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Congratulations are extended to Katia Reinert who was elected North American Division (NAD) Health Ministries Director at the NAD’s Year-end Meeting, November 4-8. Reinert is a family nurse practitioner and public health clinical nurse specialist with training in depression treatment and the integration of faith and health. She has most recently worked as a family nurse practitioner in an internal medicine practice in Takoma Park, Maryland. She is an active member of the Capital Brazilian Temple congregation in Highland, Maryland, and serves on the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee.

The Open Door in Baltimore integrated evangelism initiative launches New Year’s Day when church members in Greater Baltimore and Generation Youth for Christ (GYC) volunteers blanket the city to invite residents to sign up for Bible studies. Church members will follow-up with interested persons throughout 2011. December 11-31 has been designated for 21 Days of Prayer for Baltimore. Please support this endeavor by personally, and in small groups and as congregations, making this outreach a matter of earnest prayer. Specific prayer points for each day will be listed by December 10 at www.ccosda.org.

Upcoming Holiday Events:

Saturday, December 4
~ Spencerville Adventist Academy’s (SAA) Third Annual Messiah Sing-a-long, 4:00 p.m. at the Spencerville church located at 16329 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. The academy Honor’s Choir will be singing with the collegiate Pro Musica of Washington Adventist University, along with the SAA orchestra. Many SAA alumni will be participating—including Grace Shinn, soprano soloist.

Saturday, December 11
~ Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols—Spencerville church choral conductor Dr. James Bingham leads the choir in this traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols to be held at 4:00 p.m. at the church located at 16329 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. The Columbia Collegiate Chorale of Washington Adventist University will join with the Sanctuary Choir of the Spencerville church, adding their voices to the singing of carols for choir and congregation.

~ Women’s Day Celebration at the Pikesville church, 9:00 a.m., located at 4619 Old Court Road in Pikesville, Maryland. Hyveth Williams, professor of Christian Ministry at Andrews University, is the featured speaker.

Saturday, December 18
~ Singing Christmas Tree concert featuring the Sonshine Singers children’s choir and other musicians; 5:00 p.m. at the Triadelphia church, 12950 Brighton Dam Road in Clarksville, Maryland. Question? Email Triadelphia@gmail.com, or call (301) 854-3678.

Pastor Glen Hill will explore the Role of the High Priest in a special presentation on Sabbath, December 18, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at the Glen Burnie church located at 508 Aquahart Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Learn how the role of the high priest in the Old Testament relates to Adventists today. For more details visit GlenBurnie.netadvent.org, or call (410) 766-6650. Bring an entrée to share and plan to stay for potluck following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Scrapbookers, take note! Grab your gear and enjoy a weekend of faith and fellowship at a Spiritual Retreat for Scrapbookers to be held January 7-9 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, 21905 Mount Aetna Road, Hagerstown, Maryland. Space is limited, so register early. For more details and to register, contact Diana Fishell at (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net.

A conference-wide Disaster Response Training will take place January 29-30 at the West Wilmington church located at 3003 Millcreek Road in Wilmington, Delaware. Each church is encouraged to send their Disaster Response coordinator and members interested in personal preparedness. The $40 registration fee covers the training and four meals, but NOT lodging. Register by January 19 by emailing Kitty Juneau at cjuneau@hotmail.com or Evelyn Gates at egates@ccosda.org. Or call (410) 995-1910.

Jesus in Your Church—A broadcast for Revival and Reformation in North America airs on the Hope Church Channel, Sabbath, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST. Dr. Ron Clouzet, speaker for NET 2011, is the presenter. The one-hour broadcast is suitable for church and home services. For details, visit www.hopechurchchannel.com, or call (301) 680-6689.
Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:
To receive email about upcoming youth and family activities, call Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

~ Family Ski Day at Jack Frost Resort in Pennsylvania, Sunday, January 2. Join 200+ people for a fun, inexpensive day in the snow. Skiing and snowboarding packages that cover lift ticket, rental, and a lesson are available from $33. Tubing costs range from $20-30. There is a $2.50 per person fee for mandatory insurance. To register or get more information, contact conference Youth Ministries director Carl Rodriguez at crodriguez@ccosda.org.

~ Pathfinder Winter Classoree, January 21-23, at Mount Aetna Camp in Hagerstown, Maryland. Pathfinders—Friend through Guide—can earn a variety honors (choose from 30+ honors offered) in First Aid and Safety, Nature Appreciation, Church Heritage, and Arts & Crafts in a single weekend by attending. For a class schedule, contact Ann Reynolds (see above).

~ Generation Rain “The Release” Spiritual Retreat for high school youth takes place February 25-27 at Mount Aetna Camp. God calls! God promises His enabling power! Then God RELEASES His chosen people into the world to turn it upside down. Be the generation that changes the world. Be transformed to think like Christ, to see the world through His eyes, to be compelled to do something to change it. Mike Fortune, pastor of the Toledo First church, is the featured speaker. Come. Be a part of this journey. Receive the RAIN! The $38 registration fee covers lodging and meals. For more details, call Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910.

Rekindling the Romance is the theme of the third annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat sponsored by the Triadelphia church and three other churches in the local faith community. The event will be held February 25-27 at Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Featured presenters Mario and Gloria Ceballos are passionate about helping couples build strong marriages and families. Gloria Ceballos is an active speaker for women’s ministry events throughout the United States and internationally. She is the interim president of Laurel Regional Medical Center in Laurel, Maryland. Mario Ceballos is a Certified Marriage Enrichment Counselor. He is the associate director of Adventist Chaplaincy for the world church, and is also a United States Navy Chaplain. Register by December 21 to receive a discounted rate. For more information, email MarriageEnrichment@comcast.net, or (301) 801-2344 or (443) 864-6328.

A one-day Elder’s Retreat is planned for Sabbath, February 5, at Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center. Joseph Kidder, associate professor of Christian Ministry at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University, will be the guest presenter and will focus on the spiritual basics of a healthy church. Many pastors are still talking about the blessings they received when Dr. Kidder took them through a similar experience this past September. The day’s schedule of events will run from 9:30 a.m. through late afternoon. There will be no charge for the retreat. Those traveling from a significant distance can plan to arrive on Friday evening and be hosted at the Retreat Center. RSVP to Pam Strahle at pstrahle@ccosda.org, or (410) 995-1910 by January 13 to reserve your spot.

Special Book Offer for Churches—In keeping with the call of the General Conference for an emphasis on revival and reformation, the Chesapeake Conference will assist churches in giving a special reprinting of Ellen White’s collection of essays on True Revival to every active church family. The published price of the paperback is $7.99, but the conference (in concert with the Columbia Union) can get a bulk rate of $0.89 per copy. The conference will further subsidize each copy by $0.45, leaving the local church with a net cost of $0.44 per book. Local pastors and church boards are encouraged to take advantage of this offer and provide a copy for every active family unit in each church. To place an order, promptly email Pam Strahle (at pstrahle@ccosda.org) with the quantity of books desired. Churches will be invoiced for their portion of the cost. The books will be delivered in time for use as Christmas or New Year’s gifts.

Holiday Television Programming—During this holiday season, Hope Channel, Trinity Broadcasting Network, and Total Living Network will be airing several of the Christmas programs produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. If you have any questions about airing times in your town, please contact the AMS Agency at (805) 955-7681. For the programming schedule visit the North American Division website at www.nadadventist.org, and click on the "2010 Holiday Programming Guide" article in the news section.

December Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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