The Margaret J. von Hake Adventist Heritage Room

Located in Weis Library, the Margaret J. von Hake Adventist Heritage Room is a special collection of research materials by and about Seventh-day Adventists. It contains an extensive assortment of books, journals, magazines, reference works, manuscripts, dissertations, and other resources on Adventist beliefs, culture, and history. With over 7,800 items covering the origin and development, faith and lifestyle of Adventism, the Heritage Room is a valuable information resource for students, faculty, or others interested in Adventist studies. The Heritage Room can be accessed by contacting library staff during the library's regular open hours, which are posted on its website. The following books, databases, and websites can help you to identify books, journals, and other items in the Heritage Room and Weis Library about Adventist beliefs, culture, and history.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Ellen G. White Encyclopedia is a reference book on the life, work, and writings of Ellen G. White. A comprehensive guide to the people, places, events, ideas, and issues associated with her, the encyclopedia provides a wealth of information about White and Adventist heritage. It includes biographical and topical entries as well as general articles and guides for further research. Call Number: Ref BX6149.9.E45 2013.

Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary is a set of biblical commentaries that presents the interpretation of Scripture in harmony with Adventist beliefs. This reference work contains verse-by-verse explanations of the Bible; provides general articles on cultural, historical, and theological subjects related to Scripture; and includes Ellen G. White comments on many bible passages. Call Number: Ref BS491.2.S497 1976.

Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia is a reference set that provides a collection of brief entries and articles about every facet of Seventh-day Adventism. The subjects covered by the encyclopedia include church history, church organization and operation, beliefs and practices, institutions, and biographies. With over 2,000 topics, this is the most comprehensive work on Adventist heritage. Call Number: Ref BS491.2.S497 1996.

LIBRARY DATABASES

ATLA Religion Database With ATLA Serials indexes journal articles and collections of essays in all fields of religion and theology. It contains over 620,000 article citations from over 1,746 journals; and more than 250,000 essay citations from over 18,000 multi-author works. With full-text access to over 380,000 publications, this database includes many scholarly essays and articles about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Seventh-day Adventist Obituary Index is an online database that provides citations for obituaries published in journals and magazines sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It includes obituaries that were reported to periodical editors by clergy and death notices of general interest to Adventists. The index covers the period 1850 to the present, but does not contain a complete record of all deceased church members.

Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index is an online index to over 40 past and present Seventh-day Adventist journals and magazines. The index contains citations for each publication; and it covers the years 1973 to the present. The exception to this timeframe is the Review and Herald magazine, which has been retrospectively indexed starting with the 1972 issues at a rate of approximately one year's worth of articles a month.

CHURCH WEBSITES

The Center for Adventist Research is research institution that promotes and preserves Adventist heritage. Located at Andrews University, it combines resources from the Adventist Heritage Center and the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office to provide a comprehensive collection for Adventist research. The center’s website contains databases, indexes, and other tools for researching Ellen White and Seventh-day Adventism, including the Adventist Digital Library, a historical collection.

The Ellen G. White Estate is the organization at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists entrusted with custody of the writings of Ellen G. White. Its website offers access to her complete published writings, including books, periodical articles, pamphlets, and manuscripts. These materials can be searched online along with biographical and reference works about White and her work on behalf of the Adventist Church.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains a website that contains valuable information about the beliefs, organization, and history of the denomination. It includes official statements about church positions, directories of denominational entities, statistics on church membership, and governing manuals for church leaders. The website also provides access to press releases and other news regarding Seventh-day Adventists.