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News for our Wisconsin church family

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1992 Soul Winning Plans Established

Responding to the **92 in 92 Global Mission Plan** of the world church, Wisconsin ministers, at their meeting on January 30, committed themselves anew to giving strong emphasis to soul winning in 1992.

The "**92 in 92 Plan**" calls for each member, according to talent, project, place and timing, to commit a minimum of 92 hours for evangelistic outreach during 1992.

Together, Conference leaders and ministers developed a soul winning plan including a two-fold emphasis - **Evangelism and Stewardship**.

DURING 1992.....

EVANGELISM

- ^ Each member is encouraged to participate in some soul winning outreach
- ^ Each church is encouraged to work toward having one baptism each quarter
- ^ As in years past, a special baptism is scheduled the second Sabbath of Camp Meeting
- ^ Each church is encouraged to work and pray for new members equivalent to 10% of its membership
- ^ The Conference goal for baptisms is 400

STEWARDSHIP

- ^ Each member is encouraged to be faithful in stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and

- ^ To give priority to their devotional life and family
- ^ To give attention to healthful living
- ^ To be active in a witnessing ministry, committing a minimum of 92 hours in 1992
- ^ To return an honest tithe and systematically support the local church budget, Wisconsin Conference budget and the world budget

In a recent Stewardship Letter, you were encouraged to make a covenant with God regarding stewardship of your time, talent and treasure and to sign the "Love Finds a Way" commitment card.

With this *Lampletter*, we are providing you with a similar card for your 1992 outreach activities. (Additional cards are available from your pastor for each member of the family.)

As you prayerfully consider how you may have a part in sharing Jesus' love, record on the card your special projects for 1992. And as you commit your plans to God and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we know your efforts will be blessed.

If the servants of God keep faithfully the trust given to them, great will be their reward when the Master shall say, "Give an account of thy stewardship." The earnest toil, the unselfish work, the patient, persevering effort, will be abundantly rewarded. Jesus will say, "Henceforth I call you not servants, but friends. Gospel Workers, p 267"

Arnold Swanson, President

1991 Year-end Report

Baptisms Up - Total Membership Down

237 baptisms were recorded in 1991, the highest annual total during this triennial period. Membership at the beginning of 1991 stood at 6027 but dropped to 5982 as of December 31. Contributing to this decrease of 45 were 63 deaths, 131 apostasies, 78 missing and net transfers of -10.

Positive Financial Report

Tithe for 1991 was 1.72% higher than 1990 and the Wisconsin Budget Offering far exceeded any previous year's contributions. (See Stewardship Report for additional detail.) These factors, coupled with reduction of personnel and curtailment of expenses provided means whereby the Wisconsin Conference was able to fund all the operations of the Conference and show a gain of income over expense of \$10,446 at the end of 1991.

Wisconsin Academy Now Debt Free

On February 6, the Conference Executive Committee voted to send \$86,960 to Wisconsin Academy with instructions to use these funds to finish paying off the balance of the line of credit at the local bank. The \$86,960 was partially funded from rental income from the Bake 'n Serv building (leased to Rhodes International), with the balance coming from Conference reserve funds.

Slight Gain In Working Capital

The percentage of required working capital (recommended is 100%) was 36% at the end of 1991, a slight increase over 1990, due to the operating gain. This percentage would have been higher if the total Wisconsin Budget offering goal had been reached. (It would not have been necessary to appropriate \$86,960 to the Academy from Conference reserves.)

Wisconsin Academy Farm Report

Funds were appropriated from the Corporation to cover the year-end operating loss of \$21,426 for the Academy Farm. After the cattle and equipment were sold, the loan to the local bank was paid in full and all business accounts cleared. The land was leased to Mike Zimmerman, a farmer from Beaver Dam and the buildings were leased to Monte Shufelt for a dairy operation. It was necessary to put a new roof on the farm house and purchase material for replacing the roof over part of the loafing shed. The balance of the Farm loan to the Lake Union Revolving Farm has been reduced from \$41,490 (at the time of the sale) to \$29,675. Based on the income generated from the leases, less expenses such as taxes, insurance and minimum maintenance items, it is projected that the LURF loan will

be cleared in approximately one and one-half years. The Academy Farm still owes the Corporation \$242,200 which will begin to be reduced once the LURF loan is cleared.

Wisconsin Corporation Funds Show Profit

In spite of the drop in interest rates during 1991, Wisconsin Corporation funds still showed a combined profit of \$27,662. Corporation debts on Notes and Mortgages decreased from \$179,278 at the beginning of the year to \$147,985 on December 31. This last figure includes the outstanding Farm loan, which was not included in the 1990 year-end reports. (Transferred from Farm to Corporation during 1991.)

Art Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer

1991 Wisconsin Budget Offering - Largest Ever

At a specially called constituency meeting on November 18, 1990, delegates voted to accept the Wisconsin Budget Offering goal of \$575,856 with the total amount to be received by December 31, 1991.

This 15-month plan challenged each church member to systemically support the Wisconsin Budget offering, giving 5% of income for a 3 month period and then continuing to average between 1% and 2% of income through the remainder of the period.

This vote by the constituency delegates represented a step forward in faith, since the largest Wisconsin Budget offering to be received during one year prior to 1990 was \$115,524, received in 1989.

Through the sacrificial giving of many members, reduction of Academy operating expenses and a special appropriation from the Conference, partially funded from rental income from the Bake 'n Serv building (See 1991 Year-end Report for details), this goal has been reached!

Thank you members and friends for your contributions and prayers on behalf of your Academy and Conference. God has blessed and multiplied your gifts! A report of your giving follows:

Oct - Dec, 1990	\$115,721
Jan - Dec, 1991	301,175
Reduction in Academy operating expenses	72,000
Conf appropriation	<u>86,960</u>
	\$575,856

During this same period, tithe increased, local church offerings increased and world budget/mission offerings increased!

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Twenty-one churches reached 100% (or more) of their **Fair Share Goal**. Another 8 reached 75% of their goal and 11 churches reached 50% of their goal. **All churches participated!** (More details will be provided in the next Stewardship Report, to be mailed later this month.)

If we do our part in faith, God will open ways before us now undreamed of. Ellen G. White, MS 12, 191.

J. Richard Terrell, Stewardship Director

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Rice Lake Pastorate

Norman Yoder will be the new pastor of the Clear Lake, Frederic, Ladysmith and Rice Lake churches.

Fox Valley Pastorate

Calvin Johnson will serve as interim senior pastor of the Fox Valley, New London and Poy Sippi churches.

Richard Moore will serve as the new assistant pastor for the Fox Valley Pastorate.

Oakland Church

Richard Terrell will serve as interim pastor for the Oakland Church, in addition to serving as Conference Trust and Stewardship Director and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty coordinator.

Lena Pastorate

Marvin Clark and Raphael Fernandez, in addition to their duties in the Green Bay Pastorate, (Green Bay, Fish Creek and Sturgeon Bay churches) will assume interim pastoral responsibilities in the Gillett, Lena, Oconto, Pound and Shawano churches.

CONFERENCE NEWS NOTES

WAKONDA Summer Camp Dates:

July 5	Blind Camp
July 12	Adventurer
July 19	Junior
July 26	Tween
Aug. 2	Teen

Young Adult Retreat - February 14-16. Whispering Pines will be the location of the 1992 Winter Young Adult Retreat. An exciting week-end of fellowship and fun await

single young Adventists. Contact Ruth Nelson, (715) 653-2286. (Why not invite a friend along for a great week-end?!)

Young Adult Convention - March 6-8 in Portage, IN. Featured speaker is **Dr. Frank Franasiak**. A wide array of seminars will be available during the week-end packed with fantastic fellowship and fun with young Adventists from across the Lake Union. Ask your pastor or youth leader for an application and additional information. (Early application offers savings to you.)

Vacation Bible School Workshop, April 26 at the Conference Office will feature **Noelene Johnsson** from the General Conference.

A.S.I. WEEK-END PLANNED

A Conference-wide rally sponsored by Wisconsin members of ASI will be held **March 20 and 21**, at the **Madison East Church**. Guest speaker for the week-end will be **Mrs. Irene McCary** from Needles, CA. Mrs. McCary, a favorite Camp Meeting speaker, loves to share her love for Jesus through experiences, scripture texts and poems. Mrs McCary will speak Friday evening, at the Sabbath worship hour and again during the vesper program. Another highlight of the week-end will be a report from **Mrs. Cindy Tutsch** and **students from Great Lakes Academy** who were involved in outreach activities in Detroit during the summer of 1991. A potluck dinner is planned for Sabbath noon and ASI will furnish a light evening meal after Sabbath vespers. Elder and **Mrs. Dale (Judy) Ziegele** will coordinate the evening recreation. ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries International) welcomes all business and professional church members to join ASI and work hand in hand with the Church to share Jesus in the Market Place. **Contact Art Nelson**, ASI Coordinator for Wisconsin, for additional information.

1992 CONFERENCE BUDGET MEETS NAD GUIDELINES FOR A BALANCED BUDGET

The 1992 preliminary Conference budget, based on 96.17% of 1991 tithe, meets the guidelines of a balanced budget, established by the North American Division, according to Art Nelson, Treasurer.

Contributing to this balanced budget is **tithe reversion funds received from the General Conference and Lake Union Conference totaling \$12,352**, which represents 1/4 of 1 percent from the General Conference and 1/8 of 1 percent from the Lake Union.

It is projected that this annual reversion will increase within the next 4 years to a full 1 percent of tithe funds remitted.



Spring Bookmobile Schedule Limited

The ABC Bookmobile will be making limited runs this Spring due to Elder Nelson's increased work load in this triennial year and the lack of funds available in the ABC budget to hire additional help. Posters announcing the date and time will be sent to the areas where the Bookmobile will be stopping.

Because of the limited Spring Bookmobile run, the ABC is offering **free shipping for orders called in from February 20 to March 15.** Use 1-800-765-6955 to call in your order and shipping costs will be paid by ABC in lieu of a Bookmobile stop in your area.

PROJECT GREAT CONTROVERSY is a group purchase of the *Great Controversy* -- ASI edition. The ABC has ordered 5,000 of these books in order to give the lowest price possible. A portion of this order is already sold; however, we still have a few cases (40 books per case) available for \$30.40 per case picked up at the ABC, or with shipping costs added. (These books will be available in March but will not be part of the free shipping offer above.)

* In an open letter to the North American Division, General Conference President, Elder Robert Folkenberg, said, "I encourage your interest and support in the widest possible distribution of *The Great Controversy*. I want this book to be used in a positive way, avoiding any approach that would alienate people. Ellen White has told us, *In Desire of Ages, Patriarchs and Prophets, Great Controversy, and Daniel and the Revelation, there is precious instruction. These books must be regarded as of special importance, and every effort should be made to get them before the people. Evangelism* page 366."

A new **IT IS WRITTEN** series addresses major needs of people across North America which often bring them to a time in their life when they are especially willing to listen to a religious message. Topics covered in the new series include alcoholism, depression, domestic violence, handicaps, sexual abuse, bankruptcy and oppression. The ABC has a new book published for this series entitled *The Overcomers*, which is a powerful soul-winning tool, to be used by those in our churches who are prepared to minister to people with these needs. This power-packed book sells for \$4.95.

A new food product in the ABC is flavored **textured vegetable protein, TVP**, which comes in bits and/or chunks in the following flavors: chicken, pepperoni, ham, taco, sausage, bacon and beef. This is a pure vegetable product not generally sold by retail stores. TVP is available in 1 and 2 lb packages.

Also available is **instant gluten flour**, packaged in 1 and 2 lb sizes. Special orders for grains, nuts, dried fruits, cereals, flour, and many more items are welcomed and are available in 5 to 50 lb sizes. Call 1-800-765-6955 for more information and prices.

New videos are frequently being added to the rental program. If you are interested in an updated descriptive brochure, please call.

Just received is Ben Carson's new book, *Think Big*. Special introductory price is \$12.98.

Esther Nelson, Manager

Conference Calendar

Feb	02	Lay Advisory - Conf Ofc
	02	ABC Open
	06	Conf Exec Committee
	07-09	Young Adult Retreat
	14-16	Couples Retreat
	17	Holiday - Office Closed
	26	K-12 Board - Conf Ofc
Mar	01	ABC Open
	02	Conf Financial/Stat Review
	15	Science Fair
	20-21	ASI Fellowship - Madison
	25	K-12 Board - WA

Evangelism Interests Sought

Stevens Point Church members are seeking names of former and inactive Adventists in the Stevens Point and Plover area. A *Kenneth Cox Dimensions of Prophecy Video Crusade* is scheduled to begin Saturday evening, February 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western Royale Convention Center in Stevens Point. To assure your friends and family members a personal invitation, please send their name and address to Stevens Point Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1800 Sherman Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or call Pastor Donovan Davis, (715) 344-2020.

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