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Appreciation and congratulations are extended to conference staffers Elizabeth Chow and Evelyn Gates, who both retire this month. A nurse by training, Chow has served several years as administrative assistant in the Ministerial, Adult Ministries and evangelism departments. Her strong work ethic and organizational abilities are greatly appreciated. She is bilingual and her translation skills have been an asset to the office. She and her husband Ramon, former conference treasurer, plan to make their home in Tennessee near Southern Adventist University. Gates currently serves Chesapeake Conference as Adventist Community Services director and she provides administrative support to the Trust Services department. She also worked as the front desk receptionist for many years. A former elementary school teacher, Gates is a multi-talented woman. She and her husband Paul, a retired Chesapeake pastor, plan to relocate to central Florida to be near their daughter, Marla Kay Dandrea. With gratitude and good wishes, the conference bids them farewell.

Pastor Earl Esdaile comes from Andrews University to present the Amazing Love Bible Series, July 27-August 24, evenings (except Mondays and Thursdays) at 7 p.m., at the Northeast church located at 1201 Taylor Avenue in Parkville, Maryland. Inspiring preaching, beautiful music and a Vacation Bible School program for kids round out the program. Call Sedley Johnson at (443) 799-2400 for details.

HVA Demo Weekend is an opportunity for prospective students in grades 9-12 to check out Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. Participants will spend the night in the dormitory (parents are welcome to stay, too), attend a special Sabbath worship service, enjoy an afternoon hike, evening cookout, vespers and games. The weekend begins Sabbath, August 3, at 11 a.m., and concludes with brunch on Sunday. To register for this free event, call (301) 739-8480 ext. 239, or email kbrown@highlandviewacademy.com.

Attention, Young Adults! ARISE, the young adult ministry sponsored by the conference, has planned a special Sabbath worship service, August 10, at the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium, 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland. Sabbath School begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a worship service at noon. All young adults are invited! For more information, contact Lauren Lombard at (240) 393-8831, or by email at laurenlombard@gmail.com, or visit Facebook at facebook.com/ariseyoungadults.

The Health Ministries department, in conjunction with the Florida Hospital CREATION Health Project, offers a training event August 17-18, at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Health ministries leaders—and anyone wanting to use health as an “entering wedge” for the Gospel—will gain the knowledge and techniques for sharing the health message in a scientific and socially acceptable context. Participants will earn a certificate, too. The $50 fee covers materials and Sunday lunch. Group discounts apply. Registration is required. Contact Inskip Allsop, Health Ministries director, at (301) 675-4781 for more details.

Learn How Churches Can Respond to Domestic Violence at a seminar on Sabbath, August 17, hosted by the Beltsville church located at 4200 Ammendale Road in Beltsville, Maryland. Sharon Cress, Potomac Conference Women's Ministries director, speaks during the worship service that begins at noon. At 3 p.m., North American Division Women's Ministries director Carla Baker presents a seminar, followed by a 4 p.m. panel discussion with domestic violence experts from Prince George's and Montgomery counties. At 5 p.m. there will be a presentation on how a church can build a domestic violence prevention and help ministry. The closing meeting at 6 p.m. is a tribute to survivors of domestic violence. There is no charge to attend. To register, visit ifcadv.org, or call the Interfaith Community Against Domestic Violence at (240) 380-8755.

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:
For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.
- Leaders are invited to the annual Youth Leaders Convention for a weekend of training, September 6-8, covering topics such as Pathfinder and Adventurer leadership, outreach and creative ministry ideas. Glen Milam, is the featured speaker during general sessions. Milam, North American Division Pathfinder coordinator and co-director of Willow Brook church’s Pathfinder club, is currently writing the Master Guide curriculum resource manual for the General Conference. Representatives from AdventSource and Pathfinder Shirts will be onsite to sell supplies. The event takes place Mount Aetna Retreat Center, 21905 Mount Aetna Road, in Hagerstown, Maryland.
- The Pathfinder Classoree also takes place at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, September 20-22. More than 40 classes will be offered. Guest speakers are Javier Mendez (Juniors) and Ankur Singh (Teens).

Discover which wild plants are edible by participating in a one-day class, Sunday, September 15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. The $48 fee includes two meals (made with edible wild plants gathered during class time), guided identification hikes, lectures, textbook, and color plant identification photos. Must register by September 9 to participate. To register, call (301) 824-6045, or email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net.
Festival of the Laity FREE Virtual Conference—Get equipped for effective ministry with no registration, travel, or hotel expenses! The North American Division Adult Ministries Department is offering FREE online training for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries leaders through the Virtual Festival of the Laity, September 11-14. Attend from the comfort of your home, church, or office—all you need is a computer with Internet access. All of your church’s leaders can benefit from these live broadcasts presented by globally respected facilitators. Visit festivalofthelaity.com to view presenter information and register for the event, or call (301) 680-6430 for details.

“The Gathering” on the Shore is planned for Sabbath, September 28, at Governor’s Hall at Sailwinds Park, 200 Byrn Street, in Cambridge, Maryland. Plan now to come for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship. The featured speaker is Pastor Jim Ayer, vice president for advancement at Adventist Radio and host of the popular TV series Making Waves, which airs on many Christian networks worldwide. Look for more information soon in local church bulletins and on the conference website—ccosda.org—and on the conference Facebook page.

Sermons from “The Gathering” and Hispanic Camp Meeting will be available on the conference website, ccosda.org, beginning August If you missed the meetings, or just want to hear Derek Morris and Alejandro Bullón’s messages again, you’re invited to listen online.

Evangelism Update:
~ Twenty-two Chesapeake Conference students are engaged in the summer Magabook literature evangelism (LE) program. The leaders have set a very positive and spiritual tone to the programs, says Rick Christman, conference literature ministries director. The students are working in partnership with the Glen Burnie (Maryland) and W. Wilmington (Delaware) churches. The Glen Burnie community has a secular population and the students have found it to be a tough mission field, but locals in both areas are requesting Bible studies and showing an interest in learning more about God. The student LE’s recently had worship with conference office staff and shared inspiring testimonies of how the Lord is blessing them and the people they encounter in these cities. A joint rally of Allegheny East and Chesapeake conferences was held on July 20 at the Glen Burnie church. On Sabbath, August 3, a “Literature Evangelist Appreciation” Sabbath is planned in West Wilmington.
~ Gary Gibbs, conference ministries development director, and Rick Christman are working closely to develop a strategic plan that includes forming Impact Teams comprised of LE’s and Bible workers to revitalize churches and help with church plant projects.
~ Sharon Williams, conference GLOW coordinator, is available to coordinate GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) outreach events in local churches. For more information, email Sharon@eparkeo.com, or call (240) 370-3114.

Antonio Monteiro, a native of Cape Verde, is being held prisoner in Togo, a small country in Africa. Prior to his arrest, Monteiro worked as a department director at the Adventist Sahel Union Mission in Lome, Togo, since 2009. He is accused of human blood trafficking, however, there is no evidence to support the charges and he continues to be held without hope of a trial. Represents of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church have made efforts to negotiate Monteiro’s release—so far without success. Please pray for Pastor Monteiro and his family. Learn more and sign a petition for Monteiro’s release at pray4togo.com, a website created by the General Conference to raise awareness of his plight.

August Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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