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— RESOURCES —

■ "Religious Liberty in Conflict At Home and Abroad" is the theme of the Religious Liberty Conference to be in Williamsburg, Virginia, August 25-28. "Freedom or Security — The Erosion of Civil Liberties," and "Legislative Update: Religious Liberty in Congress and the States" are just two of the nearly 30 seminars dealing with current events and what we can anticipate in the future as revealed in prophecy. More about the conference is expected to be on the Religious Liberty web site by Monday.

The early bird deadline for registration has been extended to July 10, so you still have time to get the lower rate of US\$125. After July 10, US\$150.

Contact: PlusLine at 800-732-7587 or www.plusline.org to register. For hotel reservations at Hospitality House, 757-229-4020. Religious Liberty web site: http://nadadventist.org/nadfreedom/.

■ OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS — The Children's Sabbath materials for

2004 are now available online.

Contact http://childmin.com
to download a free program
guide, or call AdventSource at
800-328-0525, to order (US\$2
shipping charge).

■ It's the Last Minute, But there's still time and Family Ministries will work with you to register for the 5th Annual Adventist Family Conference at Andrews University, July 16-20. Healing families is one of the most important things we can learn to do.

Contact: http://family.nadadventist.org/events.html#JUL03 for the brochure and to register.

■ July 15 is the Pre-Registration
Deadline for the Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries
(ASI) 56th annual ASI Convention
in Albuquerque, New Mexico,
August 6-9. Special features this
year will include the Albuquerque
Youth Evangelism, Native American ministries, news about the
"Sow One Billion" project, and
inspirational member testimonies
about how lay people are "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace,"
the theme of this year's conven-

— ACN EVENTS —

FOR SATELLITE INFORMATION CHECK THE ACN WEB SITE at http://www.acn.info or your current ACN Bulletin. In an emergency call 800-ACN-1119. All times are given in Eastern time:

- Adventist Worship Hour, every 1st Sabbath of the month, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- Adventist Television Network Uplink, every Friday, 12 noon 1:30 p.m. Includes Adventist NewsLine, Sabbath School U, and His Word Alive.

tion. ASI members plan to conduct 10 youth evangelistic meetings in the city just before the convention. Several Bible workers are already working in the city, and 300,000 Bible study request cards have been sent out to the area.

Contact: www.asiministries.org
to register or for more information about the convention.

■ CORRECTION — Last week's text version of *Monday FAX* gave the impression that the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network (LLBN) is run by the Loma Linda University Church. While it was birthed by the LLU Church, it has been an independent nonprofit network run by volunteers since 1997.

Contact: www.nadadventist.org/news/mfax/0630 for the corrected story.

WHAT'S AN IASD?

Give up? Here are some clues: As Seventh-day Adventists, we witness with our name. Our name tells people that we keep the seventh day of the week holy and look forward to the return of Jesus Christ. We want to be clearly understood and to be able to make a statement to everyone who sees or hears our name but who might not have a chance to ask about it. So, whenever we write the name in a document for the first time, or whenever we address an envelope or a label, we should use the full name, "Seventh-day Adventist." Never "SDA."

The initials, "SDA" stand for many things. Do a search for "SDA" on the Internet sometime and you will find "The Soap and Detergent Association," "Survey Document and Analysis," an electronics organization, some foreign organizations, and about 500,000 other listings, including the largest trade union in Australia.

Which brings up another reason for not using "SDA" as an abbreviation. We are a world-wide church. North America is increasingly culturally diverse. In Spanish our name is Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día. In Portuguese it's Adventista do Sétimo Día. So what's an IASD? It may not mean much to you, but it's the initials of our church in Spanish or Porguguese! The multi-cultural aspects of our church and name is only one reason why the church recommends using the term "Adventist" as an abbreviation in place of the initials, whether they be "SDA" or "IASD."

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