CHURCH HISTORY

Program Target: To help Adventist youth learn more about and identify more with the experiences of our church's founders.

What to do: Obtain a copy of the skit collection *Playing Our Past* (see *Resources*) and choose one or more of the skits (depending on the time you have available) to produce and perform. Publicize this to your church and try to get a good audience out to support your youth as they act out scenes from our church's history.

Preparation Time: Begin preparing this program at least a month in advance (having already obtained a copy of the scripts). Choose your actors and, if you have experienced and responsible youth/young adults who can handle the task, choose a director so that you do not have to bear the whole burden of arranging the program. Schedule regular practices for your group and publicize the program to the church for at least three weeks before you perform it. As you work with the youth on the skit(s), discuss why it's important for Adventist young people in the twenty-first century to understand our heritage in the nineteenth century.

Bible Text: Isaiah 46:9

Song Service:
"We Have This Hope"

Resources: *Playing our Past* is available from AdventSource (www.adventsource.org) for $14.95 US.

Vesper or Closing Thought:
Use this quote from Ellen G. White to open or close your performance, and/or have it printed on programs you distribute to the audience:

"In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment and with confidence in Christ as Leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history. We are now a strong people, if we will put our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty truths of the word of God. We have everything to be thankful for." (Ellen G. White, General Conference Bulletin, 1893).