

## The tithe

increase in the Columbia Union was 30 percent less than the rise in personal income for Americans. . . . The real story isn't numbers; the real story is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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## JUST BECAUSE I ASKED

We were going to Wisconsin for Thanksgiving. Home—my home—a two-day trip to baking smells, walks on crisp leaves in the woods, noisy armchair football and love.

It was late in the afternoon when we finished packing and loaded the car. I climbed into the driver's seat and saw that the children were settled. Then, as is our habit, said, "Let's pray."

"Dear Father, thank you for being so good to us and for giving us this opportunity to take a trip together. Send angels to protect us and keep our car running. Please help us not to get separated from each other or lose anything, and don't let anything bad happen to us. Amen."

We stopped at a service station on our way out of Columbia, Maryland, then went to Wendy's for supper. Before leaving the restaurant, I reminded the troops this would be the last "pit stop" until Breezewood, Pennsylvania.

As the sun was setting, we pulled into Breezewood and grabbed our sweatshirts before heading for the restrooms. "Have you guys seen my purse?" Samantha asked, pushing things around and feeling under the seat. "It's not up here."

"It's not back here, either," replied Jason.

Tears already shining in her eyes, Samantha began to recount the scenario of our departure.

Well, she had the purse when she went to the bathroom at Wendy's. But the bottom panel of the ladies' restroom door was missing, so she had gone into the empty men's room and put her purse on a shelf. In her hurry to leave, she couldn't recall picking it up again.

"Oh, Sam," I said softly. "How much money was in it?"

The tears flowed freely now. "I had just cashed my two-week paycheck, Mom. It was \$260!"

\$260! Cash! What were the possibilities of recovering a girl's purse from the men's room of a fast-food restaurant during the busy dinner hour? And with \$260 in it!

I plunked change in a pay phone and called Wendy's. "Has anyone turned in a lost purse in the last three hours?" I asked the manager, and described the little bag.

"Yes," he said. "I believe someone turned in one like that, and I put it in the safe. Is there any identification in it?"

I told him what Samantha was dictating to me, then screwed up the courage to ask, "Is there any money in it?"

"Let me see." Pause. "Yes. It looks like about \$260."

Unbelievable. I tried not to shout in that wonderful man's ear. We grabbed each other and laughed and hugged. We just couldn't believe it.

But as we pulled out of Breezewood, Michael—my sweet, innocent little boy—asked, "How come we're all so surprised? Didn't we ask Jesus not to let anything bad happen to us?"

Didn't we indeed. What a faith-stretching exercise. It still warms me.

**COVER:** Professional photographer Gene Ahrens of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, captured on film "The Living Water" in Babcock Mill, West Virginia.



## VISITOR REVISITED

### Keep on truckin'

I have received telephone calls from people asking, "Where is the truck?" In the article, "Union ships 300,000 pounds of goods through ADRA" [October 1], Evert McDowell says boxes of clothes are "picked up by the Columbia Union truck and taken to the union warehouse."

In fact, the union does not have a truck or warehouse. Local Community Services organizations and conferences are responsible for bringing the boxes of clothing to the ADRA warehouse in Elkridge, Maryland.

JIM CLEMENTS  
Columbia Union Conference

Ralph Watts, president/executive director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, says, "The East Coast warehouse is available to process the contributions of Columbia Union members. Their telephone number is (301) 621-2202."

### Liberalistic rot

Bravo! How refreshing to read an article like the one by Robert W. Boggess in your September 15 issue in contrast to all the liberalistic rot appearing much too frequently in certain other official Seventh-day Adventist publications and pulpits.

Please let us have more like it!

CHARLES A. HENDRIXSON  
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### Burning to preach

"Changing roles of ministers" by Dawna Ringering [August 15] was certainly ably presented, but lacking in one essential: stressing the presentation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and His ability to save lost sinners. The Apostle Paul and others—Luther, Calvin, Moody, Spurgeon and Wesley—possessed a burning desire to proclaim the gospel.

Could it be that I have touched an important and vital issue? Does the typical ministerial student or minister have that overflowing compassion and love for Christ and His gospel possessed by a Livingston, John Newton, Hudson Taylor or others of similar devotion?

PAUL W. JACKSON  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania



# HARVEST



## BAPTIZE



PENNSYLVANIA—Communication Secretary Louise Davis reports that 75 attended a Revelation Seminar in the fellowship hall of the Hillcrest church in Pittsburgh during August and September. Twenty-three graduates have been baptized, and more plan to do the same.

The five-night-a-week Bible prophecy classes were conducted by Kenneth Washington, pastor of the 104-member Hillcrest congregation. At graduation, a banquet was served in honor of those who had completed the series.

Several church members were involved in the seminar. "The pastor also trained about 25 Bible workers and helpers who faithfully labored to make this adventure a grand success," said Davis.

## TRAIN



CALIFORNIA—It may seem that the skills learned in training for a crisis or attending Red Cross classes and disaster relief seminars may never be used. However, when calamity strikes, trained church members are prepared to relieve suffering and loss. According to the General Conference newsletter, *Communique*, Adventists are manning a mobile kitchen for the American Red Cross in the aftermath of the worst earthquake to hit the southern half of the state in 16 years.

Parked just one block from the epicenter in the old village portion of Whittier, the kitchen is open 24 hours daily with 15 Adventists divided into three shifts from 6:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Mobilized in less than three hours by Dan Robles, Community Services/urban ministries director for the Southern California Conference, volunteers arrived at the scene before the van, so they began preparing sandwiches in the area Adventist church, which was scarcely damaged.

In addition to three meals daily, the kitchen provides snacks of fruit, coffee and donuts at any hour. Those assigned to eat in the Adventist kitchen are police and sheriff personnel, firefighters, street workers and clean-up crews.

"Downtown looks like a war zone," Robles said in describing the disaster, which destroyed 75 percent of the city. Because many people in the housing portions of town were Hispanic, Robles has also been asked to provide counselors for the victims—many of whom are from Mexico.

He is being joined by three bilingual pastors from nearby Adventist churches to provide counseling to those whose past experience has caused additional unrest and fear of tremors. All groups have been asked to work "indefinitely."



## BAPTIZE



AHS—Institutions operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church are working to meet the goals of Harvest 90. A tent crusade, the Real Truth Revival series, was conducted at Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., resulting in 36 baptisms, reports Ebenezer Pedapudi, chaplain of the hospital and pastor of the Hadley Community church. Melvyn Hayden, crusade speaker, is pastor of the Allegheny East Conference First church in Washington, D.C.

Of the 36, three are Hadley employees and three are former patients of the hospital. Three ministers of other faiths, including Baptist Pastor Rosalie Johnson (pictured above), were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and three teenagers were baptized as a result of the Vacation Bible School conducted in conjunction with the crusade. Ronald Reeves (right), a theology graduate of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, assists Pedapudi (left) at the Hadley church.

Two mothers came to Hayden during a meeting, asking him and the other ministers to pray for their daughters who were now living on their own. At the end of that night's meeting, the petition was presented, asking God to bless and protect them wherever they might be and lead them to the truth. To the surprise and joy of the mothers, the two young women came to the meeting the very next night. They were baptized on the final Sabbath with their mothers.

An employee of the hospital, Elva Hayward, who is also a member of the Hadley church, invited a neighbor to come to the meetings. She brought the woman to the crusade every night. Because of her ministry, the neighbor was baptized.

A young woman from Glen Burnie, Maryland, about 45 miles away, faithfully attended each night with her Adventist husband. The couple had a troubled marriage and had been separated for some time. The husband was impressed that he shouldn't try to tell his wife what to do, deciding to simply pray for her and encourage her to come to the meetings. She not only was baptized, but the couple has been reunited.

Now that the crusade is over, follow-up meetings are continuing with a Revelation Seminar. Many more interested people are still being cultivated in the community around Hadley Hospital.



1975-1985

# Tithe in the Columbia Union

Have we gained ground or lost it?

KERMIT NETTEBURG, Editor

On the surface things seem fine. Tithe seems to increase each year. Leaders talk of growth and God's blessings. And with good reason. There are many of God's blessings to talk about. For example:

- Tithe in the Columbia Union will reach more than \$44 million this year.
- The Columbia Union consistently ranks in the top third in the North American Division in per-capita tithe.
- Tithe in the Columbia Union doubled between 1975 and 1985.
- Tithe in virtually every conference grows nearly every year by three to seven percent—and more.
- Some conferences have posted gains of more than 15 percent in some years.
- Giving for all purposes in 1986—tithe, world and local church budget, conference advance and other offerings—totaled \$65.5 million.

On the surface it seems that members in the Columbia Union are faithful in returning their tithes and paying their offerings, building God's work and receiving the blessings of paying a faithful tithe.

On the surface.

## Close inspection

Close inspection, however, reveals that giving in the union has not kept pace with inflation.

The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that the average person made \$5,851 in 1975. By 1985 that had increased to \$13,451—a jump of 130 percent!

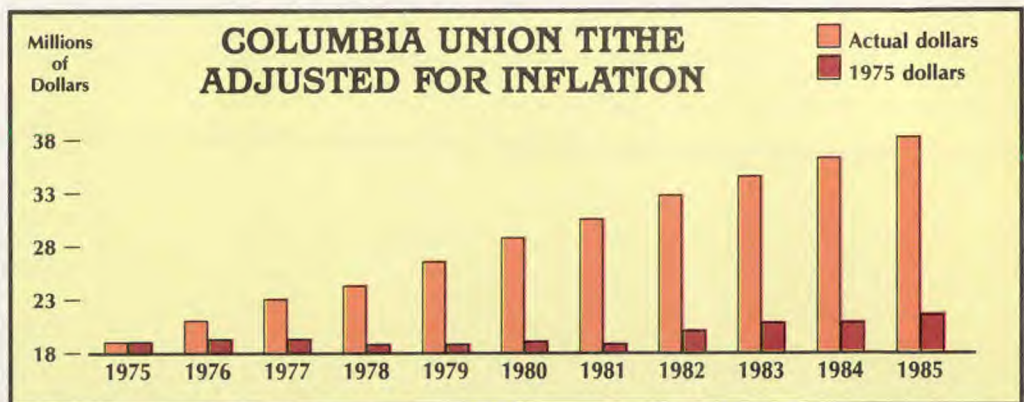
Giving in the Columbia Union, though it increased, has risen less than that. Tithe in 1975 was \$19 million. By 1985 that had grown to \$38 million—an increase of 100 percent, but not the 130 percent that income had grown.

Therefore, the tithe increase in the Columbia Union was 30 percent less than the rise in personal income for Americans.

Even closer inspection shows that the 30 percent loss doesn't fully describe the picture.

Inflation is not the only factor affecting the amount of tithe received in the union. As membership increases, tithe income should also rise. In reality, the increase in tithe each year should equal the combination of membership growth and income inflation.

Between 1975 and 1985, membership in the union grew from 62,815 to 79,599—an increase of 27 percent. Thus, tithe should have grown not only by the 130 percent jump in personal income





during the decade, but also by the 27 percent increase in membership during that time.

And instead tithe grew by 100 percent.

Just how much did giving in the union fall behind? Using per-capita tithe—how much the average member pays—let's isolate income inflation as a factor in tithe growth.

Per-capita tithe grew from \$303 in 1975 to \$495 in 1985—an increase of only 63 percent. (Remember that income inflation during that time was 130 percent.)

In other words, the increase in per-capita tithe in the Columbia Union was less than half the rise in personal income for Americans.

Below the surface, things may not be so fine.

## Reasons

Perhaps members' incomes didn't rise as fast as other Americans' did. Or perhaps those who joined the church in the decade make less money than more established members.

Don Russell, Columbia Union treasurer, points out that many new members are young people who don't have an income. Therefore, membership growth may not equal tithe growth.

Non-attendance may also be a factor. Many feel that attendance has slipped, even while membership has grown. The member who doesn't attend church is also less likely to pay tithe.

Other hints come from a 1985 study of the entire North American Division. More than 3,000 church attenders were asked about tithing, and 14 percent said they might withhold tithe if they thought the money was being handled improperly. Another 21 percent said not believing in the program the money would go to could be a reason.

But the largest percentage—29 percent—said that feeling they couldn't afford it would be a reason not to give to the church.

In other questions in that study, 10 percent said church policies for receiving and spending tithe and offerings are unfair. Another 26 percent weren't sure if the policies are fair or not.

Also, 14 percent disagreed with the statement that church leaders wisely use the money given, and 26 percent weren't sure.

When asked what would help them give more, 21 percent said appeals from the pulpit, while 15 percent cited slide shows like Mission Spotlight.

Finally, people were asked how they figure tithe: 93 percent of ministers polled in the survey said they paid on their gross salary, while 66 percent of lay members said so.

## Losses

Whatever the reasons, conferences in the Columbia Union have lost ground in their attempt to keep tithe income ahead of inflation.

So what does the loss translate into in total dollars? Staggering amounts.

Tithe in the Columbia Union is projected to reach \$44 million in 1987. However, if we use 1975 as a basis to calculate what this year's tithe should be, the amount that should be received is \$63 million.

\$63 million!

That amounts to \$19 million in tithe being lost in 1987 alone, or the total amount given just 12 years ago. Over the course of the last 12 years, the tithe missing from the Columbia Union totals about \$100 million.

## Outcomes

That tremendous loss in tithe has produced startling cutbacks in church work in the Columbia Union. For example, the number of ministers in the union dropped from 1,495 to 1,362. Yet those ministers must meet the needs of almost 20,000 more members than they did in 1975.

Likewise, conferences that used to have at least one and sometimes several evangelists now have none. In fact, only two conferences in the union currently employ an evangelist.

Further, conferences have made other personnel cutbacks, meaning that local Sabbath school leaders and Community Services directors get less support from the conference than before. And local churches get less stewardship guidance and support from the conference.

More subtle impacts of the loss can't be measured so easily. They show up in fewer dollars available to support Christian education, smaller appropriations to local churches for outreach efforts, less help for churches in building projects and more churches that must be served by one pastor. (That may fuel the loss of income. The pastor can visit less, because he has more members—and the pastor's reduced visiting results in less attendance and less tithe.)

But the real impact of the loss of tithe in the Columbia Union is not in personnel cutbacks or lost appropriations. The real impact is in the lives of people, people who've lost confidence in the church or missed out on experiences with their Saviour.

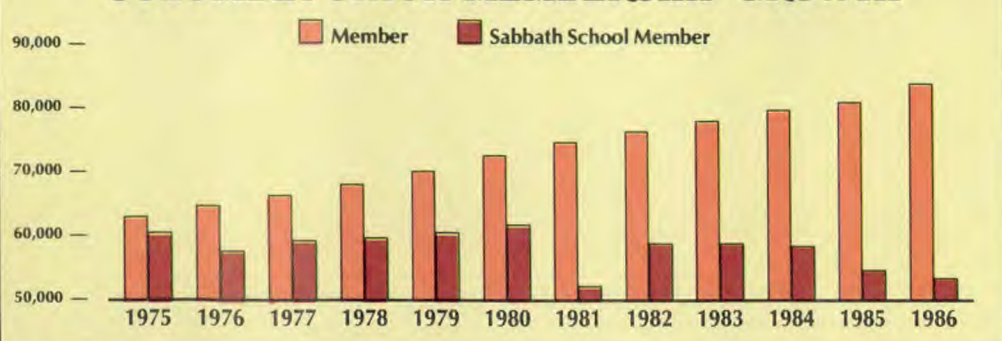
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## COLUMBIA UNION MEMBERSHIP GROWTH





# ABCs show increased profits from cost-cutting measures



The Ohio ABC Open House in September featured a clown and balloons—and high sales, which were three times as great as on a normal Sunday.

**M**anagers of the Adventist Book Centers in the Columbia Union all talked cost-cutting at their ABC Survey October 1—and noted that the cost-cutting measures had improved profit pictures.

Each of the four ABCs—New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Potomac—had cut at least one full-time person. In addition, most had either cut their inventories or increased sales enough that larger inventories were needed.

The ABC Survey is an annual meeting at which each of the four ABCs summarizes the previous year's finances and suggests plans for the next year.

The major change in the union last year was the separation of the Ohio ABC and Mid-Ohio Foods, a wholesale food distributor run by the Ohio Conference. Mid-Ohio sells vegetarian food products to grocery stores in Ohio.

The two companies were separated on the advice of tax attorneys who said that Mid-Ohio was a business unrelated to the mission of the church and should be a for-profit company.



An open house at the Ohio ABC featured samples of foods the book center sells. Visitors tasted mineral water and healthful snacks, as well as vegetarian entrees.

The issue of unrelated business was discussed in great detail, including whether such items as tape recorders and non-Adventist-published books should be considered unrelated to the mission of ABCs.

The managers also approved a cooperative advertising approach, planning for two promotional issues of the *Visitor*, just before campmeeting and Christmas.

The ABCs also will run a "Special of the Month" throughout 1988. The special will be a book or record offered at about a 25 percent discount. Ads in the *Visitor* will announce each special.

The Potomac ABC is the world's largest, with sales of more than \$4 million annually. The Potomac center also serves the Chesapeake and Mountain View conferences through branch offices in each conference, serving local churches and members in those conferences.

Potomac is managed by Clyde Kinder, with Howard Banks and Jane Browning as managers of the Chesapeake and Mountain View branches.

The Ohio and Pennsylvania ABCs also serve members and churches in Allegheny West and East, respectively, and both have acting managers. Ohio has Ron Vozar, and Dick Young works in Pennsylvania.

New Jersey's ABC is the only one in the union that serves only one conference; the manager is Herb Shiroma.—KN

## Columbia Union Adventist Book Centers

	SALES		GAIN OR (LOSS)	
	YEAR ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
	1986	1987	1986	1987
NEW JERSEY	465,293	508,496	(5,992)	6,908
OHIO	920,925	931,556	(19,408)	(33,524)
PENNSYLVANIA	745,301	796,095	125,783	(24,727)
POTOMAC	3,604,117	3,999,868	(70,717)	126,771
UNION TOTAL	5,735,636	6,236,015	29,666	75,428

NOTE: Pennsylvania had a \$119,000 grant from the conference in 1986 and wrote off dead inventory in 1987.



# Union student leaders have

## mountaintop experience

TIM MC DONALD

**S**tudent leaders from the eight senior academies, along with their principals and sponsors, met in October for the annual Columbia Union Academy Leadership Conference.

**A**fter a near-breathtaking trip over, under and into the back roads of West Virginia, the students realized how that state got its slogan—wild and wonderful.

Camp Valley Vista, as the Mountain View Conference retreat is known, occupies one of the most beautiful rural spaces on earth, ringed by lofty mountains and crisscrossed by flowing streams. Just to awaken in the early morning to the sight of deer leaping across the meadow would have made the weekend worthwhile.

But the delegates were there to learn, work together and grow spiritually.

*Tim McDonald is director of education for the Columbia Union.*

The highlight of the weekend was a totally unexpected and moving spiritual experience. After the scheduled Friday evening vespers program and a tremendous sermon and commitment service by Brennan Francois, the students gathered spontaneously in the main auditorium—singing songs and sharing experiences, as well as giving testimonies about how the Lord had been so good to them.

It was such a warm and wonderful experience for all of us that no one bothered to turn off the lights and issue the "all quiet" edict as printed on the program. One student even named the experience, calling it "Afterglow."

Just as calmly and beautifully as it had begun, a student leader said a prayer, and the youth went quietly to their cabins—full of love for one another and



Robert Albright

Student leaders participated in workshops during the annual Columbia Union Academy Leadership Conference. Delegates from Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland, were among those who learned several techniques for effective leadership: (from left) Edson Ponraj, junior class treasurer; Raj Hamilton, student council pastor; and Brent Haloviak, student council president.

more assured of God's love and purpose for His youth.

**W**orkshops in leadership development and group activities in sharing and witnessing filled the weekend agenda. "The workshops helped me learn how to work more efficiently with fellow leaders," said Amy Harlin, a senior and student association religious vice president at Garden State Academy in Tranquility, New Jersey. "They gave helpful advice on how to get more students involved in school activities."

Featured speakers included Chaplain Brennan Francois from Spring Valley Academy in Centerville, Ohio; Wayne Judd from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland; Trina Magi and Doug Dunbebin, a husband-wife team, also from CUC; Ron Stretter, Columbia Union church ministries director; Mike Dunn, youth director for the Potomac Conference; Jack Nail, youth director from Chesapeake; and several other youth directors, education superintendents and academy educators.

**E**veryone was blessed by the fellowship experience. Senior Sam Liversidge, student association president at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, particularly appreciated networking with student leaders from other academies. Liversidge said, "It was helpful to find out what activities other schools find to be successful, and how the leaders made them happen.

"They told us we need to be able to work well with our faculty," he added. "The methods shared by student leaders provided good ideas for all of us to use."

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There was a time when evangelism meant, to many people, a speaker behind a podium in a public place. Evangelism has taken on many new dimensions in the Potomac Conference, but it has not entirely lost its early form. . . .

# EVANGELISM—

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ROBBI PIERSON

**T**here it was. A big tent. It seated nearly 2,000 people and was pitched on the main lawn of Columbia Union College for an evangelistic crusade promoted as a "Festival of Faith."

A tent, the kind circuit-riding preachers liked to use 100 years ago for their revivals, in Takoma Park, part of the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. An old-fashioned, traditional idea reinstated by Potomac's largest, most metropolitan and cosmopolitan church, along with guest preacher John Brunt from Walla Walla College.

And the **Sligo** family supported the experimental evangelistic endeavor. Led by Senior Pastor Charles Scriven, coordinating Pastor Hyveth Williams and the entire ministerial staff, they came to build platforms, paint backdrops and set up chairs prior to the meetings.

Then, five nights each week from September 5-26, they came to give moral support. They waded through water—sometimes ankle-deep from torrential rains—to make sure that those introduced to Jesus for the first time were met by warm smiles and firm, though occasionally soggy, handshakes.

*Story and photos for this Spotlight are by Robbi Pierson, communication director for the Potomac Conference.*

They offered their Sunday afternoons for "Festival of Fun" events planned especially for families. Directed by Karen Lumb, the fun included food fairs, national costume displays, dog shows and safety demonstrations from area fire and police departments.

Members placed popcorn, cotton candy and balloons into the eager hands of little visitors. They learned how to improvise when their parade was rained out. Takoma Park Mayor Steve Bel Guidice proclaimed the first three Sundays in September "Family Days" in that city.

Perhaps other churches can boast more baptisms from a city-wide crusade. Perhaps other evangelistic series have received more indications of definite interest in Bible study. But Sligionians grew together as they worked to bring spiritual growth to their community.

They ventured into new territory with their outreach project, and learned lessons for next time, as well as gained satisfaction from this time. In their effort to kindle a fire for Christ in their community, they have brightened the flames within themselves.

Evangelism also blossoms in smaller church families, such as **Buena Vista** in central Virginia, where Pastor Steve Myers and his small congregation committed large amounts of heart



An evangelistic outreach for students at Shenandoah Valley Academy is studying with e baptism. During the baptism, academy students accompany those they studied with into



Church members at an evangelistic crusade register visitors for the evening.



Pastor Steve Myers presents historical proof of biblical accounts at a prophecy seminar in Buena Vista.

and time into an evangelistic series held from late September through mid-October.

Myers, who admits to being an evangelist at heart, held meetings five nights each week in the gymnasium adjacent to the church, presenting concepts from the book of Revelation. Each prophecy seminar saw 40-45 non-Adventists attending.

Already Bible studies are taking place and baptisms are being considered as the results of Pastor Myers' well-planned presentations. His program included multimedia-supported sermons, drawings for such special gifts as the New Testament on cassettes or *Bible Readings for the Home*, and a reward system of gifts offered for a certain number of meetings attended and the most guests invited.

Special musical selections added to the spirit of the series. Myers' wife, Melodie, became a familiar and welcome soloist. Guest musicians included the Heaven Heirs, Friends, the Sligo Filipino singing group and Jerry



Camp Blue Ridge is an important part of evangelism in Potomac. This past summer, hundreds of children—some for the first time—witnessed the love and sacrifice of Jesus through a biblical pageant.

Schwartz, a gospel music recording artist.

The **Norfolk** church sponsored a series of Revelation lectures presented by a Florida Conference evangelistic team. Five evenings each week, September 12-October 17, Lester Pratt presented lectures while Roy Pauley and his wife, Amy,





Young students to prepare the younger ones for the coming of the Lord.

or are holding public crusades this year as well.

Revelation seminars, which are designed to encourage more teaching and discussion than public evangelistic meetings, are rapidly becoming a stronger form of Potomac outreach.

The **Silver Spring, Maryland**, church began a unique format for Revelation seminars on September 30. Conducted by Bill Liversidge, director of Creative Growth Ministries, Inc., the seminars will run for 13 Wednesday evenings and culminate in a full weekend of programs. Revelation seminars traditionally meet three times a week for eight weeks.

Pastor Rob Randall explained that in the D.C. area more people are likely to commit to a seminar that requires only one night per week.

Elder Liversidge uses the inductive teaching method for the seminars. He gets the participants acquainted with their Bibles, he gives them the history and background of the topic being studied, asks thought-provok-

ing questions and gives guidelines for students to find their own answers in Scripture.

Other churches that have sponsored Revelation seminars include **Amicus, Fairfax, Capital Memorial, Seabrook, Culpeper, Richlands/Tazewell, Warrenton** and **Orange**.

This list does not include the dozens of Potomac members who have privately sponsored home Revelation seminars and

reached out to share the Word with hundreds of neighbors in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Perhaps Potomac is proudest of the fact that the importance of evangelism is also realized by the youth of the conference.

At both **Shenandoah Valley Academy** in New Market, Virginia, and **Takoma Academy** in Takoma Park, Maryland, youth are taught that sharing the love of Jesus is meant to be a Christian's highest priority in life.

These students work in Maranatha-type projects by helping to build churches. They are in-

involved in community outreach programs that bring smiles to confined senior citizens, Christmas cheer to needy children and food to hungry stomachs. They go to elementary schools in their areas to present week of prayer programs to children.

Young people in the Washington area have found another way to share their God-given time and talents with other youth. **Prepare Our Youth, Inc.**, in cooperation with the Tri-Church Community Services Center in Silver Spring, sponsors a crisis hotline, (301) 588-0886, called CO.P.I.N.G. (COmmunicating with People In Need of Guidance).

Under the direction of Rosemary Scott, who holds a master's degree in clinical community psychology, and several volunteer adults, young people ages 16-25 run a hotline for teenagers in crisis situations.

Volunteers take 41 hours of training in how to deal with suicide, drug abuse, homosexuality and family and relationship problems.

Following this training, volunteers spend three months supervised by more experienced counselors. After that, quarterly in-service sessions keep their skills sharpened.

The center operates two crisis lines manned by teens on Fridays from 6 p.m. until midnight, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to midnight. Calls during the week are referred to Prepare Our Youth leaders.

While advertising—radio and handbills—has been aimed at teens in the metropolitan D.C. area, calls have come from people from ages 6 to 86 and as far away as North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania.

This may be where the report ends—but the story just begins. Each day in Potomac new projects, new seminars, new programs and new ideas start yet another cycle of sharing, caring and growing.

Potomac is reaching out, ready to regenerate the old, initiate the new, and bring the coming of the Lord that much closer.



Mike Chappell (right), Potomac's new evangelist, discusses outreach ideas with Jim Frost, pastor in Arlington, Virginia.



Bill Neely, pastor of the Brotherhood church in Washington, D.C., is one of many Potomac members who have conducted home Revelation seminars.

brought inspiration through their music.

Norfolk Pastor Don Shaw said attendance averaged 75 on weeknights and 100 on weekends, with 37 non-Adventists coming regularly. Many of these people are looking forward to baptism.

The **Front Royal, Rockville, Capital Spanish, Warrenton, Arlington Spanish** and **Vienna Spanish** churches have hosted





Physician Jonathan Zinberg responds to a *Gutline* caller with a question about gastrointestinal problems.

## Shady Grove's "Gutline" digests patients' calls

AHS—As part of the national "Gutline" program, physicians from Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland, recently answered questions about digestive problems called in by people around the country.

Physicians William Stern and Jonathan Zinberg responded to callers from 21 states and Nova Scotia who read an article in the August issue of *Ladies' Home Journal* dealing with gastrointestinal problems.

*Journal* readers who called a special number were able to talk to medical specialists about problems they may have felt uncomfortable discussing with their personal physician.

"Gutline is a program of the American Digestive Disease Society, Inc., based in Bethesda," Stern said. "For the past eight years, *Gutline* has helped those suffering with G.I. problems to obtain useful information, overcome fears and find needed medical assistance."

The calls covered a wide range of topics—from a Nova Scotia question about colon cancer to a Louisiana call asking about gallstones. "The telephones didn't stop ringing the entire time we covered the line," Zinberg said.

"Since nearly everyone suffers from a digestive problem at

one time or another, we were not surprised to have so many callers," he added.

"Meeting the needs of hurting people is why Shady Grove participates in this program, another way we strive to be at the forefront of patient concern and care," Stern said.

TAMARA RUSSELL  
*Public Relations*

## WAH Chorale shares universal language at Mozart festival

AHS—Music ministers to everyone, regardless of creed or nationality. It can move the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists or favorably impress people who never heard of the church.

That's what the Washington Adventist Hospital Chorale, directed by Leland Tetz, discovered in August on a tour of Austria and West Germany.

The group performed in the Salzburg Cathedral in Salzburg, Austria, during the renowned Mozart Festival, which is attended by visitors from every part of the world, and for overflow congregations at the Advent Mission in Vienna, Austria, and the Adventgemeinde Nymphenburg in Munich, West Germany.

"People were thrilled by the

music," said Evelyn Marsh, accountant at the hospital. "We were especially proud to be so well received in Mozart's birthplace, where he also lived and worked. The chorale broke through all language barriers."

Marsh enjoyed singing in Adventist churches, where choir members met fellow believers. "I wish we could have sung in all of them," she said. "There is a common tie in belonging to the Adventist family that makes you feel at home."

Brenda Blackburn, a nurse in the short-stay unit, described the Adventists she met in Europe as "warm and caring. In Germany, they weren't afraid to attempt to speak to us, even when their English was poor,"

she said. "They didn't treat us as a group, but as individuals. They would touch us to try and show their appreciation. At the close of the concert, they gave us a standing ovation and an encore, clapping in rhythm to make us return."

Now entering its seventh year, the chorale has received wide acclaim for the caliber of its music. It has performed at the White House and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., as well as Coventry Cathedral in England.

The singers have also represented the hospital through concerts and radio and television performances.

RUSSELL ARGENT  
*Publications Director*



Joseph Blahovich, chaplain and chorale sponsor, shares a friendly greeting with Engelbert Hatzinger (right), treasurer and auditor of the Austrian Union. With them are Darrell Milam, musical assistant (left), and John Litner, organist.

## Hadley employee receives award

AHS—Elijah Walls, a long-time plant service employee of

Elijah Walls (center) receives a Distinguished Service Award from presenter J.C. Hayward (right), Channel 9 newscaster, for the District of Columbia Hospital Association. With Walls is Albert Dudley, Hadley Hospital president.



Hadley Memorial Hospital, was one of 22 Washington, D.C., hospital employees to receive a Distinguished Service Award this year from the District of Co-

lumbia Hospital Association.

The awards, presented by area newscaster J.C. Hayward, commend an employee from each hospital in the District of Columbia for their dedication, caring and service.

This award also commemorated Walls' standing with his fellow employees, who voted him their 1986 Hadley Spirit Award winner for the hospital.

Before ground was broken for Hadley Memorial Hospital in 1948, Elijah Walls was there, helping physician Henry Hadley in his original clinic. Walls helped with construction on the original building and has been at the hospital ever since, long past the retirement age for most people.



## Dover church celebrates 91st, dedicates addition

CHESAPEAKE—Members of the Forest Grove church in Dover, Delaware, celebrated the congregation's 91st anniversary by dedicating a new addition to the church building.

The addition contains a fellowship hall and a kitchen. A baptistry was also added in the church sanctuary.

One of the oldest churches in the conference, the Forest Grove congregation has a unique history. It is one of the few Adventist congregations that is currently maintaining a cemetery next to the church property.

The church is described on page 223 of the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* as "one of a kind in our country. In its beginning days it was composed of Moors who were descendants of the English settlers known as 'Kirke's Lambs.'"

After the church was organized in 1896, some members did their usual Saturday work on Sunday. This aroused much resentment in the Cheswold, Delaware, area, and in 1897 an organized effort was made to break up this "Sunday desecration."

On May 26, 1897, two members were arrested for Sabbath-breaking. They were fined \$4 and court costs or 24 hours in jail. They chose jail.

The Sabbath dedication service this year was a time of celebration, with many former members and visitors attending. Chesapeake Conference President Wayne Coulter preached the sermon and a fellowship dinner followed.

Pastor Edwin Horney worked closely with the officers and many members of the congregation to plan a day to be remembered.

Horney has been pastor since 1982. He and his family were baptized just two years before assuming this pastorate, after Horney had served for 32 years



Ninety-one years ago Adventists were organized into the Forest Grove church; some even went to jail for working on Sunday and "breaking the Sabbath." This year the 94-member congregation celebrated the anniversary by dedicating a large addition to the original structure.

as a Methodist minister.

Others from the conference office who participated in the celebration were Treasurer Gary Dodge, Secretary Neville Harcombe and Gene Cherry, church ministries director.

## Pro Musica alumni make a joyful noise in reunion concert

CUC—"A lot sure can happen in 15 years," said Lyle Jewell as he looked over his choir of former students at the Pro Musica reunion, held August 5-8 at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

The retired CUC music professor joined 28 Pro Musica "graduates" for a few days of singing, reminiscing and renewing old acquaintances.

The singers were members of the college choir between 1970 and 1974, when it was primarily a touring and performing group.

Jewell traveled from his home in Bemidji, Minnesota, to di-

rect them once again. "We may all look different," he said, "but we haven't changed in our love for music or in our friendships with one another."

Between warm-ups and vocal exercises, group members took pictures, exchanged photos of family members and friends, and looked over mementoes from their college years.

After two days of rehearsals, the singers gave a concert of favorites from their old repertoire at the nearby Sligo church.

Plans for the reunion began when former Pro Musica member Edson Rubert of Takoma Park listened to a tape of a concert the group had performed years before. "The nostalgia of that sound made me decide we should recreate that music," Rubert said.

Members of the choir came from throughout the Columbia Union and as far away as California to attend the event, and some are already making plans for the next reunion.



Members of CUC's Pro Musica between 1970 and 1974 came to sing under the direction of retired professor Lyle Jewell in a reunion concert at the Sligo church.

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Leonor Almeida, 75, receives her Master Guide scarf from Israel Leito during an investiture service at the Capital Spanish church.

## 75-year-old earns Master Guide status

POTOMAC—Leonor Almeida was invested as a Master Guide during a ceremony at the Capital Spanish church in Washington, D.C.

The 75-year-old Pathfinder confessed her two fears in earning her stripes—rock climbing and camping. Then she recalled the fun she had conquering both while working on the progressive classwork for two years.

Israel Leito, General Conference church ministries associate, placed the yellow Master Guide scarf around Almeida.

"I'm certain you will become an exemplary director," he said. "Wherever you go, be a model Master Guide."

Almeida was also awarded a plaque in honor of her work as a leader in the Capital Spanish church. She spent long hours rallying volunteers to build the church from its foundation to the steeple.

Afterward, she engaged in arduous fund-raising efforts to meet the costs incurred by the construction. She could scold, console and humor almost anyone—and the job got done.

ISABELLE RODRIGUEZ  
*Communication Secretary*

## Chalmers team leads family life services

CHESAPEAKE—Although retired, Elden and Esther Chalmers have accepted the invitation of the Chesapeake Conference to provide a valuable service in the areas of family life and mental health.

Chalmers, an ordained minister and certified psychologist, earned his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Tennessee. He has expertise in various areas of ministry gleaned while serving as a pastor, evangelist, professor, counselor and author for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Esther Chalmers holds a master's degree in human ecology with an emphasis in family studies from the University of Maryland. She is currently active in marriage and family counseling and giving lectures on family dynamics.

The Chalmers team will give an added dimension to the services Chesapeake provides for constituents. Local churches will benefit from their weekend seminars; academy youth will be challenged and motivated to cultivate strong study habits;



Elden and Esther Chalmers

and emphasis will be placed on improving family life.

NEVILLE HARCOTBE  
*Conference Secretary*

## Alexandria couple celebrates 65th wedding anniversary

POTOMAC—An Alexandria, Virginia, elder emeritus and his wife celebrated the 65th anniversary of their marriage on July 5. Hilton Suddarth Sr. and wife Doris marked the event and their commitment at a reception hosted by their family.

The Suddarths were married in Culpeper, Virginia, and baptized two years later into the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastor Brenton Connerly.

Hilton is a retired railroad engineer and elder emeritus of the Alexandria congregation, where the Suddarths have their membership. Doris is a homemaker.

The couple has two children, Hilton Jr. and Helen Suddarth Kinzer, as well as four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Hilton Suddarth Sr. and wife Doris celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.



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**Chamber players perform in England**

POTOMAC—The Sligo Chamber Players and Mantel took their music to Great Britain for a 10-day tour of English landmarks and Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The concert tour opened in the Newbold College church and ended in the Stanborough Park church. The group's repertoire ranged from Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" to the beautiful simplicity of "Jesus Loves Me."

The Sligo Chamber Players are adult musicians and high school students from the greater Washington, D.C., area. In its second year of performances, the group is directed by Evonne Baasch, a music teacher at the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Mantel was created 11 years ago and, like Elijah's mantle was to prepare the way for the work of Elisha, their mission has been one of preparing the hearts of men for the entering of Christ's love. Candy Krause, Dennis Hunt and Rick Schmidt compose, arrange and perform the group's music.

Robin Royes, a concert musician, took her harp to round out the strings.

Their collective commitment is to "dedicate their talents of making music to the Lord and His people everywhere."

England offered exciting differences for the group: automobiles driven on the wrong side of the road, understanding "real English" and smiling at unique



Dennis Hunt (left) and Rick Schmidt played mandolins in Vivaldi's "Allegro from Concerto in G Major" with the Sligo Chamber Players during their tour of England.

traffic signs like "Give Way" instead of "Yield."

The musicians also enjoyed plenty of sightseeing, which included climbing through historic

castles and happily discovering that some restaurants offered familiar fare.

HAROLD BAASCH  
Public Relations

**Youth build church on Caribbean island**

CHESAPEAKE—Thirty volunteers needed only two weeks to construct a new church on the island of Saint Lucia.

"You've made history on this island," said Brother Phillip, head of the Cacao Seventh-day Adventist Church. "It usually takes five years to build a church here, but you have done it in two weeks and the entire island knows about it. We rejoice and give praise to God for a beautiful place to worship."

The need for a church arose from the efforts of Brother Phillip, who is also head elder of the nearby Mon Repo church and has conducted more than 20 evangelistic services that led to more than 1,000 baptisms.

Phillip had raised up a new

company of believers in the district of Vieux Fort, and for a year they had been meeting in a very crude shelter. Their new 35-by-75-foot block church is the answer to their dreams.

The involvement of Chesapeake youth began more than a year ago, when Jack Nail, conference youth director, and Hans Varmer, youth pastor for the Spencerville, Maryland, church, began planning a mission experience for youth and other members.

The volunteers met at the conference office and left the next day for Saint Lucia, an island in the Caribbean that is 27 miles long and 14 miles wide and shaped like a teardrop.

Their work involved sifting sand, mixing mortar, laying and plastering up the concrete block, building trusses, laying

down the roof and putting in windows.

As the group prepared to leave the island, Brother Phillip said, "We will never forget you, for you have helped us meet the fulfillment of our dreams. By God's grace, we plan to fill this church with at least 200 members in the next two years."

HANS VARMER  
Youth Pastor

**CUC expands fund-raising plans**

CUC—The Columbia Union College Development Committee met for an intensive planning retreat at a family-owned Virginia farm.

Vice President for College Advancement Wayne Judd and CUC Development Consultant Viveca Black directed the meeting, guiding the committee in shaping its goals and devising a systematic fund-raising plan for the next three years.

As a result of the meeting, the committee confirmed several development priorities: to create incentives for faculty growth, to increase the alumni endowment fund, to endow faculty chairs, and to expand library and campus resources.

The group also established a mission statement, which focuses on promoting Christian education at CUC by securing the funds needed to contribute to the holistic growth of the college's students, personnel and surrounding community.

BARBARA SUDDARTH  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## It Is Written airs special on "The Memorial"

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## Damascus church will hold 45th anniversary celebration

The Damascus, MD, church will celebrate its 45th anniversary on Sabbath, November 21. For more information, contact Pastor Steve Charbonneau at (301) 253-5276.

## Tappahannock church announces homecoming

All former members and friends are invited to come to the fourth annual homecoming of the Tappahannock, VA, church to be held Friday evening and Sabbath, November 13 and 14. Elder Lawrence Maxwell will be the guest speaker for the weekend. A fellowship luncheon will follow the worship service. For more information, call (804) 785-2135 or (804) 443-5910.

## Takoma Park church slates Alise Schram concert

The Takoma Park, MD, church's community sacred concert series will present soprano soloist Alise Schram in concert on Sabbath, November 21, at 3:30 p.m. Schram will minister through her powerful gift of inspirational song with the gospel as her central theme. For information, call the church office at (202) 829-4800.

## Potomac announces first annual youth event

Gary Rust, youth director for the Oregon Conference, will be the featured speaker at Potomac Conference's first annual youth weekend, which will be November 13 and 14 at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, MD. There will be chances for an outreach project in Washington, DC, and contemporary Christian music to listen to and be part of. Suggested donations of \$5 are sought to help defray costs, which include Sabbath brunch and dinner. Watch for posters coming to your church or school.

## Columbia Union sponsors choral, church music festival

The Columbia Union Choral and Church Music Festival will be hosted by the Sligo church and Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, MD, November 21-23. Pre-festival events will begin on November 20. Workshops on children's choirs, basic and advanced conducting, organ and service playing, handbells and church music will be taught by C.L. Brooks, Marianne Scriven, Paul Hill, Edith Gates, Van Knauss, Janice Lenhoff and other recognized experts in music. The agenda includes reading sessions with musical literature from the Hinshaw, Shawnee, Word, Lillenas and Clarion Call publishing companies. Housing and meals are available on the CUC campus. Whether you already have a successful music program in place at your church or need help getting one started, this seminar is for you. For further information, write to: Choral Festival, 7700 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.

## Jeff Hunt will perform at Parkville-Essex church

Jeff Hunt, formerly of Heritage Singers USA, will present a concert at the Parkville-Essex church in Baltimore on November 1 at 7 p.m. He has received many awards, including the Gospel Record Award for the best "middle of the road" artist. All are welcome to attend.

## Fall music spectacular will be presented at SVA

The Shenandoah Valley Academy Department of Music will present its Fall Music Spectacular on Saturday, October 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Market, VA, academy's gymnasium. The theme for this year's program is "American Music, Its Great Heritage." A reception will follow and all are invited to attend.

## Sligo church announces recital by Leonard Richter

Leonard Richter, professor of music at Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, WA, will give a recital of piano music by Scarlatti, Mozart, Brahms and Debussy on Sabbath, November 7, at 4 p.m. in the Sligo church in Takoma Park, MD. A gifted pianist and teacher, he is an active performer, lecturer and adjudicator.

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Cleveland	5:16	5:08	5:03
Columbus	5:24	5:17	5:12
Jersey City	4:47	4:40	4:35
Norfolk	5:03	4:57	4:53
Parkersburg	5:20	5:14	5:08
Philadelphia	4:54	4:47	4:42
Pittsburgh	5:11	5:05	4:59
Reading	4:56	4:49	4:43
Richmond	5:06	5:00	4:56
Roanoke	5:17	5:11	5:07
Scranton	4:53	4:46	4:40
Toledo	5:24	5:17	5:11
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| 1 4lb. Loma Linda Meatless Turkey Roll      | 1 cup golden raisins       |
| 1 6oz. Package herb-flavored bread stuffing | 1 cup chopped apples       |
| ¼ cup margarine or butter                   | 1 cup thinly sliced celery |
| 2 cups Boston Brown Bread (½ of 1 lb. can)  | 1 teaspoon rosemary        |
| 1 cup pineapple juice                       | 1 cup or more of chopped   |
| 1 cup finely chopped walnuts                | Turkey from center of roll |

Defrost Turkey Roll in refrigerator overnight. Combine all other ingredients for stuffing. Mix well and allow to soak for 30 minutes. Cut ½ inch from each end of Turkey Roll and carefully hollow out from each end with apple corer or sharp knife, leaving a one inch circumference. Carefully fill firmly with stuffing. Replace sliced ends and hold together with toothpicks.

Place in roasting pan and baste with liquid margarine and ½ cup water. Cover and bake at 350°F for one hour. Remove cover after first ½ hour and baste again. Continue cooking for remaining time uncovered. Remove from oven and allow to set 20–30 minutes before slicing. Serve with cranberry sauce or Loma Linda Gravy Quik.

### ROLLED TURKEY SLICES

- 3–4 (10 oz.) packages Loma Linda Turkey Slices
- Stuffing mix from Thanksgiving Special—U.S.A
- 1 cup Loma Linda Gravy Quik (Brown)

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