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Special offer – In keeping with the call of the General Conference for an emphasis on revival and reformation, the Chesapeake conference would like to make an offer to assist our churches in giving a special reprinting of Ellen White's collection of essays on *True Revival* to every active church family. The published price of the paperback book is \$7.99 but by buying in bulk (in concert with the Columbia Union) we are able to get the price down to \$0.89 per copy. The conference will further subsidize each copy by \$0.45 thereby leaving the local church with a net cost of \$0.44 per book. We encourage local pastors and church boards to take advantage of this offer and provide a copy for every active family unit in your church. To place an order, please email my Administrative Assistant Pam Strahle at pstrahle@ccosda.org with the number of books desired. Churches will be invoiced for their portion of the cost. The books will be delivered in time for use as Christmas or New Year's gifts.

Calling all local elders - A one-day Elder's Retreat has been scheduled for Sabbath, February 5, 2011 at the Mt Aetna Camp and Retreat Center. Dr. Joseph Kidder, associate professor of Christian Ministry at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University, will be the guest presenter and focus our attention on the spiritual basics of a healthy church. Many of our pastors are still talking about the blessings they received when Dr. Kidder took them through a similar experience this past September. The day's schedule of events will run from 9:30 a.m. through late afternoon. There will be no charge for the retreat. Those traveling from a significant distance can plan to arrive on Friday evening and be hosted at the Retreat Center. We will need to ask for RSVP's so we know how to plan for materials and meals. All the details will be published in the regular December issue of Currents.

I just returned from the Howard County Circuit Court where closing statements were presented in the case against the bonding company in the Baltimore Korean church building project. Our attorneys represented us very well during the trial that began on Tuesday and presented a strong summation of our case. The judge asked for briefs to be prepared by both legal teams regarding two aspects of the case. The briefs are due by December 9. We hope to have the judge's final decision by the end of the year. Please continue to pray for a positive outcome to this long drawn out and expensive process.

The Thanksgiving Holiday is nearly upon us. We pray for safety for those who are traveling to be with family or have family heading home. May all those who are unable to spend time this holiday with their biological family take comfort from and find solace in their local church family.

Blessings,

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