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To: All SEC Lay Leaders, Elders and Communication Secretaries

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Dear Elder,

I trust you and your families are enjoying the blessings of our Lord. Last week I brought to your attention the outstanding tithe and ADRA returns for some churches. I am happy that some churches have responded but I have not heard from the majority. I am attaching an updated ADRA returns sheet. Pastor, Elders and ADRA agents, please attend to this serious situation as a matter of utmost urgency.

The GC is initiating major evangelistic efforts in Lusaka – Zambia. There are opportunities for several pastors or lay-persons to lead out in these campaigns which will be running simultaneously throughout Lusaka. The dates for these efforts are 8<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. The total cost per person is approximately \$2,500:00. The GC will sponsor each preacher with \$1,000:00.

Should you be interested in preaching a series of evangelistic sermons in Zambia, please contact my office by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. The GC will be notified and make the necessary preparations. I know many will be disappointed as these dates clash with our annual Camp Meeting. However, for those who would like to preach in Lusaka, please contact my office.

I am glad to know that a number of our churches have embraced our strategy during this third quarter by engaging with our community with various ministries. This is commendable, as we need to be relevant within our communities. Dr Chidi has informed us of the Health for the Community Sabbath in Bristol this coming Sabbath 29<sup>th</sup> July at the City Hall. This involves operating health assessments with members of the local community. Some community leaders will be attending including the Mayor of Bristol. Please see the attached poster and share this information with locals so that they can also benefit.

During the month of July the SEC Disability and Diversity department completed a three-part series seminar at the Reading West SDA church in Area 5, on diversity, disability, the church and belonging. These seminars provided an opportunity for the church members to have open and frank discussions in a safe and supportive environment on topics that are not often addressed in the church. Helpful and insightful recommendations were highlighted for the church leadership to take forward.

It has been observed that Unpaid Carers living and supporting people with long term illness and disabilities are more likely to ignore any personal health problems or conditions due to their caring responsibilities. ASNA will be hosting its annual ASNA Carers Respite weekend from September 29<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup> at Jury's Inn Oxford. All unpaid carers are encouraged to attend this weekend to receive spiritual, peer, emotional and physical support. To book a place and to receive more information contact: [snicholls@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:snicholls@secadventist.org.uk)

On November 18th there will be a joint departmental day of fellowship under the theme 'In His Image'. The Women's, Family Life, Disability, Diversity, Men's and Music and Youth departments are working together to host this day of praise and worship, discussion and learning towards Restoration. The venue will be Walthamstow Academy Billet Road, London E17 5DP. Everyone is welcome! We are encouraging all churches in the London area and beyond to come together for this day of celebration, praise, thanksgiving and worship.

The first session for the SEC Disability Ministry department training in Deaf Awareness, Communication and BSL Level 1 (accredited course), run through the SEC School of Evangelism, will take place on the 22 October 2017 at the Stanborough SDA church from 10- 3.30pm. For more information or to register: contact [snicholls@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:snicholls@secadventist.org.uk). Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

The Counseling Service has informed us of a free 1 day training on "Helping People Through Trauma & and Traumatic Grief " the date is 3 September 2017 to be held at The Advent Centre (room 1) from 11am- 3.30pm. Contact email [ccs@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:ccs@secadventist.org.uk) or call: 0207 723 8050 to book your place.

Stanborough Press will host the annual Press Open day at their headquarters in Grantham on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. Please follow the link.  
[https://drive.google.com/a/stanboroughpress.org.uk/file/d/0B6ht4r6stMf6UGFCTnd2TkREZ0U/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/a/stanboroughpress.org.uk/file/d/0B6ht4r6stMf6UGFCTnd2TkREZ0U/view?usp=drive_web)

There is just about enough time for you to book to attend the Prayer Retreat for 2017 themed 'He Restores my Soul' which takes place next weekend: 4th-6th August 2018 at WyBoston Lakes, Great North Road, Wyboston, MK44 3AL. The prices for accommodation for twin/double occupancy is £135.00 and for single occupancy is £165.00. For further information contact Veronica Williams (07960 935747) or Valerie Austin (01923232728).

If you have significant stories for next week's edition to share with the constituency please send them to [News@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:News@secadventist.org.uk)

Let us continue to pray for the work of the church, remembering Pastors, spouses and workers who need our prayers in your corporate and personal devotionals.

Warmest regards



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