During the first quarter of 2018, the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly will be focused on Stewardship authored by John Mathews, Stewardship Ministries director of the North American Division. He is also the author of the companion book, *Stewardship – Motives of the heart*. Other works of John Mathews include a series on children's stewardship books that he co-authored with his wife, Janice Mathews.

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