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Over the holiday weekend of April 6-8, 2012 church members and friends of the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement throughout New Zealand gathered at the local Auckland church for the annual spiritual conference.

The theme of the weekend was “With Diligence Make Your Calling and Election Sure.”

Br Matthias Thiel took Friday evening’s study entitled “The Need of Diligence”—diligence to search the heart in a decided, determined effort and renounce anything not relative to godliness; a carefulness in labour for holiness.

Br Alasdair Pow gave the Sabbath Service hour message entitled “What is Your Calling?”

We were challenged with the following questions: Do you know what your calling or purpose is? Is it sure? How many are called? What must we do to get in Christ’s Kingdom? Do we know whom we have believed?

Br Tipene closed Sabbath with the thought “It Goes the Way You Vote,” taking us to Christ in the Sanctuary, showing us our need of consecration in and conversion to Him in a Most Holy Place experience by faith, for the promise is given in Isaiah 9:7 (last part) “The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Br Jacob de Souza spoke on Sunday morning on “Knowing Your Election of God.”

Seventh-day Adventists were chosen to be a peculiar and special treasure. “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth [is] mine:” Exodus 19:5

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and

purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” Titus 2:14

“Our only safety is to stand as God's peculiar people. We must not yield one inch to the customs and fashions of this degenerate age, but stand in moral independence, making no compromise with its corrupt and idolatrous practices.” CG 449

Br Alasdair took the last study entitled “A Full Surrender.” Our election is a high calling. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

“The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness.” SC 43

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

Copies of the presentations are available from the New Zealand Field office (contact: mthiel@sdarm.org.au).

--Summary of a report from Winsome Latimer

Baptism – Chantelle Broughton – NZ Field



On Monday April 9, 2012, members and friends gathered at the local Auckland Church to hear Chantelle Broughton give her profession of faith. All then drove to a nearby fresh water stream to witness her baptism which was followed by a fellowshipment ceremony and a combined lunch. The lovely weather filled all present with praise and thanksgiving to God. We pray the Lord will help our dear sister Chantelle to be true to her covenant as she begins her new life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Invitation to QLD Conference Annual Camp Meeting 2012



The Annual QLD Conference Camp Meeting will be held 17th – 19th August, 2012.

Location: Ewen Maddock Recreation Centre, Landsborough, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia.

The theme entitled, “Reviving Primitive Godliness”, will be dedicated to seeking the Lord for a revival and reformation that measures with the primitive godliness of the apostolic church.

Guest Speaker: Br Alasdair Pow.

The camp will commence Friday evening on the 17th of August and conclude Sunday lunch time on the 19th of August. Following lunch, a Sunday afternoon program, “Adventures in Nature”, will also be held for families, children and young people.

Costs: Dormitory Accommodation - \$65 per adult; \$35 per child (4-14yrs) for the weekend. (Whether staying one or two nights the price is the same.) An offering will be collected to cover food costs.

For further information please contact: Paul Chapman on 0414 495 838 (+61414495838) or email pchapman@sdarm.org.au

Official Invite:

<http://www.sdarm.org.au/sites/default/files/pages/SDARM%20QLD%20Camp%20Invite.1.0.bmp..web..pdf>

AUC Strategic Plan for 2012-2014

On the 8th – 9th July, 2012, the Executive Committee in conjunction with Departmental Leaders confirmed an Australasian Union Conference Strategic Plan for the next two years. All present at the meeting recognised that our great need as a people is entire consecration to Christ and His cause. More importantly, all believe that to encourage consecration in all our Fields and Conferences requires a concerted effort from workers, ministers and lay members. Solid steps must be taken by all of us if we are to accomplish our calling. The first step in this direction was taken with the approval of a strategic plan. We place it before all that we may encourage all to cooperate with us in the execution of the objectives agreed upon.

Highlights from the plan include declaring July 2012 – June 2013 **“The Year of Revival and Reformation”**. July 2013 – June 2014 will be **“The Year of Evangelism”**. A Vision, Mission and Values statement was also agreed upon, and is included here:

Our Vision

To be a Union of Conferences, Fields and Missions, united together from every place and people in Australasia, that is an active living missionary agency, whose members are settled in the present truth both intellectually and spiritually, prepared for the seal of God and the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

To proclaim through the spoken word, written word, personal ministry and every other conceivable means the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as expressed in the Old and New Testament and the Spirit of Prophecy throughout the territory of the Australasian Union Conference.

Our Values

In carrying out our mission we are committed to upholding the highest Christian principles and values, and in doing so we will:

1. Encourage every church member to place themselves in a position where they can be used by the Holy Spirit in soul winning (RH Mar 22, 1898)
2. Teach every church member to bear responsibility for and be active in the work of soul winning (YI, November 7, 1895)
3. Employ the piety—the heart and hand—of the whole church to accomplish the work (RH Aug 13, 1899)
4. Teach every church member, both young and old, how to labour effectively in the work of winning souls to Christ (RH Mar 22, 1898; Ev 354)
5. Provide faithful pastors and workers for each mission and field (CG 550)
6. Recognise that the law of God is higher than any earthly laws (CET 208)
7. Recognise that Jesus Christ—His truth, His teachings and His example—is the foundation that we are to build upon (14MR,150)
8. Represent as closely as possible the heavenly world in all that we do (CET 208)
9. Carefully maintain the spiritual character of Christ's church; not opening the door of the church to worldliness; encouraging the entire consecration of each member to Christ (TDG 269; RH, August 23, 1892)
10. Accomplish our plans as a well-organised body (1888 materials, 1723; TM 26-29)

Our Key Interest Holders

We recognize that the desire for a successful and spiritually prosperous Australasian Union Conference is shared by a number of Interest Holders. These include:

1. God
2. Member Conferences and Fields
3. Employees
4. The General Conference Administration
5. The Community at Large

Impact of AUC activities and programs upon interest holder needs should be considered in all our plans. God is our primary Key Interest Holder. His Will and Interests is to be kept at the forefront of all that we undertake as a Union.

Key Interest Holders, in particular those itemized from 2 through to 5 above, need to be informed of our activities, particularly in those areas which directly affect their interests. We recognize that communication with interest holders is vital to the successful implementation of our plans. Input from interest holders is to be sought and valued in formulating our plans.

Our Aims

Part A - To promote genuine revival within our membership

Aim 1: To re-establish the membership in the present truth of 1888 'Christ our Righteousness'.

Aim 2 : To encourage the members of all of our churches to make a full and entire consecration to Christ and His cause.

Aim 3 : To re-establish the membership in our faith, teaching and calling as the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement under the Present Truth. (2 Peter 1:12)

Part B - To promote new growth within our membership

Aim 4: Turn the focus from within to without in the desire of securing living churches where all members are engaged in active work for others

Aim 5: To increase the sales and distribution of literature and multimedia throughout each field for missionary purposes.

Our Objectives

For the sake of brevity the Objectives are itemised in a separate document available for all AUC member Fields and Conferences. Please contact the AUC Secretary (email: secretary@sdarm.org.au) or your local Minister or Bible Worker for a list of the specific Objectives agreed upon by the AUC Executive and Departmental Leaders for 2012-2014.

We ask for all to pray that the Lord will bless our plans and efforts over the next two years as we seek for a genuine revival and reformation within the Australasian Union Conference.

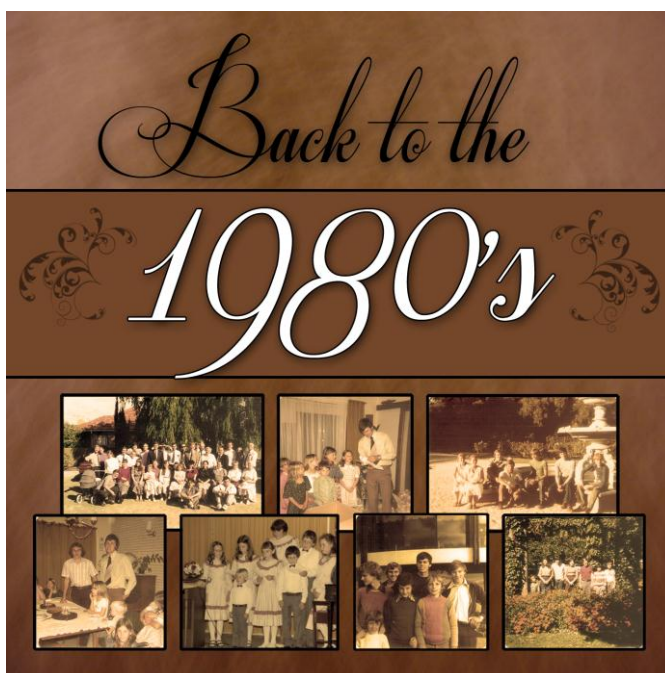
Back to the 80's Day – SA Field

In the 1980's the SDA Reform Movement church in Adelaide was blessed to have a large number of young people in the congregation. Every Sabbath the church was full of children's voices joining together in praises to God. There was also a choir that was making the Sabbath services more interesting and beautiful. There were a lot of camp-outs and youth activities carried out. But slowly over the years these young people grew up and either moved away or became disinterested in coming to church. It was expressed by many of the members that remembered those wonderful times the sorrow and disappointment that this was only but a happy memory. Often the question was asked what could we do to bring those days back? Since we cannot wind the clock back the church members came up with a plan for a "Back to the 80's" Reunion.

The work of preparation started almost immediately; collecting photos of events, recordings of choirs and items and organizing a brunch for this event. The date was finally set and invitations were sent out to as many of the youth located in Adelaide and the few from other states that had mentioned that they would be able to come. The date was set for Sunday 22nd of April. The thought also came to have a visitors day

the Sabbath before. Invitations were sent out for this event to all our current church friends and interests and some who used to come many years ago.

Sabbath, 21st April was a beautiful bright day and the regular members arrived at church eagerly anticipating who might come from the invitations. Some visitors arrived in time for Sabbath School but most of the visitors only arrived in time for the Divine Service. Br Ben Thiel presented a great message on 'the destiny of the world and where are you headed?' There were visitors from the Seventh-day Adventist church, independent ministries, and ex-church members. We enjoyed a delicious lunch together with the visitors who were able to stay. Many enjoyed the fellowship and time to catch up. In the afternoon we had the privilege to hear from Br Ben a report from the last General Conference Session and how the work is progressing in other countries.



Sunday's program was a brunch at 10:00am. The sisters arrived early to get the muffins and waffles warmed, make cashew cream and other delicious foods for this special event. There was lot of food prepared and it was nicely set on the table. As the time was approaching for the brunch to start, more of the 'young people' that had been invited began to arrive. It was very nice to see them all again together, and for many of us, to finally meet their children. Brunch was very casual, with lots of socializing and reflecting back on the past.

For many of the 'youth', there were a lot of changes at the church for them to ask about, as it is different now than when they used to come. One part of the church was of particular nostalgic value—the "upper room"—where many of the 'young people' had gone to children's Sabbath School. The entrance to this place was harder to find than they expected as many interior changes had been made to the church and the access stairs to the "upper room" are now hidden behind white walls.

Br Jaksic thanked everyone for coming and introduced a specially produced slideshow with pictures collected from different ones who had previously lived in Adelaide. There was great fun had by all trying to identify the faces in the pictures. Many laughs were shared and interesting comments made, especially about the '80s's styles and how different the adults look compared to when they were little children or youth. A CD of selected items had been prepared from the recordings collected over the years. Each 'youth' who attended was given one of these as a reminder of this time and what the Adelaide church used to be. After this, there was more time for socializing and photos. Great memories of the 'Back to the 80's' reunion will be cherished in our hearts.

We have plans to repeat this reunion on a greater scale. If you are one of these 'youth' of the 80's and interested in attending one of these days, please contact the South Australian Field office (sa@sdarm.org.au) to register your interest. We will send you an invitation before the next event.

More photos online at: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/news/2012/jul29-back-80%E2%80%99s-day-%E2%80%93-sa-field.html>

Baptism – Sifu Tamua & Masiki Uaita – NZ Field



On the 15th of May, 2102, church members, family and friends gathered in Invercargil (situated at the bottom end of New Zealand's South Island) to witness the baptisms of two dear brothers in Christ. Despite the icy cold weather (with snow falling at 300 metres), Br Sifu Tamua (left image) and Br Masiki Uaita (right image), both of Samoan heritage, braved the watery grave in making public their stand with Christ. These dear souls had been visited and studied with for the last six years. The local brethren rejoiced to see both brethren finally decide to take their stand upon the truth, commit their life to Christ and unite with God's people. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon Br Sifu and Br Masiki as they begin their new life as members of God's family on earth.

Solomon Islands – February 2012 Visit

The following news was received from Br Csongor Matyas, SA Field Leader, who assisted the AUC by accompanying Br Brian Jaksic on a pioneering trip to the growing interests in Solomon Islands.

"In February 2012 Br Jaksic and I spent 12 days visiting and encouraging the growing little church in Solomon Islands. Despite the hot and humid weather we had a wonderful time fellowshiping with the brethren. During our stay Br Jaksic and myself presented a series of studies in the evenings with very good attendance. Some evenings the church was so full that people were sitting outside and listening. There were a lot of questions that by the grace of God we were able to answer. Solomon Islands has a great number of SDA membership and common questions are around vegetarianism, participating in politics, the sealing, the investigative judgment etc.

"There was an ordination of an elder, Br Kuki, who is currently the church leader. He was ordained on the same Sabbath that two brethren took their stand on the truth through baptism. This takes our current membership to 23. Many more requested studies, especially from the youth, who are the driving force in

the area—the missionary army that carries the wonderful message of salvation from village to village. In the last part of July and the beginning of August there will be an Evangelistic outreach in the island of Gela where there are a great number of interests already studying our Sabbath school lessons. The time Br Jaksic and I spent there went by so quickly. Before we knew it, the time had arrived that we needed to travel home. The day before we left, the brethren from Binu church came and visited us. We had a wonderful time encouraging each other while sharing our precious experiences with the Lord. Let us all pray for the work in these new mission fields that the Lord may send means and also workers that will carry the message of salvation to many hungering souls for the truth.

“Your Brother in Christ

“Csongor Matyas”



More photos online at: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/news/2012/jul29-solomon-islands-%E2%80%93-february-2012-visit.html>

PNG School Project Update

Many weeks of phone calls, emails and preparations came to a climax on Wednesday, 25 July, 2012, when the first shipment of over 5000 pieces of educational materials were sent from Brisbane, Australia to Papua New Guinea. It was encouraging to finally load up the delivery truck with 71 boxes of Christian based school curriculum materials and 72 x 45 litre plastic storage containers that will be needed once the shipment arrives in PNG. This material is one years supply for over 130 students and covers all years from primary through to secondary school.

We are grateful for the support "Christian Light Education" (CLE) have given to our PNG project. In September 2012, two CLE trainers, one from the USA and a second from Australia, will accompany Br Paul Chapman to PNG for a four day Teacher Training Seminar. This seminar is designed to train the tutors of the students in how to use the materials we have just shipped over.



The AUC Education Department continues to ask for your prayers and support as we endeavour to assist our brethren in the PNG Mission Field establish a permanent General Education School Program founded on Christian principles.

While the majority of families whose children are enrolled in the school program will be able to cover a large part of the costs, it is anticipated that there will be a need for funding to assist in covering the transport, storage and delivery of the materials, as well as further training for teachers.

With this in mind, we would appeal to anyone who would like to give towards the "PNG School Project" to please send donations to:

<i>SDARM AUC, PO Box 132 Riverstone, NSW 2765, Australia. Tel: +61-2-9627-7553 E: treasurer@sdarm.org.au</i>	<i>Direct Deposit Details Name: Reform Movement Pty Ltd BSB: 032274 Acc: 168675 Mark donations: PNG School Proj</i>
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100% of all Donations Marked "PNG School Project" will go towards funding this project.

More photos online: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/news/2012/jul29-png-school-project-update.html>

Coming Events Calendar

- July 27-August 5, 2012** **Solomon Islands Mission Camp Meeting**
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- August 17-19, 2012** **Queensland Conference Camp Meeting**
Venue: Ewen Maddock Recreation Centre,
Landsborough Queensland.
For further information contact: gld@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (07) 3862 4803
- September 14-16, 2012** **Western Australian Field Camp Meeting**
For further information contact: geron@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (08) 9377 3283
- September 25-30, 2012** **Papua New Guinea Field Camp Meeting**
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- October 4-8, 2012** **Health Seminar, New Zealand**
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- October 25-29, 2012** **Fiji Islands Field Camp Meeting**
For further information contact: mthiel@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- November 2-4, 2012** **'Getting to Know God' Retreat**
Venue: Elim Heights Youth Campground
Colo Heights, New South Wales
For further information contact: missionary@sdarm.org.au
Telephone: (02) 9627 7553
- December 25-29, 2012** **"Alive and Kicking" Health Camp**
Venue: Elim Heights Youth Campground
Colo Heights, New South Wales
For further information contact: info@sdarm.org.au
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