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DISPLAYING GOD'S TRUE COLORS

Fall is one of my favorite seasons of the year. All the vibrant colors of the changing leaves declare the glory of our mighty Creator God. The leaves do not change because the trees are dying. The unique tilt of our spinning planet this time of year brings our northern hemisphere less of the sun's energy, unleashing

We are never more like Jesus than when we are doing the mission of Jesus.

a chemical process that changes these colors. And that change brings great beauty.

This time of year also brings some of my best memories — those created on Thanksgiving Day. They include special meals around the dining room table begun with prayer and large family gatherings full of laughter and joy. It is a time of sharing personal reasons for gratefulness and thankfulness to God over the past year. In the midst of it all we have shared family stories while playing table games and touch or flag football in the

AUTHOR

John Freedman

backyard or simply watching games

together on the television. But key memories have centered on volunteering at shelters for the homeless and taking food baskets to needy families. True joy has come in this season

when we have shared the blessings of God with family and others.

But this year, more than any I can recently recall, many parts of our country and world have been devastated by natural disasters over the summer and early fall. We've witnessed fires in the Northwest and California; hurricanes in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean islands; as well as earthquakes in Mexico. Many people are struggling just to survive and have no hope of things getting better. Yet even during times of pain and suffering, the beautiful colors of God's love and compassion are in full display.

I've been inspired by the stories of the first responders. They are national heroes and wonderful examples of God's caring and kindness. Those of us who are not trained to be first responders also have roles to play in these times of great need by adding our prayers, financial and material support to the efforts. Even if we can't all be "feet on the ground" in the stricken areas, we can still display the beautiful love of God to those who have lost so much.

Our mission is to share the distinctive Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness with those around us here in the Northwest and throughout the world. That mission means more than just "talk." Each of us can make a

choice to be actively involved. Adventist agencies such as Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) are energetically serving the victims in all the places mentioned above — and more. They need volunteers and financial assistance. Check with your local conference ACS coordinator to see what they need most. We can all do something to help.

We are called to display the beautiful colors of the love and compassion of our Creator God and Savior Jesus Christ to bring hope and wholeness to our world. It's not just something inspirational to ponder. It is our mission — our call to action. We are never more like Jesus than when we are doing the mission of Jesus, working side by side with Him and others to reveal the fullness of the love of God to those who do not know Him.

This year, make a commitment around your Thanksgiving table to give generously to relief organizations as well as to actively display the love of Christ Jesus. Help others to enjoy the full display of God's true colors!

John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president

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LETTERS

English Translation Needed

I do not understand most Spanish. And I would venture that some Spanish-speaking members do not understand English very well. Would it be possible to print the Spanish news page on one side of a page opening and then print the exact same thing, including pictures and all, on the facing page, in English? That would do at least two things: 1) Those of us who speak English would be able to know what our Spanish brothers and sisters are doing in their churches, and 2) we both would have the opportunity of learning, at least in a limited way, the other's language, by comparing the sentences on the two pages. I realize that it would take a little extra work in translating each month, and it would use an extra page, but I can visualize very positive benefits from that simple addition.

Edwin K. Gibbons, Madras, Ore.

Martin Is On Point

I wanted to thank you for printing Martin Weber's Perspective article ["Is the Church Going Through?"] in your September issue. His view is "on point" yet rarely publicly stated.

Jennifer Houghton, Sherwood, Ore.

Go Beyond Age Classifications

I recently read an article by John Freedman in the August edition of the *Gleaner* entitled "Be Courageous."

This article in some ways resonated with me. Sociologists and psychologists tend to classify young adults as persons between the ages of 18 and 35 (or 40). As someone who is 31 years old, I suppose I qualify. However, I have recently become a bit turned off by this classification when in church. Not too long ago, I relocated to a city with several SDA churches. These churches had both adult Sabbath School and young adult Sabbath School classes. It wasn't as if there was a senior adult class and a young adult class. The other class did not have a qualifier in front of it. It left the impression that there was a real adult class and that people my age belong in a "sort of" adult class. I don't think all young adults are unhappy with this, but I think it is damaging to our church as a whole. We miss opportunities to form relationships when we encourage an environment that separates. We miss opportunities to learn from each other. It's easier to stereotype and misunderstand others. I can't help but feel that 30 or 50 years ago I would simply be treated as an ... adult, and be judged by my individual character and maturity level. I encourage our church, that rather than seeking out ways to keep certain types of members in our church, we seek to strengthen the body as a whole by reaching out and getting to know the individual, whatever their age may be.

Cierra Neiwert, Spokane, Wash.



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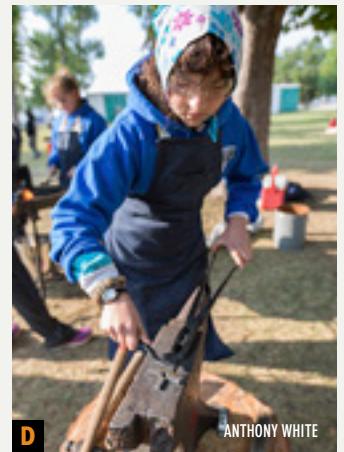
More than 1,400 Pathfinders,

Adventurers and volunteers from across the Northwest gathered near Twin Falls, Idaho, for the North Pacific Union Conference (NPU) Pathfinder Camporee September 14–16. This was the first time the camporee, hosted by the union every five years, was held in Idaho. In total, 75 Pathfinder clubs made the trek from all corners of the union, including one club from Juneau, Alaska.

Dan Gilbert, Idaho Conference Pathfinder director, and his team of volunteers spent countless hours planning and organizing the event. The theme, “Pray Like Daniel!,” encouraged Pathfinder to spend time in prayer and develop a daily walk with Jesus, looking to Daniel as an example.

During the day, Pathfinders kept busy with numerous activities and honor-earning opportunities throughout the event. The most popular honor, due to the fact it is unique to the camporee, was the blacksmithing honor. Two hundred and fifty Pathfinders and staff earned the blacksmithing honor, taking scrap metal pieces and carefully molding, hammering and polishing them into the shape of a cross.

Other honors offered at the camporee included orienteering, the life of Jesus, Dutch oven cooking, gold panning and fossils, during which clubs spent





75 PATHFINDER CLIMBERS ON A 10-DAY TREK FROM ALL COUNTRIES OF THE UNION, INCLUDING JUNEAU, ALASKA



time exploring fossil beds nearby. As a special activity, Pathfinders also enjoyed zip-lining across a canyon alongside the Snake River.

Pathfinders were also encouraged to give back to their community by bringing nonperishable food items to donate to the Idaho Food Bank. In total, 700 pounds of food was donated.

God was working miracles during the camporee, and His presence was felt. The camporee concluded with a special Sabbath evening invitation for Pathfinders to commit their hearts to Jesus. Nearly all Pathfinders answered the call, coming forward to give their life to Jesus during one-on-one time in prayer with their leaders.

This is the essence of the Pathfinder ministry — not only teaching our youth valuable life-building skills, but also encouraging them to live a Christ-centered life. This is why investing in our youth and Pathfinders is so important.

View the gallery of photos at GleanerNow.com/2017pathfindergallery.

Anthony White, North Pacific Union digital media coordinator

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- A** Ziplining is exciting in the canyon of the Snake River.
- B** More than 1,400 Pathfinders and staff gather to worship together during the Sabbath program.
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- D** A Pathfinder polishes the cross she created for the blacksmithing honor.
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- J** Panning for gold was among the many honors offered during the camporee.



NPUC RETIRO DE PASTORES HISPANOS

“**G**racias a Dios y a Uds. crecí espiritualmente.”
 “El retiro fue de gran bendición para mi vida.”
 “Fue muy corto.”
 “Aprendí mucho.”
 “Continúe con temas teológicos y prácticos.”
 “Los temas psicológicos son muy necesarios.”

Estas son algunas de las frases que los pastores de nuestra unión expresaron refiriéndose al reciente retiro de pastores que se llevó a cabo el pasado Septiembre en las bellas instalaciones del Resort at the Mountain en Welches, Ore. El ambiente fue casual, amistoso y muy espiritual. Hay una especie de atmosfera única que se crea cuando los pastores

de los diferentes campos de nuestra unión vienen a orar, alabar, adorar, convivir y socializar juntos.

Nuestro orador principal fue el Dr. Enrique Báez, pastor de la Iglesia Hispana de Forest Grove, Ore.; quien nos inspiró, nos desafió y nos motivó con mensajes inspirados del libro de Jonás. En una manera magistral escolástica, el Dr. Báez señaló diferentes paralelismos entre la actitud de Caín y Jonás que los llevó a ambos a alejarse de la voluntad de Dios y ultimadamente tomar actitudes “anti-divinas y espirituales.” Utilizando el método de investigación bíblica intertextualización, Báez conectó el libro de Jonás con varios aspectos históricos del libro de Génesis, el Pentateuco



y los Salmos con aplicaciones transformadoras para nuestros obreros.

Se subrayaron varias ideas ministeriales tales como el hecho que tenemos un Dios que hace énfasis en la inclusividad en su trato con los seres humanos. No se le da importancia al concepto de nacionalidades en el libro de Jonás. La promesa que Dios le dio a Abraham fue de hacerlo una “bendición a todas las naciones” (Gen. 12:3). Esta promesa también incluye a aquellos que pensamos que no deberían de recibir la bendición de la salvación; como nuestros enemigos — los Asirios. El estudio de este pequeño libro no nos permite ignorar el hecho que a través de la narrativa los “mundanos” son más receptivos a la voz de Dios que aun su misma iglesia; hablando del contraste entre la actitud de Jonás y los Asirios. “Los paganos oran a Dios” — dijo Báez, “Los marineros oran a sus dioses y terminan orando al Dios verdadero, pero Jonás el ‘profeta de Dios’ no clama.”

Al final del día Dios es un Dios soberano; el tiene la última palabra y su llamado especialmente hacia las personas que El escoge para

que le sirvan es irrevocable. Jonás puede negarse, huir, esconderse; pero Jehová lo persigue controlando elementos del mar y tierra para alcanzarlo, hasta que el llega a ser un profeta obediente; no un discípulo entregado a Jehová necesariamente, pero obediente. El llamado de integrar personalmente el mensaje que predicamos y de vivir lo que predicamos fue reforzado. Como pastores fuimos recordados que al final de la historia, Dios salva a toda una nación a través de un profeta rebelde; tal como lo hace hoy en día al salvar a gente que El ama a través de instrumentos imperfectos.

César De León, Unión del Norte del Pacífico vice presidente del departamento de ministerio Hispano



More photos online at
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MISSIONARIES EXTEND ALASKA ADVENTIST RADIO OUTREACH

Following a long Adventist tradition of using the air waves to share God's message around the world, Alaska Conference has been using radio to reach native Alaskans.

A small radio station began broadcasting in 2015 in Gambell, a little village just 35 miles from Russia. An initiative to promote the station was started that included giving out radios with promotional materials/stickers, but, as with most grassroots efforts, finances were a challenge.

When Arctic Mission Volunteers Paul and Joan Marlow arrived in Gambell in 2017 and heard about the radio project, they discovered few Siberian Yupik natives living in the small community had radios. Realizing the wonderful opportunity for witness because the Adventist frequency is the only FM station in Gambell, the Marlows committed to placing radios in every home. They purchased 200 high-

fidelity, battery-operated portable radios. Not only did they commit to the project financially but also personally by taking each radio door-to-door and visiting each home.

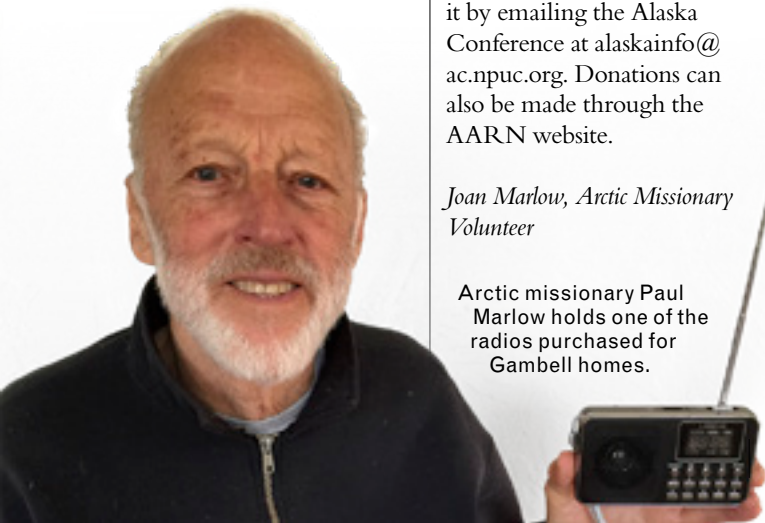
Getting to know their friends and neighbors has been a major boost to the radio program. Their neighbors have been pleased with the gift and are tuning in to Adventist programming in the small community. Some have even shared their favorite speakers and programs with the Marlows.

The FM station began as an experiment to determine the effectiveness and viability of radio evangelism in a remote Alaska village. Its success led to the creation of the Alaska Adventist Radio Network (AARN), which also airs over stations in Shungnak, Nome and Wrangell, with coverage for more villages in the planning stages.

You can listen online at akadventistradio.net. Learn more about this radio ministry and how to support it by emailing the Alaska Conference at alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org. Donations can also be made through the AARN website.

Joan Marlow, Arctic Missionary Volunteer

Arctic missionary Paul Marlow holds one of the radios purchased for Gambell homes.



Railing has been installed and siding stained and mounted on the Polar Bear cabin.

ANONYMOUS MISSION GROUP OVERHAULS CAMP TUKUSKOYA

An anonymous mission group, which prefers to remain anonymous, invested four working days this summer in restoring and upgrading Camp Tukuskoya, near Big Lake.

From the board-and-batten dry cabins built in the 1950s to the Eagle/Polar Bear cabin framed in during spring break, every structure received specialized attention. Since excavator and bulldozer work to protect the lodge foundation was scheduled for September, contractors and other willing hands prepared the site by detaching decking, removing a 15-foot outdoor commercial sink, excavating septic lines, hand-digging drainage channels, and leveling and bracing foundation piers.

Finding time to spare, this group constructed a new woodshed by the campfire bowl and a life jacket rack beside the boat dock. They rebuilt decks on the bathhouse and boathouse. Lighting was added to the craft shack, and wiring was upgraded in the boathouse. The new Eagle/

Polar Bear cabin now sports completed siding and decking, with railing on both decks.

Meanwhile, volunteers power-washed and painted the double stair system and painted water sealant on the exteriors of all seven original cabins. The group celebrated a baptism together before heading home. "This place is a treasure," remarked one volunteer. "I'm praying you can offer more camps next summer — fill this place up." Plans are in the works to accomplish just that.

Jerilyn Burtch, Camp Tukuskoya board member

Volunteers repaired and painted the bridge to the campfire bowl.



CONFERENCE NEWS NOTES

THIRD ANNUAL PRAYER CONFERENCE COMING!

Join us at Camp Ida-Haven in beautiful McCall for the third-annual Idaho Conference Prayer Conference, Nov. 10–12, 2017. Guest speaker is John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president. Breakout sessions on Sabbath afternoon include How to Prepare a Concert of Prayer, Including Children in Family Prayer, Using Creativity in Your Personal Prayer Life and Involving Your Church in Prayer Ministry. There will also be a session that will focus on the chapter “Prayer” in *Steps to Christ* and an area for prayer. For more information, go to IdahoAdventist.org.

TRANSITIONS

Angel Acevedo is pastor of the newly created district of McCall, Cambridge, Weiser and Long Valley Christian Fellowship (Donnelly, Idaho).

Howard Williams is pastor of the newly created district of Payette, New Plymouth and Garnet (Wilder, Idaho) churches.

Steve DeLong is pastor of the Eagle and Garden Valley churches, replacing Bob Atteberry, who retired last year.

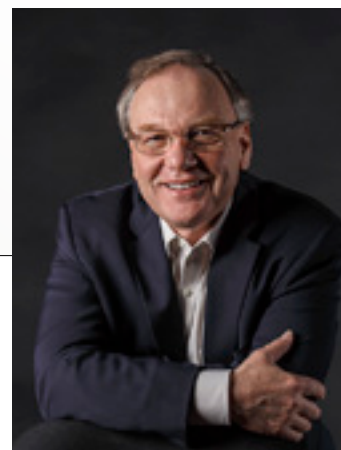
D. Lynn Bryson is pastor of the Twin Falls/Buhl/Eden Valley/Olive Tree Ministry Center District, replacing Dwayne Kluchesky, who retired last year.

Lou Fitting recently accepted the invitation to pastor for the Caldwell Church, replacing Jim Berglund, who moved to the Texas Conference in 2016.

Bob Stauffer, former bivocational pastor at Salmon, has moved to the Alaska Conference.

Brian Yarbrough, former pastor of the Vale/Ontario/Burns District, has moved to the Upper Columbia Conference.

Anthony Thomsen, former pastor of The Experience in Meridian, Idaho, and Barefoot Media Ministry chaplain, resigned to pursue other opportunities.



John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president, will be the guest speaker for the Idaho Conference Prayer Conference.

Julie Corson is the new teacher at the Enterprise Adventist School in Enterprise, Ore. She replaces Katy Garner, who moved to the Washington Conference.

Boyd Hosey is the new teacher at Baker Adventist Christian School in Baker City, Ore. He replaces Rochelle Christiansen, who is seeking other opportunities.



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NAMPA CHURCH HOSTS DIABETES WORKSHOP

As a follow-up to the Boise AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network) Clinic held in April, the Nampa Church hosted a Diabetes Undone Workshop for eight weeks. Of the 13 participants, five came from the community.

Diabetes Undone is a comprehensive wellness plan and guided course that addresses the root cause of disease through simple lifestyle strategies involving nutrition, exercise, comprehensive testing and more. Wes Youngberg, diabetes expert and author of *Goodbye Diabetes*, and Brenda Davis, author and plant-based dietician, hosted the video series sharing various strategies on how to reverse the disease and reclaim health.

By carefully following the program, those with Type 2 diabetes are able to reverse the disease; those with Type 1 can significantly improve the condition and reduce the

risk for complications in just five weeks. The same strategies used to fight diabetes are beneficial for reducing the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, autoimmune and other diseases.

From the food samples provided at the start of each class, participants also developed an awareness of how delicious a plant-based diet could be.

Weight loss and decreased blood sugar levels were part of the positive results of this class. One participant's A1C level, which measures diabetes management over time, went from 8.1 to 6.1. Another said she is exercising regularly and eating healthier and her blood sugar levels have decreased. Others said they gained a more determined attitude to turn around their diet and lifestyle.

Sue Jester, Nampa Church health ministries leader



Several members of the Nampa Church led out in the Diabetes Undone workshop.



The primary Sabbath School class shows how much they have already sent to AWR for Bibles.

PRIMARY CLASS SENDS 100 BIBLES TO ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

Several months ago, Adventist World Radio (AWR) stories and mission emphasis were shared with the Nampa Church primary Sabbath School class. The class decided to raise money for AWR's "Project #19: Bibles and Study Materials: The Gift of Eternal Life."

The class read the story recorded by Arthur White about the little child who sent a dime to Australia in response to an appeal by Ellen White for missions at that time. She wrote a wonderful letter to that child in appreciation and shared how much that small amount meant to Jesus.

Each student was asked to pray about this mission project with their parents and to ask God to show them what they could do to raise the money, however small. The class also informed the larger Nampa

congregation about what the children were doing and asked for their support by donating \$10 for each Bible.

The results have been amazing. Sabbath School teachers didn't know what goal to set, so they started with a goal of \$500 (50 Bibles). After surpassing that goal, and another, they've set a goal of \$1,500 (150 Bibles). The class makes paper Bibles, each representing \$10, and posts them on the church wall as donations roll in.

Recently, these Nampa primary students sent a check to AWR for \$1,000 (100 Bibles). They continued the project through the end of the summer; any funds collected at the conclusion of the project will be forwarded as well.

Pam Day, Nampa Church primary class teacher

HAMILTON HOLDS A PRAYER CONFERENCE

Sabbath, Sept. 23, found the Hamilton Church filled with about 175 members and guests representing 12 Adventist churches from Montana and three from other states. They were all eager participants in the Prayer Conference held by Pavel Goia.

Goia encouraged those in attendance to focus on the God Pavel Goia



of solutions instead of the problems they face every day. He shared many inspiring stories of how God has intervened in his life in answer to prayer.

Donna Wagner, Ellen Green and Bill Whitney, pastor, have been planning this successful Prayer Conference for about two years. Wagner served as the Montana prayer coordinator for 20 years and is turning over that task to Debbie Payne this year. Montana members look forward to seeing what God will do in the future through Payne's prayer ministry in the Montana Conference.

Judy Fowler, Hamilton Church member



Kalispell Pathfinders work together under the leadership of Josh Holloway.

ACS DR AND KALISPELL PATHFINDERS HELP FIRE VICTIMS

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) and Kalispell Pathfinders collaborated in assembling cooking kits for fire victims in northwest Montana. According to ACS/ADRA standards, ACS DR

team members in Kalispell bought supplies for the kits and the Pathfinders assembled them as part of their disaster ministry honor.

Gabriele Laub, Montana Conference ACS DR coordinator

MONTANA WOMEN ENJOY 'FROM BROKEN TO BEAUTIFUL' WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies from across Montana met at the Stage Stop Inn in Choteau, Sept. 8–10, for the Montana Christian Women's Retreat. Forest fires saturated the skies in dense smoke outside, but inside the fire of the Holy Spirit burned brightly as Tawny Sportsman from Oregon led those present on a journey, "From Broken to Beautiful."

Sportsman began with the story of *kinsugi*, a centuries-old Japanese art through which broken pottery is repaired with gold. Sportsman challenged, "Could we live in a

world where we embrace our brokenness instead of trying to hide it?" When we bring our broken pieces to Jesus, He puts us back together in a way that renders us more beautiful than if we had no scars.

This healing leads to a life of gratitude. As an expression of her gratitude to God, Sportsman began to keep a blessings jar, filled with colorful notes of the special blessings poured into her life each day. "There's a science to gratitude," Sportsman explained. "Gratitude has the power to heal, energize, inspire and

change lives, if we let it." She encouraged all to incorporate a blessings jar in their homes and in their churches.

The weekend was filled with spirited singing, mingling of friends and making new ones, good food, and fun activities. Choteau's Old Trail Museum opened its doors for the ladies on Sabbath afternoon. One of a series of museums on Montana's Dinosaur Trail, it reflects the natural and cultural history of Montana's Rocky



Mountain Front region.

Next year's retreat will be hosted in Butte, Mont. Start making plans to be there.

Renee McKey, Great Falls Church member

More online at glnr.in/112-11-mt_beautiful

ANDRIEUX HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Gale Crosby, Oregon Conference education superintendent, and Randy Thorton, Milo Adventist Academy principal, honored Milo veteran educator Al Andrieux on Oct. 7 during Milo's alumni weekend. Andrieux, who announced he will retire at the end of this school year, has served Adventist education for 50 years, including 35 years of teaching at Milo in Days Creek.

Born and raised in California, Andrieux graduated from California State University at Los Angeles in 1968 with a degree in experimental psychology. During his senior year he did some substitute

Al Andrieux considers himself primarily a chemist.

DALE MILAM



teaching at Pomona Junior Academy (PJA) and was hired after graduation to teach math and science.

During his first year, Andrieux had been praying for God to send him the person he was supposed to marry. The next school year, a new young, single female teacher named Cheryl was hired at PJA, and the rest is history. They became Mr. and Mrs. Andrieux the next year and have been an awesome team ever since.

The next phase of their journey led the Andrieuxes to Cedar Brook School in Rehoboth, Mass., where between them they taught all subjects for ninth and 10th grades. After eight years, they decided it was time to get back to the West Coast to be closer to their family, so they accepted a call to Tacoma Junior Academy in Washington.

After two years, the school was having some budget issues and had to cut back to just eight grades. The superintendent wanted to keep the Andrieuxes but didn't have any openings, so he told them about two positions available at Milo Academy. They were hired for the 1983-84 school year.

Cheryl Andrieux retired after 40 years of teaching but is still an active volunteer as Milo's postmaster, church clerk, children's Sabbath School teacher and countless other



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Cheryl and Al Andrieux have dedicated decades to Adventist education.

activities.

Over the years, Al Andrieux has had a wide range of classes, including standard and advanced placement levels of math, science and social studies. Thanks to Andrieux's tutelage, a large number of students have successfully passed their AP exams to earn college credit. One particular student earned enough credits to start college as a sophomore and eventually became a chemistry professor at Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. That really pleased Andrieux because he considers himself primarily a chemist.

Andrieux has been involved in a number of extracurricular activities at Milo, including playing in the band, sponsoring senior classes and the student association, and coaching basketball and soccer.

He's also led mission trips around the world, including to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Cayman Islands, Belize and Panama.

Andrieux has taught two generations in many families and has impacted countless lives throughout his career in Adventist education. He will be greatly missed.

If you would like to contribute to a scrapbook of Milo memories for the Andrieuxes, please send your greeting to darla.milam@miiloacademy.org.

Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter, with Cheryl Andrieux

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OREGON DELEGATES ELECT OFFICERS TO FIVE-YEAR TERMS

More than 400 Oregon Conference delegates

have elected their

current team of four officers to newly expanded five-year terms. Dan Linrud has been returned as president, Dave Allen as vice president for administration, Brian Gosney as vice president for finance and Gale Crosby as vice president for education.

During the conference's 58th regular constituency session, held Sunday, Sept. 17, at Portland Adventist Academy in Portland, delegates overwhelmingly voted to increase the span between regular constituency sessions from four years to five years. This brings the conference into a more efficient stance with other church entity schedules,

including that of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC). As noted, this also effectively expands the term for conference officers to five years. They will still receive midsession evaluations at approximately two and a half years into their terms.

Three congregations were welcomed officially into the "sisterhood" of churches — a term often applied when a smaller group or company has grown in membership to qualify for full church designation:

- » Gresham Spanish Company — now Gresham Spanish Church;
- » Sonrise Company — now Sonrise Adventist Fellowship (Central Point);
- » Living Word Russian Company — now Living Word Church (Portland). This was originally the product



Delegates revealed good spirits despite several long hours on metal folding chairs.

of a merger between Stone Tower Russian Company and Russian Adventist Company. The congregation now includes additional language groups, hence the dropping of "Russian" from the title.

Two other congregational adjustments were noted as well. The Nestucca congregation, near Pacific City, was moved from church status to company, due to a reduction in membership. The Canby Church and Ohana Christian Fellowship congregations had both been ministering in Canby. During the last term, Canby members

voted to disband and allow the Ohana Church to relocate in the former Canby Church facility. Thus, there is now one unified Adventist church in Canby — the Ohana Christian Fellowship.

In his report to the constituents, Linrud emphasized the conference mission is "WHY we do WHAT we do." He shared four pillars — 1) knowing Jesus and others intimately, 2) loving Jesus and others passionately, 3) serving Jesus and others actively, and 4) sharing Jesus with others enthusiastically — that illustrate the Oregon

More than 400 Oregon Conference delegates fill the auditorium at Portland Adventist Academy.





Newly elected Oregon Conference officers pause with their spouses moments after being elected at the Sept. 17 session. From left: Sharon and Brian Gosney, Sharon and Gale Crosby, Shirley and Dave Allen, and Dan and Verlaine Linrud.

Conference commitment to making mission “all about Jesus.”

Brian Gosney, newly elected vice president of finance, noted several positive trends in conference funds but invited member prayers for generosity and wisdom as conference leaders continue to balance budget realities with mission priorities.

The newly elected conference executive committee members are as follows (*denotes those who continue from previous term): Gretchen Bowers*, Linda Foxworth,

George Gainer*, Edwin Gibbons, Kara Johnson, Edward Kim, Barbara McDougal*, Matt Melashenko, LuDell Parrett, Todd Pascoe, Jonathan Pritchard, Belinda Rodriguez, David Rodriguez, David Russell, Nenette Sequeira*, Oswaldo Vilalobos*, Bob Westcott, Larry Witzel, Rory Wold and Phyllis Woods*.

A positive and thoughtful spirit pervaded not only routine agenda items but also comments by delegates from the floor who pressed conference leaders for specific answers on several issues. Those areas included questions on proposed nomenclature changes to bylaws, suggested clarification on how special constituency sessions can be called and asked whether the present advisory council should be replaced with town hall meetings.

At the end of the day, recommended changes were approved by clear margins. Delegates left to rejoin their local responsibilities and prayerfully move forward in building mission on the four pillars of knowing, loving, serving and sharing — because it’s really all about Jesus.

Steve Vistamet, Gleaner editor

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RICHARD DUERKSEN

The session was translated into Spanish.



Gale Crosby involves Grayson Natiuk in his presentation about Adventist education.



A pastoral delegate, Johnny Moor, presents his perspectives regarding a motion being considered for a vote.

GOD CALLED, APPOINTED AND COMMISSIONED

The evening of Friday, Sept. 15, members of Sunnyside Church in Portland, along with friends and family from near and far, gathered for the commissioning service for Kara Dale Johnsson, Sunnyside Church assistant pastor.

In the spring of 2015, Johnsson moved from her home and pastoral duties in Brisbane, Australia, to follow God's calling to serve at Sunnyside Church. In Brisbane she had interned as both a pastor and chaplain. On completion of her internship, she continued as an associate pastor as well as being given a church of her own to lead.

It was as a young woman in academy Johnsson first felt the heart call to pastoral ministry. Her next years included a year as a volunteer teacher in Thailand, years studying to be a teacher at Avondale College

in Australia and four years as an academy English teacher.

However, never far from her mind was the idea of entering pastoral ministry. After a year of prayer and much thought, Johnsson went back to the seminary at Avondale, where she graduated with distinction.

Once at Sunnyside, Johnsson quickly won the hearts of her new church family. Johnsson brings to her ministry thoughtfulness, a warm personality, love for people and love for God. Little wonder so many of her parishioners were filling the pews for her commissioning service.

A commissioning service affirms the work of God and His call to the gospel ministry. Mark 3:13–15 tells of the commissioning of Jesus' disciples — the call, appointment and commissioning to be



STEPHEN BROTHERS

Kara Johnsson shares with her Sunnyside Church family.


His disciples and to carry out His work.

William Johnsson, formerly of the General Conference and also one of Kara's mentors, traveled from his home in Loma Linda, Calif., to speak to Kara and to the congregation about the importance of the call, the appointment and the commissioning as it relates to her life and work.

The commissioning prayer, offered by Dan Linrud, Oregon Conference president, was expanded from the laying

on of hands by the pastors in attendance to an invitation to the congregation to join in the prayer of dedication. Kara chose Prov. 3:3–6 to include in the program booklet. This passage ends with the familiar promise, "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path."

Virlys Moller, Sunnyside Church communication team

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PROFESSION OF FAITH BRINGS NEW MEMBER TO HOCKINSON HEIGHTS



Joanna Knecht (front center) was voted into the Hockinson Heights Church in Brush Prairie, Wash., on Sept. 9, by profession of faith.

Knecht was raised as a seventh-generation Adventist. She was baptized when she was junior age but as a young adult drifted away from the Lord.

She reconnected with the Lord in 2011. And gradually, she says, the Lord has helped her find her way back to the Adventist Church. As the ladies at Hockinson have connected with her, Knecht says, "I feel at home."

Marty Jackson, Hockinson Heights Church pastor

PATHFINDER TEENS CREATE, LEAD SPORTS CAMP

Three teen Pathfinders from Pleasant Valley Church (PVC) in Happy Valley, took their vision for using a free sports camp as a way to reach their community for Christ and brought it to reality June 21–23.

About 25 kids attended the camp, which combined drills and playtime in soccer, basketball and field games with worship talks, praise music and snacks.

Mentors of the PVC Teen Leadership Training (TLT) program are entirely convinced that if teens want to reach others with Christ's love, they should have every opportunity.

That's why Aileen Stanley, PVC Pathfinder co-director, and Michel Fullard-Leo,

PVC Pathfinder staff and mentor, didn't say "no" when approached by Timothy Fullard-Leo, Zachary Nakamura and Caeden Rogers, who had to plan an outreach activity as part of their TLT requirements.

The TLT program is designed to challenge and empower teen Pathfinders with new and increased responsibilities, although Stanley admits these teens took on a much bigger project than most. "Simpler is the norm, but I really try to get them to think outside the box," she says.

Knowing they would need a location and funding, Timothy Fullard-Leo reached out to Gene Heinrich, then his pastor at Rockwood Church in Portland, as well as the

Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES) athletic director, Jonathan Kemper. Both Heinrich and Kemper loved the idea of an evangelistic sports camp and helped the boys gain board approval from both the church and school.

PAES offered the use of their facility and equipment for free. Rockwood Church covered the expenses of the sports camp through a North Pacific Union Conference Give Them the Keys grant for youth-led evangelism.

The three teens contacted their fellow Pleasant Valley Pathfinders and TLTs, youth from Rockwood Church, and friends from Portland



Teen volunteer Ellie McLain helps a camper with her basketball skills.

Adventist Academy to staff the sports camp. In the end almost 30 Portland-area teens led and staffed the entire event — planning the schedule, advertising the event, creating a budget, registering campers, planning and coaching games and drills, leading worship and music, planning and preparing the snacks, and debriefing each day.

Michel Fullard-Leo says the sports camp reminds her of 1 Tim. 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

"The youth took a monumental idea that many people would have told them that they could not accomplish and turned it into a very successful and fun three-day outreach event for the community," she says. "Our youth can do great things when they are motivated, empowered and encouraged."

Laurel Rogers, Pathfinder TLT parent

Three Pathfinder TLTs recruited dozens of their fellow teens to run every part of a free three-day sports camp outreach.





ANDY WOLFE

UPPER COLUMBIA MAKES DIFFERENCE IN HOUSTON

A few weeks ago, a group of six individuals from Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) flew to Houston, Texas, to help with the relief efforts there. Hurricane Harvey uprooted thousands of families, destroying homes and businesses of all in its path.



TED BERCIU

(From left) Ted Berciu, Doug Venn, Andy Wolfe, Don Eckenroth, Areleen Stevenson and Helen Gibson pose in the church sanctuary with a large water shipment.

Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference Adventist Community Services coordinator, invited individuals to assist in any way they could.

“I felt a calling to help,” says Andy Wolfe. “I saw the need on Patty’s Facebook page and told Ted Berciu. We decided, hey, let’s do this.”

The UCC volunteers arrived in Houston late on Sept. 19. They were housed at the Berean Church and worked during the day at the World Harvest Outreach Adventist Church — turned into a warehouse — in Houston.

Wolfe and Berciu were affectionately called “the boys” by Helen Gibson, Areleen Stevenson, Doug Venn and Don Eckenroth, pastor — the older four volunteers — who were dubbed “the young people” by Wolfe and Berciu.

They hit the ground running and were busy helping the more than 500 people a day who came through the warehouse. “What size diapers do you need? Oh, do you need baby wipes too? Can you use



some cleaning supplies, bleach, vinegar, Pine-Sol, brooms, mops? Can I help you with a case of bottled water?” These were some of the phrases the group said or heard over and over through each day. They also unloaded trucks and worked in the warehouse. They worked closely with Willy and Linda Walker, who are part of the Southwest Regional Conference.

“It was a privilege to work with the volunteers on our team,” says Eckenroth. “The hosts at the Berean Church were gracious and hospitable.”

“I will always cherish those two weeks as we were

(From left) Andy Wolfe, Ted Berciu, Helen Gibson, Areleen Stevenson, Doug Venn and Don Eckenroth took two weeks to help hurricane victims in Houston, Texas.

God's hands and feet," says Gibson, who was delighted to be chosen to go. She recounts stories she heard of people who would not receive help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and of a gentleman who looked depressed.

Gibson asked, "How are you doing?"

He replied, "Not good. We lost everything ... so difficult to start again. We received



TED BERCIU

arrived home, another group from Upper Columbia was already on the ground in Houston ready to continue the work.

"Thank you for stopping your routine and responding," Marsh said to the first team. "I believe it was a God appointment. In eternity we will learn the rest of the story of how your sacrifice and love made a difference, greater than you were able to see."

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

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ANDY WOLFE

Stevenson. "The survivors were thanking us for coming to help them." But she says it was a privilege to help them. Her prayer was to "be willing to be willing." She is humbled that she could help.

On the last day the team was there, they took a drive through Houston. "It was a

real eye-opener," says Wolfe. "There was flood debris along the streets and medians. The smell was bad from rotting items and mold."

Stevenson elaborates, "It was depressing to see street after street of household items out on the sidewalks."

As the first group of six

Adventist Community Services volunteers from New York and Upper Columbia meet together in service of Hurricane Harvey's victims.

word that FEMA will help us. We are thankful."

Multiply these encounters by 500 a day, and you can feel the ethos of this team. "We were helping out our brothers and sisters," says Wolfe. "I was surprised that I had this sense of family. The sense of togetherness was pretty powerful."

"One of my favorite experiences was having the people of Houston accept us as part of their community," reports

TED BERCIU



The church sanctuary was full of water, diapers, cleaning supplies, food and more.

CAMP MIVODEN HOLDS STAFF REUNION



A group photo of camp staff from the 1990s on surround Sandy and Bruce Christensen.

On the weekend of Sept. 21–24, former Camp MiVoden staff and their families rolled in to Camp MiVoden in Hayden Lake, Idaho, and enjoyed a short version of summer camp. The weekend culminated with a farewell for Bruce Christensen, who is retiring this year.

Designed like a mini summer camp, alumni participated in archery, swimming, boating, water skiing, ceramics and

horseback riding. The weekend speaker was Gordon Pifher, who was a former camp director. Former directors of camp Richard Parker and Clayton Child also attended.

On Saturday night a special retirement program was planned by Rafat Shirinzadeh. Amid much laughter and typical Camp MiVoden style, Bruce and Sandy Christensen were bid farewell. Bruce was awarded a plaque thanking him for the many ways he was an asset to Camp Mivoden.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

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▲ Gordon Pifher was the camp director in the 1980s and early 1990s at Camp MiVoden.

Richie Brower and Rafat Shirinzadeh reenacting a famous skit. ▶



The enthusiastic community turned out for Chef Mark Anthony's Meal With a Message event.

HEALTH MINISTRIES BRIDGE CHURCH, COMMUNITY IN HAYDEN LAKE

This effort started last April with a four-session event, 7+ Investments for Healthy Lifestyle. Midsummer saw a one-day presentation, Meal With a Message by Chef Mark Anthony, very well-received, with about 80 people from the community attending. At the close of the day each attendee received an invitation to the next program, Diabetes Undone, an eight-week interactive workshop.

The church adapted the Diabetes Undone materials for use with live presenters, broadening the original scope from reversing diabetes to include weight management and making overall lifestyle changes. Organizers included a copy of *The Ministry of Healing* in the registration packet, and one person reported reading it immediately and starting to sleep better at night.

Good food was an important feature of the program. At the end of each session, participants watched a brief food demo with a take-home food sample of the recipe. The final session featured a dinner and live music before the lecture.

About 42 people were eagerly and actively engaged in making a shift from their usual way of thinking about their health. Coming back each week felt like being with family, one couple reported.

The program received an overwhelming positive response from the community. Some people said they wanted to go back to church, others that they had gained hope again in their life. One person totally changed her lifestyle. Many lost weight — one person lost 20 pounds — and many praised God and received encouragement for their lives.

The first follow-up activity was to bring Sally Christensen, former healthy-cooking instructor for Weimar Institute's NEWSTART program, for a one-day seminar to help with meal planning made simple and how to dine out while keeping a healthy lifestyle.

Ellen White encourages us to see how God is blessing our efforts as we follow His method: "As the right hand of the third angel's message, God's methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 59).

Loren Starr, Hayden Lake Church communication leader

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Veterans gathered afterward for photos around the new monument on the UCA commons.

UPPER COLUMBIA

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UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY HONORS VETERANS

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., began its recent homecoming weekend by honoring Vietnam-era military veterans with a special monument dedication Sept. 29.

More than 200 alumni, veteran families and friends joined the UCA Choraliars, Symphony Orchestra and Octet gathered outside to recognize the 122 known alumni service men and women who served our country during the Vietnam era, 1960–1975. During the service a monument was dedicated to honor those who served.

The newly erected monument sits proudly on the

UCA commons between the administration building and the cafeteria. The gold-lettered, black granite monument resulted from the vision of Michael Walter, retired brigadier general from the class of 1966, and his classmates Bud Smick and Marlene Livingston Curry.

Many of the veterans attending had not returned to campus for quite some time. Other attendees, like Gary Mehling's widow, attended in remembrance. During the ceremony and video tribute that followed, tears trickled down cheeks as people remembered the sacrifices that have been made and those no longer living. Michael Anthony, class of 1970, shared that he last heard taps played at his son's funeral.

The dedication was a moving and healing experience for many. Walter said, "I spoke with a veteran who reluctantly attended the dedication at the urging of his psychiatrist. He returned Sabbath morning after experiencing his first full night of sleep since the war." It was a privilege to welcome the UCA alumni veterans home.

Homecoming continued after the dedication with vespers and more events Sabbath, when 850 people united to celebrate in worship.

A special offering of more than \$16,000 was received to help with the current year's need of \$98,000 for tuition assistance for returning students. When this offering is combined with a \$49,000 matching pledge, UCA only needs \$32,835.

The final alumni homecoming event was a Sunday morning pancake breakfast and flag football, during which the UCA all-stars defeated the alumni team. As the campus emptied, UCA was left with the verbal affirmations from alumni who expressed gladness for so many things throughout the weekend. The alumni repeatedly shared how thrilled they are that UCA

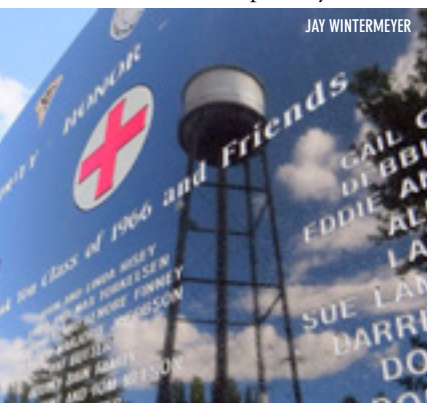
is so strongly committed to connecting students to Jesus Christ, an important part of their UCA experience.

Julie Hagele, Upper Columbia Academy vice principal of alumni and development

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More than 200 people, including veterans and their families, gathered in the shadow of the water tower to honor those alumni who served during the Vietnam era.



JAY WINTERMEYER

The monument was made possible by generous donations of many people who love UCA.



JAY WINTERMEYER

A CATHEDRAL OF SERVICE

On Saturday afternoon, Volunteer Park Church members stood under the Alaskan Way Viaduct with our recently acquainted friends. They received a few hygiene kits packed 30 minutes earlier by our gathered community in lieu of our worship service.

A number of things struck me in those moments. I realized that scarcity had in this instance led to a generosity of spirit.

One gentleman, Clarence from Chicago, took a bag for a gently sleeping form, a bundle of clothes and blankets in the womb of a creaking shelter. He was his sister's keeper. We have all heard of stories when the opposite is true, but in that moment we saw the stars and not the inky midnight.

Cities, by virtue of their size and density, magnify the best and worse in humanity. Despite the hardships — poor mental health, addiction, violence — on the streets, there are forceful reminders of goodness if we have eyes to see. We saw and heard a form of community — community, that rent-paying people like myself sometimes dismiss as Pollyanna-ish in a city.

Churches in cities have

the unique opportunity to impact the lives of millions of people in relatively close quarters. The privilege extends beyond gospel proclamation, to the mutual complementation in the task of developing resources that magnify the work of God in the city.

At Volunteer Park Church we are convinced that God loves cities, and this certainly includes our own Seattle. We are persuaded the appropriate response to God's city-love is an openness to opportunities large and small, to help alleviate need and practice loving well.

Our communal impulse at Volunteer Park moves us to faithful service, to love our city and seek its flourishing. To that end, the church family after a wonderful Sabbath School lesson, instead of a regular worship service on Sept. 30, had five options for worshiping through actions of love.



KELLY LIN



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Volunteer Park Church members find a variety of ways to give back to the community.

I joined a group that took hygiene bags to our friends who are temporarily unhoused



Andreas Beccai

in downtown Seattle. Amongst the dozen or so people, we met Melvin. He grew up in Memphis and came north to work on oil rigs in Alaska. He made some good decisions, some bad. At times money came fast and easy, then just as quickly it was gone. He found himself

in Seattle longing for a new start. His brothers, sister, father, mother and cousins back in Memphis are all dead.

There was a sense of acute loneliness but still a glimmer of hope: "I'm hoping to find work." Starting all over again with the little energy he has left and his shopping cart of accumulated possessions. It brought him small relief as he shared his story and we listened, a hum of reverence attending us all. He received a hygiene bag with gladness. Then standing under the "cathedral" of the Alaskan Way Viaduct, we prayed together.

Andreas Beccai, Volunteer Park Church pastor

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MARANATHA LAUNCHES FREE LEGAL CLINIC



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Cynthia, Toni and Carolyn recount God's blessings in opening a free legal clinic for the community. God brought the volunteers, office furniture, and ministry partners at just the right time and price.

Community advocate Carolyn Brown knows all about sandwich making, homeless feeding and community networking.

“After 14 years of feeding the homeless downtown [in Seattle], I’ve learned a lot from sitting and talking with people,” Brown says in her matter-of-fact way. “They appreciate the sandwiches, socks and gloves. But what they wanted more was to be able to buy their own. Small legal issues kept them from working, getting a place or going to school. They couldn’t afford an attorney.”

So the lady who is already changing lives started finding more avenues of change.

Brown began knocking on doors of lawyers and judges.

Maranatha Church leaders like Louis Brown, Carolyn Harper-Brown and Jefferson Butler are seeking ways to better serve their ever-changing community.

Doors closed, yet she persisted in her God-inspired calling. She formed a prayer team and attended ministry training sessions. She didn’t know how to start a legal clinic, but she knew God knew the right people.

“Six years ago I prayed, ‘God, I just want to be more relevant to my community. I want to do something that will change lives,’” remembers Brown.

FINDING THE RIGHT DOOR

After many disappointments, Brown went to the next legal office. She was tired of uncooperative clerks who wouldn’t give her time. Her frustration drew the attention of the law practice owner, who invited her into his office.

“Are you in trouble?” he asked.

“No, but people in this city are,” she responded. Brown explained the situation and need for a free legal clinic and ended her appeal with, “And you are just the person to help me.”

The lawyer shook his head in disbelief — and ended up advising Brown and her team of volunteers.

The details started coming together: office space in a converted Sabbath School room, office furniture at bargain rates, a network of legal volunteers willing to help for a couple hours a month and a marketing company’s services at a discounted rate that matched their financial picture.

It’s been a faith journey all the way through. Many planning meetings were held in Brown’s hospital room. With weekly challenges, Brown often threatened to “quit,” but God kept bringing her back.

Now if you drive along the Rainier Valley neighborhood in Seattle, you will see yard signs for politicians, professional services, various causes ... and Maranatha Adventist Church’s free legal clinic.

The church family posted the yard signs two hours before a dedication service on Sept. 9. The phone started ringing with appointment requests, and the first scheduled evening of legal aid was immediately booked.

What’s next for this ministry? Brown says more frequent legal clinics at Maranatha Church and maybe more legal clinics up and down the I-5 corridor.

“If I can be a small part in changing someone’s life, that’s what I want to do,” Brown says with conviction. “God changed me and gave me a second chance. More people need this help too.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

PATHFINDERS HELP BRING ABOUT LACEY BAPTISMS

Little did the Lacey (Wash.) Church Swordbearer Pathfinder Club and Jason Canfield, Lacey Church pastor, know that, when they decided to sing Christmas carols in the adjacent neighborhood last December, one of the people who listened and received a Discover Bible School card would become a member of their church just seven months later.

On July 29, Canfield baptized Patricia Rabbit, who sent in the Bible study request card and had been studying with retired physician Ronald Case, Lacey Church's Discover Bible School director, and helpers Laura Bullard and Delores Martin, as well as other Lacey Church members who accompanied Case on the Bible studies when their schedules allowed.

Rabbit began attending church regularly and said she is really enjoying Bullard's Sabbath School class as well



Patricia Rabbit stands with Ronald Case, Lacey Discover Bible School director, and his helper, Delores Martin, in the Lacey Church after Rabbit's baptism.

as the sermons by Canfield. She is continuing to study the Bible weekly with Case and his helpers.

One of the Pathfinders, Jack Pecheco, who also serves as a junior deacon, was baptized that day too. His parents, Mardi and Jim Pacheco, are members of the Lacey Church. "I want to do more church work," the younger Pacheco said during his baptism. He has already been involved in many church activities.

Ronald Case, Lacey Church personal ministries director



Jason Canfield (left), Lacey Church pastor, baptizes Jack Pacheco.

INTERGENERATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL INTRODUCED IN AUBURN

Sabbath School at Auburn Adventist Academy Church has taken on a new look for the 2017–18 school year. Dubbed "The Second Act," the new intergenerational Sabbath School helps to

wanted to create a community by following the biblical model in Acts."

Students and adults have been reacting positively and the attendance has been "better than expected," Ogando says. The Bible studies during The Second Act go hand in hand with the sermon series. This helps people find unique ways to relate to the message and then discuss their ideas with other group members.

Jed Coon, an academy senior, says that the various ages within each group help to "break the barriers between generations."

To aid in creating the community-based atmosphere, this Sabbath School approach focuses on "fellowship, eating, praying and studying the Bible," Ogando says. Auburn Adventist Academy Church is excited, leaders say, about giving students and adults the opportunity to engage in such an innovative and beneficial way to study God's Word this school year.

Sophia Lorge, Auburn Adventist Academy media literacy student



The Second Act Bible study curriculum correlates to the sermon theme for a holistic approach to Bible study and worship.



The full turn-out for The Second Act Bible study is helping increase attendance at all Sabbath School levels.

"build community, expand the church family and create connections between students and adults," says Angel Ogando, lead pastor.

Participants are initially greeted and invited to join a round discussion table filled with an assortment of simple breakfast snacks and representation of a variety of age groups. During the one-hour session, the groups discuss questions relating to a specific Bible study.

"The Second Act really helps students connect with the adults in the church family," says Aby Luna, a junior at Auburn Adventist Academy.

Although it is fresh and new to the church-goers, The Second Act has been a long, thought-out process with careful study and prayer. Jennifer Woody, Auburn Adventist Academy chaplain, says, "We



With the hiring of several new (and younger) employees, Washington's leadership retreat created the right atmosphere for coaching, collaboration and conversation about how God is working in their lives and ministries.

WASHINGTON LEADERS RETREAT TO ADVANCE

For the first time, Washington Conference invited its administrators, directors, associates and interns to a leadership retreat at Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory near Anacortes for three days. Smaller leadership teams have convened before, but not this team configuration.

This gathering was especially important because of several leadership transitions. With the hiring of several new (and younger) employees, this leadership retreat created the right atmosphere for coaching, collaboration and conversation about how God is working in their lives and ministries. One of the retreat highlights: a full day of 45-minute “speed networking” sessions during which leaders discussed big ideas beyond their ministry areas.

For three days, the phone calls and emails were set aside to focus on three important priorities: connecting with God, learning together and dreaming together. The retreat was an important spiritual rejuvenation of community and praise.

“Growth starts with prayer to seek God’s will for our church and community,” says Doug Bing, Washington Conference president. “Following the model of Nehemiah, we are praying, asking questions and seeking connections before we take action on big ministry dreams. Join us in prayer as we continue to seek God’s will in our ministry dreams.”

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



David Yeagley talks with education leaders Craig Mattson and Becky Meharry about how Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson can integrate with Adventist education.

KIRKLAND MINISTRY HACKATHON BEGINS

Linden Goffar has a dream of bringing together developers and non-developers alike to accelerate ministry through technology. And he is doing something about it.

At the end of September, Goffar hosted the first session of a “hackathon” at Kirkland Church. He invited friends from local Adventist churches to come together for an evening of brainstorming. Twenty Seattle-area individuals responded to the invitation.

“Our goal is to brainstorm and identify good projects,” Goffar says. “Our idea is to use technology and software for God’s glory. We are trying to dream big then dial back from a world perspective to our local area. We have lots of ideas, talents, skills and people right in the local area.”

Brainstormed ideas ranged from a ministry cloud to connect the needs and services of church community ministries to improving a church’s livestreaming experience and app

development for Pathfinders, prayer ministry, Christian conversations or Christian hobby meetups.

The result of this conversation is still unknown, and the excitement is building. Once a set of ideas and projects is refined, Goffar and his team plan to start defining and assigning action items.

After the first session concluded, Goffar reflected, “I feel we accomplished two of our primary objectives: bringing this group of talented and innovative individuals together and starting what I hope becomes a valuable, constructive conversation. Please continue to pray for God’s guidance in this effort.”

Interested in helping accelerate ministry through technology? Email linden@goffar.com to add your name to the list, request a copy of the full brainstorming list and join future development meetings.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



Ideas are developing in Kirkland for how to accelerate ministry through technology.

TWO NEW VICE PRESIDENTS JOIN WWU ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Volker R. Henning

LEADING FAITH-BASED HIGHER EDUCATION

Volker R. Henning will provide administrative and academic leadership while coordinating all formal instructional services at WWU. He comes to WWU after 28 years at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., where he was most recently associate vice president for academic administration. He previously taught journalism and communication and was dean of the School of Journalism and Communication at Southern. He has been a pastor in Florida as well as communication director for the Florida Conference.

“Dr. Henning’s experience with all the facets of faith-based higher education shines through, along with his commitment to help position WWU for continued and creative excellence in the future,” says John McVay, WWU president.

Henning says, “Education at a Seventh-day Adventist college or university should foster intellectual growth, encourage a vibrant and meaningful development of personal faith, enhance student understanding and appreciation of the arts and humanities, and equip them to participate in the blessings of service.”

Henning has a bachelor’s degree with majors in theology and communication from Southern Adventist University, a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., a master’s degree in communication from the University of Central Florida, and a doctorate in mass communication from the University of Tennessee.

He fills the position vacated by Bob Cushman, who is now president of Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif.



Doug Tilstra

MENTORING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Doug Tilstra will oversee all areas of student life, including housing, spiritual and social programs, student missions, campus ministries, athletics, and more. He comes to WWU after 17 years at Southern Adventist University, where he was director of outdoor education and leadership and previously taught in the School of Religion at Southern. He has also served as a pastor in the Gulf States Conference, Northern California Conference and British Columbia Conference in Canada.

“Dr. Tilstra brings a passion for mentoring and developing students to his new

role,” says McVay. “We look forward to the contributions he will make to Walla Walla University.”

Tilstra says that for many undergraduate students college is a big life transition. “Students begin to taste the freedom of independence, which for some can be overwhelming,” he says. “At a Christian college we can explore the Bible, culture, human/divine relationships and the tough questions of life in an atmosphere of faith and community. We can mentor students during a time of transition and invite them to consider God as part of the equation.”

Tilstra has a bachelor’s degree in theology from Pacific Union College, a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, and a doctoral degree in organization and management from Capella University.

He fills the position vacated by David Richardson, who is now vice president for spiritual life and mission at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala.

Kim Strobel, WWU university relations supervisor



EMOTIONAL WELLNESS CENTER OPENS IN PORTLAND

What sets Adventist Health apart from most other health systems in the nation is a care philosophy that treats not only the physical needs of patients but also their emotional and spiritual needs.

Addressing the greatest health needs of local communities is a natural outpouring of a whole-person mission. Current research shows Oregon ranked last in mental health care within the United States. Responding to the statewide crisis, Adventist Health in Portland recently created an Emotional Wellness Center to specifically address the behavioral health needs of the community. The concept of partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient care is designed to increase awareness, understanding and coping skills for those who are experiencing significant emotional challenges.

Stephen, an unmarried retiree, had been struggling with progressive depression

and anxiety over the past several months. His sister and primary care provider noticed increasing hopelessness. With the help of his family and compassionate colleagues, Stephen eventually acknowledged his need for a treatment plan that could help him reconnect to his self-worth, sacred value and emotional health.

Thankfully, he found support from a team of highly skilled providers at the Adventist Health Emotional Wellness Center. Stephen soon developed trust with the Christian-based therapy team. They helped enroll him in their six-week program of intensive outpatient care provided in a safe and vibrant space where he could confidentially work through his issues in a group setting. The program helped him learn how to cope with his feelings of sadness, anxiety and fear while empowering him with confidence to regain his connection to his family and fellow employees.

“This sacred journey of emotional wellness teaches in-

dividuals how to embrace our emotions and equips adults to function in a healthy, productive manner,” states Y. Pritham Raj, the medical doctor who serves as the Emotional Wellness Center director and chair of behavioral health at Adventist Medical Center. “We are addressing the mental health crisis in Portland with evidence-based, quality treatments that help patients better cope with life’s continual stresses and environmental challenges.” The outpatient program requires a daily commitment to engage in therapy resulting in an increased level of confidence and self-assurance.

According to Raj, individuals most appropriate for the Emotional Wellness Center include patients who:

- »Have an active mental illness that would benefit from a psychotherapeutic program;
- »Do not have active suicidal or homicidal intent;
- »Are medically stable;
- »Are capable of performing basic self-care.

Most major insurances including Medicare and Medicaid are accepted at the center. For more information, call the Emotional Wellness Center at 503-261-5953 or adventisthealth.org/nw.

Judy Leach, Adventist Health Pacific Northwest Region vice president of strategy activation and communication

Y. Pritham Raj



FAMILY MILESTONES

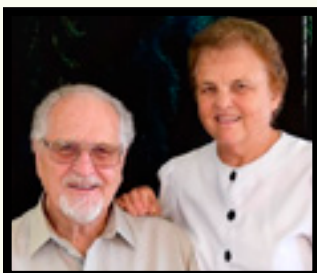
Fenton 50th

Loren and Ruth (Christensen) Fenton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Aug. 6, 2017, at the Milton Church, in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Loren and Ruth began dating in the spring of 1966 at Walla Walla College when he was a junior theology major and she was a senior nursing student. They were married June 8, 1967, in the Laurelwood (Ore.) Academy Church. Ruth's grandfather, Jens Christensen, was honored to escort his granddaughter down the aisle in the church he had built a few years earlier.

After graduation, Loren began his ministry as associate pastor of the Mount Tabor Church in Portland, Ore. Ruth acquired a job in the ICU at the old Portland Adventist Hospital across the street from the church on SE 60th Ave. After one year of ministerial internship, Oregon Conference sponsored Loren as a Master of Divinity student at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He completed the master's degree requirements in September 1970, and the couple returned to Oregon, where Loren was assigned to the Eugene Church as associate pastor.

The Fentons' tenure in Eugene lasted for only about seven months. The General Conference invited Loren and Ruth to join several other young couples in the Far East to learn Mandarin



Loren and Ruth Fenton

Chinese. They accepted the call, and in May 1971 they moved with their 10-month-old son, Benjamin, to the island of Taiwan and began language training. In all, Loren and Ruth served six years as missionaries in Taiwan, where they were also blessed by the arrival of a daughter, Kimberly, in 1974.

After returning to the homeland the Fentons served in evangelism and pastoral ministry in Upper Columbia Conference (12 years), Ohio Conference (11.5 years), and Oregon Conference (7.5 years). Ruth also continued her nursing career, with a focus on pediatric home care, working with several nursing agencies following the family's several moves.

Loren and Ruth retired in 2011, both having accumulated 40 years of service in their respective fields. In August 2015, the Fentons moved to College Place, Wash., where they now reside.

The 50th anniversary celebration at Milton Church was organized by Loren and Ruth's daughter, Kimberly Holback of Howell, Mich., and their daughter-in-law, Lita Fenton of College Place. More than 100 guests packed the Milton Church fellowship hall for the renewal of vows officiated by Lloyd Perrin, pastor. Granddaughters Morgan and Gabi Holback and Ruth's uncle, Victor Merth, provided special music during the service. Refreshments included banana bread cupcakes, cookies and individual cups of fruit salad.

Among the guests were Loren's sisters, Katty Joy French and Beulah Fern Stevens; son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Lita Fenton, with their children, Peter and Allison; daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Tom Holback, and their children, Grantsen, Morgan and Gabrielle; plus numerous friends and

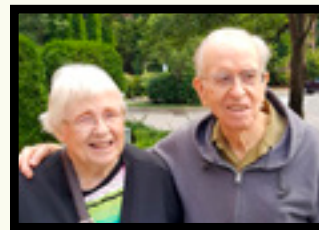
relatives from the wider circles of extended family.

McFarlane 60th

Bill and Meribeth McFarlane celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 15, 2017.

Bill McFarlane and Meribeth Wagner met while attending Walla Walla College. They lived in the Walla Walla, Wash., area and then in Southern California, where their children were born.

Bill attended dental school at Loma Linda University and



Meribeth and Bill McFarlane graduated in 1966. He practiced in Vancouver, Wash., and Dinuba, Calif. In 1969 the family moved to Hong Kong, where Bill worked as a missionary dentist and Meribeth was the welcoming hostess to Far Eastern Division visitors to Hong Kong.

Three years later the family transferred to Guam, where Bill continued his missionary dental work. They moved back to the United States in 1977 for their children to attend college, then they returned to Guam in 1982.

The McFarlanes moved state-side permanently in 1985, worked at Monument Valley for a year, and then soon after Bill started his true "missionary" job working for the California state prison system at the facility in Jamestown.

He retired in 1998, and the pair moved to College Place, Wash., in 2003, where they lived until declining health encouraged them to move closer to their daughters. They now reside at Somerset Lodge in Gladstone, Ore., and would be happy to visit

with any of their friends who are in the area.

The McFarlane family includes Pam and Doug Laue of Estacada, Ore.; Donna and Jon Stephan of Oregon City, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

FAMILY BIRTHS

FRANCO — Nora was born Jan. 3, 2016, to Ruben and Vanesa (Hernandez) Franco, Tillamook, Ore.

FAMILY WEDDINGS

MANLEY-DRUSKY

Ellie P. Manley and Roy F. Drusky were married Aug. 27, 2017, in Snohomish, Wash.

They are making their home in South Lebanon, Ohio. Ellie is the daughter of Christian and Brenda (Fletcher) Manley. Roy is the son of Roy and Diana (Taylor) Drusky.

PARADA-LONGVILLE

Cezia Parada and Lance Longville were married Aug. 13, 2017, in Tillamook, Ore. Cezia is the daughter of Danny and Patricia Parada. Lance is the son of Lester and Mary Longville.

FAMILY AT REST

BURNS — Robert G., 93; born Nov. 4, 1923, Ashland, Ore.; died July 13, 2017, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Sandy, Prospect, Ore.; sons, Michael, Lodi, Calif.; Gordon, Weaverville, Calif.; Rory, Bremen, Ga.; James, Hilo, Hawaii; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

BUSBY — Eva Helen (Wheeler), 82; born Oct. 15, 1934, Mildred, Mont.; died May 18, 2017, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ronald Wallace; sons, Daniel Authur, Umapine, Ore.;

David Wayne, Marysville, Wash.; daughters, Rhonda Sue Busby, Seattle, Wash.; Amy Lynn Martin, College Place; brother, Monty Wheeler, Billings, Mont.; sisters, Jessie Nigg, Kalispell, Mont.; Mildred Ayers, Loveland, Colo.; Faye Mason, Billings; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

COGAR — Jennifer Lynn (Duncan), 43; born May 1, 1974, Leonardtown, Md.; died July 3, 2017, Walla Walla, Wash.

CRABB — Cecil L., 81; born June 5, 1935, DeLong, Ind.; died May 14, 2017, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: sons, Kerry, Eugene, Ore.; Greg, San Diego, Calif.; brothers, Bob, Stayton, Ore.; Ralph, Ogden, Utah; sister, Leala Ann Richardson, Christmas Valley, Ore.; and 3 grandchildren.

FETHERSTON — Barbara, 84; born Aug. 7, 1932, Modesto, Calif.; died Feb. 18, 2017, Eugene, Ore.

FETHERSTON — Michael, 66; born Feb. 1, 1950, Prineville, Ore.; died Aug. 7, 2016, Portland, Ore.

FLECK — Algram W., 95, born March 10, 1922, Bassano, Alberta, Canada; died July 12, 2017, Republic, Wash. Surviving: wife, Patsy (Cross); son, JaDe Fleck, Republic; daughters, Valeria Brimacombe, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada; Cynthia Johnson, Walla Walla, Wash.; Berdina Morrow, San Antonio, Texas; Robyn Gillespie and Delphene Harris, both of Kennewick, Wash.; Michele Lindquist, Kaiser, Ore.; Judee Young, Republic; brother, Llewellyn Fleck, Panoka, Alberta, Canada; 21 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

GIBSON — Frieda (Nickel), 88; born in Gemunden, Germany; died June 17, 2017, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Jerry, Boise; Ken,

Chula Vista, Calif.; daughters, Madeline Gibson, Boise; Rose Brown, Boise; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

MACLAUGHLIN — Beverly Anne (Forrester), 77; born March 20, 1940, Douglas, Mich.; died July 3, 2017, Surprise, Ariz. Surviving: husband, Samuel “Sammy” Jr., Peoria, Ariz.; Chris, Albuquerque, N.M.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

MCADAMS — George Richard “Dick,” 81; born Nov. 5, 1935, Portland, Ore.; died July 7, 2017, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: sons, Wayne, Lafayette, Ore.; Rick, Oregon City, Ore.; daughter, Vonda Lain, San Antonio, Texas; brother, Donald, Sumner, Wash.; sister, Joanne Harrison, Gaston, Ore.; 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

O'DELL — Floyd (Digger) Walter, 84; born June 24, 1932, Forks, Wash.; died Nov. 4, 2016, Condon, Ore. Surviving: wife, Norma Elnora; sons, Michael, Drummond, Mont.; Kelly, Beaumont, Calif.; daughters, Glenda Springer, Kennewick, Wash.; Darla Merritt, Portland, Ore.; sisters, Shirley Haybold and Stella Paddock; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

PANCOAST — Helen Emilee (Stump), 84; born June 8, 1933, Phoenix, Ariz.; died July 12, 2017, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: husband, Donald Jr.; sons, Paul, Columbia, Mo.; Patrick, Lake Oswego, Ore.; daughter, Patricia Pancoast, Lake Oswego; and 10 grandchildren.

PAYNE — Donald Brent, 62; born Aug. 25, 1954, Salem, Ore.; died July 25, 2017, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: brothers, Lester, Amity, Ore.; Neal, Flintstone, Ga.; sisters, Carol Keller, Concrete, Wash.; Janice James,

Camas, Wash.; Marie Thornton, Freeland, Wash.; and Julia Thatch, McMinnville.

PRAYE — Clyde L., 81; born Dec. 16, 1935, Madison, Ill.; died June 23, 2017, Cashmere, Wash. Surviving: sons, Scott, Port Orchard, Wash.; Brian and Wesley, both of Leavenworth, Wash.; daughter, Cynthia Praye, Renton, Wash.; stepdaughter, Cecily Walczewski, Rockford, Mich.; 7 grandchildren, a step-grandchild and 3 great-grandchildren.

RATCLIFF — Delores Renee (Enderson), 51; born May 21, 1966, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; died July 18, 2017, Cashmere, Wash. Surviving: husband, Nick Jr.; son, Jared, Cashmere; daughter, Joyanna Ratcliff, Cashmere; parents, Eugene and Donna (Kneeland) Enderson, Robins, Iowa; brothers, Daniel Enderson, Castle Rock, Colo.; and David Enderson, Lincoln, Neb.

SNELL — Ruby Eldeana (Holbrook), 90; born Nov. 20, 1926, Mabton, Wash.; died June 30, 2017, Goldendale, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert; sons, Kenneth, Goldendale; Dennis, Reading, Penn.; daughter, Gayla Blackley, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and 5 grandchildren.

STROUD — Ronald Wayne, 68; born Nov. 27, 1948, Chicago, Ill.; died March 2, 2017, Mount Vernon, Wash. Surviving: wife, Rozella M. (Ruble); sons, Anthony, Battle Ground, Wash.; Randy, Brainard, Minn.; daughters, Kerrine Pepper, Beaver Creek, Ore.; Heidi Lorensen, Gladstone, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WILKENS — Edith Miller (Taylor), 84; born Sept. 15, 1932, Cape May Court House, New Jersey; died July 7, 2017, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, John;

sons, Barry, Fort McDowell, Ariz.; Keith, Spokane; Carl, Spokane; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS — Larry J., 76; born Feb. 14, 1941, Portland, Ore.; died June 13, 2017, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: wife, Irma (Weh); sons, Alan, Albuquerque, N.M.; Doug, Shoreline, Wash.; David Fisher, Bastrop, Texas; daughter, Monica Knutson, Shoreline; brother, Hal Williams, Wichita Falls, Texas; sister, Joanne Williams, Albuquerque; and 3 grandchildren.

WILSON — Darlene (Frederick) Clark, 73; born Aug. 31, 1943, Los Angeles, Calif.; died Aug. 4, 2017, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: husband, Stan; sons, Greg Clark, Scappoose, Ore.; Chris Wilson, Ojai, Calif.; stepson, Randall Wilson, Issaquah, Wash.; daughter, Wendy Ortman, Gales Creek, Ore.; stepdaughter, Cynthia Wilson, Topeka, Kan.; sister, Shirley Berray, Madras, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

The *Gleaner* also accepts expanded obituary announcements with short bio and photo. For submission and cost info, contact info@gleanernow.com or call 360-857-7043.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

Nov. 4 — Local Church Budget;

Nov. 11 — World Budget (emphasis Annual Sacrifice Global Mission);

Nov. 18 — Local Church Budget;

Nov. 25 — Local Conference Advance.

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

Nov. 8 — Walla Walla University will host a free online webinar, “How to Pay for College,” for prospective students and their parents at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. This 40-minute presentation will be led by experts from WWU student financial services and marketing and enrollment services.

After the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. Register at sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars.

Nov. 10 and 11 — Two WWU alumni events will be held in the Portland, Ore./Vancouver, Wash., area. Vespers and WWU news update at the Meadow Glade Church, 11001 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, Wash., Friday at 6 p.m. Dinner and WWU news update at the Old Spaghetti Factory, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 6 at 800-377-2586.

Nov. 12 — Pedrito Maynard-Reid, WWU assistant to the president for diversity, will present “Justice: A Radical and Prophetic Call to the Academy and the Pew” for the 2017 Distinguished Faculty Lecture. Watch live at 7 p.m. at wallawalla.edu/DFL.

Dec. 8 — WWU Department of Music Christmas concert. Watch live at 6 p.m. or 8 p.m. online at wallawalla.edu/concert.

IDAHO CONFERENCE

Missing Members

The Wood River Valley Church in Hailey, Idaho, is looking for the following missing members: Karen Kostoff, Kyra Costoff, Richard Costoff, Sandra Costoff, Scott Davis, Kim Fulgrahm, Edwin Jones, Nellie Price, Floyd Rummel, Rebecca Rummel, Shirley Swanson, Harold Tretzen and Mark Voorhees. If you have any information about these people, please contact the church clerk, Juli Miller, by email at topcub2@earthlink.net, by phone at 916-717-4118, or by mail to Church Clerk, Wood River Valley Church, PO Box 2642, Hailey, ID 83333.

OREGON CONFERENCE

Embrace the Hope Event

Nov. 5 — Take Heart Ministry is hosting “Embrace the Hope” the first Sunday of November at 11:30 a.m. This event is for those who have suffered loss — the loss of a loved one, divorce, health or financial loss — if you’re hurting or want to be there for someone who is, this event is for you. Catered lunch, a program designed especially for you, music, resources and connections. Come join us at the Salem Convention

Center and hear Tony and Sayuri Rodriguez share and encourage us as we near the holidays.

PAA Open House

Nov. 16 — Portland Adventist Academy invites eighth-graders and their families to an open house at 6:30 p.m. Sample food from the farm-to-table kitchen, tour the school, learn more about project-based learning, advanced placement and college credit classes, and have the chance to win a month of free tuition. See paasda.org for more information.

Milo Visitation Weekend

Nov. 17-19 — Milo Visitation Weekend (Academy Days) for grades 8-11. Please contact Kathy Hernandez at kathy.hernandez@miloacademy.org or 541-825-3200 ext. 3323 for more information or to register.

Celebration of Thanksgiving

Nov. 18 — Join Adventist Health for a special celebration concert featuring Point of Grace at 7 p.m. Free admission with a ticket and donation of nonperishable food items. More information and ticket locations available at AdventistHealth.org/NW/Thanksgiving.

PAES Harvest Festival

Nov. 18 — It’s that time of year ... fall. With fall, comes our annual Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES) Harvest Festival. Join us for an awesome evening of games, prizes, good food and lots of family fun. On the PAES campus, 3990 NW First St., Gresham, Ore., from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring canned food to donate to Portland Adventist Community Services. More information online at paes.com.

Adventist Medical Center Special Events

Dec. 1 — You’re invited to Adventist Medical Center at 10123 SE Market St., Portland, Ore., for **Community Remembrance**, Education Centers at 4 p.m. Honor a loved one or special caregiver at this holiday remembrance event presented by Adventist Health’s hospice team. Attendees are invited to add a special name to the Tree of Hope following the event. **First Friday Event**, Amphitheater C, 7:15 p.m. Join us for joyful praise and fellowship. Sign up for soup and salad before each program at AdventistHealth.org/NW in the Classes and Events section. **Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Atrium at 8 p.m. Welcome the holiday season with a special tree lighting event, after First Friday, featuring music from the a cappella group RESCUE.

King’s Heralds Community Christmas Concert

Dec. 3 — The King’s Heralds community Christmas concert in Tillamook, Ore., on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Tillamook High School Don Whitney Auditorium. No charge; everyone is welcome.

Fountainview Academy in Concert

Dec. 17-18 — The Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Singers are coming to the Grants Pass Church. The concerts are tentatively scheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and again on Monday at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at

1360 NE Ninth Street, Grants Pass, Ore. Their music is a great blessing to our church and the public. We are excited to be a part of their United States tour.

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UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

UCA Alumni Area Chapter Meetings

Upper Columbia Academy alumni area chapter meeting on Jan. 21, Sunday brunch 10 a.m. in Portland Ore.; or Jan. 28, Sunday brunch at 10 a.m. in Walla Walla, Wash. Let Julie know if you're interested, by email alumni@ucca.org or by calling 509-245-3692.

UCA 'Christmas at the FOX'

Dec. 14 — The Upper Columbia Academy Department of Music will present their 10th annual Christmas at the Fox program on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin Woldsen Theater at the Fox, in Spokane, Wash. The evening features tasteful Christmas music from many genres presented by the choir, choraliars, band, string orchestra, symphony orchestra and other small ensembles. The program is free, and a freewill offering will be taken. Doors will open at 6:30.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Handel's Messiah Concert

Dec. 2 — Chehalis Church invites you to the annual community singalong of Handel's *Messiah* at 4:30 p.m. with a full orchestra, soloists and community choir. Students from Auburn Adventist Academy Orchestra and Sylvan Chorale also participate. Singers are invited to join the choir. Choir rehearsals are Tuesdays, Nov. 28 and 30 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Questions? Call Pamela Burghart at 360-748-4330. Chehalis Church is located at 120 Chilvers Rd., Chehalis, Wash.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Celebration for Pastor David Glenn

Dec. 9 — Chehalis Church invite friends and colleagues of David Glenn to a special Sabbath Celebration and afternoon of music honoring Pastor Glenn's great love for and many years of service to his best friend, Jesus Christ. Worship service at 11 a.m., luncheon at 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Pamela Burghart at 360-748-4330. Chehalis Church is located at 120 Chilvers Rd., Chehalis, Wash.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Dec. 16 — Chehalis Church invites you to a Festival of Lessons and Carols. The message of Christ shared in Scripture and song at 11 a.m. Call 360-748-4330 for more information. Chehalis Church is located at 120 Chilvers Rd., Chehalis, Wash.

WORLD CHURCH

Chapel Church Reunion with Pastor Clarence Schilt

Nov. 11 — Chapel Church Reunion with Clarence Schilt, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., at the Loma Linda Academy Chan Auditorium, 10656 Anderson St., Loma Linda, CA 92354. All who attended Chapel Church in the 1980s and 1990s will enjoy a day of fellowship, memories and worship. Contact Kathy McMillan at mcmillanj@roadrunner.com or Brenda Pfeiffer Boyd at 909-583-3033, or visit the Chapel Church Reunion Facebook page. Chapel Church was a young professionals' church option of the Loma Linda University Church.

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CANVASBACK MISSIONS is looking for a part-time development director to help with their nonprofit work bringing specialty medical care to the islands of Micronesia. The position is responsible for Canvasback's fundraising including the major gifts program, annual fund, planned giving, special events and capital campaigns. For more information, visit canvasback.org/jobs.

SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY is seeking an online adjunct professor(s) to teach part-time courses in newly organized senior living management certificate

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WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY is hiring! To see the list of available positions, go to jobs.wallawalla.edu.

Events

COME CELEBRATE the Richland (Wash.) Seventh-day Adventist Church's 50th Anniversary, Nov. 10–11, 2017. All are invited to join us for this special weekend. Additional information may be found at myrichlandchurch.org.

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ALONG CAME A SPIDER, PART 2

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ell, after our bake sale break last month, it is time to pick up where we left off in discussing the proliferation of false teachers running around the world and how it is they continue to be successful even among the smartest believers.

To create a cult following, false teachers use occult rhetoric techniques. Remember Matthew 24 says you will hear of wars and RUMORS of wars — esoteric, secretive, inside speculative knowledge that is an occult technique (occult means hidden). Joshua Gunn¹, professor at Texas University, made an in-depth study of occult texts in the 20th century; the short version is someone creates material that is hard to understand, and they set themselves up as the expert who can interpret this special knowledge. Cult teachers function by writing of “occult books” and the “creation of authority through novel vocabularies”

(p. 125). The focus ceases to be on God and is transferred to the teacher, who is able to interpret the text and special language — and it isn't limited to obvious cult leaders. Gunn suggests the primary vehicle that cult leaders use is “homiletics” (preaching).

Preachers walk a fine line because they all have the potential to set themselves up as experts on whom people must depend in order to understand truth. There

is power that comes with knowledge. Every teacher walks a fine line between sharing their knowledge and making themselves the ultimate interpreter of truth, and if it is televised, streamed, published or put on DVD it becomes extra authoritative. And if you don't buy one you don't know what's really going on and you are part of the uninformed masses, a dumb sheep — a sheeple.

This technique is used among scores of independent ministries and nonprofits who launch seminars, YouTube channels, e-books and Facebook pages. I wrote a satirical blog years ago saying the best way to start an independent ministry is to find some common thing people do, decenter it by finding some obscure link to something awful (You use a fork? Well so does the leader of North Korea — you're a fascist dictator!), and then go on the road enlightening people about the spiritual dangers of forks.

For awhile Christians became worked up over some articles claiming Monster Energy drinks contained hidden occult symbols, even a YouTube video presentation claiming these drinks are the work of Satan. My friend and colleague, David Hamstra, doing his doctoral studies at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., wrote an article on it, saying, “Christian conspiracy preachers teach



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attainment of spiritual power through secret knowledge of hidden symbols. They purport to warn you against the occult, while at the same time adopting occult epistemology [methods] in order to explain its power.”

The result is not only misinformation but a loss of focus on Christ and an increase in fear, paranoia. And it works on all kinds of people who feel marginalized, unheard, unsupported or unimportant. The special information becomes the standard for judging others. Instead of Jesus, it is worship music, Bible versions or the Earth being flat, and we know because the expert gave us the special knowledge, and we can judge all those other people who don't know what we know. Ellen White writes, “Speculative ideas should not be agitated, for there are

peculiar minds that love to get some point that others do not accept, and argue and attract everything to that one point, urging that point, magnifying that point, when it is really a matter which is not of vital importance . . .” (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 15).

Adventist Christians are especially susceptible. For a people who claim to be lovers of the light, we have an unhealthy fascination with darkness. We have been waiting for Jesus to return for a long time. We get restless so we begin exploring conspiracy theories, the work of the devil, as an alternative way to confirm our belief that prophecy is still being fulfilled. It's a way of self-medicating when faith is tried, except you don't get healthy by taking the devil's medicine.

The danger is we begin to love the secrets more than

the Savior, those alleged secrets about all the lurking dangers in the world — secret societies, chem trails in the air, hidden messages music and film, heresies in the church, and we become more fascinated by the devil's work than God's, becoming crisis-centered instead of Christ-centered.

In the last days people will follow after false messiahs and fake news and exist in a post-truth culture where our emotions and longing in our hearts are preyed upon. Jesus says His people are known by their love for one another. Love implies hope, relationships and courage in spite of trouble. Are there dangers and conspiracies — yes. Are they everywhere? No ... except for

one core: the one that moves people to trade the peace that passes all understanding for a paranoia that lacks understanding. That's the conspiracy to make you take your eyes off of Jesus.

Jesus has promised to be with us to the end of the world (Matt. 28:20). Let's live in faith, not fear.

1. Gunn, J., *Modern occult rhetoric: Mass media and the drama of secrecy in the twentieth century* (Tuscaloosa, Ala.: University of Alabama Press, 2011).

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

95 THESES FOR ADVENTISTS

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ive hundred years ago, Martin Luther's 95 Theses helped spark revival and reformation across Europe. We've seen a number of 21st-century counterpart declarations. Here's a sampling of my own list:

1. Jesus Christ is not only our Savior but our Lord and our life.
2. In Eden we died together with Adam *in sin*; at Calvary we died together with Christ *to sin*.
3. Saving faith disowns our old humanity from Adam in exchange for our new humanity in Christ.
4. Christ as the new Adam is the head of a new human race — His body the church, comprised of all true believer-disciples.
5. We are born again into the resurrection life of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
6. Just as we receive forgiveness only through Christ's historic death on Calvary, we receive the Spirit based only upon His historic resurrection and glorification.
7. Through baptism we officially part ways with our old humanity as being dead and buried with Christ; we rise from the water to live out our new humanity in the risen Jesus.
8. Salvation rescues us from death in trespasses and sins — guilt is the death of

innocence, alienation is the death of relationship, selfishness is the death of love, sorrow is the death of joy, strife is the death of peace.

9. Life in Christ is more than a heart that never stops beating; it is the restoration of innocence, relationality, love, joy, and peace through His indwelling Spirit.
10. Christ does not dispense character qualities separately, doling out patience, purity, etc.; these are bundled together as the fruit of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
11. We are saved to fulfill God's purpose for our lives: fundamentally worship, fellowship, discipleship, serving and outreach.
12. The foundation of Christian living is worship, without which everything we do is dysfunctional and inadequate. Worship (personal and corporate) adores God with all our hearts, minds and souls.
13. Fellowship is life together in the Spirit in which we participate in each other's joys, sorrows and struggles, sharing one another's burdens and celebrations.
14. Discipleship is a learning experience (Matt 11:29) in which we mentor and are mentored by others according to our various spiritual gifts, experience and calling.
15. Everything we do for people is primarily and ultimately



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spiritual healing through God's gracious love in the Spirit.

- » The final judgment executed at Christ's coming will divide His sheep of compassion from the devil's goats of selfish religiosity.
- » The Bible is our only rule of faith, and all the gifts of the Spirit are tested by it — including the gift of prophecy.
- » Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is empowering liberty — not coerced uniformity.

Well, that's part of my dream and passion for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. If you are curious about the full list of my 95 theses for the last days, visit 95Theses4SDA.com. And, what about your thoughts? What points would you add or subtract to those I have shared here? Share your ideas at talk@gleanernow.com.

Martin Weber, retired from denominational service, is a hospice chaplain.

16. Outreach is more than a staged event; it is a continuous incarnational experience in the workplace, marketplace and classroom, always prepared to humbly testify to God's grace and truth in Jesus.
17. We cannot choose between doctrines and Jesus — genuine doctrines help us understand Jesus.
18. Rather than a law-centered focus, we live in relationship with Jesus. We must lose the law for Christ's sake to find it fulfilling in our lives.
19. Heaven's sanctuary is the human resource center of the universe, from which God's Spirit has facilitated spiritual gifts for service

- since the day Jesus poured out His Spirit at Pentecost.
20. We serve together as royal priests of heaven's sanctuary, collaborating continually with our High Priest.
- So that's the beginning of my list of suggestions/declarations regarding the Adventist Church. Here's a random sampling of others from my list of 95:
- » We do not trust in our own faith but in the faithfulness of Christ's performance, fulfilling God's law for our salvation.
 - » Conviction of sin is not God questioning our salvation or shaming us; instead He is gently reminding us, "That's not who you really are."
 - » Salvation involves wel-

- coming our identity in Jesus; we may scold ourselves all day, but ultimately we will live out our perceived identity in either the old or the new Adam.
- » The joy of the Lord is our strength over sin; believing we've been forgiven and accepted in Christ facilitates genuine life change (see Neh. 8:10; Rom. 15:13).
 - » Emotion in worship (not to be confused with cheap emotionalism) is a spiritually liberating experience through loving the Lord with all our hearts.
 - » Victory over sin is not magical power received through frantically claiming prayer promises; it's the outcome of emotional and



JUST LIKE JESUS

GOD'S CLEAN PLATE CLUB



It is easy to hate. Almost enjoyable to look down my nose and remember your sins with disdain.

“However,” God says, “my goal is not hatred, but love. Not memories of horror, but glimpses of pleasure.”

God challenges me to treat even the poorest and most

“I know how bad I’ve been,” the king sings. “My sins are staring me down. ... Wipe out my bad record. ... Scrub away my guilt. ... Put fresh wind in my sails.”

It seems that the king’s pain gave him cause to sing of cleansing and of hope.

One translation of his song reads, “Blot out my transgressions.” However, a blotter is not an effective way to remove deep stains. A blotter always leaves a residue.

Sinner David chose a more complete illustration. “Wipe out.” “Scrub away.” “Clean away my transgressions.”

When you soak, scrub, rub, wipe and clean a dirty dish, there is NO dirt left. No residue from lunch. Not even a crumb of pizza. Nothing.

It’s all gone. Forever. Full stop. All that remains is the shine of well-scrubbed purity.

When God scrubs me into His “Clean Plate Club,” He also prepares me to receive the gifts He is eager to give. He smiles with deep satisfaction as the clean plate of my life fills with His compassion, His gentleness, His forgiveness, His mercy, His joy, His peace, His patience and His love.

“My goal,” God says, “is not hatred, but purity. Not carefully catalogued memories of horror, but the pleasures of forgiving and the power of being forgiven.”

The repentant king’s song also includes a verse asking God to “put fresh wind in my sails.”

I’ve tried to do that. By myself. I’ve pumped up the rhetoric, blown hard and plugged in the fans. Yet, the sails of my life hung limp until I asked God to blow the wind of His Spirit my way. That’s when the adventures began.

Near the end of David’s song, the king asks God to make him a teacher, “so I can teach sinners your ways.”

Maybe that’s the whole purpose of God’s forgiveness, His “Clean Plate Club.”

As He scrubs my filth away, He gives me a Thanksgiving story to tell. A compelling narrative with a beginning, middle and end. A story so filled with honesty and love those who listen will sense hope in His forgiveness.

“My greatest pleasure,” God says, “is not punishment, but forgiveness. When I forgive, I toss the wash-water deep into the sea where even I can never find it again.”

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awful humans with respect, to “love my enemies” and to “turn the other cheek,” when whumped. He ignores the easy way and commands the impossible.

“However,” God says, “my goal is not revenge, but love. Not memories of horror, but the pleasures of forgiveness.”

At times my enemies are faceless fiends from afar, part-time pilots whose greatest skill is destruction. But, often I discover that my greatest enemy is really within, a lurking craziness that eats away at my best intentions and makes me less than my weakest hope could allow.

Then I cry and open God’s Love Letter, searching for His voice. Here I find answers, direction and peace. Like from the repentant heart of Israel’s King David.



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