Staff Updates
~ Mark Walker, principal of Rocky Knoll School in Martinsburg, West Virginia, was recently appointed interim associate superintendent of schools by the conference Executive Committee. In addition to many years of experience in classroom instruction, Walker has served as a principal for 27 years and as a conference education superintendent. “This experience will be a great asset to our schools,” says Rick Remmers, conference president. Walker will assume his new role in the coming weeks. Interviews are currently taking place for a new principal at Rocky Knoll School.
~ Ann Reynolds, assistant Youth director, was appointed Children’s Ministries director by the conference Executive Committee on August 27. She assumes this responsibility in addition to her work in the Youth department. Samantha Young, previous Children's Ministries director, will focus her efforts on Women's Ministries and expanded projects in the Communication department.
~ A hearty welcome is offered to new pastors Cesar Grassiotto—who comes from San Marcos, Texas—and Sion Sung of Westminster, California. Pastor Grassiotto is the new youth pastor at the Hagerstown (Md.) church. His fiancé, a professional musician, hopes to relocate to Maryland in the very near future. The Hagerstown congregation welcomed Pastor Grassiotto on August 31 during a special worship service. Pastor Sion Sung fills the position at the Baltimore Korean church vacated by youth pastor Ray Valenzuela, who is now studying at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Pastor Sion has expertise and a special interest in the relationship between science and religion.
~ Carolina Ramos is warmly welcomed as the newest staffer in the conference office. She fills the vacancy left by Elizabeth Chow—who retired last month—and provides administrative support for the Evangelism/Church Growth, Ministerial and Multilingual Ministries departments. Ramos and her husband, Damian Roscher, a physician, recently moved to the area from Edinburg, Texas.

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 at 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).
~ 237 Pathfinders representing 11 Chesapeake Conference clubs have already purchased tickets to attend the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, August 11-16, 2014. There are still 23 local clubs who have not yet registered. To learn more and register for the event, visit cye.org/camporee. Not planning to attend? Help a local Pathfinder with expenses.

Let’s Move Day is Sunday, September 22. Adventists say YES! to healthy kids and families by participating in this annual emphasis on staying active to achieve lifelong health. A webinar to help participants prepare for the event is planned for September 16. Learn more at AdventistsInStepForLife.com, or call (301) 680-6733 to find out how you, your church and your school can get involved.


Register now for the 8th Annual Maryland Men of Faith Conference themed “I Will Make a Covenant,” Sabbath, October 5, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Shane Anderson, pastor of the New Market (Va.) church focuses his messages on the story of Job. Seminar topics include Media and the Brain, How to Have a Personal Relationship with Jesus, Marriage, Prayer, Addictions, Prison Ministries, Health, and Current Issues in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Register by September 30 at mmof.org. Questions? Email info@mmof.org, or call (410) 465-6864.

Attention Singles! The Chesapeake Chapter of Adventist Single Adult Ministries hosts a weekend retreat, October 11-13, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Keynote speaker Alphod Sinclair, a pastor and counselor, covers topics that are relevant to single adults. All singles are welcome! For details and to register, call Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.
Highland View Academy (HVA) hosts “Christ our Rock” Academy Days, October 25-26. Students in grades 7-11 who have an interest in learning more about HVA should contact Renee Williams by email at rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com, or call (301) 739-7480. Registration is required. The campus is located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland. Also visit hva-edu.com.

“Intimate Moments with God” is the theme for the 2013 conference-wide Women’s Retreat planned for November 1-3 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania—a 90-minute drive from Baltimore. Ann Roda, associate pastor at New Hope church, is the keynote speaker for the general sessions in English. Evelyn Omana, a family counselor and former Women’s Ministries director for the Antilles Venezuelan Union, presents during the Spanish-language general sessions. Learn valuable strategies for developing a deep, authentic relationship with the Creator. Seminars—including one by Tamrya Horst, author of Praying Like Crazy for Your Kids—a concert, and time for fun and fellowship round out the weekend. Bring a friend, and make new friends! Visit www.ccosda.org to register and find schedule details, or contact Jennifer Stefan by email at jstefan@ccosda.org, or by phone at (410) 995-1910.

~ This year, an outreach project is planned in conjunction with the retreat. The group will be making fleece blankets to donate to the patients at the Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. Even persons not planning to attend the retreat are invited to donate funds to cover the cost of the fabric for the blankets—72 blankets at $15 each—and to donate items (see the wish list at ccosda.org) to help the children pass their time in the hospital. Congregations may wish to add a collection box in the church foyer for these items. Funds may be donated online at ccosda.org (under Women’s Retreat), or by mailing a check to Chesapeake Conference Women’s Ministries, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, Maryland 21044.

A health retreat, Total Body Tune Up, will be held at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, November 1-3. Gain practical information for healthier living presented by John Kelly, M.D., and Pastor Inskip Allsop. For details, email mtaetnacamp@myactv.net, or call (301) 824-6045.

Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, is seeking a host/maintenance director. Located an hour west of Baltimore and Washington, the Center serves Adventist ministries and other Christian, academic and government organizations. This is a full-time salaried position. Qualified candidates will have great people skills, a Christ-like character, and technical skills in at least two of the following areas: plumbing, electrical, equipment repair (including vehicles), HVAC, grounds and carpentry. Other areas of responsibility include wastewater treatment plant operations and swimming pool plant operations (local training is provided), as well as management of the conference warehouse and assisting with camp meeting setup. This position requires the individual to live on campus. A large home for a reasonable rent is provided. To apply, contact Glen Milam at (301) 824-6045, or email glenmilam@myactv.net.

Chesapeake Conference has launched the Seventh-day Adventist TV channel on Roku, a hand-sized device that connects to your television. Available at big-box stores such as Walmart and Best Buy, more than 5 million homes use Roku to view television. The channel now carries Hope Channel and ministry training videos. Future plans are to include locally produced sermons from Chesapeake pastors. Learn more at roku.com. Browse channels and search for “Seventh-day Adventist TV.” Roku carries several additional Adventist channels, making it an inexpensive option for people seeking Adventist programming.

Have an old band instrument collecting dust in the attic? Beginning band students at Highland View Academy and Mount Aetna Adventist School are in need of instruments. Contact Joseph Choi, Music director, at (301) 739-8480, ext. 258, to help.

North American Division has a new "Seeker" site, “My Way to Jesus.” One feature of the new site is the “Did you know?” series of 28 short 90-second videos that explore Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. Each video features a church member who shares how the belief relates to real life, either through a story or concept that everyone, including those who are not religious, can relate to. These videos take Adventist beliefs and make them deeply personal. Each video focuses on one of the “28 Fundamental Beliefs,” and provides a good way to reach and teach new believers as well as those Christians wanting to learn more. Because they are brief, they will also be useful as identity spots on television. This will give congregations the opportunity to put a face on the Seventh-day Adventist Church in an appealing way that they typically would not be able to produce. Learn more at NADAdventist.org. Share MyWaytoJesus.com with your friends!

Condolences are offered to Flordemaria Rivero, wife of Raul Rivero, pastor of the Laurel and Washington-Spencerville Hispanic churches in Maryland, and her family. Mrs. Rivero’s mother died in late August from complications of cystic fibrosis. Please keep the Rivero family in prayer as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

September Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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