

# AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## About the Work of Adventist Laymen's Foundation

After an excruciatingly long period of time devoted to unraveling the legal complexities that emerged after the incapacitation of Elder Wm. H. Grotheer and his subsequent death in 2009, the work of Adventist Laymen's Foundation is officially being resumed.

### DIRECT LINE OF SUCCESSION

In July, 2010, two members of the Board of Directors of Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Mississippi and Arkansas incorporated Adventist Laymen's Foundation Publications for the purpose of applying for distribution of the assets of the Mississippi-Arkansas entities upon their impending dissolution. Adventist Laymen's Foundation Publications, Inc., has received the assets of the dissolved Corporations, and its Board of Directors have incorporated Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Iowa. Adventist Laymen's Foundation Publications is being merged into the Iowa Corporation, which is resuming the work of the Mississippi-Arkansas Corporations effective immediately.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two former Directors of ALF Mississippi-Arkansas:

Michael Wallace (From 1998 until dissolution in 2010)

Eric Jones (From 2004 until dissolution in 2010)

Other Directors:

Gary Patrick

Dennis Tevis

William Caloudes

Bros. Patrick and Tevis have been appointed by the Board of Directors as Executive Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE WORK OF ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S FOUNDATION

Bros. Patrick and Tevis are members of the Remnant Seventh Day Church ("the Church"), an independent congregation of Seventh-day Adventist believers located in Nora Springs, Iowa. Sometime in the winter of 1991, as the Church's evangelistic outreach and dialogue with other independent SDA's grew, Bro. Patrick received a small pamphlet in the mail titled "Jerusalem in Bible Prophecy," along with a letter - both by a William H. Grotheer. The letter stated that he had received a copy of a newsletter that

the Church was sending out at the time and asked for information about the independent church in Nora Springs, Iowa. Finding both the content of the pamphlet and the inquiry of the letter interesting and compelling, Bro. Patrick wrote to Elder Grotheer at Adventist Laymen's Foundation ("ALF") in Ozone, Arkansas, explaining the Church's history and circumstances and inquiring, among other questions, about the nature of his ministry ALF organization. A dialogue ensued, mostly in telephone conversations between Elder Grotheer and Bro. Patrick. The Church members, who were kept fully informed of the contact, agreed to a proposal made by Elder Grotheer to travel to Iowa and conduct a series of meetings at the Church.

The meetings were held July 19 - 20, 1991, and the outcome was very fruitful. On his part, Elder Grotheer was very impressed that a group of Adventists were willing to completely sever all connection with the corporate body of Seventh-day Adventists because of the denominational apostasy, rather than to continue as members and support an apostate organization financially, and by involvement in its activities.

He had fond memories of Iowa as a boy (self-styling himself as "an old Iowa boy" on a number of occasions), and took courage that a group of "fellow Iowans" were willing to stand by their convictions and do the right thing. The Church members were very impressed by the fact that through his own experience (which in principle was similar to theirs), he had taken the same action in separating from the Denomination 18 years earlier!

The independent Seventh-day Adventist ministries with whom the Church members had fellowshiped up to that point were all advocating continued membership in and support of the denominational structure, in spite of the increasing scale of the apostasy which they themselves were pointing out. This seemed to be illogical and futile. ALF was the only independent ministry (aside from "way-out fringe" groups) teaching separation. In fact, the major portion of ALF's ministry consists of providing both the historical and scriptural basis for separation. Moreover, Elder Grotheer's understanding of true Seventh-day Adventism was biblically more advanced than that of the Church's congregation, and all others with whom they had come into contact. Before returning to Arkansas, he extended an invitation to the Church members to attend the upcoming annual ALF convocation in Ozone, Arkansas.

In August the Church members sent their Pastor, Dick Sutton (now deceased) to Ozone, Arkansas to attend the ALF convocation and report back - which he did with strong approval!

Starting in 1992, and in successive years, a group of the Church's members attended the ALF annual convocations. A close bond between them and Elder Grotheer formed during this time. They worked together on a number of projects including the

development and printing of a "Statements of Belief" booklet in February of 1994, and the preparation of a position paper on the "Godhead" about a year later. They also collaborated in various presentations made in meetings conducted in both Ozone and Nora Springs.

Bro. Patrick was engaged in all of this, and more. He was the one within the Church's membership who was the most actively and personally involved with the ministry of Elder Grotheer. Hardly a week went by that he wasn't on the phone with Elder Grotheer discussing spiritual matters. They had a strong, personal, working relationship based upon mutual respect and shared mission, goals, and ministry. In the second week of March 1994, Elder Grotheer traveled to Australia on an itinerary tour of scheduled meetings. He was accompanied by Bro. Patrick, whom he considered to be best qualified to conduct concurrent meetings on his own. The subject matter of both his and Elder Grotheer's presentations was primarily about the apostasy of the Corporate Body of Seventh-day Adventists, and the need to separate from it.

#### GARY PATRICK'S DUTIES AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Bro. Patrick will be employed full-time in the work of Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Iowa, and will be performing the same duties that were the responsibility of Elder Grotheer during his years as Executive Secretary of Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Mississippi-Arkansas and Editor of *Watchman, What of the Night?*

#### CONFIRMATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND THEOLOGICAL COLLABORATION

Searches on this website for the words "Gary Patrick," "Dennis Tevis," and "Nora Springs," will confirm the history of collaboration between them and Elder Wm. H. Grotheer of Adventist Laymen's Foundation of Mississippi-Arkansas.