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Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president, was elected to be the president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, at the General Conference Session held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 30 to July 8, 2000. *Herald* photo.

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EDITORIAL



What a Church!

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Excuse me, but I am still exhilarated by the 57th General Conference Session held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. There were so many reasons to be excited.

First we were in a beautiful city that welcomed us with open hearts. This General Conference is reported to be the largest convention ever held in Toronto. How many people came? 50,000? 60,000? I only know I have never seen that many Seventh-day Adventists together in one place in my life, and I am just beside myself with joy.

Why, there was a cafeteria setup to feed 7,000 diners at one time! And you could eat for \$7.50 CN or \$5.00 US. And we all behaved ourselves with Christian deportment. The mayor said the city saved money because no extra police were required to control the massive crowds. Praise God for good ambassadors!

A hotdog street vendor named Carlos (and by the way, these were the best veggie-dogs I have ever eaten) said, "These are the most humble Christians I have seen. I have been serving officers high up in the organization, and not one of them has mentioned their positions of responsibility. Others had to tell me of their importance."

The committees worked smoothly, and elections went off without a hitch. Of course, our beloved president, Don Schneider, was taken from us, but did we really think we could hold on to someone with his obvious gifts forever? Not a chance!

Even when we disagreed during the floor discussions, there was an air of courtesy that made your heart glad. And some of the issues were quite controversial. Be sure to study the new *Church Manual* carefully when you purchase your copy.

The spirit of respect and acceptance was extraordinary and sometimes humorous. I was to select Korean believers to represent the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States in the Parade of Nations for the last Sabbath evening. The Korean brother and sister that I recruited outside the Sky Dome were more than willing. When I led them to their place in the parade, we had to pass the delegation from the Northern Asia Pacific Division. The delegates in that group tried to pull them away from me. This delightful man and his wife protested: "No, Americans, Americans!" For those few minutes they were representing all the precious Korean members in the US, and they were not going to be denied!

Well, for the church that is baptizing more than 3,000 souls per day, worldwide, I am excited. With a membership of over 11 million, I am overwhelmed. With a representation of 205 countries, I am just too grateful to God. I am a Seventh-day Adventist believer, and I am ecstatic!

Philippine Mission 2000

BY CAROL RHODES

Eighteen mission team members, including students and staff from Battle Creek Academy and local church members, embarked on the missionary journey of their lives on March 13, sponsored by *The Quiet Hour*. For some of us, it was the first mission trip we had ever been on. For others, the trip was another of many, and yet each missionary venture is unique in experiences and blessings.

For months the team members had been praying and studying together in anticipation of the Bible studies, evangelistic meetings, children's programs, and the rigors of such a trip. Not only had each team member been required to work with the group to earn money for airfare, Bibles, immunizations, and the many other expenses, but we were also praying earnestly for revival and reformation for ourselves and those for whom we would minister. I am certain that God heard and answered those earnest prayers.

We had thought that we would be working on Samal Island, but God had a better plan in mind for us. An inner-city church in Tagum, a city in southern Mindanao, had been preparing for an evangelistic series of meetings. The evangelist-and-wife team that was to arrive and preach for the upcoming meetings was unable to

come. Within minutes of the Tagum Church pastor being informed that the meetings could not be held due to a lack of evangelists, the same pastor got word that not two, but eighteen workers were on the way!

Each Bible study group had its own stories of challenges and triumphs. God provided heal-



One of 31 jail inmates who was baptized climbs into the baptismal barrel.



Team members lead out in a song service for a Vacation Bible School meeting.

ing in answer to prayer when physicians had been unable to help. One young woman and her family encountered the opposition of an abusive father who refused to allow the family members to be baptized. The father threw stones at the girl, threatened, ranted, and raved about her plans for baptism. When the day came for her to

be baptized, however, not only was her own life washed clean, but also the lives of her whole family. Her father also came to Jesus desiring baptism.

There were 31 local jail inmates who were baptized in a 55-gallon drum filled with water. The inmates had been studying for months as a result of an active jail ministry. It was an amazing sight to see grown men scramble to climb into and be immersed in a barrel of water. These same converts stood out in the blistering-hot sun for more than an hour waiting for a group prayer. Oblivious to the scorn and sneers of fellow inmates, they were brand new individuals who had been cleansed by the blood of Jesus their Savior.

The 237 baptisms in Tagum are only a part of the story of God's working in southern Mindanao. Others continue to study in preparation for another baptism soon. Pastor Eper Punay, who oversees 27 churches, and Pastor Ernesto Tundaan of the

Tagum Central Church, continue to pray and plan for more growth and sharing ministries in the area in the near future.

I am deeply indebted to *The Quiet Hour* ministries for sponsoring this trip. Were it not for the faithful support of *The Quiet Hour* Partners, lives would still be in darkness and souls lost to this world of confusion and sin. My life and others will forever be miraculously changed as a result of this mission trip.

Carol Rhodes is a member of the Delton (Michigan) Church who participated in Philippine Mission 2000.

Finding Hope in Toronto



Ron Quick



Ron Quick



Sandy Blackmer

Above and right: Toronto's Skydome provided the venue for the 57th general session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. On the first weekend more than 55,000 people attended Sabbath services. On the second weekend the crowd swelled to more than 70,000.

Far right, top: Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston welcomes delegates to Toronto and Ontario.

Middle: To pass from the Skydome to the dining area it was necessary for the crowd to funnel across a bridge over the railroad tracks. During the hour-long wait for dinner on Sabbath, someone in the crowd started singing and the cheerful mood quickly spread through the crowd as others joined in.

Bottom: A dining area in the Toronto Convention Center North was set up to accommodate 7,000 people at once.



Dick Dower



Garly Waterhouse

BY JOLYNN R. FISHER

I joined the ranks of the more than 60,000 other Adventists in their pilgrimage to the 57th General Conference Session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Like many of these pilgrims, I passed through customs before entering Canada.

The line was long and my customs agent particularly thorough. As she

reviewed my documents she asked what I was in town for. "Meetings," I replied, trying to rush the process.

"What meetings," she pressed.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church's General Conference Session."

Without missing a beat she fired back, "When was the Great Disappointment?"

I blinked. The flight had been long,



Ron Quick



During the opening session the president of Canada's postal service, Andre Quellet, and GC president Jan Paulsen, unveiled the first stamp in North America to be issued featuring the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

the second day of the session. Paulsen, a Norwegian, was coming to the end of his sixteenth month in office. He has extensive pastoral and administrative experience as a missionary, teacher, college principal, and church administrator.

"It is both a privilege and honor to serve the church and our Lord. God is the one who calls and sustains us," Paulsen said in his acceptance speech. "Were it not for



C. Elwyn Platner



Dick Dwyer

Far left: During the opening session, Loveland, Colorado, sculptor Victor Issa unveiled his bronze figures entitled "The King Is Coming," part of a work which will be permanently displayed at the church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Left: The sculpture was located in the exhibit area where people could stand with the life-size figures and think about their Lord's soon coming.

and I was totally unprepared for this pop quiz. Then I noticed the twinkle in her eye.

"1844," I finally blurted out, relieved I knew the answer.

"Welcome to Canada," she said smiling.

With that brief exchange, the enormity of the Adventist impact on Toronto began to dawn on me. The session was heralded as the largest convention ever held in Toronto, and delegates and guests met to share our unique hope through the theme "Almost Home."

TAKING HOPE TO THE STREETS

According to statistics cited during the session, more than 70 percent of Adventist members are under age 30. While the average delegate—male, age 50—didn't come close to reflecting this statistic, Impact Toronto partici-

pants certainly did!

Impact Toronto, an evangelistic outreach running concurrently with the GC Session, drew youth and young adults from around the world. Our youth were out on Toronto streets sharing hope through street preaching, mime ministry, a Christian café, and door-to-door outreach, to name a very few of the activities.

In addition to Impact Toronto, youth also served as pages (running messages and giving out directions) and reporters for the press booth during the session. The youth presence was also felt in the convention center, where many helped run booths, pass out information, and perform on stage.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS ELECTED

Jan Paulsen, Ph.D., world president of the Adventist Church was reelected on

that conviction, I would run a long way away. But I am reassured by the long-held conviction my wife, Kari, and I share that God gives guidance to us. We will do our best to discharge the duties you have placed on our shoulders. We will try to do something wonderful for the church and our Lord. It gives us strength to know that you remember us in your prayers."

The president's election by the 1,946-strong delegation came after the session's Nominating Committee—composed of 174 members from around the world—put forward his name.

The elections of Matthew Bediako as secretary and Robert Rawson as treasurer filled the top continuing leadership posts in the General Conference (GC).

(Continued on page 8.)



Dick Dower



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Top: The nominating committee leadership, chaired by Andrews University President Neils-Eric Andreasen, would present the names to the delegates in business session. Flanking Andreasen are, from left, North Pacific Union President Jere Patzer, associate chairman; Oakwood College President Delmer Baker, secretary; and Montemorelos University President Ishmael Castillo, associate secretary.

Middle: The nomination would be followed by a vote, with delegates holding up their yellow voting cards.

Bottom: After the top three GC positions had been filled, a very spiritual installation and dedication service was held for Jan Paulsen, president; Matthew Bediako, secretary; and Robert Rawson, treasurer.



Dick Dower



Dick Dower

Debbie Young from Ypsilanti, Michigan, was an on-camera reporter for GCTV.

BY DORIS STICKLE BURDICK

Delegates voted the old-fashioned way—the upraised hand (though in Toronto those hands lifted a yellow voting card, ubiquitous at official business sessions). Hallway visits remained as always a delight of face-to-face greetings and quick conversations. Technology took over communication of nearly every other type both on-site and with the rest of the world.

Never before have members everywhere had such broad and immediate online access to news, pictures, graphics, and video clips. Computers and the World Wide Web provided them with a virtual Toronto 2000 General Conference Session experience as it happened. Web traffic exceeded expectations to the extent that access to archived evening International Festival of Mission programs had to be dropped to increase availability of the program of the day. Ten to twelve thousand visitors came to the www.session2000.adventist.org site daily, according to Larry Turner, one of five young people on the Internet services communication team. In addition, Lee Bennett,

Technology at the 57th General Conference Session in Toronto

coordinator of the North American Division press photo site, also kept visitors up-to-date at www.nadadventist.org.

"The web coverage has been such an eye-opener to me," wrote Jean Killer, a new church member living in Marina Del Rye, California. "What a

dispatches to religious news editors worldwide. Helping to fill the communication pipelines, about 25 writers, photographers, and other public relations professionals worked on

the General Conference

communications team and an equal number on the North American Division communications staff.

In the exhibit halls, at least 130 video screens and another 50 computer screens—and at least one slide projector—pictured ministries of every imaginable kind.

Visitors clustered at the large

glass windows of GCTV where live interview and editing studios hosted various guests.

Sometimes it was a high-profile individual such as General Conference President Jan Paulsen or *It Is Written* speaker Mark Finley. At other times it was a guest from a far-away place with a story measuring up to those in the biblical book of Acts.

Another unusual vantage point in the exhibit area was the glassed-in workroom where *Adventist Review*

staffers worked at a dozen or more computers to produce the General Conference Daily Bulletins. And cell phones? The subterranean location of the exhibit halls slowed them down there, but elsewhere they were as common as video cameras.

"The technological advancements that this session has experienced are a tremendous contrast from five years ago in Utrecht," commented C. Elwyn Planter, communication director for the Pacific Union Conference.

Doris Stickle Burdick served for the past 13 years as director of public relations at Southern Adventist University. As of September she will be serving at Christian Record Services as direct mail director.



<http://www.session2000.adventist.org>



<http://www.nadadventist.org>



<http://www.nadadventist.org/gcsession>



The nominating committee voted by secret ballot electronically which greatly speeded up the tabulation of the votes.

vision it has given me of the scope of mission and the impact the church has around the world," her e-mail message continued. "Thank you for bringing the experience to me virtually."

Cutting-edge communication technology and the Adventist Global Communication Network daily provided several hours of session programming via satellite to locations on several continents.

Adventist World Radio, an international broadcasting network, beamed live reports to stations around the world. Using electronic channels, the Adventist News Network provided



Ron Quick



Ron Quick

ELECTING A NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION PRESIDENT

Don C. Schneider, 57, was elected to lead the church in North America following Al McClure's retirement from the presidency in July. Schneider has served the church as a pastor and church administrator, most recently serving as president of the Lake Union Conference for the past six years.

As Schneider, watching the returns from the Nominating Committee, realized his name would be put forward as the next North American Division (NAD) president, he bowed his head and rededicated his life to the Lord.

"I knew that in my strength I do not have the wisdom to do this great work," he said. "Coming from a simple family background, I do not know why I should be given the opportunity to serve in this capacity; however, I want God to lead since He is the one who has called me."

Schneider, who replaces McClure, will serve on more than 100 hospital, school, and organization boards in the Adventist Church.

Taking over the NAD presidency is no small task. The territory is vast, covering the United States and Canada. There are more than 5,000 churches in the division with more than 900,000 members. Not only is the NAD the birthplace of Adventism, but also it continues to move at the forefront of community service, education, healthcare, and international mission work.

"HOPE" HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

For the first time in our church's history, viewers from every continent could watch the GC Session. In 1995 only viewers in North and South America were able to watch the GC Session in Utrecht.

Each weekday three hours of events, music, sermons, and reports were uplinked. On Sabbaths, six hours of programming were uplinked. Programming was provided by General Conference Television (GCTV) produced jointly by Warren Judd, Adventist Media Productions CEO, and Ray Tetz, Mind Over Media president/owner.

Not only was GCTV seen globally, but it was also staffed by technicians, editors, and engineers from around the world. They came to share in the ministry of hope through sharing their technical skills. The United States, Australia, Germany, and France were a few of the countries represented.

The Adventist Communication Network (ACN) carried the programs throughout North America, while the Adventist Global Communication Network (AGCN) carried programming to the rest of the world. The signal was also available to Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and other private distributors.



Gary Waterhouse

Each evening of the week attendees were treated to reports from the divisions of the world church which included music, pageantry, and video productions. Each division had something unique which helped show a bit of the culture of their area.

Above left: In her Latin American costume, Yohana d'Gracia of Panama adds color to a progress report.

Top: The Southern Asia-Pacific Division delivered their spokesman to the platform using a miniature jeepney.

Bottom: The Sauler Variations from Southwestern Adventist University entertain the lunch crowd with their anklong bamboo instruments which are played in harmony much like a bell choir.



Ron Quick



Ron Quick



Dick Duerksen



Ron Quick

Top left: Elena Salo of Russia thrilled the audience with her praise to the Lord in song.

Top right: On the first Sabbath Andrews University alumnus Michael Myer directed a 140-voice choir in a stirring anthem. The audience enthusiastically joined in when the choir sang "We Have This Hope."

Middle and bottom: Children's choirs, the darlings of the conference, included these two lively groups from Kenya and Zimbabwe.

CONVENTION CENTER

Adventist institutions, churches, ministries, and members from around the world set up booths in the Toronto Metro Convention Centre, attracting an estimated 20,000 visitors a day. The booths, dominating floor space equivalent to three football fields, were laid out in an eclectic pattern with ministries, institutions, and publishing houses forming walls and aisles in the massive center, just a five-minute walk from the SkyDome.

Adventist World Radio (AWR) occupied the largest amount of space on the floor with their broadcasting area where they translated the GC proceedings into Spanish, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Romanian. The feed was sent directly to Europe, Africa, and the Americas. It was also broadcast on the Internet. The AWR station in Guam picked up the Internet feed then broadcast it to all of Asia.

GLOBAL MISSION OF HOPE

For many of the attendees, the session was more than a review of the church manual and the vote actions taken on the main floor, it was also a time of fellowship ... something akin to a camp meeting, bringing in more than 55,000 people to the Sabbath meetings.

Throughout the week, meetings were held in the adjacent convention center for groups which included the Prayer Ministry and Women's Ministry.

On the Sky Dome's main floor, delegates and attendees received reports from around the world during "Window's on Missions."

The Global Mission stage, located in the convention center, provided a forum for ministries from around the world to share their progress, mission, and vision. Global Mission provided constant action throughout the week on the large stage area with musical guests such as: The New England Youth Ensemble, Faith First, Wedgewood Trio, and Victor and George Acquah.

Pastor Anthony Alexander also shared his experience of wrongful imprisonment in a Sri Lankan prison. While spending more than two years in prison, Alexander conducted as many as 50 Bible studies each week and worked on a Tamil translation of *The Desire of Ages*, according to an *Adventist News Network* May 15 press release.



Attendees were delighted to discover that Toronto's hotdog stands typically offer a great veggie hotdog. And when vendors discovered its popularity with the Adventists, more stands moved in closer to the dome to supply the demand. Many found this fare preferable to the offerings that were available from the official food service.

BUSINESS SESSION OVERVIEW

The first business meeting of the 57th GC Session kicked off June 29 at 3:00 p.m. Over the next seven business days between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. delegates discussed many agenda items, including the *Church Manual*, where talks on divorce and remarriage finally stalled. On Thursday, after several days of discussion, the amendment to add "abandonment" as a cause for divorce but not remarriage, was tabled and referred to a subcommittee with a final vote scheduled to occur at the next GC Session in St. Louis, Missouri.

Many delegates were surprised Friday morning when a motion to overturn Thursday's decision to table the issue passed. Within minutes the amendment was again made and passed. A re-vote was called. This time the amendment passed.

In addition to discussing and voting on the *Church Manual*, delegates also elected the GC officers and division presidents. The business meetings ended Friday, July 7, at 4:30 p.m.

During the session, the church released position statements on gambling, child welfare, and proselytism in a series of press conferences.



All of the newly-elected division presidents and their wives joined President Jan Paulsen on the platform for the church service on the second Sabbath. All three decks of the Skydome were filled with more than 70,000 people that weekend.

TITHE-SHARING PLAN

The GC Executive Committee adopted a new tithe-sharing plan, allowing world divisions to share more equally in funding GC operations around the world. The decision dramatically revised the funding formula for sharing the expenses of the world-wide church.

The new plan, to be phased in over a five-year period, provides that each division share equitably to fund GC operations. Committee members voted that each world division of the church will send two percent of tithe for this purpose, thus creating the first equal financing plan in the denomination's 137-year history, according to the *Adventist Review*, July 2, 2000.

Traditionally, North America contributed 11 percent of its tithe, while other divisions contributed only one percent. In addition to the two percent, the NAD has agreed to send six percent of their tithe to support world missions and in recognition of the benefits of having the GC headquarters office and several GC institutions located in its territory.



Television cameras provided image magnification for each session, making it possible for everyone to see what was happening despite the great distances inside the dome.

HOPE IN OUR FAMILY

The 57th General Conference Session closed Sabbath evening by celebrating our world family. Delegates from every nation represented dressed in native garb and carried their country's flag onto the stage.

Yes, we came to the General Conference Session—more than 60,000 of us. We discussed the *Church Manual*, elected church leaders, and listened to speakers and musical groups from around the world. We even reestablished old friendships. But more than anything, we came away with a sense of hope. Hope in the strength of God's incredible diversity. Hope that we truly are almost home.

Jolynn R. Fisher is assistant editor for the Pacific Union Recorder.



Andrews University Professor Bill Richardson makes a point at the microphone.

BY OLSON PERRY

Delegates to the 57th General Conference Session discussed a proposed revision to the "Divorce and Remarriage" section of the *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*. After two days of debate and suggestions for modification, an action was taken to table the proposed document for further revision by the Church Manual Committee. On the final day of business, South Pacific Division delegate, Garry Hodgkin, president of the South New Zealand Conference, made a motion to rescind the action taken two days earlier "to return the document for further revision, and accept the recommendations made to the Church Manual Committee." In a second motion, Hodgkin proposed accepting the document in its entirety, including the amendments voted the first day of discussion to the first section of the document. Both actions passed unanimously.

The document more clearly defines causes for divorce, such as "abandonment by an unbelieving spouse" and "physical violence." It does not alter



Indiana attendees Bela Kobor, Archie Moore, and George Crumley Jr., pay close attention to the discussion.

Session Delegates Consider Divorce/ Remarriage



Each delegation had reserved seats.

the church's previous position on divorce and remarriage. As stated in the *Church Manual*, the only allowance for remarriage is adultery/fornication, which now includes "incest and child sexual abuse," as well as homosexual practices.

The document allows divorce and remarriage when one's spouse commits adultery/fornication. The amendment also includes "abandonment by an unbelieving spouse" (1 Cor. 7:10-15) as cause for divorce, but not remarriage unless the spouse commits adultery/fornication. Likewise, physical violence is cause for separation or divorce, but not remarriage.

Lowell Cooper, General Conference vice president, said "We do not have a perfect document. It does not answer every question. We are trying to affirm an ideal, while at the same time recognizing situations that are much less than ideal. But this will be a significant step forward."

Delegates argued that the document doesn't go far enough, questioning why unfaithfulness to the marriage vow was limited to adultery/fornication. John Fowler, associate educational director of the General Conference, emphasized, "Part of the marriage



Wisconsin delegates, Sandy Miller and Don Corkum, found ways to keep alert during the discussion.

vow is to 'love, honor, and cherish.' Physically abusing one's spouse is a breaking of the marriage vow."

Others questioned how to determine and prove physical abuse. Some disagreed with abandonment by an unbelieving spouse as cause for divorce. "1 Corinthians 7:10-15 does not convincingly support abandonment as a reason for divorce," said Tunde Ojewole of the African-Indian Ocean Division. "Abandonment for how long? One week? One month? One year?"

"This text did get a lot of discussion," explained Lowell Cooper, General Conference vice president and chair of the Church Manual Committee, "but it survived the scrutiny of the church's theologians."

During the 1995 General Conference Session an action was voted that the world church reconsider its position on divorce and remarriage as expressed in the *Church Manual*. An international commission submitted its report to the General Conference Administrative Committee, which sent it to the Church Manual Committee.

Olson Perry is the editor of the Southern Tidings



College church pastors, brothers Dwight and Greg Nelson and Ed Wright, follow the discussion.



Dick Dower

Neal Wilson, right, former General Conference president, welcomes Alfred C. McClure, the North American Division president, into the ranks of the retired during a reception in McClure's honor in Toronto.

The McClure Years

BY MONTE SAHLIN

Alfred C. McClure served as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America during the decade of the 1990s. He was first elected at the 1990 General Conference (GC)

Session in Indianapolis, re-elected at the 1995 GC Session in Utrecht, Holland, and announced, some months in advance, that he would retire at the time of the 2000 GC Session in Toronto.

McClure has presided over a period during which the North American Division (NAD) became fully organized as a division of the world church. Prior to 1980, the NAD really did not exist, although references were made to it in denominational publications. The affairs of the church in North America were directly administered by the GC.

Throughout the 1980s, Charles Bradford, first elected as the GC vice president for North America in 1978 and then assuming the title of division president in 1985, set the stage for the organization of a real NAD structure. In 1979 he initiated a strategic planning group for the NAD. At the 1980 GC Session an associate director in each GC department was named as the representative for North America. At the 1985 GC Session, separate departments were established for the NAD.

At the 1990 GC Session, McClure became the first person to start his tenure with the title NAD president. Amendments to the GC bylaws also established the NAD on the same policy as other world divisions.

The emergence of the NAD as a self-governing section of the GC has created "ripple effect" changes within the denomination's bureaucracy. These have, at times, caused confusion and resistance, and McClure spent long hours patiently working through these issues.

But the real question that faced the McClure administration in 1990 was what to do with the NAD's new ability

A Vital and Empowering Prayer Ministry

ROSALIE A. VAN PUTTEN

From the beginning of the 57th General Conference Session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, a prayer vigil was held in a room located in the North Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Center. Under the direction of Ruthie Jacobson, prayer coordinator for the North American Division, prayer was offered continuously 24 hours a day throughout the entire session.

Each day, two of the world divisions were assigned to conduct the prayer sessions. Division, union, and conference presidents and other workers and laity from every point on the globe were represented in the prayer group. It was encouraging to see men and women from so many diverse cultures coming together, holding hands and petitioning the Lord for His guidance and direction concerning the sessions.

Also available in the prayer room was literature regarding prayer, including the books *Communion with God: A Devotional Guide for the School of Prayer* which is produced by the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, and *Kneeling on the Promises*, written by Ruthie Jacobsen. These books, as well as other literature, were an additional source of encouragement and enrichment to the prayer life of those who attended and took part in this vital and empowering prayer ministry.

Rosalie A. van Putten is a constituent of the Northeastern Conference and attends the Springfield Gardens Church in Queens, New York, where she serves as the education director.

the church more mission-driven, McClure focused his team on evangelism and church growth.

He convened a "think tank" group that developed the concept of using satellite links to bring major evangelistic campaigns live to thousands of sites simultaneously. McClure led in the NET initiatives that have made public evangelism more accessible and less costly for local churches. The Adventist Communication Network (ACN) was created and has brought satellite dishes to more than half of the local churches in North America, connecting them to a wealth of training seminars, Sabbath sermons, and special events, as well as evangelistic meetings.

McClure presided over the transfer of the media ministries, such as *It Is Written* and *Voice of Prophecy*, from GC to NAD sponsorship. And he brought renewed emphasis to church planting and established a "reclaiming" ministry to reach former and inactive members, both without creating new departments, by contracting with resource centers instead. (The NAD Evangelism Institute supports church planting, and the Center for Creative Ministry supports reclaiming ministry.)

The impact of his evangelistic strategy can be seen in the fact that baptisms have increased and the growth rate of the Adventist Church in North America is up. In 1999, the number of baptisms in the NAD exceeded 40,000 for the first time in history!

In the last few years of his tenure, McClure launched new initiatives to 1) reach the 80% of the North American population which lives in the major metropolitan areas, 2) increase the visibility of the Adventist Church through the secular media among the general public, and 3) empower lay ministries. These goals mark out the future of Adventist mission in North America.

A new and more efficient delivery system, bringing information, resource materials, training and consultants to the local church, was constructed under McClure's leadership. The NAD

Bridging the Gap Between Languages

BY BRENNAN J. WIMBISH

In Revelation, John tells of seeing a multitude of people standing on the sea of glass. These people were from every kindred, nation, tribe, and tongue. They were gathered together waiting to be taken to heaven to live with God and praise Him forever. Members of the world church experienced a foretaste of heaven as people of all cultures from all over the world came together at the 57th General Conference Session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Many commented and marveled at the warm fellowship of the event.

One thing I observed was that many Adventists who attended were not well versed in the English language. In fact, a good number did not speak any English at all!

In order to meet the needs of those who did not speak English, more than 200 translators were present in the SkyDome, translating what was being presented each day during the session into eleven languages. "French, Spanish, and Portuguese were the biggest groups here," commented Daniel Bhookun, a minister from Mauritius working as a French translator. Other languages included Russian, Romanian, German, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Serbian-Croatian, and Japanese. An audio link fed into headphones to translators who then simultaneously translated into the various languages. Delegates and other attendees who needed the translations received them by way of radio frequency.

Brennan J. Wimbish is a senior communication major at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama.

Church Resources Consortium has been established to bring together "all the players" in a coordinated fashion; the departmental ministries, resource centers, and publishing houses working together instead of costly competition and top-down planning.

McClure never wavered from his support for women in ministry and church leadership, despite considerable criticism and pressure from some quarters.

The McClure administration also achieved a significant expansion of the humanitarian work of the church. An ADRA North America regional office has been fully accredited with ADRA International. Adventist Community Services (ACS) has negotiated new agreements, giving it equal status with the Red Cross and a larger role in disaster response recognized by the federal and state

governments. ACS is revitalizing the Inner City Program with a \$300,000 annual contract with AmeriCorps and a recognized role for tutoring underprivileged children in General Colin Powell's Partnership for America's Future.

McClure is widely respected as an even-handed chairman, a careful administrator and sensitive listener. During his time at the helm, most Adventist institutions have prospered, enrollment in Christian education has grown, giving has increased significantly, and a number of major crises have been dealt with; Waco, of course, and a number you will never hear about because of the care with which they were handled.

Monte Sahlin is vice president for creative ministries at the Columbia Union Conference.

Don Schneider

Elected NAD President

BY RICHARD DOWER

Lake Union Conference President Don Schneider accepted the nomination and was elected as president of the North American Division (NAD) during the 57th General Conference Session held in Toronto, Ontario.

Don Schneider's 36-year history of pastoral and administrative service includes time spent in the Northern California, Rocky Mountain, Arkansas-Louisiana, New Jersey, and Wyoming conferences. As a member of the Anglo Evangelism Committee, he helped to inaugurate the first in a series of evangelistic meetings to be transmitted by satellite across North America and then around the world.

Don and his wife Marti came to the Lake Union Conference in the fall of 1994. He brought with him administrative skills that have been appreciated by the conference presidents.

Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president, says that Don is a "great team builder, giving solid counsel. He has been through most situations I might face. He is easy to talk to, and I come away feeling helped."

Norman Miles, Lake Region Conference president, agrees, "He has done a good job in bringing the conferences together in a more united fashion. He has found ways to help us all do our jobs better, especially in evangelism and Christian education."

Wayne Coulter, Illinois Conference president, highlighting another of Don's traits, observes that he has a sense of humor and the ability to look

at everything seriously, but not overwhelmingly.

Clay Farwell added, "He is fun to work with, and I feel that we should enjoy doing our work. It's nice to work with a friend who brings fun into the experience." Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, agrees and said that, "It was a pleasure to attend the Lake Union meetings because he certainly brought a happy spirit to them. We were all happy even when we had different opinions, and we were always able to build a consensus. We were probably the happiest union anywhere."

Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, says that another of Don's gifts is that of inspirational leadership. "He uses affirmation with great skill. He affirmed all our workers and recognized those that had made significant achievements."

Summing up Don's six years here in the Lake Union, the conference presidents agree that promoting evangelism, both personal and public, and developing a way to help finance Christian secondary education tops the list of his administrative accomplishments.

While Don has been busy in his job as president, his wife Marti has been extensively involved in promoting church growth. First, while serving as secretary to the Northern California Conference ministerial director, she worked with pastors who were involved in evangelism. Then when they moved to Berrien Springs, her interest in church growth expanded as she began helping to organize and



Dick Dower

Don and Marti Schneider will be greatly missed in the Lake Union, but their leadership in the North American Division will be a real blessing.

coordinate church planting meetings known as the SEEDS conferences held at Andrews University. Working in the North American Division Evangelistic Institute, Marti said that her role in the Lake Union was praying for Don and supporting him in his work.

Her role as first lady of the North American Division will be somewhat expanded. She will continue her work as coordinator of the SEEDS conferences, but will also become the NAD director of the Shepherdess organization, a program of networking, encouragement, and affirmation for pastors' wives. In those positions she will have the opportunity to travel with Don when appropriate.

Don is a people person. Did you feel that you knew him? How did you get acquainted? Was it by reading his editorials in the pages of the *Lake Union Herald*? Or maybe you saw him as the host of the *No One But You* video series. Or perhaps he preached in your church, or you saw him in action during your conference constituency meeting, or you met him at camp meeting. In any case, I'm sure that you came away from the encounter with the feeling that you had met a person whose best friend was Jesus, and that Don wanted Jesus to be your best friend, too.

Richard Dower is the Lake Union Herald editor.



These delegates spent Sabbath afternoon sorting onions for the Daily Bread Food Bank while others sorted carrots and potatoes and boxed the canned foods.

BY MARKLYNN BAZZY WITH
PRESTON SMITH,
TOMPAUL WHEELER, AND
LYNN McDOWELL

Representing more than 35 countries, 250 young adults from the four corners of the world participated in *Impact Toronto 2000*, a young adult evangelistic training event, during the General Conference Session held June 29–July 8 in Toronto, Canada.

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

For ten days these young adults learned street evangelism skills in 17 different ministries including: compassion, clowning, mime, drama, music, recreation, door-to-door, street artistry, FLAG Camp, prayer, puppets, VBS, video, street preaching, and Storm Co. *Impact Toronto* had two major goals: to train young adults in ministry and to inspire them to take their work home with them. Each morning *IT2000* delegates trained, and each afternoon they went out to serve.

GIVING BACK

More than just ministry training, the young adults gave back to the community as well. On July 1, Canada Day, they volunteered at the Daily Bread Food Bank, sorting approximately 25,000 pounds of reclaimed food that will serve about 6,000 meals. They helped distribute some of the

food at Regent Park during the week, where many of the street ministries and evening meetings took place.

EVANGELISM

Each evening, young adults participated in two evangelistic meetings held from Sunday, July 2 through Friday, July 7, with speakers José Rojas and Andrea Trusty King. Titled "Real Love: The Search is Over," the evangelistic meetings sought to attract people searching for love in all the wrong places and guide them to Jesus Christ where they can find real love. José Rojas, the North American

Division youth director, spoke at the Toronto East Adventist Church, a primarily West Indian church situated in a Greek neighborhood. Following the meeting at this church, a Christian café was set up in the basement. Andrea Trusty King, a seminary student at Andrews University from Ohio, spoke in a tent in Regent Park, a housing project area in downtown Toronto. From the two evening evangelistic meetings, as well as the door-to-door and prayer ministry, there were more than 90 requests for Bible study and baptism.



Prayer was an integral ingredient of Impact Toronto 2000. At the close of José Rojas' meeting, the entire congregation gathered around those who made a decision for Christ and prayed.



The café ministry was a popular hang out spot for delegates for the good food, good music, and excellent fellowship time.

Tompaul Wheeler

GOD BROUGHT YOU HERE

"God brought 300 people down here just for me. I know that's why you came here," a heroin addict named David told a group of delegates he met on the street. They first encountered him Monday afternoon returning from FLAG Camp. When he found out they were a church group, he asked if they'd pray with him. Confessing his love for God and sorrow for his sins, David prayed with the group, and the group asked for God's power in his life.

When the group encountered David the next day, he shared the difference prayer had made. That morning he'd overslept, past when he usually wakes up for his heroin fix. Yet he had no craving. Every other time



Dick Duerksen

After being denied a city wall on which to paint a mural, the street artist ministry group put up a plywood wall in Regent Park where they were welcomed with open arms. Instead of the usual graffiti left by gangs, this ministry left a message of hope in a community with little hope.

Right: Random acts of kindness were part of the compassion ministry training Jennifer Gregory (Illinois) and Sonia Perez (California) received. They were given five dollars to do one random act. They chose to pay for two hotdogs at a nearby stand for the next two people who purchased hotdogs. Another part of their training included basic fundraising procedures. The goal was to raise CDN\$300 for a college student in India who needed this amount to pay school fees in order to take final exams. In the 45 minutes given for this venture, members of the compassion ministry raised just under CDN\$600.



Dick Duerksen

he's missed heroin for a day, he said, his body had become numb and shaky and he'd become homicidal, yet this morning he had no symptoms at all.

When the group met him again two days later, he was still elated at being heroin-free. "None of my family would know me now," he said.

COMPASSION MINISTRY

Impact delegates didn't stop touching lives when they finished the day's programs. Compassion ministry team member Jennifer Gregory, of Chicago, Illinois, believes God particularly led her to one person: a homeless man who'd been raised Adventist.

On a quick trip to a nearby grocery she met a man selling Toronto's "homeless newspaper." When she stopped to give him some money, he saw her IT2000 badge and asked what group she was with. The man related how after being raised Adventist and experiencing much material success in life, he'd lost everything in a battle with drugs.

"He told me he knew God was still working on him because I'd come by to talk to him," Jennifer says. "I prayed with him and didn't know what kind of impact I'd make, but when I opened my eyes he'd been crying."

Greg and Kim (Chilson) Taylor were Impact Toronto 2000 delegates from

Berrien Springs, Michigan, who felt the impact on their own lives. "Impact Toronto 2000 definitely lived up to its name. Not only did it impact the lives of those we ministered to, but it also impacted those involved in the ministry," said Kim of her experience. "I also learned many new ways to minister right within my own church." Kim's husband, Greg, said the experience grew his faith as well. "Everyone in our ministry group came with their own baggage and concerns, yet by working together our faith in God was strengthened."

YOUTH RALLY

The 10-day event culminated with the "Impact Your World" youth rally on July 8. At the youth rally, youth and young adults contributed more than CDN\$4,500 to retain two young adults to follow up the requests for Bible Study and baptism. Two young adults, Winston Tennant and Denise Carter, both from the Ontario Conference, have been selected to stay in Toronto for the follow-up.

LAKE UNION PARTICIPANTS

Young Adults who participated from the Lake Union include: Greg and Kim Taylor, Berrien Springs, Michigan; and Jennifer Gregory, Chicago, Illinois.



The mime ministry leader from England, Miranda Tap, trained this group of young adults to express the gospel message through mime.



Elizabeth Calaguian, also known as Betty the Clown, from Vancouver, British Columbia, learned the value of reaching the world, one child at a time.

Several young adults and adults from the Lake Union also led in various aspects of the program. From Andrews University, Wanda Vaz, an assistant women's dean served as the praise team/musicians coordinator; Barry Gane, professor of youth ministry, coordinated the youth rally along with Steve Yeagley, enrollment services assistant director; Ron Whitehead from the Center for Youth Evangelism served as the director of the event. Lyle Litzenberger, business manager for the North American Division of Evangelism Institute served as the treasurer, and Scott Schalk, manager of the American Express Financial Services in Berrien Springs, Michigan, co-directed FLAG Camp with Buz Menhardt and organized the Sabbath afternoon community service program.



The puppet ministry, led by Louis and Nancy Parra from North Carolina, was one of the most popular ministries, attracting the locals from the Regent Park area to "help" the puppets deliver their message.

Marklynn Bazy is the young adult director for Impact Toronto 2000. Preston Smith, from Texas, is a student at Canadian University College. Tompa Wheeler, from Maryland, is a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Both served on the communication team for Impact Toronto 2000. Lynn McDowell is the public relations director for Canadian University College and served as the communication director for IT2000.

Historic Adventist Village Officially Opens the Past

BY JAMIE ARNALL

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a day we should never forget; the spirit of Battle Creek is still alive!" proclaimed Neal Wilson, former president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His was but one of the many positive sentiments expressed during the opening ceremonies of Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, on Sabbath, June 24.

An estimated 1,500 people from several countries and a number of states were present as the Adventist Church heritage was highlighted in this new nurture and evangelistic endeavor. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony followed remarks by state, civic, and church officials. Excited guests then eagerly began touring the village. Walking from site to site, visitors were able to learn about the

dedication and zeal possessed by many of the early church pioneers.

"It's going to be educational for the community people and the average citizen, but it's also going to be faith affirming for our own people," said Jere Patzer, president of the North Pacific Union, after touring the village. Another visitor that day, Delbert Baker, Oakwood College president, expressed his conviction that all Adventist colleges in North America should arrange for their students to visit the village.

Visitors to the one-room school-house heard the story of the first official Adventist church school from volunteer guides. In the James and Ellen White house, people were able to tour the upstairs bedroom where in 1858 Ellen White wrote the first edition of *The Great Controversy*.

These and other stories, with their focus on the mission and message of

the Adventist pioneers, provide a perfect way to share the on-going beliefs that are still held by Seventh-day Adventists.

"We should support this more, and we should let the world know of our origins without being ashamed of them," remarked Israel Leito, Inter American Division president.

As Adventists embark upon a new millennium and the challenges that lie ahead, many are realizing the need to remember their roots. Historic Adventist Village helps meet that need. Per Bolling, Swedish Union president, summarized it well: "We must know what kind of roots we have if we are going to remain true to what we are as a church."

Jamie Arnall is the Adventist Heritage Ministry communication coordinator.



An estimated 1,500 people from around the globe attended the official opening of Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan.



A special ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted on the front lawn of the James and Ellen White house, signifying the official opening of phase one of Historic Adventist Village.

GraceLink Training Seminar on ACN

BY NOELENE JOHNSON

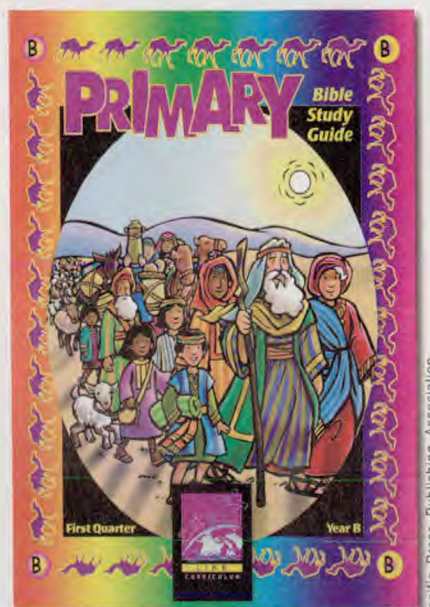
When something great is happening in the church, everyone ought to know at least something about it. And what better way to get the news than by seeing it—in church, in video format. Thanks to Adventist Communication Network (ACN) everyone will be able to stay abreast of developments.

September 16, at 4:30 p.m. EDT, ACN will broadcast a hot new *CrossTraining* program, *GraceLink Curriculum*. "This one-hour presentation follows a 5-10-15-20 format," says Ray Tetz, co-designer of the new *CrossTraining* format. Tetz explains the 5-10-15-20 formula as follows:

- **5 minutes of high-interest footage.** Show this segment in church to let everyone know what is happening in the children's divisions—and why.
- **10 minutes explaining GraceLink.** This portion explains for the church board and others why your church needs to be getting the GraceLink materials.
- **15-minute walk through.** Teachers and others who are interested to know what is coming will appreciate the added information about methods and materials shown in this section. You can invite them to stay for potluck and view this segment.
- **20-minute interview with a curriculum expert.** This segment is for leaders and teachers, maybe even some parents, who may or may not have heard about the grace

emphasis in Sabbath school and want a more in-depth treatment.

Between the first two segments, the video host suggests how to use the segments in orienting your church to



The new GraceLink curriculum starts for the primary division with first quarter of 2001.

the new emphases in Sabbath school.

Besides training children's Sabbath school leaders, this ACN program will inform pastors, elders, and other local church leaders, as well as parents, of the curriculum changes.

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Juniors are already excited about *GraceLink* Sabbath school programs. Next January *GraceLink* comes to primary and the following year to kindergarten and beginner. Everybody at church should be aware of what is happening in the spiritual education of children if for no other reason than that they are all our children. Our spiritual future as a body will be in their hands.

Ask your pastor to be sure to tape and watch this show. Tapes of the show will be available at ACN by October 1. To order call ACN at (800) ACN-1119 or fax (301) 680-6697.

Why all the fuss to explain *GraceLink*? you may be wondering. Recent research by Barna Associates shows that the years prior to age 14 are prime time for making a decision for Jesus. Children are eight times more likely to make the decision than are adolescents, and six times more likely than are adults.

Research into attitudes toward Sabbath school as well as attendance records pointed to the need for better materials and more interesting programs. But to really make a difference, leaders and parents need to work together to train children.

Keep the tapes on hand in your church training library. Every year new leaders and teachers are elected. They will need the orientation that the program provides. Be sure too that families joining your church have a chance to see the program. They need to understand the role of the home in the spiritual education of children.

Noelene Johnson is the North American Division director of children's ministries.

Andrews University

Andrews Students at the GC

Twenty-four Andrews University students served as pages during the worldwide General Conference in Toronto, June 29–July 8. The students assisted in a variety of administrative tasks.



Andrews students Ruth Nino (left) and Tarah Taufest visit the Andrews GC exhibit.

"This comes as a result of the great work the Andrews students provided five years ago at GC in the Netherlands," says Douglas Jones, director of university relations, who coordinated the university's presence at the GC session. The pages who served during the ten-day session received "invaluable professional experience and had the opportunity to see the Adventist Church from a unique perspective," Jones

added.

The pages, distinguished by their uniform dress of dark blue blazers with Andrews' embroidered insignia and khaki pants, were provided with transportation to and from Toronto, lodging, meals, and a \$500 stipend from the university.

An Andrews student also served as the exhibit manager for the Andrews University booth located in the exhibit hall. Trisha Ramel, a jun-



Andrews University students, including Trisha Ramel (front right), relax at a local eatery after a hectic day of assisting with various GC administrative duties.

ior public relations major, coordinated the daily activities and hand-outs for the 1,500 square-foot exhibit which hosted 20 volunteer workers and thousands of visitors. "Even though our work at the General Conference was very hectic, I only have positive memories as I look back," Ramel said. "GC was the first time I saw the world-wide impact Andrews has. So many people from around the world told me that it was their dream to one day attend Andrews or to send their kids here. It made me proud to be associated with Andrews and to wear the Andrews insignia."

A. Monise Hamilton, University Relations assistant director

Fortin Appointed Seminary Associate Dean

J. H. Denis Fortin was appointed associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, effective July 1. He will replace John McVay who was appointed dean earlier this year. Fortin began his tenure at Andrews in 1994 as an associate professor of theology in the Department of Theology and Christian Philosophy after earning a master of divinity degree in 1986.

Originally from Quebec City, Canada, Fortin feels a sense of great responsibility as he starts his new appointment. "This job adds much to my workload, yet I feel it is an honor that the faculty and the search committee have asked me to fill this position," he said. "This job gives me a chance to have an impact on the education of young men and women who are training for church ministry."

Fortin's appointment to the seminary's second-highest position comes at a time of great transition. This past spring, students and faculty vacated the building as construction crews moved in to renovate and expand the facility which has had no significant improvements since its completion in 1961. Twenty-five thousand square feet of new offices, an auditorium, and classroom space will be added to the building's existing 35,000 square feet of space. Construction is expected to be completed by July 2001.

A. Monise Hamilton,
University Relations
assistant director



Newly-appointed seminary deans Denys Fortin, left, and John McVay took charge of this spring's initial bulldozing for the renovated and expanded seminary building.

MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union contact your church communication leader or pastor to obtain an official form for submission of information to this column. To obtain forms, persons who now live outside the Lake Union may contact the conference communication director where their membership was held when they lived in the Lake Union. See the conference addresses and phone numbers on page 31.

WEDDINGS

Katrina J. Shobe and Michael B. Merginin were married Aug. 29, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mark Regazzi.

Katrina is the daughter of Ernest and Virginia Shobe of Hamburg, Pa., and Phyllis Dewey of Gray, Tenn., and Michael is the son of Larry and Antonia Merginio of Chicago.

The Merginios are making their home in Berrien Springs.

Colleen S. Thompson and Andrew S. Lay were married July 11, 1999, in Keene, Texas. The ceremony was performed

by Elder William Kilgore.

Colleen is the daughter of Sharon F. Thompson of Keene, and Andrew is the son of Michael and Marilyn Lay of Shalimar, Fla.

The Lays are making their home in Arcadia, Ind.

Karene A. Verhaeghe and Nicholas R. Bejarano were married June 18, 2000, in Aurora, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Stephen Shaw.

Karene is the daughter of Rene and Karen Verhaeghe of Crossville, Tenn., and Nicholas is the son of Nelson and Julie Bejarano of Aurora.

The Bejaranos are making

their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

Karen C. Wein and Bradley Duthie were married June 11, 2000, in Niles, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Stephen Shaw.

Krissi is the daughter of Gail and Howard Wein of La Fox, Ill., and Bradley is the son of Robert and Tommie Duthie of St. Joseph, Mich.

The Duthies are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

OBITUARIES

BEDRAVA, Patricia J., age 56; born Mar. 6, 1944, in Chicago; died May 7, 2000, in Hinsdale, Ill. She was a member of the Brookfield (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; mother, Stella D'Angelo; and brothers, Alfred and Jeffrey D'Angelo.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stanley Hagen, and interment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Ill.

CARLIN,

Lucile

(LeMasters), age 91; born July 15, 1908, in Shelbyville, Ind.; died Apr. 16, 2000, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Glendale Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her sons, Martin and Stanley; brother, Claude LeMasters; sister, Eleanor Jean Pigman; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted June 25 by Elder Jerry Lastine, and interment was in Little Eagle Creek Cemetery, Westfield, Ind.

COWAN, Kenneth, age 83; born Oct. 27, 1916, in Indianapolis; died Apr. 14, 2000, in Greenfield, Ind. He was a member of the Greenfield (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Dennis; daughter, Carolyn Oberle; brothers, Donald and Lloyd; 4 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Gary Case, and interment was in Pasco Mortuary Cemetery, Greenfield.

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Survivors include his parents, Assir R. and Linda (Sanders) DaSilva; and brother, Byron.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor John B. Rapp, and interment was in Montrose Cemetery, Chicago.

FERNALD, Richard E., age 80; born Dec. 16, 1919, in Philbrook, Minn.; died June 20, 2000, in Plymouth, Ind. He was a member of the Plymouth Church.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine (Grzybowski); son, Richard W.; daughter, Judy Jo Lamont; sister, Mary E. Harding; 2 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jerry Lastine and Pastor Bela Kobor, and interment was in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

GARDNER, Myrtle A. (Amen), age 82; born June 27, 1918, in Cumberland, Wis.; died Apr. 24, 2000, in Spartanburg, S.C. She was a member of the Noblesville (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Francis H.; son, Charles F.; daughters, Kathy S. Tamayo and Valerie A. Smith; brother, George Amen; and one grandchild.

A graveside service was conducted by Pastor David Dobias, and interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Spartanburg.

GLASS, Agnes (Thompson), age 99; born July 15, 1900, in Franklin County, Ill.; died Mar. 5, 2000, in Darien, Ill. She was a member of the Marion (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her son, James; and daughter, Helen L. Baker.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Reuel Bacchus, and interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Marion.

HOGAN, Alice B. (Hohl), age 82; born Sept. 22, 1917, in Rib Lake, Wis.; died Apr. 19, 2000, in Hinsdale, Ill. She was a member of the Burbank (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Keene; brother, Francis Hohl; sister, Bette Carlson; and 4 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Ken Morrison, and interment was in Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, Ill.

LE BARD, Mattie E. (Smith), age 87; born Apr. 29, 1912, in Loyal, Wis.; died Feb. 14, 2000, in La Grange, Ill. She was a member of the Burr Ridge Church, Darien, Ill.

Survivors include her daughters, Eleanor Stocks and Marlys Hedding; sisters, Alice Badger and Margaret Dickinson; 5 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John B. Rapp, and interment was in Clear Lake (Wis.) Cemetery.

MARTIN, Ruby R. (Tuggle), age 79; born July 11, 1920, in Indianola, Ill.; died May 22, 2000, in Danville, Ill. She was a member of the W. Lafayette (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Henry W.; son, David E.; daughter, Carol S. Gohn; brother, James R. Tuggle; sisters, Imogene Collum, Joy Love Johnston, Charity M. Martin; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry Clonch, and interment was in Danville National Cemetery.

MORVILLE, Reuben E., age 95; born June 2, 1904, in Cerro Gordo, Ill.; died May 5, 2000, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Glendale Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Crabtree); son, Wayne E.; stepson, Larry Bocoek; sister, Elma Havelly; 2 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Jerry Lastine and Fred Troxell, and interment was in Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis.

WHITE, Freda, age 93; born Dec. 23, 1906, in Bippus, Ind.; died, Apr. 20, 2000, in Huntington, Ind. She was a member of the Indiana Conference Church, Carmel, Ind.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Eckhard Hubin, and inurnment was in South Whitley (Ind.) Cemetery.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Sept. 16—BRANCH (BRing-ing Andrews to CHrist) Concert 8:30 p.m., *Valor*. **24—The Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival** 7:30 p.m., Johnson Gymnasium. For more information, call Student Activities at (616) 471-6568 or www.andrews.edu/SA. **Sept. 29—Oct. 1 Parents' Weekend**, Meier/Burman Halls. For more information, call 616-471-3630 or e-mail dwmurray@andrews.edu.

Sept. 8-9, Bradford-Brooks-Cleveland Tribute Weekend:

The Seminary's BSAS will honor three of Adventism's legendary black ministers—C.E. Bradford, C.D. Brooks, and E.E. Cleveland—on the Andrews campus. The weekend program consists of Friday evening and divine hour services and concludes with a Saturday evening Testimonial Banquet. For more information, call (616) 471-3315.

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LAKE UNION

Offerings: Sept. 9—Missions Extension; **16**—Church Budget; **23**—Local Conference Advance; **30**—Local or Union Conference Designated; **30**—13th Sabbath: Trans-European Division. **Oct. 7**—Church Budget; **14**—Voice of Prophecy.

Special Days: Sept. 9-16—Family Togetherness Week; **16**—Hispanic Heritage Week. **Oct. 7**—Children's Sabbath; **8-14**—Health Education Week.

The Lake Union Teen Prayer Conference for academy and public high school students attending a school within the Lake Union territory will be held on the campus of Andrews

University **Sept. 14-17**. Please refer to the ad on page 26 for more details.

INDIANA

Indiana Academy needs missing addresses. Many former staff and students are not receiving the IA Alumni Newsletter. If you can help, please contact ASAP Norman Clear (317) 877-5254; e-mail IAAAlumni@Juno.com. The 2000 Alumni Weekend is Oct. 13-14. Centennial celebration will be Oct. 10-13, 2002.

MICHIGAN

The fifth annual **Michigan Men of Faith** conference will be held on Sabbath, **Sept. 23** at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, Mich. Guest speakers this year include Dwight Nelson, Keith Gray, and John Thurber. Pre-registration is required. For information about registration, please call the family ministries department at (517) 485-2226.

WORLD CHURCH

First national **Jewish Adventist retreat, Sept. 8-10** at Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Fla. For registration, call (904) 454-1351; fax 454-4748; e-mail groups@

campkulaqua.com. For more information, contact Ben-Hayil Yellen at Jewishoutreach@hotmail.com.

Atlantic Union College announces the following events: **Sept. 23-24**—New England Sanitarium & Hospital nurses' reunion. For information call Alma Foggio York at AUC at (978) 2224. **Sept. 29-30**—Latino heritage weekend—worships, music, food, and fellowship. Hispanic alumni reception, **Sept. 30**, 5:00 p.m. For information contact Paula Ramos at (978) 368-2294. **Oct. 13-15**—Black alumni homecoming weekend. Peter Campbell, guest speaker. For information call Desiree Ham-Ying at (978) 368-2339. **Oct. 27-29**—Adventist heritage weekend. Guest speaker, Manuel Vasquez, NAD vice president. Theme: "Last Day Movements." Worships, music, and field trip to the first 7th-day Sabbath keeping Adventist church in Washington, NH. For information call Karen Silverthorn at (978) 368-2455.

La Sierra University will host the annual North American Division **Teen Prayer and Ministry Conference from Oct. 18-21**, when teenagers from across the nation will converge for a weekend of focused prayer and ministry opportunities. "This annual event provides participants with a time for spiritual

renewal and self-discovery," said Ruthie Jacobsen, NAD prayer ministries coordinator. "Miracles have happened at these conferences. They change lives and let teens find out who they are."

Space is limited to 500 people, so teens are asked to register as soon as possible to ensure their reservations. Participants can register by calling Natan Vigna at (909) 785-2949; or e-mail natavign@lasierra.edu. For more information, Internet surfers can visit www.lasierra.edu/teenspray/.

Communication professionals and students in the fields of print, sound, video, TV, radio, illustration, or design are urged to attend the first meeting of the *Society of Adventist Communicators* in Silver Spring, Md., **Oct. 20-22**. To pre-register call **PlusLine** at (800) SDA-PLUS (732-7587). This is for writers, editors, photographers, videographers, producers, designers, media buyers, and all other communication practitioners, whether self-employed or employed by media, business, government, or church entities. Don't miss this opportunity to network with other Adventist communication professionals from all over the country. And bring your business cards.

The North American Division Center for Youth Evangelism and Giraffe University will be holding a dynamic and power-packed Leadership 2000 convention from **Oct. 27-29** at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. This promises to be an exciting and intense time of fellowship, activity, and interaction. Over 400 youth ministry professionals and leaders from across the Lake Union will be convening for this grand event. If you would like to be an exhibitor and share your products, ideas, etc., please call the Center for Youth Evangelism at (616) 471-9881 and ask for Petal.

A Single Parent Retreat is planned for **Oct. 27-29** at Camp Yorktown Bay in Mt. Pine, Ark. Please come and join in the fellowship and activities. Anticipating that this retreat will become an annual event, it started with an idea by a single parent who feels a need within our church/community to build a support system for single parents. For information, sugges-

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26 Weeks Ending June 30, 2000 compared to 26 Weeks Ending June 30, 1999

Average Membership Basis				Increase		%		Per Capita	
31-Mar-00	1999	Conference	2000	1999	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	2000	1999
11,379	11,159	Illinois	4,006,537	3,765,473	241,064	6.40%		352.10	337.44
6,121	5,938	Indiana	2,804,298	2,788,371	15,927	0.57%		458.14	469.58
23,722	23,142	Lake Region	4,278,040	4,150,193	127,848	3.08%		180.34	179.34
23,650	23,461	Michigan	11,525,567	10,542,422	983,145	9.33%		487.34	449.36
<u>6,295</u>	<u>6,266</u>	Wisconsin	<u>2,573,076</u>	<u>2,292,285</u>	<u>280,791</u>	<u>12.25%</u>		<u>408.75</u>	<u>365.83</u>
71,167	69,966	Totals	25,187,519	23,538,745	1,648,774	7.00%		353.92	336.43
Tithe per Week			968,751	905,336	63,414	7.00%			

2000 Sunset Calendar

	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13
Berrien Springs, MI	8:07	7:55	7:43	7:31	7:19	7:07
Chicago	7:15	7:02	6:50	6:38	6:26	6:14
Detroit	7:57	7:44	7:32	7:20	7:07	6:55
Indianapolis	7:07	6:56	6:44	6:33	6:21	6:10
La Crosse, WI	7:31	7:18	7:05	6:52	6:39	6:26
Lansing, MI	8:03	7:51	7:38	7:26	7:13	7:01
Madison, WI	7:23	7:10	6:58	6:45	6:32	6:20
Springfield, IL	7:21	7:10	6:58	6:47	6:35	6:24

tions, ideas, reservations, or if you would be interested in volunteering for a weekend, call Shelly Stephens at (501) 624-5355 or (501) 760-3336.

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ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:00 a.m.-noon, EDT—Adventist Worship Hour featuring a segment on the Christian in politics.

Sept. 6, 7:30-8:30 p.m., EDT—First Wednesday.

Sept. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m. EDT—Together Again Roundtable: Showing Relational Care features Gary Taber, a pastor with a heart for reaching those who've quit coming to church.

Sept. 9-11, 13, 15, 8:00-9:30 p.m. EDT—The Midnight Cry live evangelistic series begins from Concord Plaza in Chicago with Kenneth Cox, *Voice of Prophecy* evangelist.

Sept. 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m. EDT—Gracelink Curriculum. Parents, Sabbath school leaders, pastors, and all who love children and want an effective way to reach them with the gospel story, will benefit from this seminar.

Sept. 16-18, 20, 22-25, 27-30, 8:00-9:30 p.m. EDT—The Midnight Cry continues.

Sept. 29, 7:30-9:00 p.m. EDT—Report from Annual Council featuring Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, and Don Schneider, North American Division president.

Oct. 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 8:00-9:30 p.m. EDT—The Midnight Cry continues.

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Week of September 10

Breath of Life—Decisions: "If God Be for You," Part A.

It Is Written—"A Vegetarian Feast."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Promise That Makes Us Honest Persons" (CD #S0037)

Voice of Prophecy—Sun.: "Prelude to Power" (CD #F73); *Mon.-Fri.*: "Milkshakes and Obedience" (CD #F74).

Week of September 17

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part A

It Is Written—"High Tech, Humble Faith"

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Promise That Makes Friends" (CD #S0038).

Voice of Prophecy—Sun.: "Joshua: Conquering for God" (CD #F73); *Mon.-Fri.*: "Olympic Lessons from Australia" (CD #F76).

Week of September 24

Breath of Life—"Special Delivery: If God Be for You," Part C.

It Is Written—"God's Body Talk"

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Promise That Makes Us Truly Rich" (CD #S0039).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Finding the Savior" (CD #F77); *Mon.-Fri.*: "The Patient Shows No Improvement" (CD #F78).

Week of October 1

Breath of Life—"Walls: If God Be for You," Part A.

It Is Written—"Five Extra Years of Life."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Glory of The Cross" (CD #S0040).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Judges: When Religion Runs Amok" (CD #F77); *Mon.-Fri.*: "Two Heavens—I" (The "Music Wars") (CD #F80)



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Times to Pray in School

(These suggestions assume that you have mastered the art of praying without kneeling, closing your eyes, or moving your lips.)

10. When you are asked to give a 5-minute talk on "What I Did Last Summer."

Tell God you'd like to forget the boring hours on the living room couch and remember something that will make you sound like a "with it" and interesting person. Ask for confidence to talk about your lawn-mowing job right after MaryBelle describes her three months in France.

9. When your history teacher hands out the first test.

It is difficult to learn dates for which there is no discernable value. Ask God to help you see why this stuff is necessary. Ask for creative memorization skills: (In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue). Ask for the gift of connectivity: (The Battle of the Bulge? That's one my Dad is still fighting even though he's not part of the advancing German infantry!) Invite God to strike you with tunnel vision so you won't be tempted to look for the answers on William's test paper which is hanging attractively over the edge of his desk.

8. At the beginning of lunch.

This is your legal opportunity to

bow your head and invite God to turn cafeteria food into a gourmet feast. Close your eyes and be specific. "Please Lord, help this meal to taste better than an ice cream sundae. Drive the good vitamins home and send the fat, cholesterol, and extra calories packing. And please, help me say something intelligent to Marjorie when she sits down beside me."

7. In the first class after lunch.

This one's easy. Tell God how much you enjoyed the food, ask forgiveness for the crazy things you said to Marjorie, and plead for wakefulness during English Lit.

6. Just before the beginning of gym class.

Four divine conversation points are especially relevant to sports, locker rooms, and exercise: a) Ask God for mental and physical agility. b) Thank God that most teachers only expect results in line with your personal abilities. c) Praise God for the talent level you have received. d) Ask God for courage to try the impossible and to make the best of "second chances."

5. In the hallway between classes.

Ask God to make you into a friend who looks into eyes with genuine interest, who asks insightful questions, and who genuinely CARES! Request a thick skin that

deflects insensitive and ugly words.

If there's a someone you'd like to meet, ask God to guide you. Plan a "first question," put on a listening smile, and follow your feet.

4. When Mr. Richards calls on you in algebra class.

Mr. Richards has his radar focused for students who do not know the answers. So, pray at home while you're studying. Pray as you walk in the door. Pray as you sink behind your book. Pray when he calls your name. Pray for the voice control to say, "Thank you for asking me that question, Mr. Rogers. I tried to understand it last night but was unable to. Could you please re-work the problem on the board for me? I'd like to know how to do it right."

3. As you walk onto the school grounds.

Pray that this will be a day of learning and discovery. Pray that you will be a person worth knowing, that you will help another have a better day, and that God will lead you to a teacher who will be a positive mentor for you.

2. When you meet your friends.

Three points: 1) Pray for each of your friends specifically, by name and by their special needs. Do that while waving at them from the bus stop and while listening to them before class. 2) Pray that God will lead you to someone whose friendship will help you both grow spiritually. 3) Pray for a responsive heart.

1. When your folks wake you up in the morning.

Ask for kind words, energetic muscles, and total recall of all the stuff you barely remember studying last night.

Dick Duerksen

This page is dedicated to youth of all ages. The N.A.D. Center for Youth Evangelism is based in the Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Pastor Ron Whitehead, director. You may contact them with your ideas, concerns, and questions at (800) YOUTH -2-U.

PROFILES OF YOUTH



Tiffanie Golden

Tiffanie Golden, 17, is a junior at Chicago Academy. A delightful young lady who loves the Lord, she is admired by both faculty and students. One of the top students at Chicago Academy, Tiffanie has inspired many other young people to do their best in school. Described as studious, outgoing, positive, and ambitious, she was Student Association secretary, assistant choir director, and always willing to help whenever there was a need.

Tiffanie has worked as a student aide in the library this past school year, where her supervisor, Kathryn Shaw, says she is a very diligent worker. The daughter of Mary Golden, Tiffanie is a member of the Independence Blvd. Church. Her ambition is to open her own business in culinary art or hotel management.

Jonathan Fowler, 16, is a junior at Chicago Academy where he is an outgoing student who takes life very seriously and intends to utilize his skills to serve God. His ambition is, "to do the will of God."

Jonathan enjoys working with people and is well liked by both faculty and students. He has sold religious books, and especially enjoyed the Week of Prayer where the students were asked to break up in groups and attend various sessions dealing with teen topics. He says his favorite class is art because it allows him to express himself.

The son of Robert and Irma Fowler, Jonathan is a member of the Shiloh (Chicago) Church where he is always willing to help whenever called upon.



Jonathan Fowler

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