

Lampletter

News for our Wisconsin church family

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GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL MISSION

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The July 7 Sabbath report of **HARVEST 90** at the General Conference Session in Indianapolis, showed 2,503,142 new members added to the church during the last five years --**more than 1300 daily**.

Five years ago church leaders at the General Conference Session in New Orleans suggested a goal of 2 million new members for the 1985 to 1990 quinquennium. Many thought this impossible, but **God granted the Church over 2 and 1/2 million new members**.

From the 1990 General Conference Session at Indianapolis comes the challenge of **Global Strategy for Global Mission**. During the coming months we will be hearing and reading about Global Mission.



While it is true that we are working in 184 of the world's 215 countries, it is also true that within these countries are people groups and geographic groups yet to be reached.

The world's population has passed the 5 billion mark. Our church leaders have divided the world's population into 5000 geographical units of about 1 million persons each. The SDA Church ministers in about 3200 of these, leaving 1800 units in which we have no work.

GLOBAL STRATEGY is the plan of our church to reach into these new areas by the year 2000, while at the same time strengthening the work already established in the other areas.

The work of the church in **Wisconsin is part of Global Mission**. Let's endeavor in every way possible to reach out to new persons in our territory while at the same time strengthening the work which is already established.

While **GLOBAL MISSION impels us to open our eyes to the entire world**, at the heart of Global Mission is people -- People won to the Saviour one by one in each local church.

GLOBAL MISSION -- Let's all be a part of it!

Arnold Swanson, President



It was estimated that more than 35,000 were present in the dome on Sabbath, July 7.

And on Sabbath, July 14, it was stated there were more than 50,000 in the Hoosier Dome!

Elder Ralph Thompson, General Conference Secretary, presented the **worship message the first Sabbath**. The day was full of very special reports and special music. (The Andrews University Seminary Chorus provided music along with an orchestra, as just one example.) Incidentally, on at least three days, **Bruce Rasmussen, Music Director at Wisconsin Academy**, was the organist.

Because of all the special features and music, Elder Thompson did not even begin his message until 12:30 p.m. and finished near 1:45! That afternoon, it was exciting to hear each division leader give their **HARVEST 90 REPORT**, telling what had been accomplished, with the Lord's leading, in their area of the world field. As of June, 1990, the Seventh-day Adventist World Church had grown by more than **2 and 1/2 million new members**. For that we can Praise the Lord!

During the business sessions throughout the week days, some issues discussed at length were: (1) **Proper Sabbath Observance** and (2) **Ordination of Women**. Many delegates stood to speak of their support of the Sabbath Observance paper that had been prepared by a study committee over the past 10 years; however they also expressed their concern that this information not be voted as Church policy. The concern was expressed that this might be misused as a "club". The delegates voted to accept the paper as a guideline - not as Church policy.

On the issue of **Women's Ordination**, discussion -- both pro and con -- took place over a 2-day period. The delegates were limited to 3 minutes each and at the time it was voted to limit the discussion and take a vote, there were still some 20 to 30 delegates lined up to speak. It was interesting to me that some delegates used the same Bible text to "prove their point", one being

for and the other against ordination. Of one thing I was convinced and that was that both were convinced they were right!

When the vote was taken, by a 3 to 1 margin, it was voted that **women could not be ordained**. However, they can be issued ministerial licenses allowing them, in the church where they are assigned, to perform weddings, funerals, baptisms and other pastoral duties. Ministerial credentials, received at the time of ordination, allow ministers to perform these pastoral duties in any church in the world.



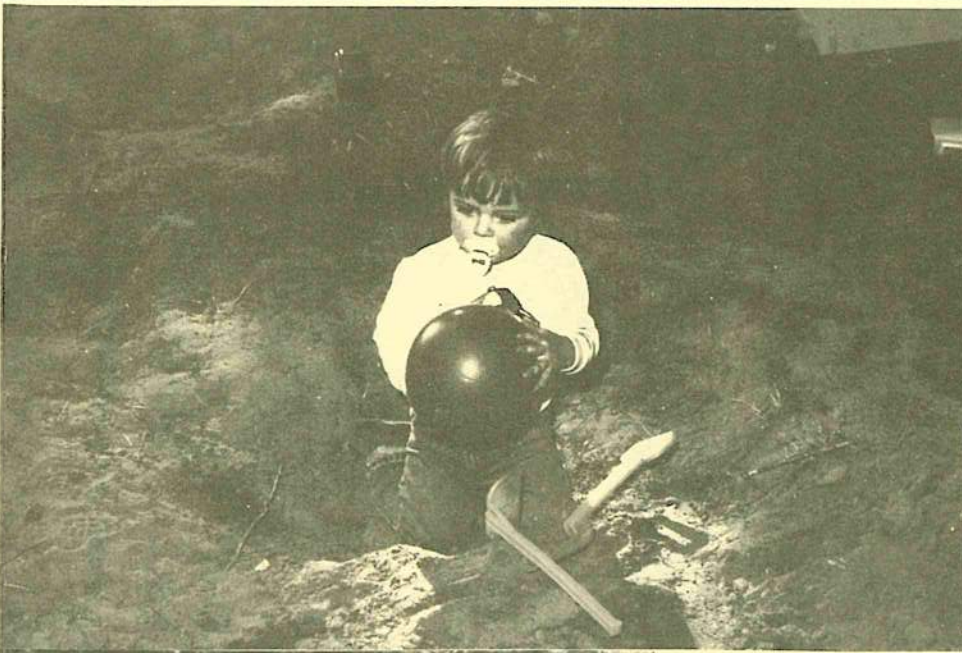
On Thursday morning, three Madison Community members, Vanessa Hatcher, Crystal Kline and Sherri Olsen and Jane McDonald, now living in MD, sang for the assembly, "Hymn of Glory".

So much more to report and not enough space! I'll just report on 2 other events.

On Thursday evening, one of the reports was from the **NAD Division**. This report, produced by Dick Dower, Managing Editor of the Lake Union Herald, was excellent. Using a combination of the two large screens in the front of the dome, happenings on the dome floor (a horse and buggy with passengers, Ellen and James White came right into the dome!), Elder Charles Bradford, former NAD President, laser lights, spotlights, sound that "shook" the dome, and even a smoke machine, our eyes were drawn to a cross displayed on the ceiling of the dome and our hearts were drawn heavenward as we were encouraged to anticipate Jesus' soon coming.

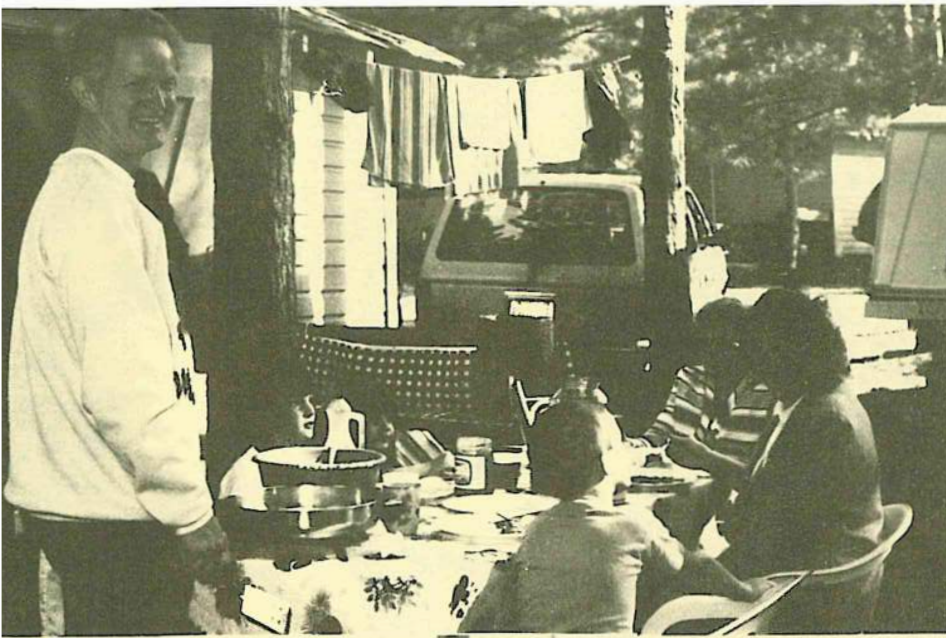
On Sabbath, July 14, Elder Folkenberg presented the worship hour message encouraging us to come **TOGETHER** in **UNITY** to **FINISH THE WORK**. This was the hope expressed by so many all through the week -- during the devotionals, business sessions and division reports. And a **GLOBAL STRATEGY for finishing the work was shared**. But that will have to wait for the next issue!

Sharon Terrell, Editor



1990
CAMP
MEETING
MEMORIES





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WE SHALL BEHOLD HIM was the theme of the 55th Session. The theme song (appropriately titled "We Shall Behold Him") was written by well-known black minister and musician, Wintley Phipps. As the days went by, the beautiful words of this song became our **statement of hope** as one great family of believers from many nations, we sang together, "We shall behold Him, coming in His glory. We shall behold Him, our Savior and King."

In the Adventist Review column "The Day in the Dome - July 6, Friday", James Coffin, Editor of the Signs Publishing Company in Australia described a General Conference session as "a **potpourri of business session, convention, family reunion, cultural exhibition, old-time evangelistic campaign** and much more."

The week-day schedule included morning worship, business sessions and evening division reports sprinkled with a variety of beautiful music throughout the day. And the exhibit halls in both the dome and a nearby hotel were filled to capacity throughout the day. We won't forget the **good food** served so efficiently in the Cafeteria and the **many, many warm hugs** from friends and former acquaintances.



Ethel Connor and Bonnie Wiedemann of Appleton assisted in the Indiana /LUC booth in exhibit hall A.

On **Friday, July 6**, the first work of the 226 member nominating committee was to elect a General Conference president. This task, begun at 8:00 a.m., was not completed until some 8 hours later. In fact, it was nearly 6:00 p.m. before the nominating committee reported to the delegates and the vote was taken.

Forty-nine year old **Elder Robert S. Folkenberg** was elected as the **fifteenth president of the world church**. He most recently served as president of the Carolina Conference; however, his years of denominational service include 19 years overseas service.

As you may have read in the Adventist Review, Elder Folkenberg is a 4th generation minister,

born of missionary parents in Puerto Rico, has spent 30 of his 49 years in Inter-America and speaks Spanish fluently. When introduced to the assembly on Friday evening, Elder Folkenberg spoke of his inadequacy for the task and, yet, of his assurance of the source of his strength. He said, "It should be clear by the events of this day that the **real General Conference president is the Lord Jesus Christ**. There's no problem or challenge that God cannot solve. With God we can do anything."

Sunday morning, more than 2000 runners, walkers and volunteers made a public statement for fitness when they participated in the **Adventist International Fitness Event**.

Richard Terrell and Millie Swanson were 2 Wisconsin members who participated in the 5K walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Indianapolis Military Park.



Many non-Adventists participated. More than one-third of the 1800 runners were non-SDA. This event provided an excellent opportunity to make a public statement stressing the benefits of physical fitness.

Beginning Monday, July 9 and continuing through the 11th, I enjoyed attending the 1990 General Conference Session **Women's Meetings** which were sponsored by the General Conference leadership under the direction of Shepheress International. Theme for these 3 special meetings was "**Renewal in Christ**." I especially appreciated the presentation by Dr. Wilma Hepker from Walla Walla College. She challenged the women of the church with her message titled "**Assertive Servanthood**" which focused on the **special contribution women can make in the family, church and community for their God**.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

The Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, IN was the site where thousands of **Seventh-day Adventists gathered for the 55th World Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.** The editor attended this Session as a visitor and the following report is an attempt to share news and information from this my first General Conference Session.

Ruth Nelson of Frederic was a delegate representing the Lake Union Executive Committee and Ruth shared with me her perceptions of the conference.

Ruth said, "It was **overwhelming! Fantastic!** Unless you have been to a General Conference before, you can't comprehend what it is like to attend one. Everything is so well organized for the thousands who are in attendance, from the seating in the dome, the "Speed Line" in the cafeteria, the speakers and music to the division reports and the democratic way in which the business sessions are conducted. I am sure none of us can comprehend the hours of preparation that were spent. What a privilege to be able to attend, to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and to know **this Church is going through until Jesus' return!**"



Pictured on the steps of the Hoosier Dome stage are **GC Session delegates from Wisconsin:** Back Row (L to R): Richard Habenicht, Paul Freeman, Arnold Swanson and Art Nelson. Front: Bonnie Wiedemann, Ethel Connor and Ruth Nelson.

Elder Robert Carter, LUC President welcomed the delegates and visitors during the opening session beginning at 3:00 p.m. on July 5. Elder Carter stated, "The constituents of every conference and institution in the Lake Union territory join me in extending a hearty welcome. It is my sincere hope that our attendance at this General Conference session will strengthen our

resolve to be with our Saviour and His followers throughout eternity."

Thursday evening, **Elder Neal Wilson** presented his last report to the assembly as General Conference President. His message centered on the mission of the Church and what had been accomplished in the last quinquennium (1984-1989). A summary titled "A Look at Seventh-day Adventists" gives a quick statistical look at the last 5 years; however, Elder Wilson, as he has done during his more than 12 years as leader of the world church, **turned our attention to the future and the work waiting for each of us.** "...I am convinced that in spite of what the Lord has already done for us, we have only just begun. He wants us to lift our eyes to see that the fields are white unto harvest. He wants us to dream bigger dreams, to attack more difficult and challenging tasks, to attempt the impossible by the power of His Spirit."

A Look at Seventh-day Adventists

The World Church	1984	1989
Countries in which church is working	184	184
Languages in which church is working	617	671
Churches	24,663	30,711
Baptized church members	4,424,612	6,183,585
Sabbath school members	5,071,952	7,220,433
Sabbath schools	49,114	65,699
Ordained ministers active	10,393	10,808
Total active workers	103,614	100,861
New missionaries sent overseas (1984)	285	282
World Mission Fund (12 months)	\$36,286,401	\$46,657,755

Educational Program	1984	1989
Schools operated by denomination	5,320	5,521
Total enrollment	677,883	798,594
Teachers	32,671	51,255
Universities and Colleges	91	71

Medical Ministry	1984	1989
Sanitariums and hospitals	160	159
Dispensaries and clinics	251	272
Medical launches and airplanes	27	26
Physicians, dentists, residents, interns	2,556	1,842
Nurses	13,789	14,110
Total medical employees	20,869	21,263
Patients treated (admissions)	640,407	761,804
Outpatient treatments	5,910,709	6,473,398

Publishing Work	1984	1989
Publishing houses	51	56
Periodicals published	314	332
Book and periodical sales (12 months)	110,814,062	\$67,143,914
Languages used in publications	189	184

Contributions	1984	1989
Total church contributions (12 months)	\$709,919,430	\$952,945,404
Total church contributions per capita	\$180.90	\$174.59
Tithe (12 months)	\$439,096,816	\$607,238,429
Tithe per capita	\$111.89	\$111.25

Prepared by the Office of Archives and Statistics
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

SCHOOL DAYS

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord." Isaiah 54:13. Have you made the decision that your children will be in an Adventist classroom this year?

Some have said, "We're being priced out of Adventist schools!" Has anyone heard, "We're being priced out of eating?"

Some say "Christian education is too expensive." What is the cost of Christian ignorance?

Some say "I want my child to learn the basics." What is more basic than learning to pray, to love God, to be a part of the final events...?

Some say, "I want my child to have the opportunity of sports, band, orchestra, choir...." What about preparing for the "sport" of flying throughout the universe, of "performing" in Heaven's orchestra, of singing the "Song of Moses and the Lamb?"

What are your eternal priorities for your child?

Contact your Adventist School.

Herb Wrate
Superintendent
of Education



STUDENT WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Wisconsin Academy has more jobs for students than students to fill them. Call (414) 623-3300 now to make arrangements for your student to begin work.

IN TRANSITION

WISCONSIN ACADEMY - Principal Rick Serns recently announced the employment of 3 staff members for school year 1990-91.

Jennifer Brigner of Columbus, OH joins the team as **Assistant Girls' Dean**. Miss Brigner graduated from Mount Vernon Academy in OH and has been attending Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, MD, majoring in music and English. She is taking a year off from her studies to serve in this task force position.

David Branum has accepted the position of **Physical Education Instructor and Assistant Boys' Dean**. Mr. Branum comes to WA from Pine Tree Academy in ME where he has been treasurer since 1988. David's extra curricular activities at Pine Tree included athletic and intramurals director and gymnastics coach. He is married and has 1 child.

Monte Shufelt, who was Assistant Boys' Dean last school year has accepted the **Dean of Boys** position. Monte has worked at the Academy since January 1986. He and his wife, Debbie, have 3 children.

CONFERENCE - **Glenn J. Lewis**, a recent graduate of Andrews Theological Seminary, is interning with Elders Ron Gladden and Robert Stauffer in the Madison area. He and his wife, Dorothy, have 1 child, Tricia, age 5.

LAND FOR SALE BY WI CONFERENCE

120 ACRES of timber land located approximately 35 miles south of Superior, WI, west of town of Dairyland. For information, call (608) 241-5235, Richard Terrell or Art Nelson.

STEWARDSHIP - TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

We who acknowledge God's ownership of all things will determine to be faithful, trusting God for our sustenance. Whether our gifts be large or small, they will reflect our recognition of God's generosity to us.

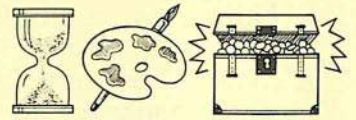
Stewardship Report - June 30, 1990.

Tithe: \$1,554,964 received to date - a 9.99% gain from 1989.

Wisconsin Budget: \$63,237 - an increase of \$11,961 over 1989 or 23%. We need at least \$135,524 to meet our budgeted needs for 1990.

We praise the Lord for the increases to date.

Richard Terrell
Stewardship Director



**TIME, TALENT
& TREASURE**

WISCONSIN WOMEN'S RETREAT



"A TIME OF REFRESHING", the second Wisconsin Women's Retreat is scheduled for November 2 - 4, 1990 at The Yahara Conference Center in Madison.

Featured speaker for the 1990 Retreat will be Ruthie Jacobson, Director of Women's Ministries for the Oregon Conference. Ruthie will base her presentations on the practical daily walk of a life in the Holy Spirit and illustrate with experiences of real change and victory in the lives of God's children who have found that "In His presence there is fullness of joy." Ps. 16:11. Also back by popular demand will be Millie Case of Andrews University, who will conduct 3 of the break away sessions. Other speakers will be Cherry Habenicht, Esther Nelson, Judy Ziegele, Becky Chang, Margie Anderson and Judy Olson. Enclosed with this Lampletter is a brochure/application form.

COMING EVENTS

Aug	05	ABC Open - 10 to 4
	05	LUC LE Conv thru 12
		Camp Go Seek
	13	Workers' Mtg thru 15
		Camp Go Seek
	16	K-12 Board - Conf - 9:30
	21	Conf Exec Comm - 9:30
	26	WI Academy Registration
	27	K-10 Schools Open
Sept	03	Office Closed - Labor Day
	07	Church Officers - thru 9
		Camp Go Seek
	09	Lay Adv Master Comm
		Conf Ofc - 9:30
	09	ABC-Open House - 10 to 4
	18	Conf Exec Comm - 9:30
	19	K-12 Board - WA - 9:30
	19	WA Home Leave - thru 23

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The staff of the Adventist Book Center wish to thank all our friends for a successful camp meeting season. Your expression of confidence is appreciated. Thank you for your loyal support.



Our next big event will be the National Open House on September 9 at the Madison store. We will open the doors at 9 am and will have activities until 4 pm. There will be special discounts in all departments of the store and we have plans to make this the most interesting day you have experienced. Plan to bring the whole family.

Because of the unscheduled brain surgery in the Soviet Union and the negative results leaving Jacob Mittleider unconscious, there was great concern about his life. As a result, the production of his three book set, which was advertised on the Sunday Sale, was put on hold. We are happy to report that Mr. Mittleider has seen the working of the Lord in his miraculous healing and has returned to the Soviet Union. We now have the three book set, The Garden Doctor, in the store. These 3 books discuss how to diagnose and treat nutritional deficiencies in your plants. "Mittleider is a veritable miracle man with agriculture. He has proved his claims in just about every type of adverse growing situation in the world." National Courier. This set will sell for \$69.95 regular price. We have them in an introductory special at \$39.95.

A new book just off the press is Sharing Our Faith With Your Friends Without Losing Either. This book is written by Monte Sahlin, a former pastor and currently a staff member of the NAD Church Ministries Department. This 224-page book is priced at \$13.95, but is available now at the introductory price of \$9.95. Esther Nelson, ABC Manager.

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