Conference Advance. Above: Cameraman David Brillhart (right) captures Cumberland school students on film for the Arm in Arm video.

Pathfinders go skiing and enjoy fellowship

Pathfinders from across Mountain View met at Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, West Virginia, for a fun weekend of skiing and fellowship.

Early Friday morning, it was rise and shine, then off to the ski slopes of the Timberline Ski Resort in central West Virginia. Those who wished to obtain ski lessons from the ski school did so, and the rest of the day was spent on the slopes skiing and snowboarding. The day was perfect, with bright sunshine, warm temperatures and nicely groomed trails.

At four o'clock, it was time to clear the slopes and head back to Valley Vista for a hearty supper and vespers with guest speaker Lincoln Steed, editor of *Listen* magazine. He gave thrilling experiences from the Bible, relating them to personal experiences and other material such as *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Sabbath was a day "to come apart and rest awhile," communing with God and fellowshiping with one another. Sabbath school was led by Mark Remboldt, conference treasurer and a Pathfinder parent, followed by Lincoln Steed presenting the worship service and the afternoon and evening meetings. The fellowship continued into the evening with games and activities in the gymnasium.

After a good night's rest followed by a hearty breakfast, the Mountain View Conference Pathfinder director, Lauri Aho, concluded the weekend of activities.

LAURI AHO
Conference Pathfinder Director

Help wanted!

The children and youth in the Mountain View Conference have reason to smile as plans are in place whereby 50 percent of Arm in Arm funds will benefit them directly in the coming months. Arm in Arm was launched in January in response to member input relative to future conference evangelism.

We want to see an army of youth "rightly trained" and dedicated to providing the necessary tools to empower their leaders and teachers.

Throughout 1999, several events are scheduled that will bring us closer to our goal, but the success of these events is dependent on your participation and your local church evangelism plans.

To begin the process, members can meet together to garner a census of every possible child or teen in their church and community. Names of every child, grandchild, niece, nephew, Vacation Bible School attendee, etc., are needed. Once those names are processed, plans can then be initiated to seek outreach to fit their needs.

Churches are asked to sponsor all who are involved in these two departments at training events scheduled at Valley Vista Adventist Center April 9-12 and again September 9-12 at a North American Division-sponsored, union-wide convention in Hagerstown, Maryland.

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FERYL HARRIS
Children's Ministries Director



From left: Michael, Matthew and John Ruediger portray the shepherds prior to the angel's arrival during the Christmas program put on by the Indian Creek school.

Strengthening Mountain View ministry

What a privilege it was for our pastors to attend a two-day pastoral workshop on preaching not long ago at Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, West Virginia! Frank Ottati, ministerial director for the Columbia Union, was the presenter of this vital area of ministry for every pastor. Since this is an area of ministry that God uses to reach the hearts of people and change lives through His Spirit, our good pastors are anxious for new thoughts and ideas to enhance their preaching skills. Step by step, Ottati demonstrated how pastors can make their sermons Christ-centered and Bible-centered. He led the group in taking a passage of Scripture and creatively developing it into a theme and sermon that would arrest the attention of the people, meet our everyday needs through the Word and bring about changed lives by His grace.

Also at this meeting, the pastors discussed the need of helping to establish new members in the Lord Jesus, in His truth and in His Church. This process is to help prevent people from coming into the Church and, shortly thereafter, leaving it and God's message of love. Too often, these new believers are not integrated into the Church family nor involved in the ministries of the Church and lose their way. The conference introduced a new "Spiritual Partner Plan" that was then enhanced by the pastors.

The plan calls for the pastor or church leaders to select a Spiritual Partner (not Spiritual Guardian) for each new believer, with the "partner" being announced on the Sabbath when the person is voted in as a member of the church. Then for the next 10 weeks, materials will be sent by the conference to various church leaders to take to the homes of each new member. In this way, the person is better integrated into the Church family through a variety of books, Adventist periodicals and visits by the Sabbath school leader, Pathfinder director, elder,



Congratulations and Happy Birthday! Conference President Randy Murphy turned 60 this year. Friends and family celebrated his birthday with a prune floral bouquet, black-and-white balloons, good food and much teasing.

deacon, pastor, school board chair, teacher, personal ministries leader, church treasurer, etc. Names and addresses of the new members, along with their Spiritual Partners, must be sent to the office of the conference president in order to begin the 10-week plan. We pray, as Church members visit and share their love with these precious new believers in Christ, that souls will be won not only into the Church, but also into His Kingdom!

KINGSLEY WHITSETT
Ministerial Director

News & Views

Members of the **Tollgate** congregation are busy completing the renovation of their church building. They have added a fellowship room at the entrance to the building and purchased and installed church pews. These additions come when they are preparing several individuals for baptism after the NET '98 evangelistic meetings.

The **Beckley** and **Valley View** churches are active! Recently, the Home and School and youth departments sponsored a tubing day at Winterplace Ski Resort. Other youth activities have included a "Diamond Smuggler's" night and a Jesus video night with good attendance by both youth and adults. In addition, they continue to sponsor entry events for new Adventists and non-Adventists to socialize on neutral ground. One such event was a bowling Sunday. The response was positive from everyone involved. A preaching seminar, "Feed the Flock," for elders, deacons or anyone wishing to attend will be presented by Pastor Tom Hughes this month. "Feed the Flock" will explore the teaching methods that were used by Jesus.

The day dawned clear but chilly. However, it looked to be a warm day. No matter what the day would be like weather-wise, there was a great deal of excitement at the **Indian Creek** school, for that day, the children would be marching in their first parade! A request was made for them to march in the Veteran's Day parade in Welch, West Virginia, as part of the Vietnam Veterans of America contingent. They would lead, bearing the organization's banner. The children were dressed in blue and white attire, and around their necks were American flag bandannas or ascots. As the parade began, the trumpets sounded, and the drums beat. The youngsters smartly marched ahead. The children received many cheers and much applause as they marched down the parade route.

Pictured at left are Michael and John Ruediger, members of the Indian Creek church, holding the banner of the Vietnam Veterans of America in front of the float that organization had in the parade.



News & Views

The **Charleston** church is test-piloting a special worship service highlighted by praise through song and sharing that targets the unchurched, young adult population in that section of West Virginia.

Congratulations go out to the **Braxton, Buckhannon, Franklin, Frostburg, Glenville, Kingwood, Lewisburg, Logan, Morgantown, Rainelle, Richwood, Spencer, Summersville, Valley View, Webster Springs** and **Williamson** churches for reaching their Ingathering goals for 1998! A BIG "thank you" to everyone who participated in this, our very last Ingathering campaign. Be looking for ways you can help this year with ADRA Annual Appeal, the successor to Ingathering.

The **Lewisburg** school held a bike-a-thon recently at the WVSOM track to raise funds for the school. Family, friends and business acquaintances sponsored the students, parents and grandparents to

Never too old for community outreach

How old is too old? Two members of the Lewisburg, West Virginia, church—Gertrude Martin, 89, of Caldwell and Ralph DeGroff, 79, of Lewisburg—are regular volunteers who work several days each week at the Greenbrier Better Living Center and Thrift Store in nearby Ronceverte. They've proved that you're never too old to volunteer to help relieve people's needs after hard times have struck.

Each month, the community service center gives away about \$180 in food and sells donated clothing at a minimal charge to the needy who qualify for help. The proceeds from these sales amount to around \$2,500 per month and are financing the building of an adequate facility to house the enormous amount of donated clothing, food, small electrical appliances and used furniture needed to provide this service.

Other members of the church who have volunteered their time are Gary Wakeford of White Sulphur Springs, Marie Erskine and Carol Seldomridge of Caldwell. These volunteers are currently busy at the center each day packing boxes of clothing to



Gertrude Martin



Ralph DeGroff

send to Nicaragua and Honduras to help relieve the suffering caused by the recent flooding. So far, 60 boxes have been sorted according to size and packed to be shipped. The center is overflowing with additional donations that need to be processed as well.

Previously, 200 boxes of clothing were shipped to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, which is very active at this time in distributing clothing, food, water and medical supplies to these devastated areas.

Kester Erskine, director of the local community service center, says: "Anyone can do what we're doing. It just takes a few dedicated volunteers to run the center each day as people come in to have their needs met. Proceeds from the sale of these donated items can be used to help run a church school, a day care center or build a larger facility as we're doing."

YVONNE MICHAEL

Lewisburg Church Communication Representative



Riders in the bike-a-thon sponsored by the Lewisburg school were, left to right: Jim Sampson, Luke and Daniel Doss, Dalice and Shelly Davis and Eric Jackson.

ride as many miles as they could in two hours. Daniel Doss rode 12 miles to capture the trophy for riding the farthest. Eric Jackson raised over \$175 and won the trophy for getting the most sponsors and raising the most money. School board members provided refreshments and encouragement to all riders. The students raised about \$500 in just two hours, making their first bike-a-thon very successful.

Mission: Miracle Meadows

The church in Wheeling, West Virginia, needed a mission project, but no one project was "hitting the heart" of the members. Then one Sabbath, Gayle Clark and three young women came to the church to give their testimony of how Miracle Meadows, a school for wayward kids, came into their lives.

As they stood in front of the church and told how their relationships with their parents had changed

and how they "liked themselves," one parent sat in the back of the church with tears running down her face. Shirley has experienced trouble with her children. She has gone through many months of trying to "do the right thing." She felt like she was losing control of her children but didn't want to "give up" her kids to the state. After the service, Pastor Milt Pruitt, Shirley and Gayle talked about getting Courtney and Luke into the school. "That's where the church family came into the picture," says Pruitt.

"After arrangements were made for the Swart family to go to the Miracle Meadows campus, the church came together and decided this was the perfect mission project," said Pruitt. The church is giving a 15-seat van to the school, plus an offering will be taken each month with \$100 placed into a fund. At the end of 12 months, \$1,000 will go to the school. "Anything given over the \$100 will be sent directly to the school at the end of the month," says Pruitt. He continued: "We have a church that wants to give not only with money, but also with labor and love. We're planning on going to the campus to help in any work that needs to be done throughout the year, plus sending care packages, cards and letters to encourage all the students and staff there."

Shirley has started an intercessory prayer circle at the school, which she did at the Wheeling church. Courtney has answered an altar call and given her heart to the Lord! God has many plans for this family to help Him spread the word of His soon coming. Please keep this family in your prayers.

DAWN NELL WHEELER

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Potomac Conference Mid-Term Constituency Session

Notice is hereby given that the mid-term constituency session of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 25, 1999, at the Vienna Seventh-day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd. SW, Vienna, VA.

The purposes of this meeting are: (1) To take action on the recommendations from the constitution and bylaws committee; (2) Discuss financial recommendations from the Committee of Seven; (3) Discuss the Potomac Partners program; and (4) Transact any other business that may properly come before the session at that time.

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Reporter's Notebook

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Why don't we join existing community groups?

Every time I have an opportunity to tell church members about the good work being done by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Adventist Community Services (ACS), I get a predictable response. (See the editorial on page 2 and an in-depth report on pages 4 and 5.) Someone asks, "Why do we need community-based programs of our own? Why don't we just join the established organizations?"

It's a good question. It deserves a careful answer. In fact, the truth has three parts to it. To understand this question, it's essential to balance all three parts.

First, ACS does collaborate with many other organizations at the national, state and local levels. For example, Marwood Hallett, ACS director for the Ohio Conference, serves as secretary-treasurer of the alliance of disaster response organizations in that state called Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). In that role, during major disasters such as the flooding along the Ohio River during the past couple of years, he's routinely asked to sit in the governor's emergency operations center and represent not only ACS, but also the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and as many as 30 other groups. He plays a key role in fostering cooperation and encouraging collaboration.

Second, you have to have a community service organization in order to participate. Pastor Hallett and the other Adventists in Ohio would not be able to join VOAD if no ACS existed. Congregations are seen by community activists as potential donors, but not as real partners. Only churches that sponsor qualified community-based agencies are seen as serious participants.

Third, we would like our denominational "body language" to say boldly and clearly that we are concerned about poverty, suffering, disease and injustice. We care about hurting people. We want to demonstrate significant compassion. We can't do that by just throwing a few dollars into some other organization's fund drive or sending a few of our members off to help. Civic leaders won't believe we're serious until they see an Adventist community action organization positioned to be a good neighbor with Catholic Charities, World Vision, Lutheran Family Services, Menonite Disaster Service, etc.

Read Matthew 25. God expects Adventists to be in the front ranks of those feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and encouraging the downtrodden, not somewhere in the back among the "we helped a little bit, too" crowd. It is an essential element in our mission and message.

ABOUT THE COVER:

Fifth-grader Lauren Mustard has really benefitted from the tutoring she has received from Delores Maupin at the Sligo Elementary School in Takoma Park, Maryland. Read about this important literacy tutorial initiative in the story on page 8.

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The Religion Department of Columbia Union College is sponsoring the annual G. Arthur Keough Lectureship, featuring "Ethics in the 21st Century." Speakers include Dr. Phil Wogaman, ethicist and senior pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Zdravko Plantak, Seventh-day Adventist pastor and professor of religion at CUC.

The lectureship begins Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Richards Hall Chapel of Columbia Union College and will conclude on Sabbath afternoon, March 27, at 3:00 p.m.

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