

Things to Know



Musings from the Word



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While attending the ASI Convention in Orlando this past weekend, it was amazing to hear the variety of ways people are seeking to share the good news of Jesus. I was reminded of the words opening the book of Hebrews: “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,” (Hebrews 1:1). That last clause has caught my attention for years. It opened up my life and understanding to realize that there isn’t just one way. The history of the Hebrew Scriptures (the Tanach) demonstrates the variety of ways God sought to bring His kingdom into this realm. And all those ways were leading to the crescendo of the Person of God—Jesus from Nazareth. Again for us, living in the 21st Century, I am reminded that our variety of ways must lead to the crescendo—Jesus. This is why one of our core practices continues to be that we are “Christ-centered, not crisis-centered,” (that line originated from one of by professors at Southern College, Dr. Norman Gulley—who just recently passed away). This may sound so pedestrian. Over two thousand years have passed...how can we still talk about Jesus? Well, my guess is, if we can talk about Him for two thousand years and not grow weary, we are prepared for an eternity of conversations both about Him and with Him. Thus, “let us not grow weary in well-doing” (Galations 6:9).

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Musings from the Field

Constituency Update

One of the ways in which our experience for our upcoming Constituency Meeting can become more meaningful is to participate in the opportunity to receive a refresher about how our worldwide church works and what is your part in the process. It is for this reason we are holding our upcoming Delegate Orientations around the conference, beginning the end of this month. Please see the Area Schedule below and we look forward to seeing each delegate there.

Area 1 -Southern Illinois
Monday, August 29, 2022
7:00 pm Thompsonville Church
3577 Angel Ln,
Thompsonville IL 62890

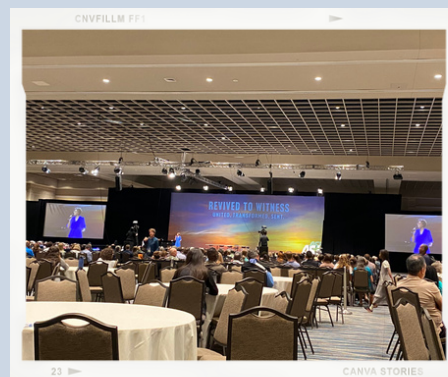
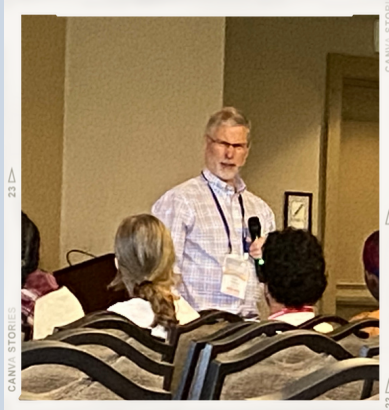
Area 2 -Central Illinois
Tuesday, August 30, 2022
7:00 pm Peoria SDA Church
4019 N Knoxville Ave,
Peoria IL 61614

Area 3 - Northwest Illinois
Wednesday, August 31, 2022
7:00 pm Ottawa SDA Church
1429 Catherine St,
Ottawa IL 61350

Area 4 -Chicagoland – North of I-88
Thursday, September 1, 2022
7:00 pm Elmhurst SDA Church
246 W Butterfield Rd,
Elmhurst IL 60126

Area 5 -Chicagoland –South of I-88
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
7:00 pm Illinois Conference
619 Plainfield Rd,
Willowbrook, IL 60527

Area 6 - Hispanic Churches
Thursday, September 8, 2022
7:00 pm Illinois Conference
619 Plainfield Rd,
Willowbrook, IL 60527



God calls upon His servants to reveal a spirit of unvarying kindness and love. Nothing is gained by harsh denunciation and bitterness of spirit. To be harsh in trying to correct wrong is to commit sin in reproving sin. True reformers are not destroyers. They never seek to ruin those who do not harmonize with their plans. Reformers must advance, not retreat. They must be firm, decided, resolute, unflinching. But firmness must not be allowed to degenerate into an overbearing spirit.

(General Conference Bulletin, April 1, 1903, p. 36)

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The first vacuum cleaner was actually developed in a Chicago basement (1869)