

# Lamp Letter

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## From the Word

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16



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## A Card, a Garage Door, and a \$50 Bill



On June 4, 2011, Dennis Hulett stepped into the baptistry on the lawn of the Raymond Seventh-day Adventist church. Not far away, Karl, Karen, and dozens of his church friends watched with tears in their eyes. It had been a miraculous journey for Dennis—a journey involving a card, a garage door, and a \$50 bill.

Things had been a bit rough for Dennis. He had lost his job, was going through a divorce, and was feeling worthless. Looking through his mail one day he noticed a card with a multi-headed dragon with crowns on it. “Immediately I knew what it was,” said Dennis, who has always been interested in Bible prophecy. Many times his great grandmother had told him, “Dennis, you are going to see the Lord come and harvest all his people. It is going to be in your lifetime that you hear the trumpets blare, and God’s going to come and get you.”

Dennis went to the prophecy meeting by himself and sat in the back. “It was way different from what I had been taught,” said Dennis, who was currently reading the *Left Behind* book series. “I went to the meetings every night. It was really fun! We went through Daniel and Revelation letting the Bible explain and defend itself. I thought, ‘This is exactly the way Bible studies should be conducted.’”

The prophecy meetings were held by the Raymond SDA Church. Dennis immediately developed close bonds with the members, including Karl and Karen Frantz. “Dennis rented the house next door to us,” said Karl, a long-time member in the Raymond church. “When he moved in, my wife and I prayed, ‘Lord, help us to be a good influence on Dennis.’”

After the prophecy meetings, Dennis continued attending Raymond church most Sabbaths. “That’s when a significant event made everything I was learning just click,” said Dennis. “I had noticed that Karl’s shop garage door was always open, except on Sabbath. I could set my clock on it that before sunset every Friday those doors would come down and not come up again until Saturday night.”

“I was unemployed at the time and recycling cans. I needed money because my daughter was coming for a visit the following Monday. As I headed out Friday to recycle my cans, I saw Karl’s shop garage door was closed. The first thing I thought was, ‘I can’t insult God by working on Friday night. And what would Karl think if he saw me out recycling?’ I decided I couldn’t do it. I didn’t know how I would get some money, but I would just have to figure out something else.”

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Mike's Sabbath Schedule

September

- 3 Oakland 150th Celebration
- 10 Chippewa Valley
- 17 LUC Pathfinder Camporee
- 24 Northern District Meeting

October

- 1 Waukesha
- 8 Annual Council
- 22 Richland Center
- 29 Year-end Meetings

November

- 5 Church Ministries Institute
- 12 Elder's Retreat
- 19 Madison Community

To request speaking appointments contact Jane Germdt at [jgermdt@wi.adventist.org](mailto:jgermdt@wi.adventist.org).



Sleeping Beauty Syndrome

Recently I heard the story of a 15-year-old girl who has what is commonly called Sleeping Beauty Syndrome. This rare malady, officially known as Kleine-Levin Syndrome, causes her to sleep for days, and even weeks at a time. She will wake up just enough to eat and maybe bathe, but then it's back to sleep for another long rest. Even during the brief time when her parents can wake her up to eat she is detached, lethargic and almost unaware of things happening around her. These episodes can last weeks and leave her muscles weakened. It affects her education, her social life and her health. Doctors don't know what causes it, or how to cure it.

While this physical malady causes us concern, we should be even more concerned when people have spiritual Sleeping Beauty Syndrome. It is easy to go through life, "eating, drinking, and giving in marriage" unaware of what is going on around us, and unaware of our weakened spiritual condition. But, Christ has the cure.

Ellen White says, "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs" (1SM 12). We are called to be awake, aware of our spiritual condition, and allow God to make us like Him. This needs to be our number one priority.

How is a revival of true godliness achieved? Only by spending quality time with our Lord in prayer, and taking time each day to listen to His voice through Scriptures. The apostle Paul says, "Now it is time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).

My prayer is that each of us is fully awake spiritually. I invite you to join me in prayer and Bible study asking that we would listen as God seeks to lead us to be like Him. May we each experience God's true revival in our hearts and be ready for His soon coming.

Michael H. Edge  
Wisconsin Conference President

CHIP Changes Lives in Ashland

The Ashland SDA church held a Cardio Health Improvement Project (CHIP) in May, 2011. Nine guests attended the 4-week health program. Four months later, all nine participants are still regularly attending the monthly alumni meetings to exchange ideas, watch a health DVD and share a meal together.

"It's fantastic," says Annette Carlson, coordinator for the CHIP program. "After just one week on the program, a participant came to me and said the swelling in her arthritic hands was gone and she could bend her fingers without pain. By the end of the second week another participant came to class all excited because her blood sugar had been below 100 for three days in a row."

"Since the program ended, two of the CHIP alumni have each lost 25 pounds and are telling everyone how great the program is," said Annette. "Their doctors are so impressed with their improved health, they are asking when the next CHIP program will be so they can recommend it to other patients under their care. It's exciting to see what is yet to come."

A representative from the health department of Red Cliff Indian Reservation heard about the CHIP program and spoke with Annette about bringing the CHIP program to the reservation. They have received government grant money for education in a healthy lifestyle. The Bad River Reservation is also asking Annette about possible CHIP training. Hopefully these doors will open.


During the 4 weeks of training, CHIP participants receive over 40 hours of practical health education. The local hospital tests participant's blood before and after the 4-week program. Each night heart-healthy food and recipes are provided, and Dr. Hans Diehl speaks on the critical roll daily choices play in our overall health.

CHIP is changing lives and winning friends for eternity. September 23-25, 2011, a CHIP leadership workshop will be held at Wisconsin Academy to prepare people to conduct this dynamic, 30-day CHIP program. For information and registration call 423-546-4719, or email [info@adventistchip.org](mailto:info@adventistchip.org).

Juanita Edge  
Health Ministries Coordinator









# Wisconsin Conference Website

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## Faithful to His Calling




**Find out what's new** at the Wisconsin Conference website. It's an ever-expanding resource at your fingertips day or night. We're here to help you. Tell us what you think.




### About Us

What do Seventh-day Adventists believe? How is the church organized? What is the church all about? If you or a friend have questions, this is a good place to start.




### Listen Online

Over 24 hours of camp meeting presentations by Ron Clouzet, Ranko Stefanovic, Don Schneider and others.




### Read Online

News, testimonies, financial updates, the church manual, conference bylaws, and more.




### Give online

Return tithe, give offerings. Check financial updates.




### Request Prayer Online

Submit a prayer request on the prayer ministries page. A team will pray for you for seven days.




### Calendar

Keep up to date. From camp meeting and W.A. home leaves to training events and special retreats, there's a lot going on. Most listings include contact information and location addresses. You don't have to miss anything.




### Directories

Want to call or e-mail a pastor, teacher, or office personnel? Want to find a church or school, visit their website, or find them on a map? Look no further. It's all here.



### Resources

Thumb through photo galleries. Check out camp meeting information. Browse the *Lamp Letter* archive. Catch up on old news. Read testimonies. The resource section is always growing.



### Watch Video Online

See what went on at camp this summer or pick out old friends in the vintage video collection.

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In 2012 the *Lamp Letter* will be issued quarterly. For more timely news and calendar updates, check the Wisconsin Conference website.

## A Card, a Garage Door, and a \$50 Bill cover story continued



The next morning at church, somebody put a \$50 bill in the offering plate with a note saying, "Give to Dennis." Dennis was speechless. "It was enough for food, gas, and stuff to have a nice week with my daughter! That was significant. Since then I have been blessed daily. God even blessed me with a job with Sabbaths off!"

"Karl alone, by having his garage door closed like clockwork on Sabbath was the significant event that made everything I had learned click," said Dennis. "When God provided the money I needed, and then the job, I felt like He was saying, 'I got you covered.'"

Since his baptism, Dennis is actively involved in the Raymond church helping remodel their community center.

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director

## Motorcycling for W.A.



Thirty-five Christian motorcyclists enjoyed camping and riding through 200 miles of countryside around Superior during the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual W.A. Motorcycle Rally held July 22-24, 2011. This rally is a fund-raising event that supports the worthy student fund at W.A. It is too early to know this year's amount, but last year they raised \$1,300 for W.A.

"The camaraderie was unbelievable," said Sally Johnson, an event coordinator. Participants enjoyed riding bikes, cooking over a campfire and listening to worship talks. Keith Nelson, Wisconsin Academy's new principal spoke Sabbath morning.

Anyone interested in participating in future events is welcome. For more information visit [www.cruisin4christ.org](http://www.cruisin4christ.org).

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director



## Richard Bergeson Joins Green Bay Junior Academy



Richard Bergeson is the new teacher for grades 3-6 at Green Bay Junior Academy in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Bergeson and his wife Carol came from eastern Washington, where he taught elementary school for the past four years.

Bergeson was raised in South Lancaster, Massachusetts with three brothers and two sisters. After high school, he served as an air traffic controller in the air force. He began studying the Bible with a Seventh-day Adventist chaplain. In time, Bergeson joined the church. On a military home leave, Richard met Carol. Two weeks later he asked Carol to marry him. They have been married for 38 years and have two grown daughters, Amie and Tammie.

Following military service, Bergeson attended Atlantic Union College. He graduated with a BA in History and Religion in 1978, and received his certification in elementary education from Walla Walla College in 1987. He also received his MA teaching credentials in History from AUC.

Richard and Carol enjoy riding their Yamaha motorcycle for relaxation. Last year they took an 18-day motorcycle trip, following back roads and visiting many state parks.

"It is my desire to teach students how to be life-long, independent, and self-motivated learners and thinkers," says Bergeson. "Knowing how to keep up with the ever-growing bank of knowledge requires study and thinking skill beyond reflecting someone else's thoughts and ideas."

## Roger Dunder New W.A. Development Director



On July 27, 2011, Roger Dunder was hired as development director for Wisconsin Academy. He and his wife, Lin, previously served at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas.

Dunder grew up in Tanzania and Kenya where his father was principal of Ikizu Secondary School and Maxwell Adventist Academy. After returning to the U.S., he graduated from Indiana Academy and continued his education at Andrews University. Dunder has a BS in biophysics, and an MBA. He has taught business at the undergraduate and graduate levels and physics, math and computers at the secondary level in several countries including the U.S., Tanzania, the Philippines, and China.

Dunder and his wife, Lin, enjoy traveling. Lin is a trained accountant and a certified CNA. They have a combined family of five children: Twyla, Andrew, Tweetie, Twinkle and Ralph.

"My wife and I are delighted to be joining the team at Wisconsin Academy," says Dunder. "As we reflect on God's leading and His answer to our prayers, we have no doubt He brought us here as part of His plan. The academy administration has a clear vision for the future with plans for moving forward. Over the coming months I look forward to traveling around the state and beyond as we endeavor to meet with as many of you as possible.

"Our commitment to the task ahead will be unyielding. Wisconsin Academy is God's school, and we are focused on fulfilling His mission."

## Melissa Mekelburg New W.A. Girl's Dean



On July 25, Melissa Mekelburg accepted the position of girl's dean at Wisconsin Academy. She fills the position previously held by Dee Kesson who resigned due to medical reasons.

Mekelburg, wife of W.A. Science teacher Arlen Mekelburg, grew up in Longmont, Colorado on a dairy farm. She attended Campion Academy, then graduated from Union College with a BS in Elementary Education. Melissa and Arlin met at Union and married after their junior year.

Mekelburg served as dean of girls for 16 years at Platte Valley Academy. "I love being a dean," she smiles. "I guess it's because I love being a mom. I enjoy being there for the girls and planning fun things for them, but mostly I enjoy helping them develop their relationship with God. This is the most important and most rewarding. This year I bought each of the girls the book *Steps to Christ* to help them in their spiritual growth.

"When I was dean at Platte Valley I would always ask the girls for prayer requests. It was so neat because after a week, month, or sometimes a year, we could look and see that God had answered our prayers. I still keep contact with many of the girls on facebook.

"There is a quote by Ellen White that I've always try to live by. It says, 'We should choose the right because it is right, and leave consequences with God' (*Great Controversy* 460). I've quoted that many times in dorm worship"

Mekelburgs have two daughters, Mindy and Heather.





## Andrew Easley New Bethel Teacher



Andrew Easley is the new teacher at Bethel SDA Elementary School. He graduated from Southern Adventist University in December of 2001 with a BS in Elementary Education. He has taught in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and for the past two years in North Dakota.

Easley grew up in a military home, living in Germany and on the east coast of the United States. While attending school, he worked seven summers as a camp counselor at Mount Etna Camp and Laurel Lake Camp.

"I love working with kids, says Easley. "The reason I teach is because I enjoy sharing Christ. I'm always looking for ways to do that. One time I made life-size models showing the decreasing height of Adam, Goliath, and Noah, then hung them up in the gym. The kids marked how high they stood, and it stimulated a lot of discussion in math and Bible. I think activities like this help kids realize the reality of the Bible stories."

Easley and his wife, Marnie, have three children. The family enjoys reading, traveling, and being out in nature.

## Charla Hawley Joins Milwaukee School



Charla Hawley is teaching fifth and sixth grades at Milwaukee Adventist School. Hawley graduated from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, with a BS in Corporate Communication and a minor in Psychology in 2004. Realizing she enjoyed learning and sharing her knowledge, she decided to continue her education and become a teacher.

"This will be my first year in the private school sector," said Hawley who has taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade science in Burleson, Texas, public school for the past four years. "I feel like this is where I need to be. Being able to talk about God with students is a new and exciting experience for me. It doesn't happen in public school."

Hawley's husband, Kevin, is an electrical engineer designing materials for the military. The Hawleys enjoy reading, plants, and animals. "We love nature," said Hawley, explaining they own three dogs, three cats and eight sugar gliders. They also enjoy going to the botanical gardens and the zoo.

The Hawleys have one-year-old twins, Bryce and Kayla.

## Leona Wenzel New Teacher in Portage



Leona Ondrejka Wenzel is the new teacher at Portage SDA School (a satellite school). She and her husband, Lenis, come from Illinois where she has been working as a substitute teacher for the past 15 years.

Wenzel attended Peterson Elementary and Wisconsin Academy, graduating in 1963. She received her BS in education from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, in 1988. That same year she also married her husband, Lenis.

Leona and Lenis Wenzel are avid bird watchers and stargazers. Wenzel also enjoys history, looking for edible wild plants, discovering things under a microscope and making American Indian crafts. She has also developed Bible study guides that are currently used at 3ABN.

"We are very excited to be moving back to Wisconsin," she said. "I'm excited to be able to teach full time and can't wait to get started. It's going to be a great year."

Wenzel has three grown children, Theresa, Sheila and Harley.

## Christine Horton New Asst. Food Service at W.A.

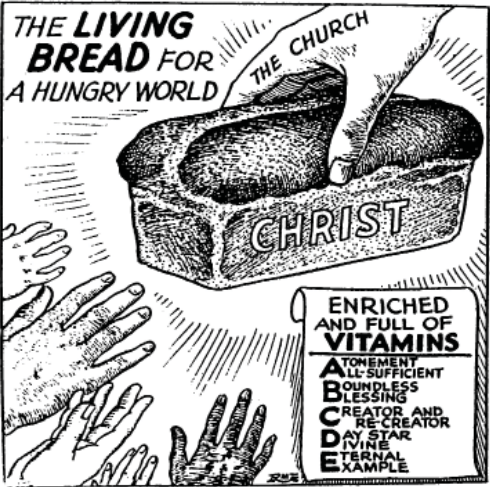
Christine Horton is the new assistant food service director at Wisconsin Academy. She has worked in a variety of jobs including restaurants and food service. Raised in Grand Haven, Michigan, she and her husband moved to Wisconsin in 2005.



Horton's husband, Harry, works in long-haul trucking and is continuing that job since the move.

"When I was 16 I received an invitation in the mail for Bible studies," said Horton. "I had visited different churches but didn't understand much, so I sent the card in. Katrina and Joel Nephew came and held Bible studies with me and took me to the Adventist church. I saw how the whole Bible is truth, and soon I was baptized."

The Hortons have two older children who no longer live at home, and a son, Darrick, who is a freshman at W.A. this year.





Kelli Vigil New Assistant Dean at W.A.



Kelli Vigil is the assistant girl's dean for Wisconsin Academy this year. Vigil was raised in Minnesota, graduated from Maplewood Academy, and then attended Union College to study elementary education.

Vigil hopes to work in a remote area or on an Indian reservation someday. "Often the small towns get overlooked," she says, "I want to go where I'm needed."

"It's fun being an Adventist Christian. God has given us so many blessings and opportunities."

Greg Edge Joins Teaching Staff at W.A.



Greg Edge is teaching Sophomore Bible at Wisconsin Academy this year. He worked at W.A. in 2005 and 2006 as assistant guys dean, teaching Bible and P.E., and has taught middle school grades in Farmington, New Mexico and Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Edge graduated from Southern Adventist University with a BA in Theology and a BA in Secondary Education. He is currently continuing his education in web design and history certification.

Edge has served in three different youth camps over the past 16 years. He enjoys hiking, history, Bible study and music.

The Meaning of Camp Wakonda



This summer 75 young people made decisions for baptism at Camp Wakonda, and many others accepted Jesus for the first time. The summer camp staff and I were reminded over and over that the work being done at camp is much bigger than we are.

Wednesday evening of Tween Camp I walked through boy's village and was invited to join a cabin of boys for evening worship. The counselor was sharing some passages from the Bible of how God provided victory over temptations. He encouraged his campers that they too could find this victory in Jesus.

The message was simple, but the effect was incredible. It was as if time was going in slow motion. The campers hung on his every word. I was reminded again that summer camp is truly evangelism. We ride horses, shoot arrows, blob one another, but most importantly, we experience Jesus together.

As a first time summer camp director, it was my prayer that God would lead me to the right staff. I didn't pray to find the best water-ski instructor or the greatest leather craft teacher. I prayed for staff willing to share Jesus with their campers. God blessed abundantly! Each staff knew they were here to minister and realized God had a work to do through them.

God has a mighty plan for this generation of young people. I believe their experiences at Camp Wakonda will help them on their journey.

Greg Taylor  
Youth Director

A Friend Led Me to Christ



“Even though I was a Christian, I knew something was missing in my life,” said Burnetta Fidler, who was baptized into the Antigo SDA church on June 25, 2011 at Wisconsin Camp Meeting.

In 2010, at an uncle's funeral, Burnetta made contact with Jane Gerndt. "I was elated," said Bernetta. Jane was a childhood friend who had taken Burnetta to an Adventist church several times when they were schoolmates. Now, Jane again invited Bernetta to attend the Seventh-day Adventist church with her.

"Jane is the one who made the difference," said Bernetta. "She was the trigger in my coming back to the Lord." Jane and Bernetta spent hours on the phone. Soon after their reconnection, Bernetta started attending Discover Bible study lessons at the Antigo church with a group of ladies. When the lessons were finished, more people wanted to join the group, so they decided to go through the Discover lessons again. "I got a double dose," said Bernetta, "but it was good. What I missed the first time, I picked up the second."

"Changing my life hasn't been easy," said Burnetta who is the only Adventist in her family. "I have to be careful because it is dangerous being around bad habits. I remember as a little girl learning the song, 'O be careful little eyes what you see,' and 'Be careful little ears what you hear.' I do have to be careful.

"I am able to witness to my family. The other day my brother who now calls me 'the church lady' said he didn't have a Bible. Well I went and bought him one at Wal-Mart. Everyone should have a Bible.

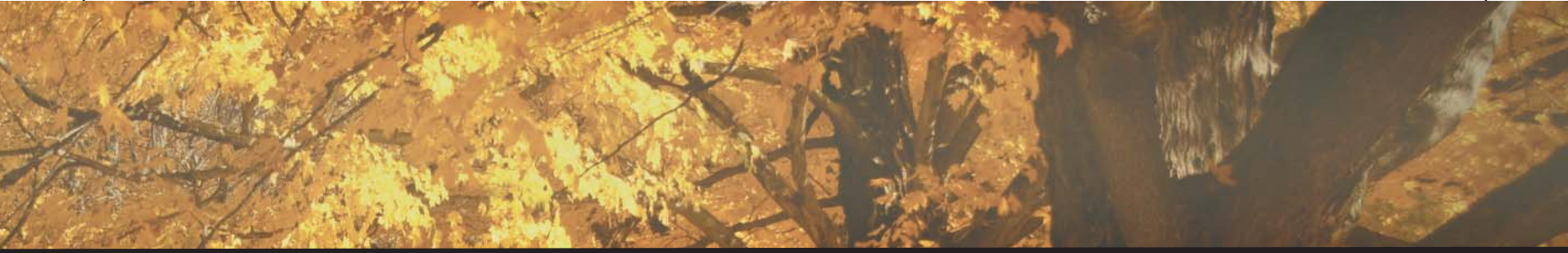
"When I get down, I pray. When I get a few extra minutes, I turn on 3ABN. When I sit down in the evening, I pick up my Bible and start reading. I just want to stay close to Jesus."

Juanita Edge  
Communication Director

*“The joy of the LORD  
is your strength.”*

*Nehemiah 8:10*





## Green Bay SDA Church Goes Fishin’



Fishing poles were carefully placed, life vests securely fastened, paddles rested against the canoe and all was quiet.... until 54 excited campers flooded into the Go Fishin’ Mission Adventure Camp at the Green Bay Church. From July 25–30, 2011, children ages 4-12 enjoyed Bible story adventures, food from other countries at the Snack Shack, and experienced the joy of mission service as they packed Kids Care Kits to share with children in local hospitals.

“The snacks were my favorite,” said 8-year-old Chase as he raved about the homemade jam. “As soon as Vacation Bible School ended, I started looking forward to the one next year!”

“I liked the [afternoon] field trips because we had water wars, and went to the park and got to ride a bus and sing on it,” said 4-year-old Gwyneth. At the end of the week she told her mother, “I want to go back to Monday so Vacation Bible School will happen all over again.”

The wonder of a child learning about the love of Jesus, and how to share that love, was rampant once again this year! Green Bay Church annually runs a full day program, filling mornings with VBS lessons and activities, and going on various field trips in the afternoon. Every year, roughly half the campers come from community families, and as they age, they keep coming back. May we all keep fishin’ with Jesus!

Jennifer Ogden, Youth Pastor  
Green Bay SDA Church

*“Salvation is like the  
sunshine. It belongs to the  
whole world.”*

*Desire of Ages p. 307*

## CMI Training Is In Your Future

In North America, we have relied on employees to foster church growth – pastors, teachers and Bible workers. Upsets in the world economies have made this an unsustainable practice.

Church Ministry Institutes (CMI) is an alternative strategy. CMI relies on trained lay workers to foster church growth. The Wisconsin Conference provides four CMI training events each year:

- 2 *Orientation Events each year* – our next orientation CMI is scheduled for Milwaukee on October 1, 2011.
- 2 *Training Weekends each year* – our next intensive CMI weekend is scheduled at Camp Wakonda November 4-6, 2011.

In Milwaukee, conference ministry leaders will speak in English and Hispanic churches on Sabbath morning, October 1. We will convene at 2:30 p.m. for inspiration and training in outreach ministry. We will close our training sessions around 6 p.m. with praise, testimony and prayer. This will be an orientation training event. Seeds will be sown that weekend that will be life changing.

Camp Wakonda attendees will experience deep training. From Friday night at 7 p.m. until Sunday noon, there will be practical, thorough hands-on training in ministry for Jesus. Attendees will leave equipped for ministry.

CMI training is in your future—be there!

James Fox  
Ministerial Director

## Lets Keep Building Our Youth

Have you ever visited the pyramids? I have and they are awesome. One can't look at them without wondering, how did they ever build them? I can imagine when they had the first row of 100 ton blocks laid and they looked at the blueprints they wondered how they would ever do it. But they did it, day after day, year after day, generation after generation, one block at a time, leaving an edifice that even we in our modern world marvel at.

We have laid the first row of support for our Academy. As we look at the challenge of providing christian education for our youth, we may wonder “How can we ever do it?” We must remember that one can only accomplish great things by keeping at the task and not giving up. We carry on, one *block* or one month at a time.

Someday, a couple of thousand years from now, we will look at a crowd of people, trace their development for Christ to Wisconsin Academy, and say, “What a legacy. What an edifice for God's Kingdom this group is. And by Gods' grace I had a small part in making it happen.”

As we support Wisconsin Budget month by month we are putting those blocks in place. Last year we had given \$107,000 as of the end of June. This year we have given almost \$164,000. Thank you for your support. Let's keep it up, month by month striving for 2 percent of our income for Wisconsin Budget. Remember, we are building an edifice of our youth for God's kingdom.

Richard Habenicht  
Stewardship Director

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
	2011	2010	% Change
July YTD Gross Tithe Income:	\$3,631,478.45	\$3,608,771.48	0.63%
July YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$196,816.56	\$130,163.68	151.21%
<strong>GROSS TITHE INCOME</strong>			
The above gross tithe compares 31 Sabbaths for 2011 and 31 for 2010. We send 37% of gross tithe on to higher church organizations, such as the Lake Union, North American Division, General Conference, and Andrews University where it is used for wider ministry including world missions.			
<strong>WISCONSIN BUDGET INCOME</strong>			
Each dollar received as Wisconsin Budget stays in Wisconsin and is distributed as follows:			
Wisconsin Academy Operations	65.63%		
W.A. financial assistance	17.19%		
Evangelism	13.75%		
Church, camp, W.A. capital funds	3.43%		



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## Wisconsin Conference Calendar of Events

**September**

- 2-3 Oakland Church 150th Anniversary
- 2-5 JAHWI Youth Retreat
- 5 *Conference Office Closed*
- 9-11 Hispanic Women's Retreat
- 16-18 LUC Pathfinder Camporee
- 16-18 Pastor's Wives Retreat
- 20 K-12 Board of Education
- 21 Wis. Executive Committee
- 23-25 CHIP Leadership Training
- 24-10/1 JAHWI Evangelistic Campaign
- 24 Northern District Rally
- 28-10/2 W.A. Home Leave

**October**

- 1 Church Ministries Institute
- 7-9 Women's Retreat
- 14-16 Pathfinder Leadershop
- 26-30 W.A. Home Leave

**November**

- 4-6 Church Ministries Institute
- 7 Pastor's Meeting
- 11-13 Elder's Retreat
- 18-27 W.A. Home Leave
- 24 *Conference Office Closed*
- 28 K-12 Board of Education
- 29 WI Executive Committee

**ABC Bookmobile Schedule**

Sept. 3	Sat. Eve.	Bethel Church
Sept. 4	Sunday	Shepherd's House
	Sunday	Antigo Church
	Sunday	Rhineland Church
	Sunday	Clearwater Lake Church
Sept. 17	Sat. Eve.	La Crosse Church
Sept. 24	Sat. Eve.	Rice Lake Church
Sept. 25	Sunday	Chippewa Valley Church
	Sunday	Wisconsin Rapids Church
	Sunday	Stevens Point Church
Oct. 16	Sunday	Lancaster Church
Oct. 28	Friday	Clear Lake Church
Nov. 12	Sat. Eve.	Milwaukee School
Nov. 13	Sunday	Racine Church
	Sunday	Raymond School
Nov. 19	Sat. Eve.	Green Bay Church
Nov. 20	Sunday	Christ's Community
	Sunday	Fox Valley Church

## Update on IRA Donation Rule

The law allowing you to contribute to a charity directly from your IRA has been extended through December 31 of this year. If you have funds in an IRA that you are not needing, and are at least 70 ½ years old, this may allow you to do something significant for your favorite charity and avoid having to pay tax on that IRA distribution. The maximum amount you can donate this way is \$100,000.

You won't get a charitable deduction, but neither will you have to pay tax on the amount coming out of your IRA. At 70 ½ years of age you must start withdrawing IRA funds. This law probably won't be extended again.

Contact your IRA administrator for the proper procedure.

Richard Habenicht  
Stewardship Director



Samuel and Connie Garbi are moving from the Fox Valley District to pastor the Richland Center District.

Holly Roy is moving from Bethel Junior Academy to teach kindergarten at Milwaukee SDA School.

Floyd Brock has accepted a call to serve as Assistant to the President for Projects at the Lake Union Conference in Michigan.

Check the website for more calendar and event details: <http://wi.adventist.org>