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A photograph of a young woman with brown hair styled in an updo, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a white long-sleeved top and is holding a baby in her arms. The baby is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and is looking upwards with an open mouth. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

THE BABY CRADLE

*One Chaplain's mission to
save babies' lives.*

Stand Firm

PERSPECTIVE

By Orville Parchment,
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Adventist Church world president

As a chaplain you have been called to serve in very unique circumstances. You are sought after for counsel and spiritual guidance. However, in your many responsibilities, have you ever been challenged to compromise your stand on certain issues?

Jesus once said, “Behold I come quickly hold fast what you have.” The words “Hold fast” could be translated stand firm or stand true. Figuratively it refers to holding fast to a belief, conviction, or principle without compromise, regardless of personal cost. It is to stand for truth against falsehood, stand for righteousness against unrighteousness.

“Be on guard. Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong” 1 Corinthians 16:13.

“Therefore my dear brother,

stand firm. Let nothing move you” 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Martin Luther, the 16th century leader of the Reformation was being examined by Johann von Eck, spokesman for the Archbishop of Trier. During the examination von Eck asked Martin Luther to retract his teachings. Luther said, “Unless I am convinced by proofs from Scriptures or by plain and clear reasons and arguments, I can and will not retract, for it is neither safe nor wise to do anything against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”

Do others know you as a person who stands firm on spiritual principles? In 1888 a reporter mistakenly reported the following: “The merchant of death is dead ... Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill

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more people faster than ever before died yesterday.” When Alfred Noble, the inventor of dynamite, read the false obituary of himself he decided that he did not want to be remembered that way. On November 27, 1895 Nobel signed his will setting aside the bulk of his estate to establish the Nobel Prizes for physics, medicine, economics, science, chemistry, literature, and peace. Hardly any one remembers Alfred for dynamite.

What are you known for? Where are you in connection with your stand on God’s word and your relationship with Him?

“The man whose heart is unmoved you will keep in peace, because his hope is in you” Isaiah 26:3.

I am encouraged when I read about some of the courageous persons in the Bible.

Daniel was condemned to be killed by the jaws of lions because he stood

up for God and would not give in to the cruel schemes of his colleagues.

The three Hebrew young men stood up literally for God and would not bow down to the golden image.

Joshua and Caleb stood up for God despite being outnumbered with a ratio of 2 to 2 million (Numbers 14:6-10). At the end of his ministry we see Joshua standing up for God in the midst of widespread compromise (Joshua 24:15).

There are times when standing up for God might not be popular; we might even stand alone at times. Jesus never asked us to be

popular. He asked us to be faithful.



“I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved” Psalm 16:8.

COMMUNITY CHAPLAINS TO MEET



All Seventh-day Adventist law enforcement chaplains are invited to attend the first annual Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries sponsored Community Chaplains training conference. The meetings will be held in conjunction with the International Conference of Police Chaplains. Dates for the ACM and ICPC conference are July 6-13. Hotel and ICPC conference information can be found at www.icpc4cops.org. For more information and to register for the ACM portion of the conference please contact Dina Muldoon at 301-680-6780 or email acm@gc.adventist.org.

THE HIGH COST OF CARING

Compassion and caring about others are natural elements driving the ministry of the chaplain. The daily demands of helping others deal with counseling, personal and family issues, tragedies, end-of-life-issues, etc. can take a toll. Without proper self-care, compassion fatigue, burnout, spiritual, and emotional fatigue will eventually hamper the work of the chaplain who ignores the need to care for him/herself.

“I often counsel individuals that are not made out of stainless steel,” said Bob Peach, director, Kettering Counseling Center and Ministry Care Line. “I remind them they are human beings who need to care for themselves as well as others.”

Self-care is such a vital part of a chaplain’s ministry that it is specifically mentioned in the competencies of the Association of Professional Chaplains. As a part of the certification process, prospective candidates must outline their personal self-care in Section II titled Identity and Conduct. It states: “Attend to one’s physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Asking this question allows the certification committee to be assured that the candidate has considered this area as well as practicing its implementation.

Of course, in the daily walk of ministry it is often much more difficult to practice something that seems good

on paper. With so many demands tugging at the minutes and hours of our lives, maintaining a healthy balance can be accomplished, but it isn’t easy.

“Imagine the scenario of a chaplain putting the key into the lock of his/her office door,” said Peach. “As the key turns and the lock clicks open the chaplain heaves a deep sigh and shrugs his/her shoulders. There isn’t joy or anticipation for the challenges that will be faced during the day. This chaplain is showing indications of a need for some serious self-care.”

Burnout is often a term that is used when an individual is struggling to find enjoyment in their job. “Technically, the term burnout is not a clinical diagnosis,” said Peach. “Often a person who is feeling this is actually suffering from some form of depression.”

Clinically, compassion fatigue has been identified as a part of a group of related terms that include “vicarious traumatization” and “secondary traumatic stress.” Charles Figley used these terms in his book, *Compassion Fatigue: Coping with secondary traumatic stress disorder in those who treat the traumatized*. Figley maintained that an individual who is working with a traumatized person could suffer from compassion fatigue, which is categorized as a Secondary Traumatic Stress Disorder (STSD), due to their

deep involvement with a primarily traumatized person. He also noted that “compassion stress” could be experienced when an individual is aware of and affected by a traumatic event but does not reach traumatic STSD level.

Vicarious traumatization occurs when a chaplain becomes “infected” with or over-identifies with the trauma of the individual they are working with. Symptoms can include social withdrawal, aggression, greater sensitivity to violence, sleep disturbances, difficulties of boundary management with clients, and difficulties with security, trust, and intimacy.

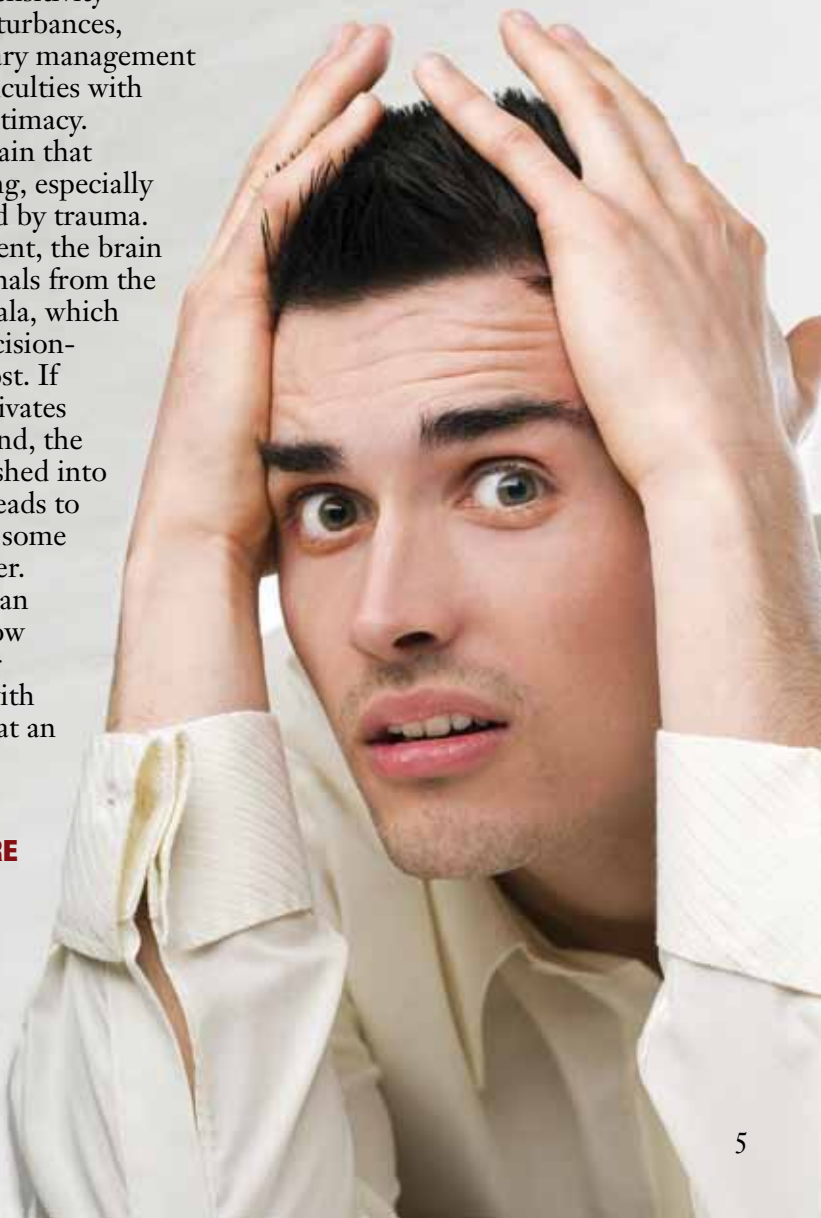
The part of the brain that remembers everything, especially bad things, is affected by trauma. During a stressful event, the brain stem responds to signals from the hippocampus amygdala, which is the trauma and decision-making command post. If stress continually activates the neurons to respond, the brainstem will be pushed into overreacting which leads to stress and eventually some form of stress disorder. Recognition of this can help an individual slow down and use coping skills that will help with keeping stress levels at an appropriate level.

PRACTICAL SELF-CARE

“Giving yourself permission to take care of yourself is the first thing a person needs to do in their self-care routine. Often guilt is an

occupational hazard of ministry,” said Peach. “As compassionate individuals we are conscientious about those under our care and about our ministry. Many of us have what I call an ‘internal employer’ telling us we can’t take a day off. [We] have to find a way to shut off that voice and relieve some of the stress we are under in order to stay healthy.”

Taking care of yourself mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally is good stewardship of your being.



Intentionally allowing yourself space to breathe both mentally and physically helps your brain and body to reset and be better equipped for ministry and caring for others.

Some practical ideas for your personal self-care include:

- Prayer and meditation. This is at the top of the list because it works. Spending quiet time with God is truly a balm to the soul. Jesus recognized that He couldn't do ministry without a regular time of meeting with God. We are no different.
- Stay healthy with exercise, healthy eating, maintaining a proper weight, and getting adequate sleep.
- Take a day off. The Bible talks about the Sabbath for a reason. God wants humans to rest and recharge. This day off should include a period of time when you are turning off your cellphone and taking a break from messages and pagers.
- Take an annual vacation where you are getting away from your place of work for more than a long weekend. Even if you plan a staycation at home, engage in activities that aren't a part of your everyday routine.
- Develop supportive friendships that are not connected with work. You need to engage with people who aren't involved in the same type of work and ministry as you.
- Have someone to confide in. Find a mentor or colleague that you can trust who will allow you to vent or talk as needed.
- Use retreats, conferences, and training opportunities as a time to connect with others, but also as a

time to rest and get away from the daily routine.


SYMPTOMS OF STRESS BUILD-UP

You may be at a point where you need more than the steps listed previously. "It is not always easy for a person to decide they need outside help in coping with an overload of stress that may be causing depression," said Peach. "In order to pick-up the phone and make an appointment with a counselor many individuals feel they are acknowledging they are weak or have failed."

This isn't true. It's not a matter about being weak or a failure. Instead, it is admitting a change is needed in coping methods and that there is a desire to heal and become productive once again.

Peach recommends examining several areas that may indicate a need for an increased level of self-care with a counselor who can help identify areas for healing.¹

THESE INCLUDE:

- Sleep  you experiencing disturbances in your sleep? This can be manifested either by difficulty staying asleep, sleeping less often or by having difficulty falling asleep.
- Interest-Has the pleasure or enthusiasm for usual activities diminished?



- Energy-Has your energy level diminished?
- Concentration-Are you experiencing a poor attention span? Is it worse than usual?
- Appetite-Are you less hungry and losing weight? Or, overeating and gaining weight?
- Psychomotor-Are you moving and thinking more slowly? Are you noticing bouts of restlessness, or explosive or agitated behavior?
- Suicidal thoughts-Are you feeling so hopeless that you feel you would be better off not living or that others would be better off without you around?

As you reflect where you are on the path of your own self-care, contemplate the words of the psalmist. “Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

¹Cleveland Clinic, “Recognition and Treatment of Depression” <http://www.clevelandclinicmeded.com/medicalpubs/diseasemanagement/psychiatrypsychology/recognition-treatment-of-depression/#b0010>

Recommended Resources

Bob Peach, director, Kettering Counseling Center and Ministry Care Line, Kettering, Ohio, recommends the following resources.

- Kettering Counseling Care Center operates a national 800 number phone service to church professionals and their families. The subscription-based service provides confidential access to the support and consultation of a trained Christian mental health worker. If you would like more information on how your organization can subscribe, contact Bob Peach at 866-634-0493.

Online Resources

- Focus On The Family Thriving Pastors <http://www.parsonage.org/>
- Clergy Recovery Network <http://www.clergyrecovery.com/>
- Ministry Development Council <http://www.ministrydevelopment.org/>
- Just Between Us Magazine, for women in ministry http://www.justbetweenus.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=100499
- Pastor Care Network, care-giving resources for hurting clergy <http://www.pastorcare.org/>
- The Pastors Institute/Wounded Shepherds <http://www.woundedshepherds.org/>
- Pastor Burnout <http://www.pastorburnout.com/index.html>
- Mental Health Needs of Clergy <http://bachdevelopment.com/index.html>

Reading Resources

- Allen, Blaine, *Before You Quit*, Monarch Books, 2001.
- Hambrick, B.W., *Surviving Burnout*, Winepress Publishing, 2006.
- Jennings, Timothy, *Could It Be This Simple: A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind*, Autumn House Publishing, 2007.
- Lehr, Fred, *Clergy Burnout: Recovering from the 70-Hour Work Week... and Other Self-Defeating Practices*, Augsburg Fortress, 2005.
- London, H.B., *Pause, Recharge, Refresh: Devotions to Energize a Pastor's Day-to-Day-Ministry*, Focus on the Family, 2009.

BREAKING NEWS:

NAD TO ISSUE CHAPLAINS CREDENTIALS

Delegates to the 2011 North American Division (NAD) Year-end meetings voted a revision to E 10 90 of the Working Policy that authorizes NAD to grant credentials to chaplains employed full-time in non-denominational settings. The NAD Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) Committee has voted procedures for implementation.

The revised policy will provide a more equitable method of obtaining credentials for Adventist chaplains employed in the public sector. Some local conferences only grant credentials to full-time employees, while others have issued chaplain applicants a variety of documents not mentioned in the NAD Working Policy as credentials for Adventist workers. These “creative” forms simply are not recognized or accepted by government or professional public agencies, and cost numbers of Adventist clergy job opportunities and employment. That problem has now been resolved.

Applicants for credentials from NAD must meet basic general requirements:

- a. Be a graduate with an earned master’s degree from a fully accredited Adventist seminary.
- b. Be fully qualified for ecclesiastical approval or endorsement from the NAD ACM Committee.
- c. Be fully qualified to enter the field of chaplaincy chosen or be serving in a chaplaincy as a full-time employee.

NOTE: Those not employed will have a maximum of two years from the time a credential is issued to obtain employment or their credential will expire. During the interim period, they will be expected to be actively involved in their local church. They are required to submit quarterly reports to ACM on their ministry and progress in obtaining employment.

Applicants must submit an application to ACM thru the Assistant ACM Director for their region of NAD. (The application form can be obtained online at www.nad.adventistchaplains.org).

The Assistant ACM Director will review the application to determine if the applicant meets the general requirements. The Assistant ACM Director will contact the conference where the applicant has ministered or has been issued a credential and seek a letter of recommendation. The Assistant ACM Director will interview the applicant.

The application, letter of recommendation from a conference officer, and report of interview comprise an application packet that will be forwarded to the NAD ACM Director. Upon receipt of the packet, the director will review the application packet. If complete, the applicant's name will be placed on the agenda of the next NAD ACM Committee meeting for consideration.

The NAD ACM Committee recommends to the NAD Secretary / Chair of the NAD Credentials Committee name(s) of those applicants believed to merit credentials. Those names not recommended by the NAD ACM Committee will be returned to the Assistant ACM Director with advisement to the applicant. The NAD ACM Director next prepares the documents required for submitting recommended names to the next quarterly NAD Credentials Committee.

After minutes of the NAD Credentials Committee are received, the NAD ACM Director takes the following actions:

a. If approved, the ACM Director will:



- (1) Add a copy of the credential to the applicant's personnel file in the ACM Database.
 - (2) Notify the Assistant ACM Director.
 - (3) Send the credential to the applicant by a secure means.
 - (4) Add the name to the ACM Department list of credentialed chaplains.
 - (5) Add the information in the chaplain's denominational service record.
 - (6) Provide the information to the Assistant Director / Yearbook in the Department of Archives and Statistics.
- b. If disapproved, the Assistant ACM Director is notified to advise the applicant that a credential will be needed from another valid denominational source or their ecclesiastical endorsement or approval will be revoked.

Procedures for assisting with

special situations are outlined in additional SOPs. Contact one of the ACM directors for specific information.

ACM is also involved in the process of ordination. Upon clearly demonstrated merit, the directors will recommend to local conferences an individual deemed ready for ordination. Local conferences will continue to recommend to union conference committees names for ordination, and upon approval from unions will conduct the ordination service. Therefore, applicants must remain actively engaged in a local church and continue to offer their services to a local conference.

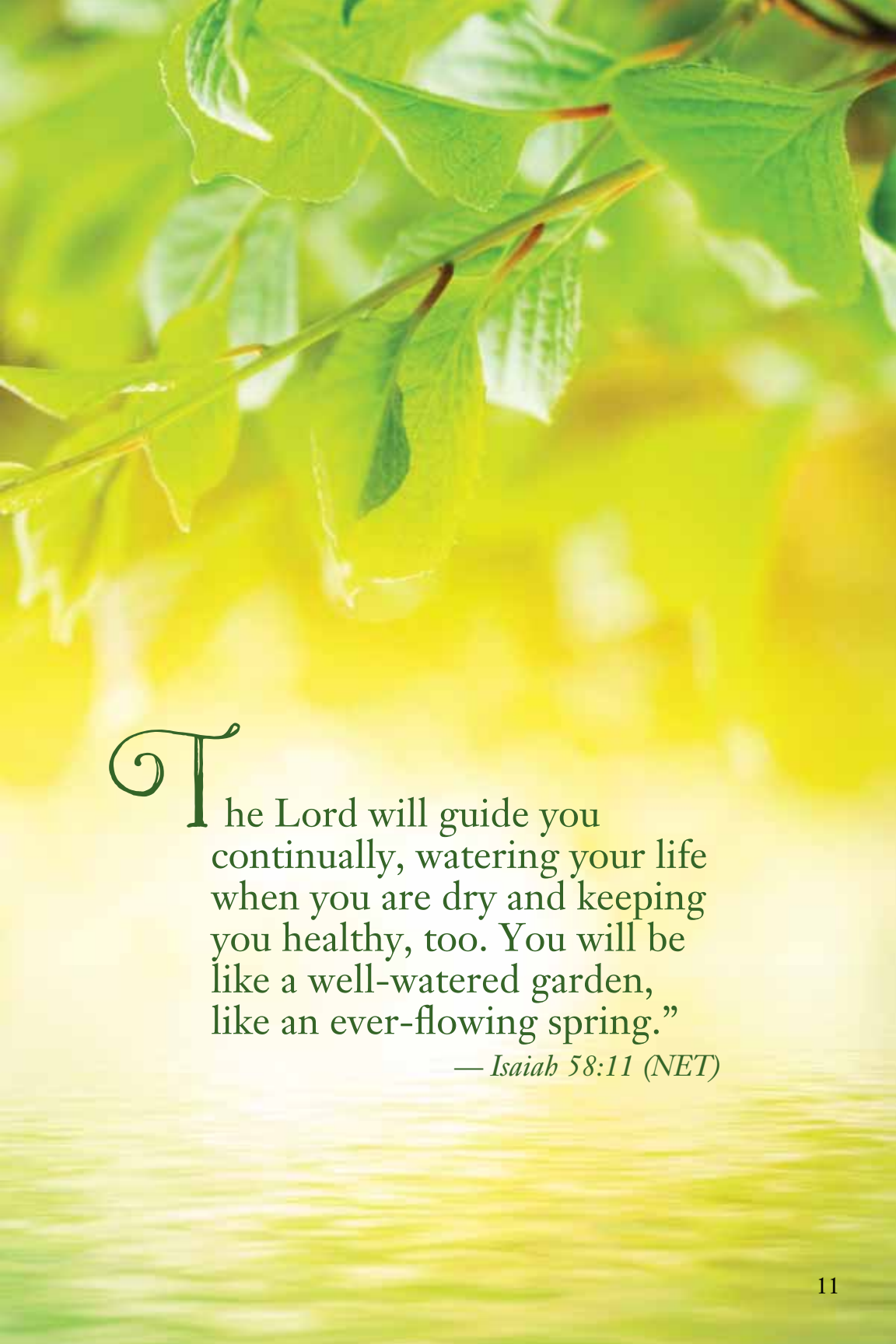
Credentials issued by NAD have an expiration date, and are normally valid only for the duration of the quinquennium. Near the close of the

quinquennium, credentials are reviewed for renewal for the next five years. To maintain a credential and have it renewed, the chaplain must:

- a. Maintain ecclesiastical endorsement with ACM.
- b. Be employed full-time, or equivalent to full-time as determined by ACM, as a chaplain or in one of the specialty ministries.
- c. Be actively involved in a local Adventist church and supportive of the pastor.

Your ACM Directors continue to work for you as your “conference ministerial association.” Supporting your ministry in the field is one of the joys of working in the department.





The Lord will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.”

— *Isaiah 58:11 (NET)*

YOUR PRESENCE IS NEEDED



By William J. Cork
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Consider a couple of numbers, if you will. Over 80% of Adventist college students are at non-Adventist colleges and universities. Over 21 million students attend college and university in North America. We need to take care of our own students, but we also need to see the university itself as a great mission field, crying out for workers.

The good news is that resources and training are available. Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) is the North American Division ministry to students at public campuses. Ron Pickell, a pastor in Berkeley, California, serves as the director. Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) endorses chaplains for this ministry, and has recently partnered with the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary to create a new master's degree in campus chaplaincy. AdventSource has published manuals on how to begin, including *The Word on Campus* and *Public Campus Ministry: A Quick Start Guide*.

Look around your neighborhood. Is there a college or university near your church? Students, faculty, and staff may be among your members.

Make your church a welcoming place for them. Involve them as leaders. Host special events for them, especially at the beginning of the school year.

Now look at the university itself. All campuses allow students to form their own groups, and these groups (including religious groups) can get money from the student activities fees that all students pay. At most schools, you just need a handful of students, a faculty advisor, and a constitution (ACF provides a model constitution).

Once the student group is recognized, it can hold events on campus. It can advertise on campus. It can have a table at the activities fair at the beginning of the semester. Students can pass out literature about the group, about their faith, about topics that might interest students. Your church might consider having a vegetarian cooking school, or a seminar on dealing with stress, or the student group could have these events in a classroom on campus.

The students will want to have regular gatherings. These could meet at the church on campus, or in a member's home.

AdventSource has workbooks that could be used in this setting, such as *Growing Your Faith on a Public Campus*.

The local Adventist pastor can also register with the university as a campus chaplain – he may need a letter from the conference appointing him to this role. Many campuses have campus minister organizations, which act as a liaison between the ministries and the administration. In times of campus tragedy, the administration often uses these campus ministers as part of their response. At some schools, campus ministers with appropriate academic credentials can serve as adjunct lecturers and teach courses for credit.

Is there an Adventist college nearby? It could invite public university students to enroll in some

courses, especially in the religion department, and transfer the credit. It could invite them to participate in weeks of prayer and mission trips.

Even if you are not near a college, or the students from your church go to school in another town, you can still do something. You can recognize your high school graduates, send them off with a gift and a prayer, and stay in touch with them while they are at school, sending them care packages and writing encouraging letters.

Back in 1895 Ellen White wrote of the needs of the public university campus and said, “this work must be done; and it will be done by those who are led and taught of God” (*Selected Messages*, Vol. 3, p. 234). Now’s the time—and in these simple ways, your local church can make a difference.





HELLO, ISRAEL!

For nine days, Seventh-day Adventist Corrections Chaplains and family members wandered not in the wilderness but along the ancient paths where biblical patriarchs and Jesus labored.

Sponsored by Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, the trip fulfilled the annual professional educational experience for those in attendance. The trip included visiting the traditional sites of Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. Among other locations that the attendees visited were Joppa, Jericho, the Dead Sea and Engedi, Masada, and a Bedouin camp. Here, in their own words, several chaplains reflect on what this trip meant to them.

“How special it was to walk where Jesus walked. All my adult life I have

been reading the Bible and always found it inspiring. I like to put myself in the place of the Bible characters and imagine what it was like to experience Noah’s flood, the parting of the Red Sea, or the giving of the Ten Commandments. Somehow I imagined it differently than it actually was.

“So when I had an opportunity to go and see these places for myself, I decided to go with the help of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries. It was special going with chaplains I had already known from other training events. What a great bunch of chaplains we have that represent Jesus so well in Corrections.

“I returned from the trip with 1,300 pictures and memories to last a lifetime. I am different since I had this great opportunity. I have seen





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Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Mount of the Beatitudes, and been re-baptized in the river Jordan. How can I not return a different person?

“I cannot just imagine these places and get the sense of what they are like today and get a picture of what they were like back then. It’s kind of like when I was in the Army and we would study the Battle of Gettysburg. It is much different when you have actually walked the terrain. I have had a terrain walk of the Holy Land. It is much different to me now.

“I no longer have to imagine what a Roman city was like. I have seen one. I can understand how the Jews were upset at Herod for his wild spending on architecture. I have seen Masada and Caesarea. I don’t have to imagine the Mount of Temptation

or the desert. I have also seen what Abraham’s life must have been like as a nomad. It’s one thing to imagine a camel and another to ride one.

“The most important part of the experience for me was climbing Mount Zion and seeing the Temple Mount. It was seeing the place of Calvary and experiencing the empty tomb. Whether these places were real or speculative I do not know. It really did not make a difference; Jesus became more real to me. It is my hope and prayer that Jesus will be real to you as well. I am already using my experience and my historic imagination better in my sermons and in my day-to-day life.” – Chaplain Richard Baldwin, Richland Correctional Institution, Mansfield, Ohio.

“This has indeed been a mountain

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top experience that will dwell in our hearts as long as we live. There are no words to express the depths of our gratitude, fortitude and passion as we marched into the annals of biblical history and actually walking the ground that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ trod, ministered, and suffered on our behalf. Wow!” – Chaplain Oliver Johnson, Canada

“Our spirit has been revived and our faith fortified by the Holy Land experience.” – Dr. Themba Mhlambi Mzizi, California.

“The whole experience of touring *The Holy Land* was an answer to my prayers. My family and I truly appreciate everyone who made this trip a reality. We feel “blessed” and privileged to share with others what

we heard and saw! It’s been like “fire shut up in our bones” and we can’t keep it to ourselves. We’ve been telling people in stores, at church, over the phone, through texting, as well as face-to-face with family, friends, and neighbors that the half has not been told and that *they* too need to go and see where Jesus was for themselves!

“This opportunity has definitely enriched my personal walk with the Lord and ministry by providing:

1. a “**participatory**” experience – taking in all of the sights and sounds of the land first-hand, such as actually riding on the Sea of Galilee, being baptized in the Jordan, praying at the Temple (Wailing)

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Wall, and walking the Via Delarosa.

2. an **“insider’s” perspective** – the Israeli viewpoint of Israel’s history, culture, and traditions along with giving background information/ insights into historic and/or Biblical events.
3. greater **Scriptural clarity** – enhancing visualization of Biblical passages making spiritual connections to further understand the significance, impact, and influence of Christ’s words then and now.

My encounter with Christ in the Holy Land is like no other. God’s word says, “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.” (Psalm 34:8) I have “tasted” and I have “seen” and I

know just how “good” God is! Please continue to offer this pilgrimage experience. It is needed!! In these trying times in which we live, and having to combat adversity, trials, and other difficulties, this journey is strengthening and a welcomed reminder to endure until the end. I *know* what it has done for me and I will *never* be the same!” – Chaplain James Benton, Ohio.

“People all around the world came flocking to see the very place where our Savior became flesh and dwelled among us. Someday soon we are going to see the New Jerusalem with Jesus ever present. It was an experience where words alone cannot begin to express. Shalom. – Chaplain Emmanuel Samuthram, Ohio.

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The Baby Cradle

In a secluded location at the rear of Waldfriede Adventist Hospital in Berlin, Germany, a green box is attached to the wall of the building. The box is wired with a sensor, which alerts nurses inside the hospital that a precious cargo has been deposited. The green box, outfitted with a heated bed for the baby, is known as “The Baby Cradle” and offers a safe place for women to leave their newborns when they are unable to care for them.

The Cradle is at Waldfriede today because of the persistence of Gabriele Stangl, one of the hospital’s chaplains. A culmination of events led Stangl to spend her free time working to gain permission and to establish the Cradle at Waldfriede.

Stangl had heard stories of newborns being left at monastery doors or in hospitals. Even worse, there were occasional reports of babies being tossed in rivers. During her ministry as a chaplain, Stangl had also learned first hand from mothers who revealed to her that they had either abandoned or killed their babies. “One day I was comforting an 80-year-old woman on her deathbed,” said Stangl. “During those moments she spoke for the first time about the killing of her child.”

When Stangl learned about a “BabyKlappe” (Baby Cradle) that had been established in Hamburg, she knew this was something she wanted to pursue at Waldfriede. She naively

believed that it would be a simple process. Who wouldn’t want to help save newborns?

Stangl spent many hours developing a plan for the Cradle and overcoming opposition and legal barriers. Finally in September 2000 the Baby Cradle was established. Today more than 70 infants have been snuggled into the safety of the green box. Women may also opt for an in-hospital delivery without having to divulge their identity. They are encouraged to contact the Cradle support team before the birth for free professional services, which includes counseling. Following the birth they can visit the baby and continue their counseling, if needed.

The Baby Cradle is an attempt to reach out to pregnant women who are desperate. For various reasons, they may not be able to care for an infant and need an alternative. The Cradle also helps to enhance Waldfriede Hospital’s desire to only perform abortions in a medical emergency.

If a woman chooses to leave her baby in the cradle or to deliver anonymously in the hospital, she has eight weeks to return and claim her baby. Newborns who remain unclaimed are matched with foster families and eventually are adopted.

Stangl reports that many women find the courage to return to the clinic and register their identities. Almost all of the women who eventually register

their names and choose adoption for their baby want their child to learn the identity of their birth mother.

Not only does Stangl serve as coordinator and counselor for the program, her role also encompasses fundraiser and publicist. The program is run completely on donations. Its success has led to a total of six Baby Cradle programs being established at hospitals throughout Berlin.

In November 2011, Stangl's dedication to newborns and their mothers was recognized by the German government when she was awarded the Federal Republic of Germany's Medal of Merit. In announcing the award, the following was written of Stangl's work. "Mrs. Stangl advocates for women suffering psychosocial distress and for their babies in an impressive way."

A native of Austria, Stangl studied theology and education at the Bogenhofen Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. She also taught Hebrew and Old Testament subjects as well as German language for foreigners at Bogenhofen. Her chaplaincy career began at the Wittelsbach Adventist Nursing Home. Stangl has been a chaplain at Waldfriede Hospital since 1996.



ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE

NORTHERN ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION

Chaplains of Sahmyook Health University in Seoul, Korea met with Dr. Mario Ceballos, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries associate director. The university is the educational training ground for 1000 students and offers nursing and other professional health programs. Each chaplain is assigned oversight of a department. They lead out in a vibrant spiritual master plan with more than 200 baptisms last year. The university also encourages students to go as student missionaries to other countries where they provide free medical care to the local population.



Dr. Mario Ceballos, ACM associate director, also met with the chaplains of Sahmyook Medical Center Chaplains in Seoul. The medical center admits more than 30,000 patients per year. Sahmyook Medical Center also houses the Sahmyook Children's Hospital, Proton Treatment Center, Transplantation Institute & Liver Center. Students from the university are supervised during their practicums as a part of the active program. From left to right Chaplain Jae-Heon Wi, Chaplain Yung Han Yoon (Director), Dr. Mario Ceballos (ACM), Chaplain Sung Zoo Jin (Associate Director) and Bible workers, Gahawa Hong and Jun Sub Kim.



NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

All areas of chaplaincy were represented at the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Conference held in conjunction with the North American Division Ministries Convention. Attendees participated in ACM workshops designed for their area of chaplaincy as well as attending the various seminars offered through the “Tools for Ministry” conference.



Elder Ernest Castillo (center), North American Division Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Board chairman, addressed the gathering of chaplains and encouraged them to continue their ministry of presence.

The conference not only was a time of learning and renewal of spiritual energy, it was a time of visiting with other chaplains. For some, friendships were renewed and for others new friendships were made.



Elder Dan Jackson, North American Division president (right), spoke during one of the joint sessions of chaplains. Jackson also responded to several questions from the audience.



Often in isolated assignments far apart from another Adventist, military chaplains had opportunity to learn from one another.





Are you seeking ecclesiastical endorsement through Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries?

Have you met the denominational studies component necessary for endorsement?

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Start time Sunday September 2 will be 6:00 p.m.

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March

- 4-5 AHS Chaplains Conference, Orlando, FL
- 5 NCMAF and SLTC, Atlanta, GA
- 6 GC ACM Committee Meeting, GC Building
- 6 NAD ACM Committee Meeting, GC Building
- 7 ACM Staff Meeting, Videoconference
- 7-10 Just Claim It Conference (Youth), Greensboro, NC
- 11-14 Englewood Eight, Rosedale, CA
- 13-15 SAV to Czech Chaplains, Czech Republic
- 16-17 Sabbath with AMCWG, K-town, Germany
- 18-22 European Division Advisories, Collonges, France
- 26-27 Chaplains Training, Collegedale, TN
- 26-28 FCMM Conference, Glen Eyrie, CO

April

- 4 ACM Staff Meeting, Videoconference
- 10 NAD ACM Committee Meeting, GC Building
- 13-14 ACF Collegiate Summit, New York, NY
- 16-17 AHS Chaplain Conference, Roseville, CA
- 17-18 GC Spring Council, Silver Spring, MD
- 17-22 Student Convention, Zimbabwe
- 24-28 IRLA World Congress, Punta Canta, DR
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- 1 NAD ACM Committee Meeting, GC Building
- 2 ACM Staff Meeting, Video-conference
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