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## **U.S. Senate Chaplain gives greetings at Adventist Church world Session**

WHEN: Saturday, June 26, 2010, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA – Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, a Seventh-day Adventist Church member, is the 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate. He was elected to the position in 2003, becoming the first African-American and the first military chaplain to hold the office of chaplain to the United States Senate.

He previously served for over 27 years as a chaplain in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral (UH) and ending his career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains, commanding the United States Navy Chaplain Corps. He officially retired from the Navy on August 15, 2003.

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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