

# Simply Put

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**In this issue we get ready for the SDB General Conference by**

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Let's get ready to go to Hope College in Holland, Michigan!



## General Conference Events of Particular Interest to Women

**Monday**

SCSC Luncheon

**Tuesday**

Women's Society  
Business Luncheon

**Wednesday**

Women's Banquet

**Thursday**

SCSC Presentation  
Starts at 10:00 a.m.

The two presidents (SDB Women's Board President Althea Rood and this year's General Conference President Steve Rogers) conferred and created a schedule that avoids some of the conflicts experienced in previous years. Since women are involved in all of General Conference, it is challenging to find time when we can break away for our own special events. Be sure to thank Steve for his willingness to rearrange the week's schedule for us!

### Throughout General Conference Week

The Women's Interest Committee is *the* place to be, especially if you want to have a say in the way in which the 2011 Love Gift is distributed. This committee reviews the reports of the SDB Women's Society and then considers the individuals and ministries that should be given a portion of the annual Love Gift. (That is voted upon at the Business Luncheon.)

### The Craft Table

In an effort to more fully support our wonderful SCSC program, the Women's Board has decided to make a slight change in the operation of the craft table at General Conference in 2011. Previously, buyers could purchase most of the items on the craft table for half price on Friday. Since we funnel 100% of the proceeds of all sales into the most worthy SCSC program, we have decided to discontinue the half-price policy. Consequently, supporters of SCSC will have the opportunity to more fully contribute financially by buying items at their full, reasonable prices all week long. Such a deal!! Thank you in advance for all the donated craft items and for your continued support for our young adults.

**Homemade greeting cards**  
**Crocheted & knitted items**  
**Stocking stuffers**  
**Gifts for men**  
**Purses & tote bags**  
**Table runners**  
**Handmade jewelry**  
**Kids' stuff**

For details about the 2011 Craft Table, contact Fay Hauber via E-mail at [fay.h@earthlink.net](mailto:fay.h@earthlink.net).

## DVD from Last Year's Women's Banquet



There's still time to request a copy of this video with the informative (and fun) program about the SDB Women's Society that was given at last year's Women's Banquet.\* Use this DVD to refresh your memory if you were there and to encourage more women to attend this year's Banquet!

\*Contact Althea Rood, [althea@yaho.com](mailto:althea@yaho.com), or P.O. Box 122, 401 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927 or call (720) 382-3325.

Copies will be available at Conference, too!



## During Conference Week

Be sure to look at the Women's Board display, as well as SCSC and Craft tables, to get a better idea of all the ministries of the SDB Women's Society!


## New SCSC Cookbook

A brand-new cookbook is being assembled, filled with great recipes from the wonderful cooks we have in our denomination. ☺ Proceeds from this new cookbook will go to the Summer Christian Service Corps. Besides recipes you might know from fellowship dinners, there will be recipes that have been used during SCSC Training and pictures of SCSC activities. Look for more information during General Conference.

## Our Page in *The Sabbath Recorder*

How are you seeing God at work? Is God doing something in your life that can encourage and inspire other SDB women? If you have a story to share about God's touch in your life, we would love you to write for *The Sabbath Recorder* Women's Page. Currently, we are seeking women to share how God is calling them to minister in their various occupations at home, work or the community, but articles on any topic will be considered. By sharing our lives we hope to better connect SDB women across the Conference and grow together. If interested, please contact Kristin Camenga at [kacam@ajcindustries.com](mailto:kacam@ajcindustries.com) or (585) 268-9895.

# 2011 Women's Banquet



## A Sneak Preview

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

\$7 with meal ticket; \$17 without meal ticket (must be purchased in advance)

**Great Food – Great Fun – Great Fellowship**

The program, to be emceed by Althea Rood and Cheri Appel, will feature special music, presentations by members of the Women's Board about the work of the SDB Women's Society, prayers by Conference First Ladies (current and upcoming), testimonies by a student worker and a project director from this year's SCSC, and take-home party favors that you will enjoy throughout the year ahead. Every effort will be made to keep all the festivities within an hour-and-a-half, in order to accommodate both choir members and attendance at evening vespers.

The Love Gift will be collected, this year at side tables (not when you first come in) and/or with baskets on each table. It will be counted and the total presented with the disbursement report by the Chair of the Women's Interest Committee. This "love gift" is typically divided among many individuals and ministries, so each of us is encouraged to be as generous as possible with our financial contribution. ☺

Starting this year the Officers and Chairs of the Committees of the Women's Board will have special ID tags so that we can recognize them by their roles. (Our Conference-week badges will help us put names to faces.) We hope that this will generate some good conversations about the work each of these women does and help us to seek out the appropriate individuals for whatever questions we might have.

At each table there will be a designated individual who is knowledgeable about the Women's Board and Conference in general. No matter where you sit, then, you can be sure to have great food, great fun, great fellowship –and learn more about our women's organization!



## Introducing the new Stained Glass music ministry

Maybe you heard that a new Stained Glass music ministry was being organized. Maybe you even saw something about it on *Facebook*. Maybe this is all news to you. In any case, ***Simply Put*** is pleased to announce the formation of this denominational outreach team and fill in some details about the group. ☺

The **Stained Glass members for 2011** and their home churches are:

Aaron Andries – Washington, DC  
Jackson Butler – Milton, WI  
Jessica Chroniger – Shiloh, NJ  
Lance Greene – Dodge Center, MN  
Tim Lawton – First Hopkinton, RI  
Lena Parrish – New Auburn, WI  
David Pottinger – Southeast Atlanta, GA

These members, (minus Tim, the sound man) met in January to choose and rehearse songs and to make a demo track for practicing on their own. They gathered again this spring to record their new CD. The CD will contain songs composed by the group members.

Stained Glass members will attend the Training session with the SCSC students and will begin their tour on June 24<sup>th</sup>. They will present concerts in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Along with presenting concerts, they will share with campers in three locations and at a church family day picnic. The 23 concerts and sharing times will happen in 31 days! They will meet again with the SCSC students for Evaluation and Pre-Con in late July. Stained Glass will also lead a vesper service and perform a concert at General Conference in Holland, Michigan.

Financial support is still needed. Donations can be mailed to the SDB Missionary Society, 19 Hillside Avenue, Ashaway, RI 02804 USA –or made electronically with *PayPal* or a major credit card by way of <http://www.sdbmissions.org/>.

Your prayer support for travel protection and for Stained Glass to be used according to God's will is appreciated. Thank you!

# Summer Christian Service Corps

# SCSC

## **The 2011 SCSC Participants**

*Project Location, Project Director (PD), Student, SCSC status [“rookie” is in first year; “vet” has served before] and (in parentheses) student’s home church*

Ashaway, RI, Dave Stall, PD---Daniel Lovelace, vet (Southeast Atlanta, GA)

Battle Creek, MI, Samantha Fick, PD---Stephen Lawson, rookie (Colton, CA),  
Amanda Brown, vet (Texarkana, AR)

Bell, Salemville, PA, Beth Boyd, PD---Lauren Telford, vet (Texarkana, AR),  
Lindsay Crouch, rookie (Bay Area, CA)

Boulder, CO, Gretchen Zwiebel, PD---Amanda Smith, rookie (Middle Island, WV),  
Danielle Hazelton, rookie (New Auburn, WI)

Metro Atlanta, GA, John Pethtel, PD---Jon Lawson, vet (Colton, CA)

Milton, WI, Kecia Thompsongordon, PD--Cheyane Blevins, rookie (Milton, WI),  
Elizabeth Camenga, vet (Milton, WI)

Seattle, WA, Ruth Burdick, PD---Nathan Crowder, rookie (Boulder, CO),  
Sarah Lawton, vet (Pataskala, OH)

White Cloud, MI, Patti Wethington, PD---Micayla Neher, vet (Dodge Center, MN).

## **The 2011 SCSC Training Schedule & Staff**

Training this year will be held June 15-23 at Camp Wakonda in Milton, WI (PDs arrive June 14 and leave June 19). Training staff includes Jane Macintosh, Director, Helen Goodrich, Pastor Andrew Camenga, Pastor Kory Geske, Pastor Wayne North, and Kris North.

## Women's Board Tuition Fund



Have you ever seen a flyer for a Christian conference or seminar that you thought would be nice to attend but just did not have the money for? If you are the wife of an SDB pastor or ministerial student or a female SDB ministerial student, female pursuing a Christian Education career or a female SDB denominational employee you may be eligible for a once a year stipend not to exceed \$200. Requested courses, seminars, workshops, etc. must be approved by the Women's Board. In addition a report is due upon completion of the event attended.

Here is a sampling of two 2010 recipients' reports:



Adriana Leiva, a pastor's wife, used her money to attend General Conference for the first time last summer. She expresses thanks for the help and states that it was a blessed experience for her. The support of everyone she met helped her go back to the ministry in Houston stronger and ready to work. She enjoyed the fellowship and friendliness of fellow SDBs and felt it was an incredibly worthwhile experience.

Charlotte Chroniger, also a pastor's wife, attended a Women of Faith Conference in Philadelphia. She states that this is one of the few things she does for herself. Her spirit was refreshed by the experiences and she was challenged, motivated, inspired and blessed by the speakers, the music, the dramas, and the fellowship with SDB sisters from several other churches in addition to the women from other denominations. "It is an awesome thing to be in an arena with 11,000-15,000 women who want to praise the Lord and renew their commitment of following Jesus through their family and church life... it makes me better able to tackle the challenges of life when I return home."



*Bethany Chroniger (top right) and Karen Umana (bottom left) with their new friends.*

Another use of funds was for Bethany Chroniger and Karen Umana to attend the Baptist World Alliance in Hawaii last summer.

So now that you know more about this fund, why don't you take a closer look at those flyers that fill your mailbox with news of upcoming seminars and conferences and then apply for financial help. To obtain an application and read the guidelines go to the

Women's Board website <http://sdbwomen.org>.

## ***Robe of Achievement Presentation***

A highlight of General Conference week, typically on Sabbath afternoon when several denominational boards formally recognize their distinguished members, is the Women's Board presentation of its *Robe of Achievement* to a worthy woman. Each year nominations are accepted, according to the criteria given on the Women's Board web site <http://sdbwomen.org>. In addition to having the honor of wearing the robe until the next General Conference session, a personal plaque is given that describes some of the reasons for selecting that particular woman. Her name is added to the list of other women who have been honored in this way. (That list also appears on our web site.)



Funds are still needed to bring Lenie Paypa to this year's General Conference. For complete details see the article in the March 2011 issue of *Simply Put* or Althea Rood's [SDB Executive Blog article](#).

## **Thank You!**

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Please bookmark our web site {<http://sdbwomen.org/>} and visit there often!

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