



## Adventist and Catholic Interfaith Worship

On Wednesday, March 19, 2014, an ecumenical service took place at Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church in Auburn, CA to kick-off the Easter Celebrations in 2014. Participants came from 6 different denominations: Seventh-day Adventist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Methodist. The theme was to celebrate Lent, a Catholic tradition where ash is applied on the forehead in preparation for Easter Sunday.



Adventist pastor embraces a Catholic Priest.  
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## Invoke heaven's blessing on the nation through Sabbath-keeping

Deseret News | April 20, 2014

There is a serious gap in American culture today: We lack the unifying institutions that bring us together, after long and hard-fought debate, into one nation that can act. We ought to dust off a fundamental American unifying tradition of ancient origins and long service, now entirely missing: keeping the Sabbath; urging the whole nation to petition Providence in diverse ways, but together in spirit by “remember[ing] the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

There are few better representations of a nation’s humility and dependence upon Providence than the state of its Sabbath-keeping. It’s impossible to believe that America, as a whole, takes any sort of Sabbath obligation seriously. Our careers have brought us into conversation with many religious leaders of many faiths.

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## Sunday trading ban for DIY stores

Connexionfrance.com | Feb. 13, 2014

DIY [do it yourself] STORES across France will not be allowed to open on Sundays, after the Conseil d’Etat suspended a government decree following a complaint from trade unions.

The country’s highest administrative court yesterday said “there was serious doubt on the legality” of the decree of December 30 that allowed the stores to be exempt from the rule of Sunday rest.

The temporary decree, published while the government works on changes to the complex legislation relating to weekly working hours, gave Sunday opening rights to the likes of Darty, Bricorama and Mr Bricolage until July 1, 2015.

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## Unions working to stop Sunday Sales

Teamsters pressure could block Sunday growler sales  
Minneapolis Business Journal | April 14, 2014

A compromise bill that would allow taprooms and microbreweries to sell growlers of beer — a “baby step” approach to the more-controversial issue of allowing liquor stores to open on Sundays — is threatened, with the Teamsters Union pushing against it.



Minnesota Public Radio has a report on the uncertain fate of the bill, which has stalled in the Senate Tax Committee in recent days. Earlier in the session, it seemed like the measure, which passed a committee in the

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## Seventh-day Adventist Hosts Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

A Sunday Easter worship service was held on the grounds of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills on Sunday, April 20, 2014. Florida Hospital Zephyrhills is owned by Adventist Health Systems and is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church. The Sunday morning worship service was held in conjunction with Zephyrhills-Wesley Chapel Ministerial Association. The ministerial association is made up of different church

“And they worshipped the sun toward the east”  
Ezekiel 8:16.



The service began Sunday morning as the sun was rising in the east, see above. Pastor Tim Mitchell of Chancey Road Christian Church delivers the message on the grounds of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.

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Our latest Michigan billboards have received national media attention after more than 250 newspapers from around the world featured them in their own publications. In this time universal apostasy, we praise the Lord that the truth is getting out to the people who need it. A lot of inquiries have been made for the free materials and we praise God that we have been sending out thousands of pieces of literature. We thank all of you for your continued prayers and support so that we can continue sounding the alarm before the doors will be shut.



## Seventh-day Adventist Sexuality Summit Creates Controversy

From March 17 to 20, Seventh-day Adventist world leaders descended to Cape Town, South Africa to hold a Summit meeting on sexuality. “In God’s Image: Scripture. Sexuality. Society,” was the name of the entire event in which church administrators, pastors, educators, clinical professionals, and scholars met to tackle the issue of gays and lesbians and how the church should respond to this growing, world-wide phenomenon.



Even though the overall theme seemed to support and embrace the heterosexual lifestyle, there was a call made by some panelists and keynote speakers that sounded as though it was time to change our views on homosexuality. SDA world vice president Ella

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## Ecumenical Diversity or Present Truth?

— *By Pastor Raphael Perez*

It is absolutely shocking how the signs of the times are so rapidly fulfilling. Sunday laws are being agitated. The devil is rallying his forces for his cause. The world is being swept into the interfaith, ecumenical movement with the man of sin at its helm.

“The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in *one body* and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world.” Great Controversy, p. 588.

Sadly, we are seeing God’s professed people falling into this same deception. Seventh-day Adventists are participating and celebrating its acceptance into the “grand movement” spoken of from the statement above. We are worshipping on Sunday, celebrating Easter with all the different religious traditions. We are embracing Roman Catholicism and its pagan tradition by celebrating lent. Is anybody protesting against these abominations?

The devil knows that his time is short and so he has just about captivated the entire world into the one, multi-cultural body described in the Bible as “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” Rev. 17:5.

In this movement everyone is accepted. Every religious expression is celebrated and endorsed. This interfaith, multicultural rationalization which has become the driving force of all the churches, sadly, including Adventism, has caused our people to lose focus on the true gospel commission to proclaim the last message of mercy [Rev. 14:6-12] to all the world.

Our early Advent pioneers saw the great importance of these truths. The precious truths found in the Three Angels’ Messages carries with it the true joy and splendor of spiritual beauty and holiness. The founders of our movement saw in these messages the answer to all the problems permeating the different churches.

“The churches have become as described in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation [a habitation of devils, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Rev. 18:2] Why are the messages of Revelation fourteen given? Because the principles of the churches have become corrupted.” Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 979.

The revelations of Jesus Christ found in the book of Revelation demand that we live the truth found within its pages and that we encourage others to do the same. By ignoring the precious “present

truth” for this time, we will most certainly and thoroughly confuse the faithful as to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist people.

The message at this time is, “Fear God and give him glory” (Rev. 14:7). “Babylon is Fallen” (Rev. 14:8.) And “Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins” (Rev. 18:4).

We are to warn against the Mark of the Beast and His image (Rev. 14:9-11) and to encourage men and women to receive the seal of the living God—which means to reflect God’s character perfectly and keep His commandments (Rev. 12:17; Rev. 14:12).

We find ourselves today in a situation in which the majority of God’s people is unfamiliar with the mission, the message, and the vision of the historic Adventist faith. The present generation is being disconnected from our origin and heritage. Many leaders are causing the people to rebel against the true gospel commission. Notice the attitude of our Christian forefathers during the early days of the church.

“After a long and severe conflict, the faithful few decided to dissolve all union with the apostate church if she still refused to free herself from falsehood and idolatry. They saw that separation was an absolute necessity if they would obey the word of God. *They dared not tolerate errors fatal to their own souls*, and set an example which would imperil the faith of their children and children’s children. To secure peace and unity they were ready to make any concession consistent with fidelity to God; but they felt that even peace would be too dearly purchased at the sacrifice of principle. If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war.” Great Controversy, p. 45.

The original basis for unity and spiritual and moral life has been lost today. The fullness of the gospel has been trivialized. It has been replaced by a social, multicultural gospel rather than the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. Unity is no longer based on a rational ethical and moral system of truth—namely God’s law.

We cannot afford to sacrifice the glorious truths of Revelation 14:6-12 on the pagan altar of “togetherness” and “community” or “multiculturalism.” If we adopt this mentality we too will become victims and slaves to the public opinions of ecumenism. Present truth means everything to us as a people. May God help us because it seems like we are in for some rough weather. But if we are faithful, God will see us through until the end.

**Letters** Dear Eternal Gospel Church, I want to thank you for the information that you sent me. I know that you are doing a great work for the Lord. We know that we are living in the last days and that we need to be getting ready for what is coming. May God always bless you, **Salcedo Alberto, California.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Church, I am writing to request a copy of The Antichrist Identified. I would like to have my own copy to share with others. Also, I would be interested in any other reading materials you could send me. God bless, **Jeremy Payton, Indiana.**

To whom it may concern, I am writing to you because I just finished reading the free book you sent me, and it really opened my eyes. I would like for you to send the book to my mother so that her eyes can be opened too and understand the truth about the Lord’s Sabbath day. Thank you so much, **Lorenzo Camarillo, Arizona.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, I just basically started reading the Bible and I really can’t tell you what my religion is because I really don’t trust any of the churches. I found your address from a booklet called The Antichrist Identified by Lawrence Nelson. I’m studying this book and I am understanding some of the things that it is talking about. If you have any more information I would appreciate it. I want materials that will help me to understand the Bible. Thank you, **William Sataber, Florida.**

Dear brothers in Christ, Thank you for the resources that you sent. I have shared them with my fellow Adventist brothers here and they have truly been a blessing. We are always eager to receive anything that contains the teaching of God’s holy word. I hope and pray that God will move in a mighty way and use us to bring people to the truths contained in His word. Anything that you can send will be used for this effort. Thank you for all you do to spread the message of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God tremendously bless you and your ministry. **Dale Hitchings, Mississippi.**

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The lentil service was a celebration style worship service



Rev. Byron Hansen of Bethlehem Lutheran Church participated.

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The service was held in the Seventh-day Adventist church and included an array of celebration-style music with drums, clapping, and the raising of hands. (1) Pastor Dan Appel, Seventh-day Adventist senior pastor, gave the welcome to all the ecumenical worshippers who came to his church. The (2) Rev. Byron Hansen of Bethlehem Lutheran Church gave the scripture reading and prayer. He read the prayer of Jesus found in John 17 where Jesus prayed for the unity of His people. (3) Catholic Priest, Arnold Parungao of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Auburn gave the keynote speech at the Seventh-day Adventist church. His very first opening words were: "I am a Catholic Priest preaching at our Adventist Church."

What a shocking revelation. This issue goes much deeper than we can ever imagine. A catholic priest claiming the SDA Church is his! This is destroying our unique message and witness! We hope that this will lead you to wake up and realize where we are in prophetic history. We must work to spread the three angels' message before it is too late. The apostasy today has reached Biblical proportions. There are men who are trying to sell us out and our message. Every member, every worker, and every minister needs to wake up and realize that we are at the end. May God help us. —*The Editors*



When Roman Catholic Priest Arnold Parungao is not speaking at Seventh-day Adventist churches, he is usually found giving mass at his own church



Seventh-day Adventist senior Pastor Dan Appel gave the welcome to the ecumenical worship and prayer service commemorating Lent 2014 in his own SDA Church. Roman Catholic Priest Parungao gave the keynote address for the evening. Here we can see the warm embrace by the two clergymen. Is this representative of what is happening throughout the world?

# Sunday Law Agitation

Sunday is being agitated in the media by both religious and secular interest groups. The churches are promoting the idea that this will bring in God's blessing. The labor unions are saying that Sunday will save our financial and industrial structures. The world is trying to institute Sunday as the means to save us from completely deteriorating. This is going to be the battle that God's people will have to engage:

“Seventh-day Adventists will fight the battle over the seventh-day Sabbath. The authorities in the United States and in other countries will rise up in their pride and power and make laws to restrict religious liberty.” Last Day Events, p. 144.

What people don't realize is that instead of saving society this Sunday movement will actually create the greatest crisis this world has ever seen and will result in the enforcement of the mark of the beast. Sunday legislation will continue to be pushed. Labor Unions will continue fighting to secure Sunday as the day of rest. The churches will continue pressuring legislators to impose newer Sunday restrictions. These scenes are being played out all over Europe. Slowly they are coming to America. The world is changing rapidly before our eyes and we must respond with wide-spread evangelism. The Three Angels' Message is the only solution for the crisis that we are facing. May we take anew this challenge and work for our Lord while we still can. Soon all of our religious freedoms will be taken away. —*The Editors*

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The judgment went on to say that Sunday opening went against “the principles of a weekly day of rest that is guaranteed in the constitutional rights of employees” and that this right is “exercised in principle on Sundays”.

Unions have welcomed the Conseil d'Etat's ruling. Secretary General of the CGT in Paris Karl Ghazi hailed the ruling as “very important.” He said: "It is difficult to say how we would close shops on Sundays after they have been trading for a year and a half.”

The “temporary” nature of the decree appears to be the key stumbling block. The judgment said that an “exceptional and legitimate need” had to be proved to suspend the right of employees to a Sunday rest-day. If, it went on, the needs of DIYers was “exceptional and legitimate”, then they must also be permanent, not temporary.

In a statement, the ministry of employment said that the Conseil d'Etat's suspension did not call into question the principle of the Sunday trading exemption, and added that a new permanent decree will be published as soon as possible. In an interview with Europe1, Prime Minister Jean- Marc Ayrault added: “In a few days the new decree will be published...and the matter will be resolved.”

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We've often had the opportunity to discuss the contradictions between what Americans believe and how we behave. Ninety percent of us have faith in God. Do we show it?

At our country's founding, "Appeal to Heaven" flags helped to rally patriots as they walked the treacherous road of separation from England and into our unique constitutional republic, the first in history. We need that sentiment today, we need to invoke heaven's blessings on this nation — and the need grows more acute every day as the fabric of society strains and (here and there) begins to tear. We encourage all Americans to consider something a majority of us have barely thought about for half a century, a united appeal to heaven in deed and word through a broad and consistent Sabbath-keeping.

Maybe it would help — not only in securing divine blessings but in reminding this unique nation that it is a nation and not a general assembly of warring factions. It is worth the effort.

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Simmons urged the Seventh-day Adventist constituency to show “love and compassion” and tolerance towards homosexuals.

Peter Swanson, professor of Pastoral Care at Andrews University and a licensed psychologist told the conference that trying to reform gay people actually “does them more harm than good.”

Onalapo Ajibade, executive secretary of the SDA’s West-Central Africa Division spoke of the need to take the “Christian” approach towards homosexuals and show sympathy, encouragement, and love. This church “authority” concluded by making a startling, revolutionary statement: “Since there is no known cause of homosexuality, there is no cure.” This was followed by the announcement that the “church” was going to equip itself to be ready to handle and consider the gays within its fold.

These “gay-friendly” remarks did not sit well with many church members. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Zimbabwe, for example, responded very bluntly through its communications director, NKosilathi Khumalo:

“The Bible makes no accommodation for homosexual activity or relationships. Sexual acts outside the circle of heterosexual marriage are forbidden. Leviticus 20 vs. 7-21 is clear on how such people should be dealt with. Verse 13 reads: ‘If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.’ ”

It seems that the Seventh-day Adventist Summit of Sexuality was an attempt to see how the church members would react towards any shifts in perceptions on this topic. One thing is certain, the church remains divided on this subject and it doesn't seem that a consensus is within reach any time soon.

- The Editors



## Church in The Netherlands Commits Itself to Being a Safe Place for LGBTI Individuals

Spectrum Magazine | April 24, 2014

The Netherlands Union Conference has advised all churches in the Netherlands to “fully commit themselves to ensuring that LGBTI [an acronym for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, and Intersex] individuals feel safe in the church.” In addition, NUC leadership says it would “strongly advise against any steps to revoke the membership of LGBTI people, given the unsafe environment this would create in churches.”



This statement was agreed after the recent General Conference vote to adopt guidelines for “responding to homosexual and other alternative sexual practices.”

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leaders from the community. Seventh-day Adventist pastor Marius Asaftei of the East Pasco Adventist Church is the acting vice-president of the Zephyrhills-Wesley Chapel Ministerial Association.

Randy Surber CEO of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills welcomed the different church leaders in the Sunday Easter sunrise worship service. These services begin early Sunday morning as the sun begins to rise.

The Bible tells us how God feels about these sunrise, interfaith, Sunday worship services:

“And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?” Eze. 8:16, 17.

This is the origin of Sunday worship. Sunday sunrise worship services are the product of pagan origin. At the very time in history when the revival of pagan philosophies and tradition are sweeping the world [Sunday-sun worship], we are to stay away from these influences and proclaim our unique message and mission to those who are in Babylon.

“Though in a different form, idolatry exists in the Christian world today as verily as it existed among ancient Israel in the days of Elijah. The god of many professedly wise men, of philosophers, poets, politicians, journalists,—the god of polished fashionable circles, of many colleges and universities, even of some theological institutions,—is little better than Baal, the sun-god of Phoenicia.” The Great Controversy, p. 583.

We can't forget the origin of this Babylonian feast. This was introduced by Rome during the early part of Christianity. And amazingly, it is being introduced to our people through our own leaders.

“Many will stand in our pulpits with the torch of false prophecy in their hands, kindled from the hellish torch of Satan. If doubts and unbelief are cherished, the faithful ministers will be removed from the people who think they know so much.” TM 409-410.

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House, seemed like a relatively safe compromise between pro-Sunday sales factions, such as craft breweries and groups like Minnesota Beer Activists, and the liquor-store lobby, which opposes opening on Sundays.

That was before the Teamsters got involved, though. The union's position is that one distributor has told them that the bill would let it reopen union contracts — but it hasn't identified the company, and the author of the Senate bill says he hasn't been shown the contract in question.



**Pastor Keith Reiley of the Community Chapel Church of God in Zephyrhills releases a dove during the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday morning on the front lawn of the Seventh-day Adventist owned Florida Hospital Zephyrhills. Local ministers from several congregations took part in the annual event.**



**Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Chaplain Doug Higgins leads the congregation. The sunrise service was made possible through the partnership of the Zephyrhills-Wesley Chapel Ministerial Association and Seventh-day Adventist owned Florida Hospital Zephyrhills.**



**Bonnye Johnson of Mt Calvary Seventh-Day Adventist Church sings a song of praise and worship at the Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by Florida Hospital Zephyrhills.**