

# NEWS release

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### **Documentary film “The Adventists” addresses health and health care; filmmaker to answer questions about production of film**

“The Adventists,” a one-hour documentary film on Seventh-day Adventists and their unique approach to health and healing, will be screened on Wednesday, June 30, at 4:00 p.m. at the Georgia Dome during the Church’s 59th General Conference Session.

The film, first aired on PBS this past April, explores Adventist spirituality and health concepts. For more than a century, Seventh-day Adventists have promoted a lifestyle approach for health and healing, an approach that studies currently indicate is effective in dealing with many of chronic health conditions facing contemporary populations today.

One story in the film documents Leonard Bailey, M.D., of Loma Linda, Calif., who gained international fame in the 1980s when he transplanted the heart of a baboon into a dying child who came to be known as Baby Fae. The film follows Dr. Bailey as he transplants the hearts and saves the lives of two children from the same family.

Studies have shown that Seventh-day Adventists are documented to be some of the healthiest and longest-living people on the planet and live on the average nearly ten years longer than other people.

Filmmaker Martin Doblmeier observes, “Today the Adventist focus on wholeness and health has made them one of the healthiest faith groups in America. This fact alone speaks to an American audience increasingly interested in ways to extend and improve life. Our current debate on health care reform would be better informed by understanding the benefits of wellness and prevention as practiced by this community.”

In the United States, there are approximately 80,000 Adventist health care employees that touch more than 8 million people a year in more than 70 hospitals, urgent-care centers, home-health agencies, long-term care facilities, and hospices.

#### PRESS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT:

Martin Doblmeier, writer and director of THE ADVENTISTS

#### PRESS CONFERENCE LOCATION:

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 30, 5:30 p.m.

Place: Georgia Dome, Media Suite Gate E entrance, Atlanta, GA

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Located inside the Gate E/Administration Entrance beside the Guest Services Desk  
Parking will be available in the Gold Deck off Northside Drive between the Georgia

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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