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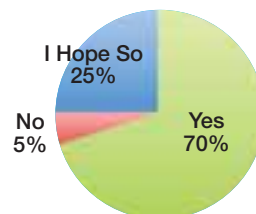
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# Thank you!

**W**e want to thank you, the members of the Columbia Union. Two months ago, we decided to engage you in a very important conversation about women's ordination because we didn't want to act without your input as constituents of this field. We listened to your phone calls and read your letters, emails and comments posted on our website. We heard you. You let us know that you care about women's ordination, unity and how our church functions.

We also want to thank you, the delegates, for your input, commitment and courage to serve and represent your church at our special constituency meeting. Thank you for listening to each other and opening yourselves individually and collectively to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. And whether you agree with the outcome or not, thank you for respecting the process and seeing it through. This is what our pioneers envisioned when they organized this remnant movement.

We also thank God because we prayed with sincere, open hearts that He would lead. Now we pray that He who has brought us this far will show us how to proceed from here.

## WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

This journey has not been easy, and it's not over. The delegates have spoken and we will follow through and approve ordination without regard to gender. Please continue to pray on this matter and for our world church family as we work together to advance Christ's mission.

We want to affirm our mothers, sisters and daughters. We believe that if God can use women of the Old Testament, New Testament and early church to help advance His mission, then He can use you. We are living in the last days when God is going to pour out His Spirit on men *and* women, including you. *You are needed, you are valued and now your calling is fully recognized by your church family.*

Our prayer and challenge to the entire Columbia Union family is to ask what God is calling *you* to do for Him. Who are *you* sharing the love, grace and transforming power of Christ with today? And how are *you* experiencing the mission?

*Dave Weigley, president; Rob Vandeman, executive secretary; and Seth Bardu, treasurer, serve as officers of the Columbia Union Conference.*





## COLUMBIA UNION CONSTITUENTS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVE ORINATION WITHOUT REGARD TO GENDER

After two hours of presentations from multiple levels of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as 90 minutes of discussion, delegates to the Columbia Union Conference Special Constituency Meeting July 29 voted an historic motion—"That the Columbia Union Conference authorize ordination to the gospel ministry without regard to gender."

According to a statement released by the union it means that the union executive committee will no longer deny requests from conferences to ordain proven female ministers to the gospel ministry but that their calling will be fully recognized on par with their male counterparts.

Using secret ballots, delegates from the eight conferences within the union's Mid-Atlantic United States territory voted 4 to 1 in favor of the motion. The actual vote was 209 in favor and 51 opposed, with nine abstentions.

"This is not a surprise to those of us listening carefully around this union," said Dave Weigley, Columbia Union president, following the vote.

After a season of prayer, the presentations started with counsel from General Conference (GC) and

North American Division officials. In extended remarks, Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the GC, appealed to delegates not to move forward with the motion but to wait for a new church study scheduled to be completed in 2014.

"I come to you because I care about the unity of the church at large. There are many grave

sively," Miller said. "Gender-based discrimination must not continue. The right time to do the right thing is right now."

Raj Attiken, president of the Ohio Conference, followed: "We have to ask ourselves will the action that we are proposing in any way jeopardize or compromise the unity of the church? Our



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consequences that [will] result if you vote positively. I'm not threatening you in any way. I'm just presenting the facts that when an organization makes moves unilaterally, it will lead to fragmentation and collegial disunity."

Three representatives of the union executive committee offered delegates a different appeal. Bill Miller, president of the Potomac Conference and chair of the ad hoc committee tasked with studying this issue, recounted the church's historical struggle with fully affirming women ministers through ordination.

"The world church at various [GC] Sessions has aptly demonstrated its inability to act deci-

unity has been primarily based on unity in Christ who is head of the church who said, He will build the church and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. As a church we have made a sacred covenant to be united around a common set of beliefs: mission, hope and faith in the Lord."

Finally Brenda L. Billingsy, senior pastor of Allegheny East Conference's 1,100-member Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md., shared a compelling testimony of how God called her more than 10 years ago. "I knew I had to be obedient to the call and accountable to God," she said likening her ministry to an educational journey that culminates with



## DELEGATE PERSPECTIVES



"Anytime there is a moral imperative, we will hear that there will be grave consequences, opposition and spiritual disunity. ... The current policy flies in the face of the priesthood of all believers. .... If liberalism, culturalism, racism, and secularism have not divided the church, neither will this."  
—Jimmy Ferguson, senior pastor of Allegheny East Conference's Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C.



"I've done a lot of personal study about this and I'm concerned because the union may have a right to ordain but I don't think we should do so contrary to the whole world church."  
—Kingsley Whitsett, former president of the Mountain View Conference



"We already have a motion from our executive committee authorizing us to issue new credentials for our women pastors with one word on it for everybody—ordination. This addresses what I think is a biblical issue. God has gifted all of us and whom He chooses to gift, let's recognize."  
—Bill Miller, president of the Potomac Conference

graduation. "The cap is God's calling, anointing and producing, the gown is God's grace. But no graduation is complete without a diploma, which for us is ordination, not a substitute, made up word like commissioning," she concluded.

Just after noon, when Chairman Weigley opened the

floor for constituent input, delegates quickly formed three long lines at the microphones.

"I am so proud to be part of an historical day in the Columbia Union," said Deborah Hill, a member of Allegheny West Conference, after the meeting. "We voted on the right side of history."



### BY THE NUMBERS

#### How Delegates Voted

209

IN FAVOR

51

OPPOSED

9

ABSTAINED

## EL ESPÍRITU SANTO EN ACCIÓN EN UNION CITY SPANISH CHURCH

Hace unos pocos sábados, Union City Spanish Church de New Jersey Conference había planeado una despedida especial para su querido pastor. Julio César



Labrador y su familia estaban siendo transferidos a otro distrito. Sin embargo, ese día se convirtió rápidamente en un día memorable.

El bautisterio estaba lleno, pero no había almas para ser bautizadas. Los ancianos oraron, el coro cantó, el pastor Labrador empezó su sermón y el Espíritu Santo empezó a trabajar. Al final del sermón, Cindy Mejía, una conquistadora de diez años de edad se puso de pie y avanzó hasta el frente para ser bautizada. Hacía solamente unos pocos meses que Cindy había empezado a asistir a la iglesia por la invitación de su mejor amiga, Giggi. Poco después que Cindy (aparece fotografiada con su mamá, Reyna Mejía) se entregó a Cristo, le siguió su mamá. ¡Ese día hubo un total de trece bautismos! Más información en [columbiaunion.org/unioncity](http://columbiaunion.org/unioncity).

—Claudia García del Puerto

## CHESAPEAKE CAPACITA A SEISCIENTOS SOBRE LOS MINISTERIOS DE IGLESIA

En vez de llevar a cabo una reunión campestre tradicional, los pastores hispanos de Chesapeake Conference organizaron sesiones de entrenamiento en Hagerstown, Md., para quince ministerios de iglesias locales, tales como: salud, comunicación, damas, infantiles, y jóvenes. Con la adición de setenta nuevos miembros a la Asociación, los líderes sabían que algunos eran nuevos en sus puestos. Aproximadamente seiscientos fueron capacitados, sobrepasando las expectativas.

Seventa y nueve se graduaron de School of Discipleship [escuela de discipulado] con énfasis en

evangelismo. Uno de los requisitos para graduarse era planear y conducir al menos una reunión evangelística. Uno de los graduados, emocionado compartía, que este era el primer diploma que recibía.

Raúl L. Rivero, pastor de las iglesias Laurel Maranatha Spanish y Washington-Spencerville Spanish en Ashton, Md., uno de los coordinadores del programa, dice que el programa atrae a personas no adventistas, muchos de los cuales él ha bautizado ya. Por ejemplo: uno de los estudiantes que ha empezado el curso, Elmer Cabrera, está testificando ante su esposa para poder bautizarse juntos.



## HISPANOS EN ALLEGHENY WEST SE COMPROMETEN CON, "CADA UNO, ALCANZA UNO"



Por tercer año consecutivo Allegheny West Conference celebró su reunión campestre hispana con una asistencia de más de cuatrocientos participantes. Durante las reuniones el evangelista Alejandro Bullón desafió a los miembros a llevar un alma a Cristo este año, siendo que el lema del departamento multicultural es: "Cada uno, alcanza uno".

Rubén Ramos, asistente del presidente para Ministerios Multilingües de Columbia Union Conference, desafió también a los asistentes a seguir el excelente método bíblico de evangelismo y ganar a otros a través del servicio hecho con humildad. También se entregó una placa a setenta líderes pioneros, de parte de los administradores (en la fotografía), en reconocimiento de su obra evangelística con los latinos de la Asociación.

Marcos Ventura, estudiante de teología en Washington Adventist University en Takoma Park, Md., desafió a la juventud a llevar una vida íntegra con Jesús. Además, más de cien niños estudiaron sobre la vida de Daniel en Babilonia. Para más historias de la reunión campestre visite: [columbiaunion.org/spanish-campmeetings](http://columbiaunion.org/spanish-campmeetings).—Walter Castro



## PROGRAMA “CHANGED” DE LA DNA, ENFOCADO EN LA JUVENTUD LATINA

A través del programa evangelístico llamado: “Changed: Real Lives in a Real World” [‘cambiado: vidas reales en un mundo real’], la División Norteamericana (DNA) tiene como objetivo alcanzar a los más de treinta millones de jóvenes hispanos de tercera generación con los mensajes de los tres ángeles. A través del programa de un año de duración y que dará inicio en el otoño, los líderes de la DNA esperan desafiar a los jóvenes a aceptar a Jesús como su Señor y Salvador. Tradicionalmente el evangelismo latino se ha enfocado en los hispanos nacidos en el extranjero. Sin embargo, las estadísticas de la DNA indican que el adventismo está lentamente creciendo entre los hispanos de segunda y tercera generación. Debido a las múltiples influencias culturales y lingüísticas de estas generaciones, el programa “cambiado” está diseñado para hablarles en su lenguaje y presentarles a Jesús como Aquel que se identifica con sus necesidades.



*Sandra Juárez y Manny Cruz serán los anfitriones de Latino Youth NET del 2012 a transmitirse el otoño próximo.*

Como parte de este programa, *Latino Youth NET* del 2012, incluye varias semanas de actividades de capacitación y la transmisión en español, en vivo y vía satélite, del 13 al 20 de octubre desde Orlando a través del canal Esperanza TV ([esperanzatv.org](http://esperanzatv.org)) y en inglés del 3 al

10 de noviembre, a través del canal *Hope Channel* ([hopechurchchannel.org](http://hopechurchchannel.org)). Obtenga más información en [facebook.com/changedlatino-youth](http://facebook.com/changedlatino-youth), [vimeo.com/changedlatino-youth](http://vimeo.com/changedlatino-youth) y [youtube.com/changedlatino-youth](http://youtube.com/changedlatino-youth). Hay recursos disponibles en [adventsource.org](http://adventsource.org).—*Laura Sámano*

## Artículo especial de *Visitor*: Un lugar propio

**M**uchas iglesias hispanas en Columbia Union han empezado a tener servicios en inglés, salpicados con un poco de español, para alcanzar a los jóvenes para Cristo. Los jóvenes hispanos que habían perdido el interés en la iglesia o que simplemente ya no asistían, ahora empiezan a asistir a los servicios en spanglish. Algunos hasta están llevando a amigos que no asisten a ninguna otra iglesia y los jóvenes que antes no participaban se están convirtiendo en líderes.

“Básicamente, nosotros hablamos solamente inglés en la escuela... y la mayoría de nuestros padres saben sólo un poquito de inglés, así que casi no practicamos el español”, dice Paola Sorto (en la fotografía), una joven de la iglesia Germantown Spanish de Potomac Conference en Md. “¡Los sábados, durante el culto divino, los predicadores usan palabras que no entendemos!” A principios de este año, la iglesia Germantown Spanish empezó una iglesia bilingüe para jóvenes que se reúne una vez al mes. Paola comenta que, espiritualmente, aprovecha más esos servicios.

Encuentre más información en la pág. 10, sobre las muchas maneras en que las iglesias de Columbia Union están extendiéndose a los jóvenes hispanos de segunda generación, o lea en español en [columbiaunion.org/spanglishworship](http://columbiaunion.org/spanglishworship). Si desea ver el vídeo de los servicios de adoración en spanglish, dirijase a: [columbiaunion.org/videos](http://columbiaunion.org/videos) y haga clic en: 2012 Videos.—*Sylvia García Urrutia*



## Potluck

BETH MICHAELS

### What's New?



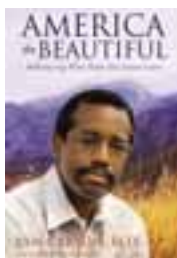
#### CD > *The Last Kamikaze* The New Earth Band

While several of the band's members took time off to deal with life trials, The New Earth Band's lead vocalist and guitarist, Lee Schappell (pictured, top right), kept their passion for ministry alive in this solo release. "I tackled the task alone—played all the instruments and vocals; nevertheless, this is still The New Earth Band's album!" says Schappell, who

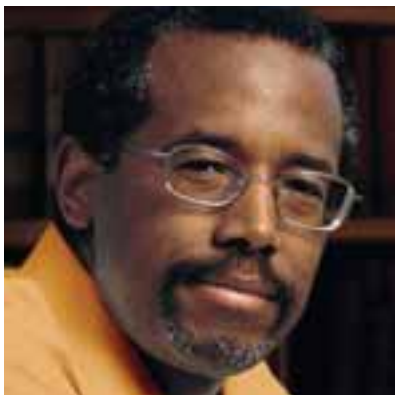
attends Pennsylvania Conference's Kenhorst Boulevard church in Reading. The 15-track, country gospel album includes 11 of his compositions, like "Sanctified" and "Brand New Heart." Order at [thenewearthband.com](http://thenewearthband.com).

#### Book > *America the Beautiful* Ben Carson with Candy Carson

During his ascent from inner-city poverty to international medical and humanitarian acclaim, Ben Carson, MD,



experienced America's best and worst firsthand. In his fifth release, this member of Chesapeake Conference's



Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., shares his perspectives on our nation's origins and Judeo-Christian heritage, our educational system, capitalism versus socialism, healthcare and much more. "We will examine whether we can advance the great experiment that is the United States of America ... and whether we can learn from our mistakes," Carson writes. Order at [adventistbookcenter.org](http://adventistbookcenter.org).

### Keeping Score

#### Religious Congregations in the United States

*The 344,894 Protestant congregations inside the United States partially consist of:*

<b>50,816</b>
Southern Baptist Convention
<b>35,496</b>
Nondenominational Christian
<b>33,323</b>
United Methodist
<b>20,589</b>
Catholic
<b>12,584</b>
Church of Christ
<b>10,487</b>
Presbyterian
<b>5,665</b>
Seventh-day Adventist

Source: 2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study (<http://rcms2010.org>)

### Welcome to the Family

#### Sam Hackenberger

York (Pa.) Church



"To me, baptism simply means no turning back."

#### BLOG > *TEN39* KC Schaefer

"Technology can be a curse or a blessing," comments KC Schaefer, a member of Ohio Conference's Stillwater church in Vandalia. "Satan is using anything he can to defeat us, but we can fight fire with fire and use these [media] to reach out." Through the blog, he posts devotional thoughts and poetry in hopes of building up others' personal walk



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with God. He also sends blog posts to his Facebook group “For the King,” where he encourages others to friend him and connect and share. Visit [ten39.dinstudio.com](http://ten39.dinstudio.com).

## On the Web

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#### Kettering Health Network



Download [from iTunes] the *free* Kettering Health Network app for your

iPhone. You'll have access to the nearest Kettering Health Network ER if you need it, and mapping to make sure you take the quickest route!—*Kettering Adventist HealthCare, Kettering, Ohio*

#### Washington Adventist Hospital



Men over the age of 55 have a higher risk for stroke. But did you know that

80% of strokes are preventable? Learn how you can reduce your risk and take our *free* stroke quiz! <http://tinyurl.com/cof8qbu>.—*Takoma Park, Md.*

#### Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



“If we are asking parents to entrust their children in the care and education

of our church schools, then we better secure our promises and live up to them,” stated Nancy Melashenko, associate superintendent of schools, at the opening of a weeklong course for small-school teachers.—*Staunton, Va.*

## What You Bring to the Table

### In the Spotlight > Hamburg Community Church



#### THE EARLY YEARS:

Some 27 years ago, about 80 members of the Blue Mountain Academy church decided to make an impact off campus. A member donated five acres of land and the new congregation, the Hamburg Community church, started working. “[We] were a ‘church plant’ before ‘church plant’ was even in the vocabulary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” says Pastor Alex DuBee (pictured, center, at the groundbreaking). The church opened its doors in May 1985.

**A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY:** The Pennsylvania Conference church lives up to its name and makes the community its mission field. Last year members distributed more than 80,000 pounds of food—worth just under \$100,000—in addition to 99,000 pieces of clothing. “This church has a tremendous team spirit and can-do attitude,” explains DuBee.

**GROWTH THROUGH SERVICE:** The church has run outreach programs from an old barn, worked out of the fellowship hall and, in June 2010, dedicated a brand new \$245,000 community service building. By October 2011, the now 242-member church paid off the mortgage.

“What makes the center unique and successful is the Lord, lots of volunteers from the community and the church,” explains Bernice Hayes, who runs the center with her husband, Bob (pictured). The ministry has become so successful that even the Salvation Army refers people there for clothing and household items. Volunteers range from high school students to those who need to fulfill criminal court community service requirements. “God just gives you a little bit of responsibility at a time and it just grows,” Hayes adds.—*Mark Tyler*

# A Place of Their

For young Latinos,  
worshipping in “Spanglish”  
makes God accessible



Sylvia Garcia Urrutia

**W**elcome! We are so glad you came!” says a smiling, young woman of about 15 as I step through the doorway. She’s dressed in jeans and a black polo shirt with the event logo embroidered on the right shoulder. She quickly embraces

me. Beside her, dressed in a matching outfit, a young man extends his hand. “Come on in and have a seat, if you want. “Tambien tenemos snacks, si quieres (We also have snacks, if you want),” he says, pointing to a nearby table lined with light refreshments.

I thank the pair and continue into a fairly long room, with rows of chairs leading up to a small stage. A few floor lights bring attention to a black sign emblazoned with the event’s moniker, Awakening. The place mimics a café, with low lighting and light chatter from small groups of young people sipping on Capri-Suns and nibbling cookies. They mostly speak English, but I catch more Spanish words. It’s the familiar Spanglish that I, like them, have grown accustomed to using among friends. I am suddenly struck by the thought that there’s a certain unity in language. Not because we speak English fluently, or because we struggle to make Spanish just as fluent, but because we share the same “in between” of the two.

I grab some refreshments before finding a seat. Soon the program begins, and members of the praise team take over the stage’s once-empty stools. A young man grabs a guitar and begins to play, while

a group of young women lead in popular songs like “Every Move I Make” and “Jesus, Lover of My Soul.” The praise feels heartfelt and reverent.

As the music ends, an open mic session begins. A young woman praises God through her rendition of a popular contemporary Christian song, and I’m filled with thoughtful quietness. A young man shares a poem about God’s work in his life, and it fills me with joy. The program continues with a short story about “el amor de Dios (God’s love),” then a testimony and concludes with a devotional.

As I leave, I know I have experienced something special. This is a place where language doesn’t matter, yet is the very reason many of us are here.

## AWAKENING A NEW CONCEPT

This oasis for young people started last spring when Victor and Brenda Martinez, then youth leaders at Potomac Conference’s Mount Vernon Spanish church in Alexandria, Va., approached their leadership team and proposed a new type of worship experience.

They recognized that their young members were having a difficult time keeping the Sabbath and wanted to offer them special, God-centered programming on Friday nights. As the group threw around ideas, they came to one conclusion: God is Creator and deserves creative praise.

The leaders set out to craft a program that would involve the young people and encourage their creative input. The team decided that an English-speaking extension of their Spanish-speaking home church was the way to go. With that, they launched Awakening.

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**“Having the program in English is working because English is the language that a large portion of our youth speak to God in, that they pray in.”—Victor Martinez**

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“For our first program, we had a lot more young people than we expected,” recalls Victor, who says that the Mount Vernon Spanish church normally has no more than 50 attendees on any given Sabbath. “We had almost 70 young people, some of [whom] were unchurched friends of the youth!” he says. The service continues to grow and currently claims 120 regular attendees. They have grown so much, in fact, that they recently had to find a larger location.

Attendee participation at Awakening has also continued to increase. The young people now feel so comfortable getting up front that 19-year-old Daniel Cruz, the current youth leader at Mount Vernon, says, “Now we don’t have enough time slots to fill in everyone who wants to participate!” The participants witness through music, poetry or any type of praise they want. Most encouraging is that many of the young people who never participated in church are now comfortable enough to share or lead.

Victor believes that presenting God in a creative and unique way has been a big draw, but also, that “having the program in English is working because English is the language that a large portion of our youth speak to God in, that they pray in.” He adds, “It’s also the preferred language of their friends.”

## CAUGHT IN THE “IN BETWEEN”

I recently discovered a Pew Hispanic Center study\* about young Latinos in America that relays surprising statistics that help explain why having an English-speaking service is not only innovative, but might soon become necessary for reaching us. The study shows that Hispanics are now the largest and youngest minority group in the United States. For those in their late teens and early 20s, it is “a time when [Hispanic young people] navigate the intricate, often porous borders between the two cultures they inhabit—American and Latin American,” the study conveys. While just 15 years ago most young Latino immigrants primarily spoke Spanish, that is no longer the case. Today two-thirds of all Hispanic youth are second-generation Americans born in the U.S.

Although young, foreign-born immigrants still consider Spanish their main language, the language gap for second- and third-generation youth continues to widen. According to the Pew study, “By the second generation, English dominance spreads rapidly to 44 percent of the population, while 54 percent are bilingual and only 2 percent are Spanish dominant.” By the third generation, 80 percent primarily speak English, 15 percent say



Mount Vernon Spanish church's Awakening team leaders have discovered that worshipping in English attracts a greater number of active Hispanic youth.





they are bilingual and the last 5 percent say Spanish is their dominant language.

"We basically only speak English in school ... and most parents know a little bit of English, so we really don't practice Spanish," shares Paola Sorto, a youth at Potomac Conference's Germantown Spanish church in Germantown, Md. "On Saturday, during culto divino (divine service), preachers ... use words I don't understand!"



According to the Pew study, despite the struggle to communicate, 72 percent of young Spanish speakers consider themselves Hispanic or Latino or claim their family's country of origin. I can relate. We still want to be associated with our cultural roots; we just need

to be reached in a different language.



## THE VALUE OF CHANGE

Pioneer programs like Awakening are re-igniting young people for Christ. Hispanic youth who had lost interest in the church, or stopped attending altogether, are attending the Spanglish services. Others are bringing their unchurched friends, and previously uninvolved youth are now becoming leaders.

There are other success stories. At the beginning of this year, the Germantown Spanish church started a bilingual youth church that meets once a month. Sorto says that she is able to get more out of those services spiritually.

David Flores, who leads a new weekly bilingual church service at Potomac's Wheaton Spanish church in Kensington, Md., shares that many of the teens that left their church have returned. He says he's also noticed they are more reverent during services, which he believes is a result of them understanding the message and, therefore, being less easily distracted.

Potomac's Vienna Spanish church in Vienna, Va., now hosts a weekly, English vespers program called SRS (Stop, Revive, Survive). "The difference we have seen is that the youths' interest for things in church



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and the Bible has increased greatly and shows no signs of stopping anytime soon,” says Jaime Barboza, one of the program leaders.

Alberto Balio, pastor at the Reading Shalom Hispanic Company, is thrilled to share how “entusi-asmados (enthusiastic)” and evangelistic the young people at his Pennsylvania Conference church in Reading have become since they started their bilingual program last year. “One of the young ladies from church began attending our English service every Sabbath. Soon she brought an unchurched friend. Through this, he accepted Christ. This past April, several young people were baptized, and among them, was this young lady and young man!”

## BEYOND SPANGLISH

Although English programs for Hispanic youth are popping up around the Columbia Union, the trend is trickling over into other cultures. For instance, Ray Valenzuela, youth pastor at Chesapeake Conference’s Baltimore Korean church in Baltimore, leads a weekly English youth service. “One of the pros about this English service is that it’s done by the youth, so there is more involvement by the youth,” he comments. “I think if the services were in Korean, most of the young people would not be able to understand any of it.”

Pastor Vergniaud Angrand at Allegheny West Conference’s Ebenezer Haitian church in Columbus, Ohio, shares that more of his young people attend during their monthly Youth Sabbath services in English. “They invite their friends. They are more involved and more enthusiastic,” he shares.

As multilingual youth ministry continues to evolve, it’s clear that the exciting change happening in young members at pioneering programs like Awakening are a foreshadowing of more and critical change that needs to take place. “When our churches create programs that encourage the young people to worship and talk to God in their language of choice, it makes God more accessible and real,” says Rubén Ramos, assistant to the Columbia Union Conference president for Multilingual Ministries. “This not only helps the young people to open up to each other, but also to God. And, that should be our main concern.” I couldn’t agree more.

*Sylvia Garcia Urrutia writes from Potomac, Md.*

\* Between Two Worlds—How Young Latinos Come of Age in America, December 11, 2009, Pew Hispanic Center ([pewhispanic.org](http://pewhispanic.org))

## NAD’s “Changed” Initiative to Target Young Latinos



Through an evangelistic initiative called “Changed: Real Lives in a Real World,” the North American Division (NAD) will target more than 30 million second- and third-generation Hispanic youth with the three angels’ messages. Through the yearlong initiative, which launches this fall, NAD leaders hope to challenge the youth to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Traditionally, Latino evangelism has focused on foreign-born Hispanics, but NAD statistics indicate that Adventism is growing slowly among second- and third-generation Hispanics. Because of these generations’ blended linguistic and cultural characteristics, “Changed” is designed to speak their language and present Jesus as One who identifies with their needs.

As part of the yearlong initiative, the 2012 *Latino Youth NET* includes several weekend training events and a live satellite broadcast in Spanish, October 13–20,



from Orlando via *Esperanza TV* ([esperanzatv.org](http://esperanzatv.org)) and in English, November 3–10, via the Hope Channel ([hopechurchchannel.org](http://hopechurchchannel.org)). Find out more at [facebook.com/changedlatinoyouth](http://facebook.com/changedlatinoyouth), [vimeo.com/changedlatinoyouth](http://vimeo.com/changedlatinoyouth) and [youtube.com/changedlatinoyouth](http://youtube.com/changedlatinoyouth). Resources are available through [adventsource.org](http://adventsource.org).  
—Laura Sámano



*Sandra Juarez and Manny Cruz will host the 2012 Latino Youth NET to air this fall.*





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## Callers Find Comfort in 24-Hour Prayer Line

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"My mother just passed away this morning," a caller responds. "I want to ask God to be with me."

As prayer is requested, so it is received. Over the telephone, volunteer prayer facilitators provide a listening ear for callers who desire prayer or who want to voice their testimonies of praise. Facilitators also share encouraging and inspirational passages from God's Word.

Over a typical two-week period, the prayer line receives phone calls from more than 5,000 people worldwide, with some coming in from Jamaica, Africa and Australia. The prayer line is a community of callers, and it is run like a prayer group. Callers can stay on the line with unspoken requests as they listen in or vocalize their prayers.

Despite its global appeal, eight churches within the Allegheny East Conference operate the prayer line. These churches include the Miracle Temple in Baltimore; Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.; Emmanuel in St. Leonard, Md.; Breath of Life in Fort Washington, Md.;

Mitchellville in Largo, Md.; Fourth Street Friendship in Washington, D.C.; First church in Washington, D.C.; and Pisgah in Bryans Road, Md. Each church hosts the prayer line for 40 days, and during those 40 days, prayer facilitators are asked to fast, not only from foods, but from things that can distract the heart, such as watching television and reading certain books.

Each hour at the prayer line is devoted to a focus, such as family, children and youth, unity and fellowship, salvation, health and healing, power to rebuke the devil, bondage and addiction, marriage, finance and ministry for the incarcerated.

The idea for the prayer line began when founder Dexter Ravenell, Miracle Temple's current prayer minister, attended a prayer meeting at Brooklyn Tabernacle (N.Y.), where more than 4,000 people were present for prayer meeting every Tuesday night. Ravenell shares, "I was just so awestruck by the very presence of God

that I [thought], 'I'd like the church that I belong to, to have prayer be a priority.'"

After experiencing the Brooklyn Tabernacle prayer meetings, Ravenell returned to the D.C./Baltimore area with a passion for prayer. Ultimately, the 24-hour prayer line started at Miracle Temple. With the help of prayer coordinator Saundra Austin, a member of the Capitol Hill church, the prayer line has blossomed and involvement has spread to churches outside of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

The churches have even presented prayer opportunities outside of the line, including a prayer cruise and, most recently, a prayer summit at Miracle Temple where, according to Ravenell, the church was able to witness the power of prayer firsthand.

Since 2011 the prayer line has remained a full-time commitment. Austin says, "God answers prayers and He has definitely changed lives on this 24-hour prayer line." To call the line, dial (805) 309-2350 and use access code 1001844#.—*Samantha Blake*



*Sharon Pruitt became a member of the Fourth Street Friendship church after joining the 24-hour prayer line.*



*Dexter Ravenell, Miracle Temple's prayer minister, founded the prayer line along with Saundra Austin, prayer minister for the Capitol Hill church.*



*Attendees to Miracle Temple's recent prayer summit witnessed many miracles.*

## NEWS

### Pine Forge Graduate Receives Caring Heart Award

Johnathan Dixon, a member of Pine Forge Academy's "Inimitable Class of 2012," not only graduated with high honors, he also received the Columbia Union Conference Office of Education Caring Heart Award. The award is presented each spring to a senior or a junior who demonstrates caring and compassion both on and off campus.

"Because of Johnathan's love for his peers, acts of love and kindness, exemplifying what it means to be a Christian and for eternally impacting the lives of staff and students of Pine Forge Academy, he was overwhelmingly chosen to be the recipient of the 2012 Caring Heart Award," said Delmas Campbell, principal of the Pine Forge, Pa.-based academy.

As religious vice president, Dixon planned weekly prayer meetings and other spiritual programs for students and staff. In recognition of his positive impact on the campus at large and for being a model student, Dixon was also named male student of the year.



### Community Honors Pastor of Montclair First Church

The Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation (MNDC) in Montclair, N.J., recently honored a Seventh-day Adventist pastor at its sixth annual Project Oasis Dinner. Paula Olivier, DMin, pastor of the First church of Montclair, was one of six honorees. Olivier received the Carlos Wormley Community Service Award "for her commitment to empower and support disadvantaged individuals, youth and families to achieve and improve quality of life through training, education and advocacy."

As her name was called, Olivier stood to a rousing applause. "I praise God for what He is doing in Montclair through His church," Olivier said. "May His name be glorified."

Olivier was also honored with a Joint Legislative Resolution from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly. The resolution recognized her for exemplary skills and spiritual leadership.

### Former Breath of Life Speaker Finds Home at Beacon Light

Walter Pearson (right), former speaker/director of the Breath of Life Ministries, recently returned to the pulpit after a three-year absence. He took a leave of absence after losing Sandra Holland Pearson, his wife of 43 years to cancer. He recently returned to the pulpit at the Beacon Light church in Annapolis, Md.

Pearson explains that during his

*Pastor Paula Olivier is pictured, center, with her husband, Pastor Smith Olivier, on her left, and Albert Pelham, executive director of MNDC.*

absence from the ministry, he entered a period of "grief and loneliness that was debilitating." However, after a lot of praying and seeking help from an Adventist psychologist, he heard God say, "It's time to return." He plans to help Beacon Light members focus on "the restoration of lives that are broken and bruised." Church members welcomed Pearson and his new wife, the former Patricia Patterson, with open arms.—*Samantha Blake*



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## Dale Wright Member, First Woman, Leads Message



The board of the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., recently voted Carmela Monk Crawford as editor of *Message*, the church's urban-flavored, sharing magazine. Crawford served as associate editor of *Message* in the early 90s, but her first connection to the publication goes back 32 years, when her father, Paul Monk, served as editor.

Crawford left editorial work in 1995 to become an attorney but says she was drawn back to Seventh-day Adventist publishing for the opportunity to share "the freedom and clemency that Jesus offers."

The Review board invited Crawford to a position typically held by male ministers. "I think my selection is a strong statement, not just within the Adventist community, but to those with whom we share the gospel," she says. "Adventist women like me must continue to serve substantively and competently on every level throughout this

movement." Crawford is an elder, Adventurer leader and Sabbath School teacher at the Dale Wright Memorial church in Germantown, Ohio.—*Kim Peckham*

## Ethnan Temple's Second Biker Blessing Draws 50

The Ethnan Temple congregation in Wilkinsburg, Pa., under the direction of Pastor William E. Joseph Jr., recently hosted their second annual Blessing of the Bikes service. Spearheaded by members Darlene Meadows and Rozell Burroughs, both avid riders, the event drew upwards of 50 bikers from a local chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association and other area clubs. Pastor Jack McCrary, another biking enthusiast from the Bethany church in Charlottesville, Va., also joined in the day's festivities.

At the conclusion of the sermon, Pastor Joseph invited the congregation outside where he and the

elders offered prayers for the bikers' safety during the riding season. Church members provided each rider with a gift bag filled with a variety of mementos, including a patch that read, "No day is dark when the Son is present." Area businesses also donated vests and other prizes, which the church awarded for categories such as "first to arrive" and "best tri-wheeled bike."

"Our purpose is to make a connection with a group of individuals who are not traditionally looked on as church goers and to make a bridge between the church and the bikers," says Joseph.



*Daryl Spivey, an Ethnan Temple elder, prays with an area biker.*





## Park Street Member's First Play Attracts Locals

Some 250 Cleveland-area Seventh-day Adventist church members and local residents showed up at the East Cleveland Theater for either the Saturday night premiere or Sunday matinee of "Another Intelligent Black Man," the first play for CrossRoads



Production, LLC. Carla Daniels-Valles, who helps her husband, Steve Valles (both pictured), pastor the Park Street church in Oberlin, Ohio, and the Westside church in Cleveland, started CrossRoads last winter. She hopes to create plays, movies and other forms of entertainment that will remind people of God's power to change lives.

In "Another Intelligent Black Man," actors depicted the journey of Dre' Saunders, a young man whose life and faith are challenged by a traumatic incident. The young man struggles to keep his already dysfunctional family and troubled friends from falling apart.

"I was thoroughly pleased because it was a dream realized," commented Daniels-Valles of the play's success. "This was 20 years in the making. Praise God!" Her next production, "A Modern Day Hosea,"



Cleveland area Adventists act in "Another Intelligent Black Man," the first play by Carla Daniels-Valles.

will be featured at the East Cleveland Theater September 8-9 and 15-16, and the Martin Luther King Performing and Cultural Arts Complex in Columbus, Ohio, November 10-11.  
—Chelsea Anderson

## Camp Meeting Attendees Seek to "Live Beyond the Veil"

From the opening session Thursday evening through the olympic games Sunday morning, some 2,000 Allegheny West Conference Camp Meeting attendees sought guidance on how to "Live Beyond the Veil" and enter the very throne room of God. The event included powerful preaching, sincere Bible study, and impactful music and fellowship. Shirley Benton dedicated Friday evening's program to

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Women's Ministries, a program she leads for the conference. For divine worship, William T. Cox, conference president, spoke about God's presence. Sabbath afternoon, after a seminar on the sanctuary, conference leaders ordained three pastors: Jason Ridley of the Charleston/Huntington district in West Virginia, Bryant Smith of the Staunton/Waynesboro district in Virginia, and Mackenzie Kambizi of the Parkwood church in Toledo, Ohio.

Spirit-filled programming for the young people included a poignant play and fireworks Sabbath evening, orchestrated by Joel Johnson, Youth Ministries director. Allen Baldwin,



Children's Ministries director, and his wife, Valerie, oversaw the children's tent, which included lifelike scenes of the lion's den and fiery furnace.  
—Ruth-Ann Thompson

Carolyn Hurst and her husband, Jerome, pastor of the Southeast church in Cleveland, flank Jason Ridley, pastor of the Charleston/Huntington district in West Virginia, following his ordination.

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## Walk With God! Share His Grace!

**W**alking has long been touted as an excellent exercise that nearly everyone can participate in. This simple workout is credited with toning muscles, increasing circulation, fighting obesity and promoting a positive emotional outlook.

Just as this elementary fitness strategy provides compounded physical dividends, a walk with God brings exceptional spiritual benefits. First, it is part of the transformation of being in Christ. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1, NKJV). When we choose to follow, that is, to walk with Jesus, He promises to work in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

But we also have to recognize that walking means that there is motion. We can't claim to follow Jesus and then dig in our heels and refuse to take a step forward. Instead, by His grace, our daily walk brings about steady changes.

Second, God guides us in our walk. "Cause me to know the way in which I should walk; for I lift up my soul to You" (Ps. 143:8). Repeatedly, the Scriptures link the imagery of walking with following God's statutes or instructions.

Sometimes, in our zealotry, we become impatient with walking and want to run. But, we need to use caution that we don't run ahead of or away from God. A steady, daily walk with God keeps us anchored to Him through His Word.

Lastly, we can trust the One we walk with. "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). Our faith is deepened and strengthened by our walk. As we spend time with Jesus, the distractions and discouragements of this life begin to loosen their hold on us. So, why don't you start walking—with God?



**Rick Remmers**  
*President*

## Hispanic Congregations Baptize 70, Train 400 for Ministry

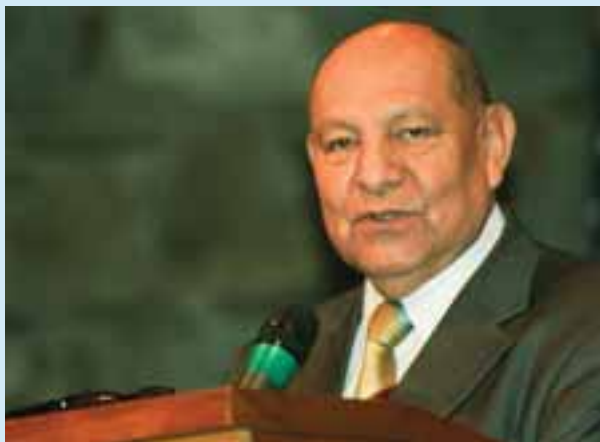
**H**ispanic churches throughout Chesapeake reported more than 70 baptisms from January through June of this year. Through small group ministry, Bible studies, local campaigns—and warm Christian fellowship—pastors, lay leaders and members representing 16 churches carefully prepared interested individuals for baptism.

In June South American evangelist Alejandro Bullón (right), who launched the effort with a series of meetings held in Chesapeake churches in November, returned for a reaping series held at the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., and at the Long Reach High School in Columbia, Md. Five attendees were baptized and 11 requested Bible studies.

"We are very impressed by the work that the Holy Spirit has done," says Orlando Rosales, pastor of the Baltimore and Dundalk Spanish churches in Maryland.

With this substantial growth comes a responsibility to integrate new members into the congregations and foster their spiritual development, says Eduardo

Muñoz, conference treasurer. Through a conference-wide Hispanic training weekend themed "Fieles a Jesús" (Faithful to Jesus), about 400 were trained in various church ministries.



## Camp Meeting Attendees Gather to Learn and Share

**T**he Gathering, themed “Walk With God! Share His Grace!” held in Hagerstown, Md., equipped participants for deepening their relationship with God and sharing the good news of Christ’s soon return.

Worship focused on prayer and a challenge to reach out to others in Christian love regardless of race, religion or social status. Local and foreign mission reports, interspersed with inspiring music, cast the vision for soul winning, and members donated

\$16,000 for evangelism.

Ryan Roberts, a college freshman from Frederick, Md., was among many individuals who recommitted to the Lord. As a teen, he rejected church. Recent camp meeting experiences have led him to a decision to study for pastoral ministry.

Download audio recordings of meetings at [ccosda.org](http://ccosda.org), and view photos at [facebook.com/chesapeakeconference](https://facebook.com/chesapeakeconference).



*Above: Kids lead song service during the morning family worship. Right, from left: Rick Remmers, conference president; John Nixon, featured speaker; and Tom Boggess, pastor of the Martinsburg (W.Va.) church, pray together before the evening meeting.*



*Seminars and worship services provide attendees with practical ideas for healthy relationships with family and a closer walk with God.*



*An array of recreational activities adds to the fun of camp meeting.*



*Above: Dick Stenbakken draws the congregation into the dramatic story of the leper made whole by Jesus. Left: The Gathering draws families for fellowship and spiritual renewal.*



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## New Principal Leads Campus



Highland View Academy (HVA) staff and students welcome a new principal to the campus for the 2012-13 school year. Gregg Cain most recently worked at Forest Lake Academy (Fla.) where, for six years, he served as vice principal for student services. His teaching experience includes elementary, high school and college levels. He also served as a youth pastor for 10 years and as an athletic director for summer softball and baseball leagues. Additionally, he is certified in educational coaching for the purpose of administrative and staff team building in an educational setting.

"I look forward to working with the staff, students and parents as we partner together to create the optimum learning environment!" says Cain. "Christian education affords students an opportunity to grow academically, socially and spiritually. God will truly bless our efforts as the HVA community supports our staff and students to fulfill His mission in our lives."

## I'm Learning to Lead by Following God

When I got elected last year as Student Association (SA) president, it made me think about how far I've come. I am a four-year senior and have learned from many others before me. When I was an underclassman with no leadership position, I looked up to



that year's senior class, SA officers and other leaders. I learned how to gather ideas, build on them and make them happen. I also learned that any leadership position requires organization, determination and teamwork.

Now as an upperclassman, I have begun to gain leadership experience. During my junior year, I served as the SA secretary/treasurer. It was my first position at HVA, and I learned a lot from it. The secretary/treasurer has several duties, but the main goal is to lead by supporting. A job is easier when a person offers to help and doesn't try to run things.

I will also be a boys' dorm residential assistant (RA) this year. As an RA, a large part of my job will be to lead others in the dorm by helping and always being there for them. I'll help tutor guys who don't understand a subject. Also, I'll be available to lend the dean a helping hand as needed.

I'm realizing that my time at HVA is turning the final bend. While all of us seniors are thinking about where we'll go to college and what we'll do in life, I'm also planning how I will lead this school year, not only as SA president, a senior and an RA, but also, most importantly, as a Christian. That is the most powerful kind of leader we can be, and every day, I'm reminded that we lead by following God.—Joshua Calhoun ('13)

## Graduates Leave Lasting Impact

I realize that most schools believe their senior class is special and unique, and that might be true; however, I can tell you that HVA's Class of 2012 truly is an exceptional group," says Chaplain Brett Hadley.

The 2012 senior class chose "Leave a Trace" as their class motto, and attempted all year to make an impact on the academy. They made it a point to cheer on the other classmates whenever there were class competitions, even while celebrating their own victories. But, perhaps the most creative way these seniors lived out their motto was during their graduation.

Earlier this year, the seniors discovered that the keynote speaker for their Commencement, who they had scheduled three years in advance, needed to cancel. This left the class officers in a bit of a quandary, but one of the sponsors reminded the students of their motto and suggested their entire class speak for graduation.

On Commencement morning, 35 seniors took turns approaching the mic, and for 30 seconds each, shared what made their time at Highland View Academy special. They also offered words of wisdom to the underclassmen.

The 2012 senior class' greatest accomplishment did not happen by individual students but by the entire class working together to fulfill their motto.

"They definitely succeeded with me," adds Hadley.

*Marci Corea and her mother, Lynne Corea, pray before the graduation ceremonies. Corea is senior class president, a four-year senior and directed the 30-Hour Famine and Prayer & Praise services during her four years at HVA.*



*Emily Bankes received a perfect attendance award. She didn't miss a day of school—in her 12 years of Adventist education!*



*Nathanael Ramsey is the valedictorian, a four-year senior and a member of the National Honor Society and Principal's List for all four years at HVA.*

## Senior Named Caring Heart Award Winner

Senior Daniel Byrkit received the Columbia Union Conference Office of Education's Caring Heart Award during HVA's graduation services. When asked which of Byrkit's qualities led them to their

decision, here are some of the faculty's responses:

"Daniel ... is always helping someone," commented Julie Recker, registrar. "He's the kind of kid who looks out for others and sits by the new kid in the cafeteria or voluntarily tutors other students."

John Henline, Byrkit's dean and HVA's athletic director, shared, "Daniel was a great RA with a mission-oriented heart. Even after he changed jobs, he continued to help out in the dorm whenever I needed him. He really cares about the needs of others."

Andrew Choi, HVA's business manager and Byrkit's summer boss, remarked, "Daniel is a very responsible young man. I can trust him to

do very well at whatever job he's given. Not only that. He is always willing to come and help."

Susan Scoggins, assistant business manager, added, "He exudes integrity, cheerfulness and wisdom. He's an optimist and just a really nice person to have around."

Byrkit plans to attend Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) this fall and to study psychology and modern languages.



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## Campers Learn That “Jesus Saves”

Mountain View Conference leaders held their annual camp meeting with high expectations that campers will return home changed and inspired by the theme “Jesus Saves.” Leaders are also hoping that campers will spread this message in their home churches and to their friends in the community. Below are a few glimpses of this year’s camp meeting:



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1. Chemutai Shiow and her older sister, Cheruto, from the Glenville (W.Va.) church, took part in the Sunday morning 5K run/walk.

2. Roger Gallant, MD, from California, spoke about health. He is pictured with his wife, Margaret.

3. Kevin Glass, a member of the Valley View church in Bluefield, W.Va., enjoys Sabbath dinner with his church family.

4. Megan Bennett and her friend, Charlotte Engelkemier, take time to look through the variety of items for sale at the camp store.

5. Kathy Pepper, one of the Junior/Earliteen leaders, enjoys the 190-footlong Slip 'n Slide.

6. Father's Day fell on the first Sunday of camp meeting. To honor the occasion, Alaina Zill presented her father, Victor, with a very special handmade paper shirt.

7. The Toll Gate Trailblazers, from the Toll Gate (W.Va.) church, were recognized for being the only Columbia Union Conference group to participate in the North American Division's Pathfinder Bible Achievement in Michigan.



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## Mountain View Members Gain Valuable Tools at Festival of the Laity

When we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we become His ministers. Some have been ordained but all of us have been called to the ministry,” said Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division (NAD), at the first of two Festival of the Laity meetings held in the Mountain View Conference.

The festival, themed “Being Connected,” was held recently at the Charleston (W.Va.) church. Larry Boggess, conference president, said the purpose of the daylong meeting was to give

attendees tools to share Jesus.

One of those integral tools was prayer. Ruthie Jacobsen, NAD’s prayer coordinator, encouraged attendees to ask God, each day, to use them to place somebody’s hand in the hand of God. After sharing prayer stories that uplifted the power of God, Jacobsen challenged the audience to saturate all conference churches and all ministries in prayer. We must “be known and seen as people who care and love ... [who] do things with no strings attached,” she said.

Jacobsen also divided the audience into groups of twos and threes and took everyone through a sample prayer time using Scripture as the basis. Joyce Helman, a Moorefield (W.Va.) church member, said that this prayer activity brought tears to her eyes. “It gave me an awesome feeling when I heard the murmurings of the prayers while we

*Peggy Koch, a member of the Charleston (W.Va.) church, and her daughter, Aleta Dustin, a member of the Ripley (W.Va.) church, listen attentively to the presentations.*



*Joyce Helman and Ruthie Jacobsen share from their hearts in the small prayer group time.*

were in our groups; it felt powerful,” Helman said.

After lunch, Frank Bondurant, vice president for Ministries Development for the Columbia Union Conference, shared evangelism ideas, such as offering exercise or quilting classes, hosting book clubs or opening up the church gym as a recreation center. “Evangelism has to be personal. If it is not personal, it will not be effective,” he said.

Boggess closed the program with the challenge to “make ourselves available to God, then make your passion your ministry.”

## Singles to Learn About Stewardship at Annual Retreat

If you’ve ever felt like filing for bankruptcy, made a budget and failed to follow it, loaned money and was never repaid or bounced a

check, then attending Mountain View’s upcoming singles retreat on stewardship could be life changing. Over the September 21-23 weekend at Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, W.Va., attendees will learn how to manage credit card debt, maintain a budget, create an estate plan, understand what the Bible says about retirement and if being debt free is possible.

Guest speaker John Mathews is an ordained minister and Stewardship director for the North American Division. He has conducted family finance seminars as a departmental director in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and the Southwestern Union Conference.

Mathews is a graduate of Southern Adventist University and holds a Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University (Mich.). His passion is teaching stewardship principles, especially as they relate to the spirituality of money management in postmodern culture.

For more information about the retreat, call the conference office at (304) 422-4581.



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# SPIRIT

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

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## A Passion for the Future

Welcome to the adventure of another school year. It is my privilege to be the new principal of Mount Vernon Academy (MVA). I have had the opportunity of being the principal at Fresno Adventist Academy (Calif.) for eight years and bring with me my passion for Seventh-day Adventist education. I believe that in a world of uncertainty, Adventist education allows us the opportunity to focus on a future full of hope. This undeniable hope stems from our Savior's love, leadership, redemption and grace.

This hope in Christ truly inspires me to share my joy with each new generation. I am happy to join a community of educators who, like me, are passionate about preparing young people to be the leaders of their generation. I pray that when our students leave here, they will become powerful leaders because of what they gained here—a Christian character and hope in a loving God Who directs their lives.



Dan Kittle  
*Principal*

## NEWS



### Senior Receives Caring Heart Award

The Columbia Union Conference Office of Education Caring Heart Award for Mount Vernon Academy went to graduating senior Evelyn Ruiz. The award goes to seniors or juniors who possess exem-

plary character, are active in witnessing and service activities throughout the school year and, of course, have tender hearts.

While at MVA, Ruiz was active in leadership positions, mission trips, community outreach programs, student weeks of prayer and served as the religious vice president for the Student Association. "Evelyn is a nurturing, helpful, spiritual person; she is kind and thoughtful toward everyone she meets," said Robert Stevenson, former principal. "She is a wonderful person and possesses an exemplary character."

Stevenson recalls that during last year's mission trip, Ruiz not only participated in the painting project, but also spoke for worships and interacted with the children. She even woke up early to help cook breakfast for the students.

### Meet the 2012-13 Student Association Leaders

At the heart of every academy experience are the memories created because of the events that the Student Association (SA) leaders plan. They organize class competitions, lake days, picnics, fall festivals and help drum up school spirit. MVA's new SA leaders (pictured clockwise) are Sable Kessler ('14), president;

Alyssa Thompson ('15), religious vice president; Emily Charvat ('15), social vice president; Lawrence Robinson ('14), secretary/treasurer; and Matthew Thomas ('14), sports coordinator.



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# CONNECTIONS

INSPIRING STUDENTS TO KNOW FOLLOW SHARE JESUS

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## Senior Receives Caring Heart Award

Spring Valley Academy's (SVA) salutarian, Taylor Bartram, was honored at this year's Commencement ceremony with the Caring Heart Award. The Columbia Union Conference Office of Education presents this award each year to one senior or junior at each senior academy in the union. To be eligible for the award, the recipient must possess exemplary character, be active in witnessing and service activities throughout the school year, and, of course, they must possess a tender heart.

One of Bartram's former teachers said about him: "Taylor loves the Lord and shows it. He is a gentleman and takes the time to be courteous and helpful." Another said, "He is kind and mature in the treatment of younger and older peers alike—an outstanding example for God, his parents and SVA." Still another said, "Congratulations, Taylor, on this achievement and may the Lord continue to bless you in all your future service to Him!"



## Spring Valley Academy Selects Interim Principal

When Vern Biloff decided to retire in June 2010, as vice president of education for the Central California Conference, little did he know that the Lord had a plan for his continued service in Seventh-day Adventist education. He has agreed to serve as interim principal for the 2012-13 school year.

Biloff dedicated more than 42 years to Adventist education and was one of five union educators to receive the distinguished Lifetime Service Award from the Pacific Union Conference.

Raised in a German immigrant culture as a rancher's son in North Dakota, Biloff is accustomed to hard work. He left home for academy in the ninth grade and learned

a construction trade allowing him to work his way through college, first at Union College in Nebraska, then Walla Walla College in Washington state.

Biloff served as a secondary teacher for five years at the former Yakima Junior Academy in Washington and went on to become a school administrator for a total of 16 years in four junior and senior academies in the North Pacific Union. For the remaining 21 years, he served as vice president of education for the Kentucky/Tennessee and Central California conferences.

"He is a guy who has been committed to the Lord all his life, someone whose integrity I have never questioned," says Jerry Page, ministerial association secretary for the General Conference and former Central California Conference president.

Biloff is optimistic and shares, "Our children's future will be secure if they are encouraged to ask questions and, in turn, receive thoughtful, ethical and Christ-centered answers from their pastors and teachers. I am pleased to have seen some evidence of this as a result of the ValueGenesis studies." He joins the SVA staff this month.

He is married to his academy sweetheart, the former Janet Jones, and they had three children, Brooke, Scott and Ross, all deceased in childhood.



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# news

## NEW JERSEY

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### Christians Arise

**T**oo many churches are withering away. Their doors are closing when they should be thrown wide open to energetically proclaim God's saving grace and offer lively refuge to contemporary humanity. It might seem that our efforts and the results are as puny as grains of sand in the face of an enormously worrisome panorama, especially in North America and Europe. Yet, God is more than prepared to join His amazing power to the humble capacities of men and women of prayer and faith if they will only accept the call of Jesus to plant new congregations within the purview of the church, and take steps to revitalize existing ones. One step involves starting a home-based small group. Small groups are especially impactful in urban areas (and just about every social setting). This approach demonstrates awakening power over those slumbering in secularism or suckered by the so-called postmodern mentality. We've seen it work wonderfully throughout the New Jersey Conference.

This article is a call to Christians in many places to arise like Nehemiah did to edify and rebuild the kingdom of God in towns and cities where, too often, night clubs, bars, saloons and corrupt places of entertainment are squeezing out the living church. This is a call to press forward, conquering new territory instead of beating a shameful retreat.



José H. Cortés  
*President*

### New Pastors Join Conference Team



**Oscar Rodriguez** (above) comes directly from Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) where he recently graduated with his degree in theology. Pastor Rodriguez is no stranger to the youth in the conference, as he worked as a volunteer in Youth Ministries for five years. He is bilingual and will be pastoring the Atlantic County/Cape May Court House/Parkway South English district. Pastor Rodriguez and his wife, Rosa, have one son, Diego.

**Felipe Perez** (right) is a native of Colombia and is married to Luzmila Badlilo, who is also from Colombia. The Perezes have two children. Pastor Perez is a theology graduate of Colombia Adventist University and worked for six years in pastoral ministry in Colombia before coming to the United States. He will pastor the Hammonton/Laurel Springs/Gibbsboro Spanish district.



**Patrick Volce** (above) also joined the team as a bivocational pastor for the Bethesda French church. Pastor Volce is a native of Haiti where he pastored and served as a youth director for 12 years before coming to the United States in 2011. Pastor Volce and his wife, Asmide, have three children.



## The Holy Spirit Moves at Union City Spanish Church

On a recent Sabbath, the Union City Spanish church had a special goodbye planned for their beloved pastor, Julio Cesar Labrador, and his family, who were transferring to another district. However, the day quickly became one to remember.

The baptismal tank was full, but there were no people to be baptized. The elders prayed. The choir sang. Pastor Labrador started preaching, and the Holy Spirit started to move. By the end of the sermon, Cindy Mejia, a 10-year-old Pathfinder, stood and went to the front to be baptized. Mejia began attending the church a few months earlier after receiving an invitation



*Cindy Mejia embraces her mom, Reina Mejia. Both were baptized on the same day.*

from her best friend, Giggi. After Mejia took a stand for Christ, her mom soon followed.

A few minutes later, Giggi's mom also stood up and decided to give her life to the Savior. Giggi, a 10-year-old Pathfinder, cried because of overwhelming joy. For almost two years, Giggi and her brother, Danny, a 13-year-old Pathfinder, were the only believers in their family, and thanks to their Christian testimony, they saw the Hand of the Lord work through them. On that Sabbath, their mom, their friend and their

friend's mom accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.

The miracles didn't end there. Lucinalda Perez, a 13-year-old Pathfinder, also saw her best friend, Nilda Martinez, whom she invited to attend church a few months before, stand for baptism. Perez was so happy she was also crying. Then, another person stood up and another and another.

Sebastian Campos, a 10-year-old Adventurer, also decided on baptism, but his dad was not at church at that moment. He was working as a postman. So Sebastian's mom called her husband. The entire church waited for Sebastian's dad to come so he could see him be baptized. Wearing his white baptismal gown, Sebastian waited anxiously with Pastor Labrador. Soon, his dad came in through the front doors and Sebastian ran to his dad's arms. His dad brought him to the baptismal tank where Sebastian was baptized.

These are only a few of the stories of the 13 people who decided to be baptized that day. Union City Spanish church members are still rejoicing and praising the Lord that they got to witness this special day. See more pictures at [columbianunion.org/unioncityspanish](http://columbianunion.org/unioncityspanish).—*Claudia Garcia del Puerto*



*Hector Campos embraces his son, Sebastian, after Sebastian's baptism.*

## dates

NEW JERSEY

### August

- 4 Family Ministries Leadership Training, *Conference Office* 3-6 p.m.
- 8-11 Union Pathfinder Camporee *Camp Mohaven, Ohio*
- 11 Sabbath School Friends Day, *Local Churches*
- 24 South Jersey Prayer & Praise Night, *Bridgeton Spanish Church, 7 p.m.*
- 26 New Jersey Conference Pathfinder Day, *Meadow View Junior Academy* 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### September

- 1 Adventist Education Day *Local Churches*
- 7-9 Couples Retreat Weekend *Hamilton Park Hotel Florham Park, NJ*
- 9 Nominating Committee Meeting, *Conference Office, 10 a.m.*
- 14-16 Master Guide Camp Weekend, *Tranquil Valley Retreat Center*
- 23 Conference Constituency Meeting, *Robbinsville Church, 10 a.m.*
- 29-30 Prison Ministry Training *Conference Office* 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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## Mount Vernon Academy Welcomes New Principal

Following a national search for a qualified candidate, the Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) Board of Trustees invited Daniel Kittle (right) to lead the conference's senior boarding academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

"We welcome Principal Kittle to our Ohio Conference team of educators!" shared E. Jay Colburn, superintendent of education. "Kittle's passion to create a professional, spiritual, learning community comes from a heart determined to see all students and staff experience success."

An ordained pastor, Kittle has served as a teacher, youth director and K-12 administrator. He most recently served for eight years as principal at the Fresno Adventist Academy (Calif.). Kittle says he is committed to building an "abundant learning community" and adds, "I believe that the greatest power for educational transformation is the Holy Spirit, Who daily is wooing the hearts of all humanity to consider a growing relationship with God."

Raj Attiken, conference president and chair of the MVA board, conveys that the academy trustees "are confident that Kittle will provide effective, visionary and spiritual leadership to our academy."



## Columbus Ghanaian Church Reaches Another Milestone

The Columbus Ghanaian congregation started looking for a place to worship in 2001. The Lord rewarded the members beyond expectation for their prayers and patience with a desirable plot of land and started constructing their new facility in April 2002. With assistance from Maranatha Volunteers International, the church saved \$50,000 on foundation and roofing.

Members also gave more than \$300,000 in cash to support the project, with many sacrificially donating as much as \$7,000 each, even though they earned less than \$10 an hour. By God's grace, they finished the building and opened it for service in October 2002.

Through the help of the Ohio Conference, they contracted a loan from the Columbia Union Revolving Fund for the balance of funds needed. The following year, the church saw the need to expand the property and contracted another loan of \$160,000, making their total debt \$449,000. Nonetheless, by members' faith and faithfulness, they never defaulted in their loan payments.

"In the past three years, several of our members left our church for greener pastures while others left because of immigration issues," shares Pastor Isaac Boateng. "Humanly speaking, some of us were very discouraged, but the Lord wanted us to know that it is not by might nor by power but by His Spirit. The 40-plus people who left challenged us to be on our knees and ask the Lord for guidance and directions."

At the end of 2010, the Columbus Ghanaian members were left with \$189,000 on their mortgage. At a church business meeting, they decided to pay off the mortgage in two years. By 2011 the members paid more than \$100,000 toward the balance, and earlier this year raised more than \$70,000 to satisfy the loans. "The Lord in His mercies has demonstrated to us that this church belongs to Him, and if we depend on Him and trust Him, 'mountains will turn to plain lands,'" concludes Pastor Boateng.



Elder Kwabena Okyere-Ababio, Regina Boateng, Kojo Boakye-Dankwa and Pastor Isaac Boateng prepare to burn the remaining balance on the loans for their church building.

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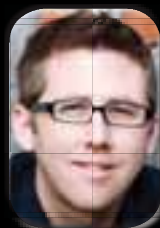
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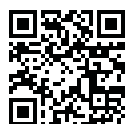
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## City Commends Reading Junior Academy

Lee Stahl (right), principal of the Reading Junior Academy (RJA), planned every detail of the school's graduation program. Or he thought he had. However, Francis Acosta, Reading City Council president, added a surprise to the program when he presented Stahl with a commendation from the city council, calling "upon the citizens of Reading to recognize Reading Junior Academy and their commitment to the education of the youth of Reading and Berks County."

Acosta has children at RJA and is impressed by the school and what they provide. As president of the council, he knew that they often commend public schools and believed that RJA also deserved the commendation and submitted the school for consideration.



## Hundreds Attend Meridian Road Health Fair

On a chilly spring morning, several loaded-to-the-brim cars and trucks made their way over the hills and valleys to the Great Butler Health Fair 2012. After setting up in a ballroom, members of the Meridian Road church in Butler looked it over and let out a huge sigh! Today they would finally meet more of their community and have the opportunity to share the good news about Jesus, along with health and wellness ideas.

On a cold January night, the church board decided to share the health message with the Butler community. Author and speaker James Winer, DC, a natural health

practitioner in Pittsburgh, agreed to speak at the fair and promoted it daily on his local radio show. The local radio station also interviewed two church members about the church and health fair.

On the morning of the fair, a line soon formed for the event as people turned out in record numbers. Literally hundreds and hundreds of men, women and children came to meet and hear the good news of attainable great health. "There were many who wanted to know more about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There were some who drove long distances to seek answers, and we were privileged to pray with them," Pastor Randy Nims shares. "There were even opportunities to make contact with pastors from other denominations who asked about our beliefs. We spoke with so many people who simply were interested in how they could be well again! But the common thread among all our participants was the pressing need for better health and a plan to implement that in their lives!"

The church offered classes in herbs, cooking, homeopathy and education and formed new friendships. Over and over again, Butler community members asked if church members would be willing to facilitate another health fair and, of course, the answer was an unwavering, "Yes!"

To learn more about starting your own church health fair, contact the Meridian Road church at [meridianroadsdachurch@gmail.com](mailto:meridianroadsdachurch@gmail.com) or [meridianroad22.adventistchurchconnect.org](http://meridianroad22.adventistchurchconnect.org).

—Deborah Wright



Members of the Meridian Road church in Butler worked together to bring a health fair to their community.

## Neighborhood Children Lead Worship at Kenhorst Church

Last summer more than 40 children accepted Christ as their Savior at the Kenhorst Boulevard church's Cool Camp, held at the church in Reading. Many of these same children began attending Sabbath School and church and other programs at the church.

For the past year, these children have learned about Jesus and built friendships with church members. One Sabbath morning this summer, these children led the worship service. They sang songs, recited scripture verses and shared the Sermon on the Mount from memory. They memorized the books of the Bible and said them in order. The group also took turns repeating, from memory, *The Creation* poem by James Weldon Johnson.

Parents attended this special



service and stayed for the friendship meal afterwards. It was the first time many of them had come to the church.

These children, most from single parent homes, live in the housing project that borders the church's back property line. Members recognize that God has given them a mission field right in their own backyard. Tamyra Horst, a church member, shares, "This hasn't always been an easy ministry. The

*Mike McCabe, pastor of the Kenhorst Boulevard church, talks about the children's presentation of the Sabbath program.*

kids can be [difficult.] Lying. Stealing. Causing problems. But watching them share the Bible and seeing the joy they had doing it—makes it worth it. You recognize that these kids are learning something that can change the direction of their lives forever."

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# Potomac People

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## Filipino Capitol Kids Lead Evangelism Series

Eight children proclaimed the gospel in an evangelistic series held at the Filipino Capitol church in Beltsville, Md. The series, themed “Jesus, My Friend,” focused on building character. The young leaders, aged 7-11, also played instruments and sang for song services, led in congregational prayers and gathered offerings.

About 30 children, 10 of whom were not Adventist, attended the meetings. The guests learned about the series when church members went door to door, inviting families to attend.

“It felt good spreading the gospel to others,” said 9-year-old Joseph Punzalan. “I am thankful that God saves us from our burdens, and I know He wants everyone to understand His love for us.”



*Andrea Lacson offers the opening prayer.*



*Carlo Celestial tells members and visitors of the Filipino Capitol church's first youth evangelism series that Jesus is a lifelong friend.*

The Children's Ministries team wanted to implement a program that would allow the children to become a bigger part of ministry. “Children were already active in handing out health expo flyers and *The Great Controversy* to the community, but we felt that there is more they can do to make disciples in Christ,” said Roy Tipgos, team member. “With the Holy Spirit's guidance, we came up with the idea of an evangelistic series.” Wanting to add a health aspect to the program, the department incorporated short video clips, which covered nutrition, exercise, water and sunlight. This is the first time the Filipino Capitol church has done a program like this.

“The kids' evangelism program was not only designed to train children to be proclaimers of the

Word, but also to provide them with a chance to feel comfortable sharing the gospel of salvation [with] their peers,” Pastor Lemuel Niere explained.

Tipgos, Niere and Larry Prudente, a church elder, worked on the theme and sermon topics while also giving the children tips on delivery. “We were in constant prayer with and for them,” said Niere. “We encouraged them to seriously study the Bible and wanted them to realize how essential they are to the church.”

Eleven-year-old Kyle Tipgos, who spoke about God as a saving Friend, said it felt good to be part of the meetings. “I want to preach again!” he exclaimed. “I loved preaching and teaching about Jesus' saving grace.”

Rhymiel Prudente (right), also 11 years old, added, “Even though I am young, I want to be trained to preach. Now, I know my mission is to tell the world about God's love.”

At the end of the meetings, adults expressed how the young preachers' sermons and appeals moved them to tears. After such an excited response, Niere says the program will be carefully evaluated, and he hopes to begin planning another series soon.—*Tiffany Doss*



# Potomac People

## Camp Meeting Attendees Focus on Christ's Strength

**M**ore than 2,000 adults and children attended the 2012 Potomac Conference Camp Meeting at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va. This year's theme, "When I am Weak, Then I AM Strong," focused on how God uses weaknesses in ways that make us stronger and rely more on Him. Here are some highlights:



1. As part of the camp meeting community service project, a member helps with renovations of a Civil War-era home in desperate need of repair.

2. With nearly 50 attendees, the disabilities outreach program doubled in size from last year's camp meeting. "Riding the Rails Across America" was this year's theme.

3. Bill Miller, conference president, closes out the week preaching about "fatal riches," and challenges members to rethink what they value.

4. Following his final altar call Friday evening, guest speaker Henry Wright, pastor of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va., leads fellow pastors in laying hands on the dozen or so people who responded.

5. Nearly 450 Potomac Conference members signed their name to a copy of Harry Anderson's painting "Christ Ordaining the Twelve" as a commitment to bring one soul to Christ this year.

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## New Principal Leads Campus

This fall Takoma Academy (TA) will be under the direction of new principal Carla Thrower. Thrower has more than 20 years of service in Maryland's Montgomery County Public School System, having served as a classroom teacher, team leader, consulting teacher for novice and underperforming teachers, and an instructional specialist. She has also been a validator for the Maryland State Department of Education, most recently as an instructional specialist. In this role, she served and supported the programming, curriculum and instruction of 42 schools with 42 principals, 38 assistant principals, 42 team leaders, 42 reading specialists, 17 math content coaches, 41 staff development teachers, 222 teachers and more than 4,000 students.

Thrower holds master's degrees in administration and supervision, curriculum and instruction, and math and science. TA staff believes her educational and administration experience, and commitment to Christ, will allow her to lead TA's academic program to new heights.

Thrower has a very strong support system in her husband, Donald, and their children, Clifton—who is a TA alumnus—Corey and TeAira. The family has been faithful and active members of the Pisgah church in Bryans Road, Md.



## Renovations Update Campus Spaces

Renovations at Takoma Academy are well underway and the TA community is excited about the final result of their updated spaces. During the last month of the 2011-12 school year, the school relocated all chapel activities to the school's gymnasium while the John Jay Williams Chapel, completed in 1970, underwent its phase of updates. The chapel is now outfitted with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment. Workers stripped the stage area of carpet and returned it to a



*As part of Takoma Academy's continuing renovation process, classroom doors will be refinished.*

hardwood finish. They also restrained the side paneling that envelopes the room, improved the lighting and raised the floor so that the entire audience can have a good view of the stage.

By the end of the summer, the entire campus will have undergone asbestos removal treatment. Additionally, classrooms will be fully tiled and lighting adjustments made in areas of concern throughout the campus. Student learning and classroom engagement will be positively impacted by the addition of another computer lab, and improvements to the school's network will ensure that every square inch of the campus has wireless capabilities. These facility renovations will be ongoing to ensure that the TA campus continues to be a functional environment.



## Graduation Ceremonies Highlight a “Mighty” Class

**T**akoma Academy’s 78th Commencement weekend started Friday evening at the nearby Sligo church with the baptism of two seniors. Sabbath morning guest speaker, Patrick Graham, senior pastor at the Restoration Praise Center in Lanham, Md., shared with graduating seniors that while we may get second chances in life, we are still faced with the consequences of our actions. We are called to do and be our best, he instructed.

David Daniels, former TA principal, made an exception and awarded graduating exchange student Jidong Zhong his diploma during the Baccalaureate service so that his family could watch from China via live stream. Zhong shared that his family sacrificed greatly for him to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school in the United States. Nikolaus

and Ruth Satelmajer, who pastor the Atholton church in Columbia, Md., and are Zhong’s local guardians, also proudly sat in the congregation. Zhong is an accomplished pianist and will be a freshman at nearby Washington Adventist University in the fall.

Commencement speaker Melvyn Hayden III, senior pastor of the Mitchellville church in Largo, Md., encouraged graduates to always seek excellence, and to ensure that the God, Who has brought them thus far, is allowed to be a consistent part of their lives.

Daniels closed the weekend celebration with these words for the seniors: “Your loyalty to each other and TA, and your devotion to your eternal destiny, while making a difference to those around you, truly makes you the *mighty* Class of 2012.”



*Pranitha Fielder, youth pastor of the nearby Sligo church, baptizes senior Krystal Uzuegbu.*



*Religion teacher Dunbar Henri prays for graduating exchange student Jidong Zhong while his family proudly watches from China.*



## Senior Earns Caring Heart Award

**A**lthough graduating senior Adrian Dixon received the Columbia Union Conference Office of Education’s annual Caring Heart

Award this year, it is clearly he who seeks to make those around him succeed. Dixon has conducted himself as a true scholar, gentleman and Christian, say his instructors. The school conferred this honor on him for his servant leadership and for his demonstration of selflessness, dedication and leadership, both in the classroom and on the field, where he has made a tremendous contribution to the varsity basketball team.

“We are proud to have him as an ambassador of Takoma Academy,” said David Daniels, former principal. Dixon will be a freshman at Washington Adventist University this fall and intends to major in theology.



## Calendar

### August

- 13** New Student Orientation
- 15** School Opens for Ninth-Graders
- 16** School Opens for All Grades
- 17** Dedication Service, 7 p.m.
- 18** Handshake, 8 p.m.
- 23** Picture Day

### September

- 5** No School—*Labor Day*
- 13** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 14** Fall Picnic
- 17-21** Week of Prayer
- 20-23** SALT

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## Supporting Education at Home and Abroad

Washington Adventist University (WAU) administrators are doing all we can fiscally to support Christian education within the Columbia Union Conference. This spring we offered academy graduates from across the Columbia Union scholarships of more than \$6.1 million to attend WAU over a four-year period. Representatives of the university were present at every Columbia Union academy graduation ceremony to announce and present these scholarships. We wanted to show how much we value Christian education by helping parents and students bridge the financial gap between what parents can afford and the cost of private, higher education.

Another way the WAU community is showing how much we care is by supporting student mission work. Below you'll read about one student's experience working with orphans in Arusha, Tanzania. Next month you'll learn about a student mission trip to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where more than 800 persons were baptized at the first baptism and a record 50,000 individuals attended Sabbath services. Baraka Muganda, vice president for ministry, reports that Washington Adventist University is now a household name in Tanzania. This is Washington Adventist University!



Weymouth Spence  
President

## Student Missionary Returns With New Attitude

Kellie Dehm, Washington Adventist University's first student missionary in six years, is back from Tanzania with a slew of new experiences, new perspectives and a new attitude. Dehm, who left

campus last August determined to answer the call to service, spent 10 months at the Havilah Village Orphanage in Arusha. Allegheny East Conference's Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., sponsors the orphanage.

For Dehm it was a huge change of pace from the busyness of life near the capital of the United States to the small East African village with no Internet service and no hot water. Before leaving for Tanzania, Dehm said, "I wanted to step out in faith and do what I felt God was impressing on me to do. I want to be God's vessel so He can touch lives through me."

With the experience now behind her, Dehm is sanguine about the lessons learned. "I ... went to Africa and became a mother," says the 20-year-old nursing major. She took care of a house of 10 children, preparing meals, seeing them off to school, cleaning, doing laundry and leading worship. "I spent the first few months wanting to come home, and now that I'm home, I want to go back to my kids," she said.

Despite what may seem like a tedious experience to some, Dehm is already making plans to visit her Tanzania family. She hopes that many others will answer the call to service in places as far-flung as her tiny African village. Her advice to those who wish to serve is simply to be open, ready and willing for anything to happen.—Ryan Jackson



Kellie Dehm, a nursing major, spent 10 months caring for orphans in Tanzania.



## Students, Faculty Make an Impact in Russia

An exuberant group of students and faculty traveled to Russia to participate in several projects in partnership with Zaoksky Adventist University, an affiliate institution approximately 70 miles outside Moscow. Projects included continuation of the work on the Russian Bible Translation Project, the construction of a new media center and a student mission outreach initiative. A cultural tour of Red Square punctuated the group's tour and gave new promise to the university's effort to reach an ever-widening international audience.

The team worked with special needs children in three schools. "We played typical [American] organized games with music, and they loved it!" said Alvin Fuentes, team leader and assistant professor of physical education. They also took 100 toys from the United States to give away.

*WAU staff and students pray in Red Square in Moscow.*

Additionally, the team met with different groups each night to teach conversational English and learn Russian in the process. They also participated in a health expo. Painting, cleaning, plastering and otherwise upgrading the infrastructure at the university represented other significant efforts.

Earlier in the year, John Konrad, vice president of WGTS 91.9 FM, the popular gospel radio station owned by WAU, made a preliminary

trip to Russia. On this trip, Weymouth Spence, WAU president; Mikhail Kulakov Jr., professor of religion and director of WAU's Bible Translation Institute; Zack Plantak, chair of WAU's religion department, and Celeste Ryan Blyden, *Visitor* editor and publisher, joined leaders from the Euro-Asia Division at the groundbreaking ceremony for a media center that will soon be erected at Zaoksky Adventist University.



## 1964 Class Gift Returned to Campus After 42 Years

It may come as a surprise to some that Washington Adventist University, previously known as Columbia Union College, had more structures on campus than it does today. One such structure was Columbia Hall, an administration building dedicated on February 20,

1919. It occupied the space on Flower Avenue, across from Sligo church, that is now used as a parking lot.

Columbia Hall lives on in infamy as the structure that was destroyed by a devastating fire on February 19, 1970. Memories of Columbia Hall are kept by the students, faculty and staff of WAU of that era and, until recently, one of the firefighters who attempted to save the building more than 42 years ago.

Robert "Robs" Kimball was a volunteer firefighter with the Chillum/Adelphi Fire Department. He managed to salvage a display case with Columbia Union College's name imprinted on it—a gift to the institution from the Class of 1964. It survived the blaze and eventually found a home at his mother's house, where he lived.

Kimball recently passed away, and in March, his brother, Charles, found the sign in the basement of his mother's home and called WAU's Alumni Office. A team from the university visited the house where the late fireman had been using the case to display his firefighting memorabilia, and brought it back to the campus.

It is now housed in the lower level of Weis Library along with other Columbia Union College memorabilia.—Kevin Manuel



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# Profiles in Caring



*Medical student Nitish Kumar consults with a member of the treatment team at Adventist Behavioral Health Rockville.*



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## Nothing to Fear

The words, “The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself!” are closely associated with Franklin D. Roosevelt and were part of his first inaugural address. He was speaking of the depression and the prospect of turning the U.S. economy around. He was calling on Americans to be aware that the greatest dangers were of the spirit. And he wasn’t the first to express this particular sentiment.

*It is likely that Roosevelt was quoting (howbeit loosely) from words written nearly 400 years earlier by Francis Bacon, who wrote, “Nothing is to be feared but fear itself. Nothing grievous but to yield to grief.”*

Bacon was living during a very perilous time, when there was actually a whole lot to fear. The plague stalked the citizenry of England. Those not killed outright by the plague had to ward off influenza. Food was scarce and famine plentiful. Sanitation was unheard of and there were no anesthetics and no antibiotics—a simple infection could turn deadly immediately.

Inflation was rampant, unemployment had skyrocketed with the growing population and crime was on the upswing. The queen was getting older and it seemed likely that chaos and civil war could break out following her death. England was at war with Spain, and the war had taken its toll on the economy and the citizenry.

It was into this environment that Bacon wrote, “Nothing is to be feared but fear itself.” As troubled and chaotic and fraught with change as the world was at the time, Bacon still asserted the primacy of the spirit and the empowering impact of hope.

Perhaps he was himself just echoing words that he had read in Psalm 23:4, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” (Although he probably didn’t read those exact words because the King James Version of the Bible would not be published for another 20 years.)

But he was stating what he saw to be the truth: that hope extinguishes fear; light overcomes the darkness, the human spirit—buoyed by an appreciation of life, not death—is indomitable.

Writing 300 years after Francis Bacon, Ellen White wrote, “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us...in our past history.” I grew up with those words. I think she was right.

William G. “Bill” Robertson  
*President & CEO*  
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## Adventist Behavioral Health and Washington Adventist University Partner, Prepare Medical Students to Identify Mental Illnesses

Earlier this year, Adventist Behavioral Health and Washington Adventist University's National Center for International Medical Education partnered to create a new psychiatric rotation program aimed at teaching medical students how to assess psychiatric patients, determine their mental health needs and create a treatment plan.

The six-week psychiatry rotation program provides a unique opportunity for medical students to train in both acute psychiatry and residential treatment settings. The students are trained five days each week at Adventist Behavioral Health Rockville's adult inpatient psychiatry unit and in its residential treatment center for adolescents. The program also provides students an opportunity to train on the acute psychiatry unit at the Behavioral Health Unit at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md.

The students enrolled in the psychiatry rotation program are third and fourth-year medical students who are continuing their studies in psychiatry or other health-care specialties. Dr. Carlos Collin, psychiatrist at Adventist Behavioral Health Rockville and clinical instructor for the psychiatric

rotation program, supervises the medical students on-site and provides guidance to the students as they consult with patients throughout the day.

As part of the rotation, the students will learn how to comprehensively diagnosis common psychiatric conditions through one-on-one interviews with each patient and an in-depth review of the patient's medical and psychiatric history. The medical students will also learn how to understand and utilize diagnostic testing such as blood levels, EEG (electroencephalogram), and neuro-imaging in providing an accurate psychiatric profile of each patient. Additionally, residents will learn the essentials of psychopharmacology, which includes learning the mechanism of and side effects of psychotropic drugs.

A typical day for medical students begins by meeting with the nurse manager on the unit to review updates on patient activity, as well as admissions and discharges for the day. The medical students later meet patients individually to discuss the patients' progress in their treatment plan. Many of the adult patients at Adventist Behavioral Health Rockville suffer acute psychiatric conditions,

including schizophrenia, psychosis, suicidal thoughts and dementia. Being physically present on the treatment units and working under the guidance of Dr. Collin allow the medical students the opportunity to monitor the patients' patterns of behavior and observe the impact of the medication and various therapies the needed to stabilize patients' acute symptoms.

"The psychiatric rotation provides medical students the essential mental health assessment skills that all health-care providers need to assess their patients whether they are family practitioners or psychiatrists," said Dr. Collin. "By becoming more adept at assessing the strengths and vulnerabilities of psychiatric patients' mental state in our facility, the student will become more proficient in providing psychiatric assessments in any medical setting."

Adventist Behavioral Health is the behavioral health division of Adventist HealthCare.

To learn more about Adventist Behavioral Health, visit [www.AdventistBehavioralHealth.com](http://www.AdventistBehavioralHealth.com)



*Top: Medical students, Radha Padhy, left, and Sophia Kumbanattel, listen to a patient's concerns.*

*At left: Washington Adventist University medical students, from left, Sophia Kumbanattel, Shailraj Parikm, Nitish Kumar and Radha Padhy, work on Adventist Behavioral Health Rockville's acute psychiatric care unit.*



## Hackettstown Regional Medical Center Names Chapel in Memory of Beloved Administrator

*When Forrest Kinzli's Hackettstown Regional Medical Center (HRMC) family recently looked for a way to honor their friend and colleague, they came upon a very fitting tribute – the April 2nd naming of the hospital's chapel the "Forrest Kinzli Chapel."*

Forrest was instrumental in the design of the new chapel, having put a great deal of personal thought and care into the stained glass design. The beautiful stained glass panels and windows in the chapel tell the story of creation in an artful and meaningful way, thanks to Forrest's careful selections.

"The chapel dedication was such a great honor," said Nancy Kinzli, Forrest's widow. "Forrest would be deeply touched - he felt he was part of a family at HRMC and it was important to him that the chapel incorporate images of people and nature in the midst of spirituality," she added.

Forrest had a written mission statement for life: "To be a fully alive human being, to live with integrity, and to make a positive difference in the lives of others."

As Organization Integrity Officer for Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, overseeing Pastoral Care, Mission Development and Emergency Management, Forrest made an indelible impact upon everyone with whom he interacted. Prior to coming to HRMC, Forrest served as chaplain at Florida Hospital in Orlando and, previous to that, as District Pastor for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. A native of Nebraska and one who enjoyed learning, one of Forrest's favorite classrooms was the great outdoors, where he cherished free time spent hiking with family and friends.

Forrest did his best to live his life's mission with vigor and tremendous personal faith, until his enthusiastic journey was cut short in February, 2011, when he passed away from a brain tumor.

*"Throughout his years at HRMC, Forrest touched the lives of many people within our institution in different capacities - he was always conscientious, courteous, reliable and trustworthy," said Carl Bannister, HRMC's Chaplain and Manager of Pastoral Care Services. "Forrest was always willing to offer support to those in need, and he is greatly missed."*

Described as a man of great intuition, perspective and values, Forrest was viewed by everyone around him as an excellent role model of integrity, stewardship and kindness. "Forrest didn't view people by their position, but valued each for their individual worth. He was very understanding and never judgmental, yet he, himself, always looked for ways to improve," said HRMC President Jason Coe.

Based upon the crowd gathered outside the chapel at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center for the naming ceremony, it's clear that Forrest's work family cherished him in return. In retrospect, it's quite evident that Forrest did accomplish what he set out to do...and what a fitting and loving way for those who benefitted from knowing him to say with grateful smiles and a few tears, "Mission accomplished, Forrest."



*From left, Hospital President, Jason Coe, Forrest Kinzli's widow, Nancy Kinzli and Chaplain and Manager of Pastoral Care, Carl Bannister, stand in front of the Hackettstown Regional Medical Center's chapel named in honor of Forrest.*



## Adventist Behavioral Health y Washington Adventist University preparan a estudiantes de medicina a identificar enfermedades mentales



*Medical students Shailraj Parikm (left) and Nitish Kumar share their observations from a patient meeting.*

Desde inicios de este año, Adventist Behavioral Health y el National Center for International Medical Education de Washington Adventist University se han asociado para crear un nuevo programa de rotación de psiquiatría con el propósito de enseñar a los estudiantes de medicina a evaluar a los pacientes de psiquiatría, determinar las necesidades de salud mental de dichos pacientes y crear un plan de tratamiento.

El programa de rotación de psiquiatría con una duración de siete semanas ofrece una oportunidad especial a los estudiantes de medicina para recibir capacitación tanto en entornos de psiquiatría aguda como de tratamiento residencial. Los estudiantes reciben capacitación cinco días a la semana en la unidad psiquiátrica para pacientes internos adultos de Adventist Behavioral Health en Rockville y en su centro de tratamiento residencial para adolescentes. El programa también ofrece a los estudiantes la oportuni-

dad de capacitarse en la unidad de psiquiatría aguda localizada en la unidad de salud del comportamiento de Washington Adventist Hospital en Takoma Park, Md.

Los estudiantes inscritos en el programa de rotación de psiquiatría son estudiantes de medicina de tercer y cuarto años que continuarán sus estudios en psiquiatría o en otras especialidades de la atención médica. El Dr. Carlos Collin, psiquiatra de Adventist Behavioral Health de Rockville e instructor clínico del programa de rotación de psiquiatría, supervisa a los estudiantes de medicina en el sitio y les brinda orientación en la medida en que ellos realizan las consultas con pacientes durante el día.

Como parte de la rotación, los estudiantes aprenderán a diagnosticar de manera integral afecciones psiquiátricas comunes a través de entrevistas personales con cada paciente y de revisiones a fondo del historial psiquiátrico

y médico del paciente. Los estudiantes de medicina también aprenderán a entender y utilizar las pruebas de diagnóstico tales como los niveles de sangre, electroencefalogramas (EEG) y neuro-imágenes que les permitan obtener un perfil psiquiátrico exacto de cada paciente. Adicionalmente, los residentes aprenderán las bases de la psicofarmacología, lo que incluye aprender el mecanismo de las drogas psicotrópicas y sus efectos secundarios.

Un día normal para los estudiantes de medicina empieza con una reunión con el administrador de enfermería de la unidad para revisar las actualizaciones en la actividad de los pacientes, así como las admisiones y salidas del día. Más tarde, los estudiantes de medicina se reúnen con los pacientes de forma individual para analizar el progreso del paciente en el plan de tratamiento.

“La rotación psiquiátrica ofrece a los estudiantes de medicina las destrezas básicas de evaluación de la salud mental que todos los proveedores de atención médica necesitan para evaluar a sus pacientes ya sea como médicos de familia o psiquiatras”, señaló el Dr. Collin. “Al volverse más hábiles en la evaluación de fortalezas y vulnerabilidades del estado mental del paciente de psiquiatría en nuestras instalaciones, el estudiante será más competente para ofrecer valoraciones psiquiátricas en cualquier entorno médico”.


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## LEGAL NOTICES

### CONSTITUENCY MEETING OF THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the 39th regular constituency meeting of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., is called to convene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at the Robbinsville Community Seventh-day Adventist Church on 2314 Route 33, Robbinsville, NJ 08691.

The purposes of this meeting are to elect officers, committees and to consider recommendations for amendments and revisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, receive reports of the organization and to transact such other business that may properly come before the constituency at this time.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. The delegates-at-large shall be composed of the members of the conference executive committee, the members of the constitution and bylaws committee, the credentialed and licensed employees of the conference, and members of the executive committees of the Columbia Union, the North American Division and the General Conference who may be present.

Local churches, conference-operated institutions, departmental directors, committees and boards of the conference may propose items for the agenda. Local churches may recommend members of their delegation as candidates for the various committees.

**José H. Cortés, President**  
**James A. Greene, Executive Secretary**

# Sunset Calendar

	Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31	Sep 7
Baltimore	8:08	7:59	7:49	7:38	7:27
Cincinnati	8:39	8:30	8:20	8:09	7:58
Cleveland	8:32	8:22	8:12	8:00	7:49
Columbus	8:34	8:25	8:15	8:04	7:53
Jersey City	8:00	7:51	7:40	7:29	7:18
Norfolk	8:02	7:53	7:44	7:34	7:24
Parkersburg	8:27	8:18	8:08	7:58	7:47
Philadelphia	8:03	7:54	7:44	7:33	7:22
Pittsburgh	8:23	8:14	8:04	7:53	7:41
Reading	8:07	7:57	7:47	7:36	7:25
Richmond	8:08	7:59	7:50	7:40	7:29
Roanoke	8:17	8:09	7:59	7:49	7:39
Toledo	8:40	8:30	8:20	8:08	7:57
Trenton	8:02	7:53	7:42	7:32	7:20
Wash., D.C.	8:08	7:59	7:50	7:39	7:28

### QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the fourth quadrennial session of the Allegheny East Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at Sandy Cove Ministries, 60 Sandy Cove Road, North East, MD 21901. This meeting is called for the election of officers, departmental directors and committees that may properly come before the session at that time.

**Charles L. Cheatham, President**  
**Henry J. Fordham III, Vice President for Administration**

### MEETING OF THE PINE FORGE ACADEMY CONSTITUENCY

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Pine Forge Academy Constituency will be held in connection with the fourth quadrennial session of the Allegheny East Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists at Sandy Cove Ministries, 60 Sandy Cove Road, North East, MD 21901, Sunday, October 14, 2012, at a time that will be called by the chair. This meeting is called to elect a Board of Trustees for the academy and to transact any other business that may come before the

constituency at that time. The delegates of the fourth quadrennial session of the Allegheny East Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of this session.

**Charles L. Cheatham, President**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Maryland Men of Faith 2012 Conference**

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