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Dear Elder,

Tragedy is a an unfortunate byproduct of living in this sin-ridden world, accidents included.

We received a report from the General Conference to inform us that, a week last Sunday, a bus carrying 46 Seventh-day Adventists (many of them young people) from Chiapas, Mexico, plunged down a 90m (295 feet) ravine, killing 18. Another 26 were taken to a nearby hospital where a 17-year-old girl died from her injuries. The group was returning from a regional youth congress when the accident occurred. We have been invited to pray for the victims and their families who are suffering from their loss.

I am pleased to inform you that at our recent Executive Committee, the Trustees voted to endorse the Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) Adventist Radio London Project. We will be partnering with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to establish a radio station in London where we will be broadcasting 24 hours a day. This is a fantastic opportunity to preach our distinctive 3 angels messages to the millions living in London and beyond. There are still many hurdles for us to surmount to make this a reality and so we solicit your prayers as we plan to execute this project. Please find a link from our GC President, Elder Ted Wilson on this new initiative.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/959da0zj1z0kzfn/2017-05-16-BRITISH_UNION.mp4?dl=0

Pastors and Elders, I am reminding you of the need to be vigilant for groups that are not sanctioned by the Conference. We have received notification that a group which has not received the support of the Seventh day Adventist Church is sending out invitations to their events. Should you be uncertain about particular ministries holding meetings, please contact our office for guidance.

Following on from the Annual ADRA Appeal report last week, we have had a slight increase in funds taken by the 30th of May over last year. We had asked all the agents to report back to ADRA by close of play today. We are hopeful to have a good return, but I know that many churches still have outstanding funds and reports to submit. I hope to give you a final report in July. Pastors, please follow this up so that no SEC Churches are holding up the final report.

The total raised (by the 24th of May) from the door-to-door collection in 2017 is: **£112,465** (total raised in 2016 was £182,400) Total achieved by today is: **£400,640**. We will only be able to give you figures of each entity once all the reports have come in from the agents.

Has your church ordered ADRA gift boxes for Rwanda yet? Information about this project that will support children in the Kiziba refugee camp in Rwanda are available online

including a video. Please go to the website and order on line at <http://adra.org.uk/projects/rwanda/> Please order before the 7th of July. Over a third of the nearly 20,000 people in this camp are Seventh-day Adventist with their large churches serving the community.

The GC AMR International Coaching Training week is now within touching distance. 2nd July – 12th July 2017. Delegates for the course will be sent out to different churches to do a coaching training day at different churches on the 8th July. There are 3 spaces left, so if there are any churches that would like the AMR leaders to attend their church on the 8th July, please contact Vanessa Dawson, AMR secretary at the SEC office. The day will consist of preaching and afternoon studies about AMR.

The Caribbean Queen catering company will be providing the catering service for SEC Camp Meeting this year. Please find attached a menu which also gives the weekly package and daily costs. You can also find this information on the Camp Meeting section of the SEC Website.

We are now just 3 weeks away from Camp Meeting. The weekend booking form is on the SEC Website for those who cannot be with us for the camp meeting week, but can attend on the weekend. If you have not done so, please share the YouTube link with an encouraging word from our 2017 SEC Camp Meeting Speaker and Singing Evangelist Pastor Wintley Phipps. <https://youtu.be/-OM00yNDGAK> The full week 2017 booking forms with the significant reduction in chalet prices is available from the SEC Website on the Home page and SEC Events.

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

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

Warmest regards,



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President
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