



2012

Teachers' Convention

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Preregistering for the convention

JANUARY 26 - MARCH 1

Preregistration can be done by submitting your written Individual Registration Form to your union/conference or use the online registration tool at <http://events.adventisteducation.org>.

Attendees may preregister spouses/children, using the same form or online registration tool described above. Note that there are additional fees for registering and for meals. These are described in detail on page 6.

Note that rooming and flight details will be gathered by union/conferences and supplied to the division as needed.

Breakout sessions

The division is currently working to finalize the breakout sessions. A list will be available on the website by May 15.

WWW.ADVENTISTEDUCATION.ORG

Welcome,

You are invited to the event of the year! More than 6,500 Adventist educators will gather again in Nashville, Tenn., to learn, share and celebrate together. Moving Hearts and Minds Upward is our theme, a theme that encompasses our vision for Adventist education – helping our students to know Jesus and to grow spiritually and intellectually.

This convention is an opportunity for all of us to grow spiritually and intellectually as well. We will have more than 450 breakout sessions, hundreds of vendors to visit, inspirational, moving and informative speakers. Not to mention lots of quality music and great food.

This newsletter is the first of three that you should receive to help prepare you for what is coming August 5-8 in Nashville. We will share tips and policies, as well as sharing more about what to expect. Please visit our website to find additional information and up-to-date progress reports: www.adventisteducation.org

I am looking forward to see you there!

God bless,



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MOVING HEARTS AND MINDS UPWARD



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August 5-8, 2012

Accommodations, Meals & More

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- 2,800 rooms
- \$170.44/night
 - » Includes free Internet in the sleeping rooms, free water in rooms, etc.
- Parking - \$14.40/day (20% discount off normal rates)
- One registration lobby, not two as last time
- All room reservations MUST be made by the NAD Office of Education through the union offices of education (in the PUC, the conferences will relate directly with the NAD).

RADISSON

- 400 rooms
- \$99/night plus tax
- Parking - free
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- There will be shuttles from the hotel to the convention center, as well as from the airport to the hotel. This will be paid for by the division.
- This hotel will be the main hotel for exhibitors and non-SDA education presenters.

FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT

- 35 rooms
- \$124/night plus tax
- Parking - free
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MEALS

- All meals are covered by the \$135 registration fee
- Meals served:
 - » Monday - breakfast, lunch and the reception (supper)
 - » **Reception** - Must be registered (spouses and children must be registered to attend). Business casual dress. Buffet style, then move back to the auditorium for the program.
 - » Tuesday - breakfast, lunch (supper on your own)
 - » Wednesday - breakfast only (no sack lunches)
- All meals will be served buffet style
- All meals will have vegan options
- There will be no discounts for children's meals
- Spouses and children can register and get all meals for \$105 each. Must be spouse of full-pay teacher. This will include general sessions, and exhibit hall passes only, not breakout sessions.

GENERAL SESSIONS & BREAKOUTS

- General Sessions—*
- Worships - Elder Dwight Nelson
- Sunday evening (keynote): Elder Carlton Byrd
- Monday - Todd Whitaker
 - Tuesday - Ken Davis
Alan November
 - Wednesday - Elder Dan Jackson
- Breakout Sessions—*
- 3 sessions on Monday
 - 2 sessions on Tuesday
 - 1 on Wednesday
 - Most rooms hold 100-200 people
 - Not open to spouses or children

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

SENIOR PASTOR, BEREAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd is the senior pastor of the 3,500 - member Berean Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church of Atlanta, Ga., the largest Seventh-day Adventist congregation in the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Dr. Byrd is a graduate of Oakwood University (formerly Oakwood College) in Huntsville, Ala., with dual degrees, a bachelor of arts degree in theology and a bachelor of science degree in business management. He is also a graduate of Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn., where he earned the master of business administration degree, and a graduate of Andrews University (SDA Theological Seminary) in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he earned both the master of divinity degree and the doctor of ministry degree with an emphasis in African American religious studies.

In his 15 years of pastoral leadership, Dr. Byrd has constructed and renovated churches, baptized over 2,100 persons, served on numerous denominational and community boards, along with serving as a guest minister on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). Since his arrival in August, 2006, as the senior pastor of the Berean SDA Church in Atlanta, over 1,000 persons have been baptized, church attendance has doubled, the church building has been remodeled, and a television ministry has been launched that currently airs weekly on two Atlanta television stations. Under Dr. Byrd's leadership, the Atlanta Berean Church was awarded a \$5.2 million grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in January, 2009, to construct a 50-apartment Senior Citizens' Housing Facility, and in October, 2009, the Atlanta Berean Church was named the North American Division's 2009 Innovative Church of the Year.

The recipient of numerous honors and achievements, Dr. Byrd received the coveted "Chosen Pastor Award" for Atlanta's Gospel Choice Awards in 2007, which recognizes outstanding pastors in the Metropolitan Atlanta area for their exceptional leadership and community involvement. Additionally, Dr. Byrd was named as one of the prized residents for "Who's Who in Black Atlanta" for 2008 and 2009, was selected as the Oakwood University Alumnus of the Year for 2008, and in April, 2008, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Byrd was also selected by the North American Division of the SDA Church to be the featured speaker for its Net 2009 Evangelistic Series as aired on the Hope Channel in November, 2009.



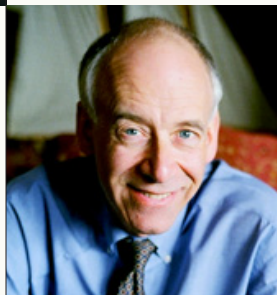
Alan November

SENIOR PARTNER AND FOUNDER, NOVEMBER LEARNING

Alan November is an international leader in education technology. He began his career as an oceanography teacher and dorm counselor at an island reform school for boys in Boston Harbor. While Alan was a computer science teacher in Lexington, Mass., he was probably the first teacher in the world to have a student project online in 1984, a database for the handicapped. He has been director of an alternative high school, computer coordinator, technology consultant and university lecturer. He has helped schools, governments and industry leaders improve the quality of education through technology.

Audiences enjoy Alan's humor and wit as he pushes the boundaries of how to improve teaching and learning. His areas of expertise include planning across curriculum, staff development, new school design, community building and leadership development. He has delivered keynotes and workshops in all 50 states, across Canada and throughout the UK, Europe, Asia and Central America.

Alan was named one of the nation's 15 most influential. In 2001, he was listed one of eight educators to provide leadership into the future by the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse. In 2007 he was selected to speak at the Cisco Public Services Summit during the Nobel Prize festivities in Stockholm, Sweden. His writing includes numerous articles and two best-selling books, *Empowering Students with Technology* and *Web Literacy for Educators*. Alan was co-founder of the Stanford Institute for Educational Leadership Through Technology and is with world-class presenters and international participants. Visit <http://novemberlearning.com/blc> for more details.



Dr. Todd Whitaker

PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP,
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Todd Whitaker is a professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Prior to coming to Indiana, he taught at the middle and high school levels in Missouri. Following his teaching experience, he served as a middle school and high school principal for eight years. Dr. Whitaker also served as a middle school coordinator in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dr. Whitaker's work has been published in the areas of teacher leadership, instructional improvement, change, leadership effectiveness, technology, and middle level practices. His books include *Dealing With Difficult Teachers*, *Motivating & Inspiring Teachers*, *Dealing With Difficult Parents*, *Feeling Great!*, *Teaching Matters*, and *What Great Principals Do Differently*. His latest books are the No. 1 best seller, *What Great Teachers Do Differently* and *Great Quotes For Great Educators*. Dr. Whitaker is internationally recognized as an inspirational and distinguished speaker.



Daniel R. Jackson

PRESIDENT, NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Daniel R. Jackson, the president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was elected June 28, 2010, by delegates of the world church at their business session in Atlanta, Ga.

Jackson was appointed by the church's 246-member nominating committee and confirmed by the General Conference Session delegation, which is an international body of 2,410 appointed members and the highest governing body in the church.

Jackson is a native Canadian and, with the exception of five years of service in the Southern Asia Division, has lived and ministered in Canada. He is a graduate of Canadian Union College (now Canadian University College) and Andrews University, from which he holds a master's degree in religion in systematic theology.

During his career, Dan has served the church as a pastor, teacher and administrator. Dan and Donna enjoy the three children and four grandchildren the Lord has given them.



A journey to excellence in
Adventist schools helps every
learner excel in faith maturity and
academic achievement. It moves
hearts and minds upward!

Dwight K. Nelson

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST EVANGELIST AND AUTHOR

He has been the senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University since 1983.

Before coming to Andrews he served as a pastor in Oregon for 10 years. He was the preacher for the Adventist satellite evangelistic series "The NeXt Millennium Seminar" in 1998. In 2004 he, along with former BBC News presenter Gillian Joseph, presented a discussion-style series called "Evidence: Through My Experience" held at Newbold College, Berkshire. Later that same year he hosted another discussion series at Newbold College called "Mind The Gap."

He currently hosts the television program "The Evidence." Nelson serves as adjunct professor of homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, of missionary parents, Nelson converses in Japanese. He attended Far Eastern Academy in Singapore and graduated from Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tenn., where he received a bachelor's degree in 1973. He attended Andrews University where he received a master of divinity (MD) degree in 1976 and a doctor of ministry degree in 1986 from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. His books include *Outrageous Grace*, *Countdown to the Showdown* and *Built to Last*. In 1994, the Pioneer Memorial Church hosted ABC Television's National Christmas Eve service. He is the speaker for a weekly radio and television program, "New Perceptions." He is married to Karen Oswald Nelson, a registered nurse. They have a son, Kirk, and a daughter, Kristin. In 2010, Kirk graduated from Andrews with a bachelor's degree in communication.



Ken Davis

CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN

Best-selling author, frequent radio and television guest, and one of the country's most sought after inspirational and motivational speakers, Ken brings a mixture of side-splitting humor and inspiration that delights and enriches audiences of all ages. His books have received national critical acclaim, including the Book of the Year Award and the Gold Medallion Award. The video and audio tapes of his live appearances are in constant demand.

Ken has been the keynote speaker for hundreds of major corporate events. He is a featured speaker for Promise Keepers and a frequent guest on "Focus on the Family." Ken

has made thousands of personal appearances around the world. As president of Dynamic Communications International, he teaches speaking skills to ministry professionals and corporate executives. Ken's daily radio show, "Lighten Up!", is heard on over 1,500 stations in the United States and around the world.



More than 6,000 of your colleagues and friends will be joining you to hear inspiring music and motivating speakers in devotional worships, general sessions, and more than 450 breakout sessions.

How do I register my spouse and/or children to attend the event?

You can register your spouse or children by completing the Individual Preregistration Form for each additional individual. You may either fill out the fill-in PDF form provided by your conference/union or you may utilize the online preregistration form at <http://events.nadeducation.org>.

NOTE: Be sure to have your union/group code available if you choose to use the online preregistration form. This is required to register. Contact your union/conference representative if you do not have the correct code.

What is the cost to register my spouse and/or children?

If a spouse would like to attend breakouts, they must register and pay a \$75 registration fee, which includes the banquet. To include meals, the cost would be \$135.

Meals may be purchased for spouse and/or children not registering at the cost of \$105 (no registration fee, the \$105 fee includes all meals including the banquet, no discounts are available for children).

How do I pay for my spouse and/or child's registration?

You do not pay for your spouse and/or children's registration during the preregistration process. Once preregistered, you will receive instructions on how to pay for additional registrations you have requested.

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For further questions, contact your union/conference representative:

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