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40,000 Seventh-day Adventists pray for people affected by oil spill

ATLANTA – About 40,000 members from approximately 205 nations of the Seventh-day Adventist Church joined together to pray on Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at their 59th General Conference Session at the Atlanta Dome.

The prayer came after a national request from the governors of Louisiana and Texas to declare this Sunday as a day of prayer about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal has issued a proclamation declaring a day for perseverance in coping with the environmental crisis caused by the spill. Texas Governor Rick Perry is urging people to pray for the healing of individuals. Conference attendees had the opportunity to do both while participating in this corporate prayer, led out by top church officials.

The global prayer was given by General Vice Presidents Armando Miranda and Lowell Cooper. Cooper prayed for government leaders, victims of famine, war and disaster, and “those whose livelihood is imperiled by the oil spill in the gulf area.

“Let our collective concern and sympathy give rise to a response that inspires hope and delivers help,” Cooper said.

About General Conference Session:

The 59th General Conference Session is a business meeting of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church from June 24 to July 3, 2010 in Atlanta. Occurring every five years, General Conference Session gathers representatives from the church around the world to elect leadership and determine the focus of mission. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a mainline protestant denomination with over 16.3 million members in 206 nations around the world. The church’s headquarters is in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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