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This month we focus on the role that women fill in shaping the identity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. From our earliest beginnings as a movement, women have provided tireless service. The most well known of these committed women was Ellen White, who, along with her husband, James, is recognized as a co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Throughout her long life Mrs. White traveled extensively—preaching, writing and counseling fledgling congregations and church administrators.

Would the Seventh-day Adventist Church have survived without her leadership? According to historian George Knight, among the six denominations that arose from Millerism all except Seventh-day Adventists have disbanded, merged, or are markedly dwindling (*Lest We Forget: Daily Devotions*, p. 372).

Certainly there were additional factors that led to our stability and growth as a movement. Yet they do not negate the continuing influence of Ellen White’s guidance. Today her courage, vision and willingness to engage in the ministry to which God called her are being reflected by many loyal Adventist women serving their families, churches and communities in the Mid-America Union and beyond.

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By David Deemer, biomedical science major at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska

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Angel Bock, left, the longest-serving woman pastor in Mid-America, has been collaborating for nearly 30 years with Nancy Buxton, MAUC Women’s Ministries director, in nurturing and encouraging women of all ages.

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The Most Dreaded Question

Many of us dread the question, “Do you believe in Ellen White?” whether it comes from fellow Adventists or from other believers.

If someone of a different Christian faith asks whether you believe Ellen White was a prophet they may actually be asking, “So you really belong to a cult—is that what you’re saying?” Fellow Adventists may be asking whether we agree with their understanding of a particular passage, and implying that if we disagree, we don’t really believe. This “simple” question can actually be several different questions. No wonder we often find it daunting.



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Not all the same kind

First we have to realize that Ellen White wrote prolifically, on a great variety of topics, and in different ways. Not all her work is of the same kind. For example, there are books she wrote on a particular topic. *Education* and *Ministry of Healing* are two examples where she directly and comprehensively addressed the issues of education and health.

Then we have the books we call *The Conflict of the Ages Series*. These provide her understanding of God’s interaction with His people throughout time, stretching from creation to the second coming. Although they draw upon the Bible, they are not strictly commentary on the Bible, nor are they limited to what is in the Bible. In many ways they are a class unique unto themselves.

Then we have a sort of catchall category including testimonies to individuals, letters to groups and committees, and a whole range of other things. Finally, we have books consisting almost solely of her words, but they are essentially lists of excerpts from the other categories of writings, assembled by topic. These are called compilations.

So, while I affirm Ellen White’s prophetic gift, each of her writings has to be considered in light of its original purpose.

Authority

At the root of the question about Ellen White is a question of authority: Do we affirm her writings as authoritative? Oddly enough, the answer to this depends upon the context of

the questioner.

All Christians accept the Bible as authoritative, but secular people and non-Christians may not. With other Christians, we can cite the Bible as authority, but it’s pointless to quote the Bible as an authority to those who do not recognize it as such. Do you see where this is going?

The Adventist Church has ratified Ellen White’s gift of prophecy. Her writings can be authoritative within the church, but those outside the denomination have not accepted her as authority, so it is inappropriate to cite her as authority to them.

It might help to think of it this way. Different states have different speed limits on major highways. When traveling through, say, Pennsylvania, it does not help to reference the speed limit of New Mexico. In the same way, quoting an authority from one denomination or faith community—although informative or inspirational—carries no weight in another faith community.

More important is how we personally are going to deal with the writings of Ellen White. Before we can answer the multitude of questions others may ask, we need to have a firm grasp on how we answer the questions for ourselves.

Opportunities and challenges

The fact that we have so much of her work, and that it occurs in these varied forms, presents us with both opportunities and difficulties. The opportunities we grasped quickly as a people, recognizing an invaluable source of counsel. The difficulties arise—as they

do with the Scriptures—in how to interpret and to apply the information provided in these writings.

Ellen White made it clear that many of her words were misused in her own day. Without her here to correct us, we need to be very careful. We need to determine if the circumstances into which she spoke a certain counsel are the same as those to which we intend to apply it today. And always we need to remember Paul’s caution, that even with the gift of prophecy, “We know [only] in part, we prophesy [only] in part.”

In my own writing and speaking, I rarely use Ellen White authoritatively—for three main reasons. First, it’s a little lazy. She called her work a “lesser light.” If a doctrine really matters, it will be found in the Bible. Second, it weakens our testimony to those who are not members of our church. Most have not heard of her, and if so, often not in a positive fashion. Third, it ends up diluting the authority of her works, because we are really asking others to accept our interpretation as authoritative. In fact, quoting her authoritatively is a terrible introduction to her works—much more likely to lead to a total rejection of her prophetic gift than to acceptance of it.

There is much of great worth in the writings of Ellen White. But like any powerful tool, they can do a lot of good, or a lot of damage. Just as we need to learn to drive safely, or use power tools safely, we need to learn to use all the gifts of the Spirit safely as well. Especially so powerful a tool as the gift of prophecy. □

Shaping Hearts, Changing Lives



This month in OUTLOOK we're featuring women in ministry. You will meet several women who have answered a call from the Lord and their church and are serving in various roles around our union. These are women with a deep love for our Savior and our church and who have true servant hearts. They have been, and will continue to be, a wonderful blessing here in Mid-America.

As we think about Women's Ministries, however, their role goes far beyond just ministering to other women in our churches or communities. Women have been involved in ministry roles in all of our lives in different capacities. Think of the women in your life who have ministered to you—the women who, through their influence, have helped you be where you are today.

Mothers, teachers, leaders

For me, it starts with my mother. In *The Adventist Home*, Ellen White says:

“The mother is God's agent to Christianize her family” (p. 235). This was certainly true in my home growing up. Mom loved Jesus and it came through loud and clear as we experienced her faithfulness. Her “Christianizing” influence showed through her devotional life, the way she mentored and disciplined us, the sweet spirit with which she filled our home, and love and service given to others outside our home.

I could also talk about those women who faithfully planned and carried out the Sabbath school programs I was privileged to attend. My Sabbath school teachers brought the great stories of the Bible to life. From them I learned to love and memorize numerous scripture verses that I have tucked away in my heart. By the way, if you haven't said “thank you” to those who love and teach your children at church, please remember to do so this next Sabbath. They work hard to bless our children!

I could speak of the many women teachers I had in grade

school, academy and college. I could tell you stories about each one, but I will mention only Dr. Minon Hamm, from whom I took Biblical Literature. When I sat in her class, she was teaching at Southern Adventist University, but from there she came to teach at Union College. Many of you reading this may have had her for a professor as well. She sought me out as a student and was determined to bless and help me. She truly loved her students and taught me much about the Bible and our Savior.

Here in Mid-America, I am especially grateful for Nancy Buxton who has led out in Women's Ministries in our union since 2002. She, along with our six conference Women's Ministries leaders, touch many lives through their selfless service to others.

Chosen messenger

Probably the most influential woman in ministry for many of us has been Ellen White. She too answered a very special call from the Lord to be a

leader and messenger for our church. Her life and writings have blessed millions of people around the world.

To date, she remains the most translated woman author in the history of literature and the most translated American author of either gender, with her masterpiece on successful Christian living, *Steps to Christ*, appearing in more than 140 languages. During her lifetime she wrote over 5,000 periodical articles and 40 books covering a broad range of subjects, including religion, education, social relationships, evangelism, prophecy, publishing, nutrition and management (whiteestate.org).

I believe it is true to say that without the ministry women have provided in the Seventh-day Adventist Church from its beginning, we would not have a church today...it is that simple.

So I invite you to thank the Lord for—and pray for—the women in our church who have answered a call to ministry in any role. They need and deserve our love and support! **📌**

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Mid-America Union.



EQUIPPING AND ENCOURAGING FOR SERVICE

Women's Ministries in Mid-America

Women are uniquely designed by God to touch people's lives in many ways. As women, we are naturally nurturers and because of that we are better able to minister in some areas. Ellen White said that women can come close to the hearts of other women and the family, and do a work that the men cannot do (*Evangelism*, p. 464).

I think of Women's Ministries as doing what Jesus did—mingling with the people, meeting their needs, and then telling them about Jesus and praying with them. I believe every department of the church should have the mission of winning souls, and that is what Women's Ministries is all about.

Our six conference directors are a dynamic group of women who bring vitality and creativity to their mission. They also have a passion for including young women in this ministry. Here are a few stories of what is happening around the Mid-America Union.

Nancy Buxton is Women's Ministries director for the Mid-America Union.



TERRI PERKINS
CENTRAL STATES

Terri Perkins, Women's Ministries director for Central States, shares this beautiful story from the Sharon Church in Omaha, Nebraska where they have implemented a weekly prayer ministry call: "The layout of the prayer call is for women to say short sentence, consecutive prayers. The group started off with approximately 10 women and their numbers have grown.

As a result of this ministry and Heart Call (a reclamation tool) one woman has rejoined the church. Today, her testimony is that if it were not for the consistency of women showing that they cared for each other she would not be back in the church."



GINGER BELL
ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Ginger Bell and her assistant, DeeAnn Bragaw, held two one-day retreats last year along with a day of service on Sunday after the retreat.

On Monday they received a call from a lady who mentors a young adult woman in her church. The young woman had attended both the retreat and the day of service. Ginger says, "The caller wanted us to know that the young woman had told her the retreat and the service day had been life changing. She had been longing for a sense of purpose and throughout the weekend, where she was able to minister in such a hands-on way, God renewed her purpose and lifted her heart. We are excited about how the Holy Spirit will grow those seeds!"



KRISTIN BREINER
MINNESOTA

Kristin Breiner, Women's Ministries director for the Minnesota Conference, is always looking for ways to help every woman in her conference experience God's calling. For the last several years she and her team have held God's Calling weekends where ladies are given tools and ideas to help them be leaders and witnesses for Jesus.

This year they decided to step out in faith and organize their very first God in Shoes event. It was held at a shelter for women and children who are survivors of domestic abuse. Besides the spa treatment and the new shoes for every woman, they gave each lady a rose. Kristin recalls that "several of the ladies broke down and cried when they were given the rose. One of them said, 'This is the first rose I have ever received in my life.'

"A sweet 13-year-old girl came through with her mother and found the very pair of shoes she had been asking for just the day before as they shopped. They had not been able to afford them in the store but there they were, sitting on the table, in her size!"



Preparing for
God in Shoes
includes
volunteers of
all ages.



1983–2016

Expanding the Ministry and Mission

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Women's Ministries Department grew out of an effort that began in 1983 when the North American Division Women's Commission was founded. In 1985 the Mid-America Union appointed Evelyn Glass to serve as its first women's commissioner, followed in 2002 by Nancy Buxton, who continues to fill this position.

Women's Ministries began with an internal focus of helping women inside the church. There have been many retreats, teas, prayer groups and Bible studies. "In more recent years we have looked beyond ourselves and realized how important it is to reach out to the community," says Buxton. "After all, we want everyone to know Jesus, and what better way to invite community ladies to our church than having a party with a purpose? By doing this we've nurtured, empowered and equipped women for outreach."

Twenty years have passed since General Conference Session delegates voted to grant Women's Ministries full departmental status at the 1995 Session held in Utrecht, Netherlands. That same year the Adventist Church celebrated "The Year of the Adventist Woman," focusing on women in ministry, women in abusive situations, and those in need of literacy—all areas that Women's Ministries continues to support. **10**

When we make a difference in a woman's life, we make a difference in a family, a church and a community.



SUE CARLSON
KANSAS-NEBRASKA

As Women's Ministries director for Kansas-Nebraska, Sue Carlson decided, after much prayer, that God in Shoes was a great avenue for bringing Jesus to the communities of her conference. To date, Sue and her team have hosted five God in Shoes events in various cities in Kansas and Nebraska, including seminars on topics pertinent to the situations concerning under-served people of the area. Sue says, "The last day of God in Shoes is a spa day where the ladies are each given a new pair of shoes and pampered with manicures, foot massages, body massages, facials and prayed over several times. Every woman is also given a Bible and the first lesson from the Discover Bible Series. One lady was so excited about the Bible and the lessons that she asked the pastor to study with her family so they could be baptized."



GAIL CORIDAN
IOWA-MISSOURI

Iowa-Missouri Women's Ministries director, Gail Coridan, tells about Lizzie Harrison-Chambwa in the St. Louis area: "After going through Equipping University (lay training program empowering members for ministry in their church and community) Lizzie and her family began the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist church plant in University City of St. Louis County. Lizzie has been extending herself for many years to reach women who are suffering abuse. She also holds seminars and day retreats to create awareness amongst others who could be helping these sisters. Lizzie is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ and is determined to witness for Him."



BRENNA KERR
DAKOTA

The Dakota's Women's Ministries director, Brenna Kerr, is excited about their prayer ministry. Brenna relates this story: "At the end of our retreat, we turn in our name tags and ask the ladies to take one on their way out, and to pray for that woman for the next year. I received a letter from one of the ladies who told me she is delighted to be praying for the woman whose name she drew. She found out this woman is not a Seventh-day Adventist and she is excited to lift her to heaven and see what God is going to do this year."

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Rediscovering Adventist Identity



In March 2014 the North American Division Department of Women's Ministries sent out a gender statistics report indicating that women make up 52 percent of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Immediately, I thought of the impact we could make in ministry if we were diligent in equipping every woman for service.

Women's Ministries is a great opportunity to help in rediscovering Adventist identity by teaching and training women for service for God. Reviving our church members is necessary; many have become lax and very comfortable in our current state. Often we take too much pride in identifying ourselves by the tangible things we possess, our earthly relationships, educational

achievements, or our job title. We rely on social media to signify our importance by the number of Facebook friends or Twitter followers obtained.

In an effort of rediscover Adventist identity we must acknowledge that we have forgotten or lost something near and dear to our hearts. Reconnecting with God is of first and foremost importance; establishing and maintaining an intimate relationship with Him is essential in the restoration process.

Through prayer we allow the Holy Spirit to convert and convict us of those things that are displeasing to Him. When we connect with God, the source, He gives us power to be overcomers; thus God can use us and our effectiveness in ministry is enhanced.

Humble beginnings

When I correlate rediscovering Adventist identity with Women's Ministries, I think of a woman of astronomical faith who influenced and inspired many. Ellen G. White can be described as a pioneer of this great Adventist faith and a person with remarkable spiritual gifts. I encourage everyone to read *A Brief Biography-Ellen G. White*. This book gives you a glimpse of how the Adventist movement came into existence and takes you through her life journey of tragedies and triumphs.

Ellen's foundation of good work ethics was established at an early age while laboring in the family home alongside her father manufacturing hats. At the age of nine,

while returning home from school one afternoon, she was severely injured from a stone thrown in her face by a classmate. For three weeks she was unconscious, and in the years that followed she suffered greatly as a result of a serious injury to her nose. Because of this, Ellen's formal education ended abruptly.

When Ellen was 12, she gave her heart to God. In her teens she led out in youth Bible study and prayer groups. Ellen's earnest prayer was for God's light and guidance. She married a young Adventist preacher, James White, and immediately they became partners in ministry. Health issues plagued their family and they experienced the untimely and devastating death of two of their sons.



NAD Women's Ministries Resources

1. Heart Call

Intentional ministry focusing on reclaiming missing members

2. Nurturing New Members

Discipling ministry that is vital to the continued growth of a church

3. Bible Studies

Women of The Faith, Journey to Joy, and Surprised by Love

4. God in Shoes

Innovative community evangelism through acts of kindness that demonstrate God's love

5. EnditNow

Adventist campaign against abuse of any kind toward women, men or children

6. Prayer Ministries

Prayer groups expanding far beyond the traditional circles to create prayer blogs, group emails for prayer requests, conference call Prayer Lines, sending daily Bible verses, and messages through texting

Available from:
nadwm.org/article/5/

The Whites also carried their share of financial burdens.

Despite the challenges, Ellen was passionate for matters of God. Her love, dedication and commitment to service strongly influenced the foundation and growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Christian denomination. Ellen's life was full of great accomplishments. But what brought her joy and comfort in her last days was the knowledge that she faithfully performed the work God had entrusted to her, and she was confident that the cause of truth would finally triumph.

Equipped through the Spirit

Some may wonder how a woman with limited education could write thousands of articles and numerous books covering such a broad range of subjects. Reacquainting members with the books of our faith like *Steps to Christ*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Christ Object Lessons*, and *Thoughts*

from the Mount of Blessing is a step toward rediscovering our Adventist identity. (These are great books to use for starting a book club.)

Ellen White is a pure example of the fact that God doesn't call the equipped; He equips those He calls. God's purpose for her in ministry was greater than she could imagine. Like Jesus (Luke 6:12), Ellen spent hours in prayer with God. He was able to use Ellen in a mighty way because of her willingness to remain in communion with and obedient to Him.

Experiencing His faithfulness

Another critical part in rediscovering Adventist identity is through study of the Bible. I'm intrigued when I see God's power of transformation in the lives of others. The Bible has countless stories of incredible people who exemplify great strength, courage and hope. These ordinary men and women

with their unique experiences can inspire and motivate us. Through their stories we experience God's favor, forgiveness and faithfulness.

I encourage readers in every situation to stay in prayer and remain faithful. Praise Him on the sunny days, on the rainy days and through the storm. Often when our spirit has been shattered we want to give up. When the spirit is fragile it directly impacts one's ability to pray, study and worship. Many abandon commitments; some give up too soon and don't benefit from the fullness of God's blessings intended for them.

This is why the Central States Conference Women's Ministry retreat theme for 2016 is Great Is Thy Faithfulness. We recognize God's faithfulness and we will be encouraging all women to remain faithful in all situations.

In His Service,
Terri Perkins

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Great is thy faithfulness!

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Series Encourages Every Member to Follow Christ

Photos: Courtesy Pastor Keith Hackle, Jr.



In late 2014, the Philadelphia Church under the leadership of **Pastor Keith Hackle, Jr.**

began planning a series that would run throughout the month of February. The series was designed to be more than just another opportunity to invite guest speakers to bless the congregation with a message, but rather to serve as a two-pronged plan to broach issues affecting the members and community, and serve as a launching pad for the full evangelistic series to be held in the summer.

The topic for 2015? Race relations. The result? Four weeks of powerful messages that edified the church and community while glorifying God. The aftermath? The February series has become a mainstay on Philadelphia's annual calendar.

The topic for 2016? Women in ministry. Each week a different female speaker (a majority of whom are ministry leaders within the Central States Conference) preached on the theme *I Will Follow*, a response to Jesus' mandate in Matt. 16:24: "Whoever wants

to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (NIV).

The takeaways range from sharing words of encouragement to testimonies of transformation. Motivation to overcome past mistakes was given, along with advice on how the male and female members of the church can come together without competition to complete the ministry to which God has called the Philadelphia Church. Each message was exactly what was needed at the time it was needed.

Commenting on why Philadelphia decided to focus the series on women in ministry this year, Pastor Hackle explained that God led them in this direction for two reasons: *1. For understanding.* Helping to overcome the plight of a person of the opposite sex is difficult if you don't understand what that person has been through. This month gives men the opportunity to hear about what women go through (the same thing happened last year with the series that was largely geared toward men)



(l-r) Elyricka Ware, Metreauna Shetworth-Jenkins and Na'Taviya Johnson-Coplen were recently baptized at the Philadelphia Church in Des Moines.

and women get to also hear that they are not the only ones who are going through certain issues. Education results in ministry on a higher, more effective level. *2. For uplift.* "The majority of the members at Philadelphia are female; the majority of the doors that we will be knocking on in the Spring are to homes that are led by females," said Pastor Hackle. "We want to communicate to our members and our community that we care about our ladies and young ladies; that we are a family and we have their backs."

The last Sabbath of the series was a time of great celebration at Philadelphia and in heaven. Three young ladies who completed Bible

studies were baptized. "Their decision for Christ coinciding with us holding this series speaks volumes. I imagine that seeing women serving in various positions, and seeing men support them in their endeavors, helped them decide that Philadelphia is more than a place they want to attend but a family they want to be a part of," said Pastor Hackle.

He added that Philadelphia is eagerly anticipating the fruit that will come from the summer series and also the ministries that will develop as a result of every member being encouraged.

Brittany Winkfield is communication director for the Central States Conference.

Ordination Services Held at Philadelphia

Photos: Courtesy Central States Conference



Leaders of the Philadelphia Church in Des Moines recently ordained Brother Estepha Franciques as an elder and Brother James Garswah as a deacon.



Ordination services were held at Philadelphia Church in Des Moines, Iowa last January for **James Garswah** and **Estepha Franciques**.

Brother Garswah, ordained as a deacon, comes from Liberia and has been a member for five years. During his time here he has filled many positions including deacon in training, choir member, community garden director, Sabbath school superintendent, and treasurer for community service for Central States Conference.

Ordained as an elder, Brother Francisque and his wife come from Boston,

Massachusetts and have been members for approximately one year. During his time at Philadelphia he has assumed the roles of AYS leader, Sabbath school teacher, praise team member and speaker for divine worship services on a few Sabbath mornings.

Pastor George Bryant, former stewardship director, was the speaker of the day. Elder Bryant, along with his wife and aunt, joined us for the ordination services.

Sharon Tate is communication secretary for the Philadelphia Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

LEGAL NOTICE

REGULAR QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF THE CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Session of the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Central States Conference G. Alexander Bryant Youth Center, **June 12, 2016 at 9:00 am.**

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Executive Committee members, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Officers, departmental directors, review recommended constitutional changes and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates for this session will be appointed one for each church and one additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof.

Roger A. Bernard Jr., acting president/vice president for administration

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Membership Meeting of the Central States Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Kansas, will meet in connection with the Regular Quadrennial Session of the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the G. Alexander Bryant Youth Center, **June 12, 2016 at 9:00 am.**

The purpose of the call is to elect a Board of Trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. All delegates to the conference session are delegates of the Association.

Roger A. Bernard Jr., acting president/vice president for administration

The Biggest Loser Gains the Most

“I could not have done this without the support of family and friends.”



Courtesy/Lynette Miller

Lynette and Marlin Miller are enjoying life with their friends and family more since Lynette’s health has improved through a lifestyle program that helped her lose 104 pounds last year.

The Dakota Conference has a tradition of giving \$25 or \$30 gift certificates to pastors during Pastors’ Meetings, held annually the first week in January. These certificates are awarded based on criteria such as most baptisms, highest per capita number of *Religious Liberty* subscriptions, and losing the most weight since last January. For 2015, **President Neil Biloff** asked the pastors if they would mind opening

the weight loss category to conference staff as well.

Along with several pastors, three staff members decided they needed to lose weight during 2015, and the challenge was set in motion. All who lost weight “won” through improved health and the need for less or no medication.

This past January, as Elder Biloff called off the pounds lost in 10-pound increments, several hands waved in the air. At the 50-pound mark, three hands remained. Eventually, only one hand remained as the tally continued higher. **Lynette Miller**, Adventist Book Center manager and administrative assistant, won the gift certificate with a loss of 104 pounds.

“I didn’t know I had lost that much until the day before Christmas,” she explains. “My doctor said, ‘I am amazed. You don’t realize what you have done. You have lost 104 pounds! I didn’t believe her because I hadn’t owned a scale for years.’”

Miller’s decision began in February 2015 when her granddaughter, **Hannah**, wanted her to go sledding and ride bikes with her. “I couldn’t physically do it,” Miller recalls. Hannah told her, “We need to fix this.”

The second incentive was when Miller’s doctor wanted to increase her medications, which were all weight related and had adverse side effects.

Thirdly, she fell descending the steps in her home and couldn’t get up. Her husband and son had to help her. “I didn’t realize I was in such bad shape until then,” she said.

Miller went to get her ankle checked and discussed what she could do to lose weight. “First, stop drinking soda,” her doctor suggested. Miller had tried Weight Watchers and Nutri-System before and had lost some weight but was not taught how to eat healthfully. And she had never liked vegetables so her choices were limited. When she met a friend, whom she barely recognized because she had lost so much weight, Miller asked her what she was doing. She explained she was using a program through Sanford Hospital called Profile by Sanford, a three-tiered program—Reboot/Reduce; Adapt; Sustain.

Miller chose the most aggressive Reboot/Reduce program. She also knew she would be more likely to remain on the program if she buddied-up with someone. Her doctor agreed to write her a referral with a two-month progress check up.

In March, Miller started walking and in May she purchased a FitBit to keep track of her steps. Miller had to write down everything she was supposed to eat and what she actually ate. She went through

a notebook of journaling and then started using the My Fitness Pal app on her phone. Through everything, Hannah kept encouraging her.

“A requirement of a minimum of four cups of vegetables a day, preferably two cups raw and two cups cooked, was challenging. I didn’t want to eat them but you have to eat what is on the list,” Miller said. “We also had to set short term and long term goals. Now I am able to walk, sled with my grandkids and keep up with them. I am off all medications as of Christmas. Taking the stairs hurt before so I always took the elevator. Now I can walk on the treadmill for half an hour and not feel tired. I no longer hurt.”

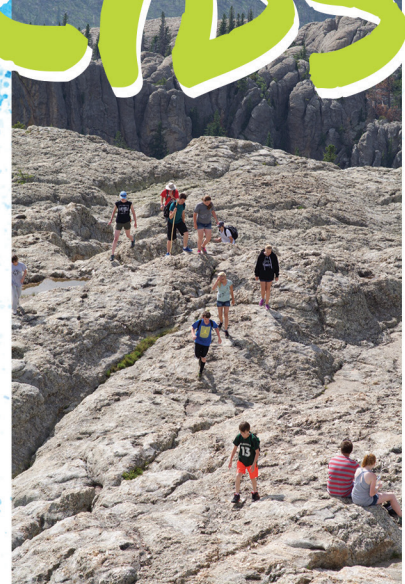
One of Miller’s goals is to walk the challenging and hilly Dirt Kicker Charity Run’s 5K at the Dakota Conference camp meeting in June. “My mother can’t believe I now crave vegetables, especially roasted. I am going to the church where I grew up this weekend. They will be surprised to see me bring a platter of vegetables,” Miller said smiling. “I just want to say I could not have done this without the support of my family and friends. I thank God for them.”

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Jacquie Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.

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Hillcrest Students Honor MLK Day of Service



Hillcrest students in grades 3-8 celebrate Martin Luther King Day by sorting clothes at a local organization called Helping Hand-Me-Downs.



Photos: Courtesy Melissa Morris

This year the Hillcrest School in St. Louis decided to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a little differently. Instead of taking a day off school, we chose to make it a day of community service. The students were studying about the life of Dr. King and they learned that while the third Monday in January became an official holiday in 1983, legislation in 1994 actually transformed the day into a day of citizen action. The MLK Day of

Service is a way to transfer Dr. King's life and teachings into community action that helps solve social problems.

Hilcrest students in grades 3-8 came to school on Monday, January 18, ready to serve. They worked at a nearby charitable organization called Helping Hand-Me-Downs, which provides clothing and supplies to children in need and support to their families. Students spent three hours sorting clothes and packing boxes of supplies for

families in need.

The students in grades K-2 served the next day at the St. Louis Food Bank where they helped sort food and send boxes to seniors in need.

This year at Hillcrest we have been focusing on character development, especially

service. We will continue to strive to follow the example of Jesus as described in Gal. 5:13: "Use your freedom to serve one another in love."

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Melissa Morris is principal and grades 5-8 teacher at Hillcrest School in St. Louis.

Investing in Missions and Health



Photos: Courtesy Marcia Clark

Junior and Nellie, prior to Junior's bariatric surgery.



Junior Chastain and his wife, Nellie, happily display how much weight Junior has lost. He's also off all blood pressure and diabetes medications.

Each year the Lebanon Church in Missouri sets a new Investment goal, higher than the previous year's goal. For 2015, our goal was \$3,000. The congregation chose many different projects for raising their personal offerings, but the most popular this year was an investment in the health of one of our members.

For some time **Junior Chastain** had been struggling with his weight and the health issues that were affected by it. So at the beginning of 2015 Junior announced that he was going to have bariatric surgery. He asked for prayer and strength and told us that his commitment was to lose weight so he could control his high blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol. He also suggested that if anyone wanted to use his weight loss program as an Investment project he would

keep everyone posted as the pounds dropped away. This would also help his resolve to be faithful to his own goal.

When Junior began his weight loss journey he weighed 305 pounds and was taking 20 medications. At the end of the year he had lost 83 pounds and was off all blood pressure and diabetes medications. We are all so grateful for Junior's improved health and vitality, and that he helped us exceed our goal of \$3,000 for Investment.

Marcia Clark is communication secretary for the Lebanon Church in Missouri.



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Korean Ministry Launches in Kansas City

Photos: Jun Yoo



The New Haven Korean Group are on their way to establishing a congregation in Kansas City.



According to the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church Association, Kansas City is the largest metropolitan city in the U.S. without a Korean Adventist presence. Estimates provided by the census bureau indicate there are more than 30,000 Asian people living in the Greater Kansas City area.

Harold Jung, associate pastor for a Korean group attending the New Haven Church in Overland Park, Kansas, has a vision to minister to this group and establish a Korean church. Himself a native of Korea, Jung attended Adventist schools, ultimately receiving a master's degree in divinity from the Graduate School of Theology Sahmyook University in Seoul.

A third generation Adventist, his life goal was to be a pastor and share his love and passion for Jesus and the Adventist Church. Jung spent

10 months in China doing missionary work before coming to America.

"In Korea, many do not think Adventists are Christian. They have huge stereotypes. Hospitals and schools have helped change that," Jung says. "Here, the Korean population is way behind. My goal is to overcome these stereotypes. We want to show the love of Jesus."

In an effort to win friends among the Korean population, Jung has involved himself in the community, attending many Korean associations, joining the Korean community choir, distributing a calendar in the Korean language, advertising in the *Kansas City Korean Journal* and sponsoring a Sunday sports club for soccer, badminton and general exercise.

Recently, Jung conducted his first baptism. **Hee Eun Yoon** wanted to take Bible studies and join the church after her

husband passed away. "Her goal is to see her husband again. The second coming is the answer," Jung says.

Assisting Jung in this ministry is his wife, **Joanne**, whom he first encountered in Korea at a rather unusual meeting place for couples: a funeral. "Korean funerals are different, lasting three days," Jung explains. "A friend of mine needed help with his father-in-law's funeral. His wife brought a friend to assist, and that was Joanne."

No matter the challenges, one will always see a big smile on Jung's face. "I like this place, I like the people, I like what I do here, and on my to-do list aren't things that I'm doing for myself. They are things for others, so when I get something done, that makes me happy."

John Treolo is former communication director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

CALENDAR

April 1-3

Hispanic Women's Retreat

April 15-17

Men's Retreat

April 15-16

Enterprise Academy/
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Regular Conference Constituency Session and Notice of Regular Conference Association Constituency Session

**2016 Regular Conference Constituency Session
Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

Notice is hereby given that the tenth Constituency Session of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the College View Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** The purpose of this regular Constituency Session is to elect members of the Conference Executive Committee, Board of Education, Conference officers and department directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates for this Session will be appointed by the churches from among their members, one for each church and one additional delegate for every 50 members or major fraction thereof.

Ron Carlson, president

John A. Sweigart, vice president for administration

Notice is hereby given that the tenth Constituency Session of the Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a religious corporation, having its principle office located in Topeka, Kansas will be held at the College View Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting is for the purpose of electing trustees and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the corporation at that time. The delegates for this meeting are the same delegates that are appointed by the churches for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference Constituency Session, meeting at the same time and place.

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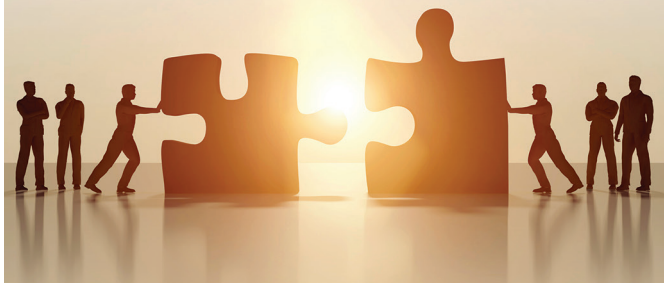


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Sunday Morning Revelation



Courtesy, Minnesota Conference

Trudy Smith

It was a Sunday morning, offering me the opportunity to immerse myself in comfort, peace, and contentment as I lounged in bed with my purring cats.

"Thank you," I breathed softly. "Thank you, Lord, for this normality I'm enjoying that so many people in this disturbed world would love to experience."

After completing my devotions and Bible reading I opened the November *Guideposts* magazine to my favorite regular feature, "Mysterious Ways," and began reading. The narrative that unfolded was about a lady who had completed some Christmas shopping at Walmart, but upon reaching her car could not locate the keys. She was positive they were in her purse. Fortunately, she had forgotten to lock the car doors so she was able to empty the contents of her purse on the passenger seat and methodically search the interior.

As she continued seeking the elusive keys, she noticed a woman in a motorized wheelchair approach a van that she appeared to own. Apparently, the woman was blocked from

entering her van by another vehicle that had parked too closely. The Walmart shopper paused the search for her keys in order to back the wheelchair-bound woman's van out of the parking space and allow her to lower the wheelchair lift.

Upon returning to her car, the first lady automatically thrust her hand into her purse and, to her amazement, clutched the lost keys!

At this point, to my own astonishment, my thoughts were suddenly transported back to a rainy June day last summer. My husband and I had just parked in front of a local hangout.

"You go ahead without me, **Jerry**," I said. "I am going to look for my wallet one more time. Just in case."

He exited our car and I began to pray: "Lord, I have looked for that wallet in here over and over. If it's here, please, show me where."

For several days, I had put off calling the credit card company hoping that my wallet of cards and cash would reappear. Every search had been fruitless. I was at my wit's end and about to panic. This was it. The final search.

"Ok, here goes, God."

With that utterance, my eyes seemed drawn to the opening between the front seats where I had sought the wallet several times before—and wonder of wonders—there it was! Overwhelmed with relief and extreme gratitude, I grabbed the wallet and ran into the café.

"Jerry, look! Here it is—" The words had barely escaped my lips when my eyes were immediately compelled to look out the large glass windows near us.

There, in the steady downpour, a young woman pushed a shopping cart containing suitcases and a purse.

I knew immediately what my mission must be. "I'll be right back," I informed my puzzled husband. The newly-found wallet in hand, I hurried out the door to catch up with the young woman. Taking a \$20 bill from my wallet, I asked, "Would this be of help to you?"

She nodded, reaching for the money. "Yes, but I could really use someone to talk to more."

We went into the coffee shop and sipped warm beverages as she shared the intensely personal struggles burdening her. We prayed and shed tears together before she departed.

So, what was the Sunday morning revelation? Simply experiencing a similar situation of finding and giving?

No, much more. I am still overwhelmed by the wonder of God's personal intervention when I think of how He blinded my eyes until just the right moment in order to use me to impart His love to someone in need.

What a God we serve! What a testimony He gave me to share! I couldn't wait to relate this experience to friends and students.

As an Adventist educator, my joyous mission is to continually demonstrate how faithful, loving and saving our God is, and also what a privilege it is that He allows us to be awake to the opportunities of mercy we can carry out for Him.

Trudy Smith teaches grades 1-4 at Maranatha Adventist School in Dodge Center, Minnesota.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 2nd Quadrennial Session of the Minnesota Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, be held at Olson Middle School, 4551 W 102nd Street, Bloomington, Minnesota, on **Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 10 o'clock a.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect the officers and members for the Board of Trustees for said Association, as well as transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates. Delegates from the churches comprising the Minnesota Conference are on the following basis:

One (1) delegate for the organization and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or fractional majority thereof.

The first meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock a.m. on said date at which time all duly elected delegates shall be seated.

Justin C. Lyons,
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Brian K. Mungandi,
vice president for
administration

Reggie Leach,
vice president for
finance

God In Shoes Starts In Minnesota

Photos: Courtesy Kristin Breiner



After several years of preparation and planning, the first God in Shoes event in Minnesota becomes a reality, thanks to the dedication and hard work of 14 volunteers.

A major part of every believer's calling in our life with Christ is making an effort to meet the needs of our communities in real and tangible ways. I had felt for some time that this was missing in my own life and I could see nothing within reach to fill that void. Then I heard about God In Shoes. As I listened to **Sue Carlson** share what was happening in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference (see p. 6) it was like a zap of electricity jolted through me. This was exactly what I'd been looking for! And I quickly found that many others in my conference felt the same.

After several years of visioning and planning, the dream of God In Shoes in Minnesota was realized on a Sunday afternoon in January. A group of 14 volunteers from around Minnesota set up a spa day experience for residents of a shelter for survivors of domestic violence and staff members. We offered mini pedicures, facials, mini manicures, massages by a professional

massage therapist, a spa bag, a pair of new shoes and a rose. We could not have anticipated how meaningful the services would be. Even the simple act of offering a rose brought tears to the eyes of many recipients.

For myself, the most powerful moments happened when we could reach out and touch the participants. To be allowed to offer gentle, healing, skin on skin contact with another person is a gift. It changes both the one serving and the one being served.

Communication opens up in those moments; things are shared that never would be in a less intimate setting. And then barriers are diminished and true service can happen. Prayers are offered with hands clasped together. Tears are shared. And, for at least a moment, human beings feel how much they matter, that they are loved and valued—no strings attached.

Kristin Breiner is Women's Ministries coordinator for the Minnesota conference.

Two New Pastors Move to Minnesota

Shelina Rose Bonjour graduated from Union College in 2011 with Bachelor of Arts in theology and a minor in biblical languages, plus a BA in communication with emphasis on public relations. She has accepted the call to serve as the associate pastor in Andover district with **Pastor Adam Breiner**. Her ministry responsibilities will also include serving as the pastor for Pathways Church. She will work with the congregation on a mission program that seeks to engage congregational participation in personal Bible study and community outreach.

Pastor Bonjour has previously led congregations in community outreach, and has been involved in training members in how to do personal Bible studies. When she worked with Campus Ministries at Union College, she led out in vespers, Week of Prayer meetings and community service projects. In her more recent church at Caldwell, Idaho, she was serving as youth and outreach director, working with Pathfinders and Adventurers, providing pastoral care to the youth group through relationships building that allowed for activities and involvement in church programs.

We also welcome her husband **David** to Minnesota.

We are happy to announce that **Russell Meier** has accepted the call to the Brainerd district. Pastor Meier writes that his desire is to work with the church members to foster discipleship by cultivating a culture of evangelism in the local church. He wants to encourage church members to use their unique spiritual gifts to reach their neighbors and friends for Christ.

Pastor Meier likes doing door-to-door evangelism, youth ministries, hospital visitations and member visitation. As an evangelist in Wilson, North Carolina he did a lot of home visitation and building relationships with the community. Pastor Meier comes with knowledge of how the church runs, having served as a church elder and as a church treasurer. As a treasurer he was instrumental in helping the local church start using the electronic book keeping system, as well as preparing annual church budgets. He has also had the opportunity to participate in church board meetings, teach a baptismal class, preach and plan for worship.

We welcome Pastor Russell Meier and his family to our Minnesota Conference pastoral team.

Brian Mungandi is communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

ACS Volunteers Bless Their Communities

Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference



Members of the Rocky Mountain Conference generously distribute useful household items to local families in need.

One of the greatest challenges in serving the Lord is showing the love of the Father to His children in every interaction,” says **Cathy Kissner**, director of Adventist Community Services for the Rocky Mountain Conference. She believes that the connection to Him is demonstrated in the way workers greet volunteers, speak to representatives from other service agencies, or meet the needs of clients.

Over the years Cathy has worked with many volunteers and has observed that the most effective ones are those who are consciously connected to the mission that Christ modeled for us—feeding, healing and strengthening those in need.

Here is a glimpse of Jesus at work in various communities around the Rocky Mountain Conference:

Pueblo First Church

The Pueblo First Church, in conjunction with an organization called Foster Parents, provides a tote bag filled with items needed by children in foster care, such as blankets and hair and

toothbrushes. **Kathy Hayden** leads another group of volunteers from Pueblo First Church who collect sleeping bags for the homeless.

Loveland Community Service Center

The Loveland Community Service Center blessed the children of their clients by holding a Christmas party. The large Christmas tree bordered by a table full of stuffed animals captivated the children. The room was filled with music and laughter as staff and guests played musical chairs, staged a “snowball” fight with wadded-up newspapers, and engaged in other interactive games.

Along with cookies and juice, the children received a bag (courtesy of Kaiser Permanente) containing a Dorcas-made quilt, stuffed animal and specialty soap.

Campion Church

The Campion Church got involved when a small tornado touched down near Carter Lake just west of Berthoud. They created 10 kits filled with essential kitchen

supplies to get families back up and cooking again. Additionally, they also filled baskets with useful items and delivered them to the Berthoud Fire Department to be distributed to families impacted by the tornado.

Fort Collins Pathfinders and Adventurers

The Fort Collins Pathfinders and Adventurers created 16 Thanksgiving baskets from the 1,625 cans of food they had collected, along with fresh produce. The young people delivered these to families needing an extra boost during the holiday season.

Throughout the year, thousands of individuals in our conference are impacted by daily events, family tragedies, loss of jobs and other unforeseen disasters. As volunteers give aid and assistance, they show in practical ways the love of the Father to His children.

Information for this article provided by Cathy Kissner, Adventist Community Services director for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

2016 RMC CAMP MEETINGS

Summer is coming and, with it, camp meeting. Plan now to attend a camp meeting near you.

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 6-10
Silver Jack Reservoir
near Cimarron, CO
Speaker: Mic Thurber
Contact: Fritz Krieger
970.497.6175

Connect Colorado

a weekend focus on mission and worship in Northeast Colorado
July 10-11
Campion Academy
Loveland, CO
Speaker: Mic Thurber
Contact: Michael Goetz or Mitch Williams
717.385.5151 or 303.817.6302

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 12-16
Mills Spring Ranch
Casper, WY
Speaker: David Asscherick
Contact: Don Barnt
307.757.7618

Hispanic Camp Meeting

September 2-4
Glacier View Ranch
Ward, CO
Speaker: Pastor Omar Grieve
Theme: “Recibelo, Vívelo y Compartelo”
Youth Speaker:
Dr. Oscar Carreon
Contact: Ruben Rivera
303.910.1614

Native Camp Meeting

September 16-18
La Vida Mission
Crown Point, NM
Speaker: Monte Church
Theme: The Centennial
Contact: Dorie Panganiban
213.321.0002

Western Slope Camp Meeting

Will not take place as anticipated

Solid 2015 Tithe Gain Reported by RMC Treasury

Just ahead of the Rocky Mountain Conference's Executive Committee, the RMC Treasury Department released information about the 2015 financial performance. "Having completed our fiscal year for 2015, we have much to be thankful for," said **George Crumley**, vice president for finance.

Tithe is the major source of funding for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and during 2015 church members returned \$15,662,903 in total tithe to the Rocky Mountain Conference. Included in that total is \$340,850 of windfall tithe, which is tithe that is non-reoccurring and material in amount.

Crumley explained that when the windfall is subtracted out, "we had an increase of 3.55 percent in base tithe on which the budget is calculated. This is a solid tithe gain."

Such strong tithe increase, along with lower RMC medical costs for 2015, will enable the conference to support outreach and soul-winning ventures beyond what was anticipated.

"Because of this, we want to praise the Lord for His blessings and thank our members for their commitment to systematic benevolence," Crumley stated. "I would call it an abundant blessing bestowed upon us by God."

Campion Students Learn and Teach Adventist Beliefs

Four teams, comprised of two students each, head to HMS Richards Elementary School from Campion Academy each week to give Bible studies to 14 students in grades 7 and 8. These students, in turn, give Bible studies to the 22 students in grades 4-6.

The Campion students are members of **Joe Martin's** junior Bible class and have been studying the 28 Fundamental Beliefs since the beginning of the school year. After studying each belief, Martin assigns his 43 students to choose seven Bible verses that seem clearest to them on each topic and use those verses in their studies with the younger students. They are creating their own Bible studies.

"Although for many juniors giving Bible studies is out of their comfort zone, this group is thoroughly enjoying sharing their faith and praying with the kids, many of whom have never prayed before with strangers," says Martin. "They are enhancing their walk with God by sharing their faith," he concludes.

Ashley Halvorson, an 8th grader at HMS, has enjoyed receiving Bible studies from Campion students. "They did a really good job giving them to us," she states. "They had a lot of Bible verses for us to look up [on] the second coming and what happens when you die," she shares. "I think it's fun to tell other people about our beliefs and to see God work through us."

Christine Eagan-Foster, a 6th grader, received Bible studies from two girls in 7th and 8th grade. One study was on



The 43 juniors in Joe Martin's Bible class are creating personalized Bible lessons while studying our 28 Fundamental Beliefs.

baptism. "It's really fun that we can get taught about these teachings and interact about them. We even learn more than we learned at home. It's nice to get a kid's perspective on it," she says.

"By the time the HMS students have experienced this [give and take of beliefs] for a couple of years, they will be ready for baptism," states **Davin Hammond**, principal of HMS. "We want every 7th and 8th grader to recognize that they can give Bible studies," he adds.

Junior students **Cassie Carr** and **Natalie Boonstra**, both raised in pastoral homes, believe the things they are learning in the class strengthen what their parents have taught them.

"The Bible class with Pastor Joe has helped me to know God on a more personal level," shares Natalie. She adds that Bible class has helped her develop in her Christian walk and prove her faith.

"We mark our Bibles with several verses to support each topic and cross reference them,"

says Cassie. This gives us the tools to share with whomever we meet. The junior class is coming closer to God because of this class and it is noticed all over campus."

Martin has long had a burden to disciple young people and has worked with the student literature program for more than 25 years. However, a new federal law restricting the hours that students under age 16 may work has made it more difficult to carry on this program.

"The devil tried to close the door of evangelism through this law," states Martin, "but God opened a bigger door to evangelize our youth. Now we are placing the Scriptures in front of many of our youth who would never have opened them had the literature evangelism door not closed. I'm having more influence with more kids in class than with LEs," Martin enthuses.

Carol Bolden is administrative assistant for communication for the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Rose Named Academic Vice President



Erik Stenbakken

Frankie Rose, a biology professor at Union College since 2010, has been named the new vice president for Academic Administration.

Union College has named **Dr. Frankie Rose**, currently an associate professor of biology at Union, as the new vice president for academic administration. Rose will assume the new role—which provides leadership for all things academic at Union—when **Malcolm Russell** retires this summer from the position he held for 13 years.

A graduate of Union College, Rose has taught at his alma mater since 2010. During that time, he has led teams of students in original research, served as the primary advisor for premed students, and

launched a new degree designed specifically for students who plan to attend graduate school in the medical field and become physicians, dentists, physical therapists, or physician assistants.

“We are blessed to have Dr. Rose lead our academic program,” said **Vinita Sauder**, president of Union College. “His energy, his experience as a teacher and leader, and his deep history with Union will help him effectively guide our professors and programs as we continue to grow and give our students the best educational experience possible.”

A favorite of students, Rose has taught a variety of biology and PA classes, and was named “Teacher of the Year” by the Union College Associated Student Body in 2013. He also led a team of students in original research projects, including a study in which his team created a simple and affordable way to map DNA, which resulted in a 2015 article in the peer reviewed *Journal of Biological Education*.

“Dr. Rose has been a key influence in developing me as a researcher and future physician,” said **Brad Carlson**, a senior biology major who worked on two of Rose’s research teams. “He has inspired me in the classroom with riveting stories and explanations of physiology and anatomy questions and has taught me to think critically in the research lab. As I begin medical school this fall, I know I will be a step ahead because of Dr. Rose’s impact on me.”

As a member of Union’s faculty, Rose served as chair of faculty senate in the 2013-14 school year, which included sitting on Union’s President’s Council and the college Board of Trustees. He also played an integral role in the planning of the new Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics, and has led out in developing and implementing new teaching technology in the Krueger Center and across campus.

Coming full circle

Rose left his first stint at Union College in 2002 with an undergraduate biology degree in hand and a dream to become a physician. But after a year and a half of medical school and a one year research fellowship, he fell in love with medical research and transferred to the University of Missouri, where he completed a PhD in human molecular genetics in 2009—specifically focusing on spinal muscular atrophy research.

He ultimately returned to Union because he believes his undergraduate experience had a lasting positive impact on his life. “I can confidently say my investment of time and money as a student at Union was worth it,” he said. “I made a lot of great friends and I met my wife here. But I also received an excellent science education, and that preparation allowed me to excel in graduate school.”

Now his goal is to share that value with a new generation of students. “I have a personal goal to maximize the number of students who have that

same kind of experience,” he said. “I want them to look back at their time at Union and believe they made a good investment.”

Rose understands firsthand the influence of Union’s people. “I formed some of my deepest held values while at Union through interactions with faculty and staff,” he explained as he pointed to three specific examples in his own life. “Physics professor **David Show** wouldn’t tolerate inaccurate reasoning—even in casual conversation. In his own kind and quiet way, he taught me how to reason with precision and question my assumptions. And **Charles Freidline**, a chemistry professor at Union for more than 20 years, taught me by his example what it means to not only teach with excellence, but to truly love the students you teach.”

But Rose also learned important lessons in non-science courses, including those of English teacher, **Chris Blake**. “He instilled in me the ‘so that’ principle: the reason we exist is so that we can love others,” Rose said. “That’s the fundamental truth that should drive everything we do.”

Rose and his wife, **Ellen**, have three children: **Emma**, four; **Ethan**, two; **Evan** born in February. Ellen graduated from Union in 2002 with a degree in nursing and has taught in Union’s nursing program since 2012.

Articles by Ryan Teller, director of public relations for Union College.

Union College Turns 125



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On a bleak January day in 1890, a caravan of sleighs found their way to the crest of a hill to the southwest of Lincoln, Nebraska. The group sought a central location for a Seventh-day Adventist college in the Midwest.

Even though the weather didn't give a warm welcome to the locating committee, generous incentives offered by the city of Lincoln swayed church leaders to choose the blustery Nebraska knoll over possible sites in several neighboring states. While visiting the future college site L.A. Hoopes, the locating committee secretary, planted his heel in the snow and exclaimed, "Here is where the southwest corner of the College Building should be."

His prophetic wisdom was fulfilled to the letter; it marked almost the exact spot where the

administration building was later built, opening for classes on Sept. 30, 1891.

Fast forward to 2016. Union College has grown along with the city of Lincoln, and that barren field of 125 years ago has been transformed into 50 beautiful, tree covered acres surrounded by a thriving community ranked in the past several years as one of the best places to live by a number of national print and online publications.

But an Adventist education is about more than trees and towns. From our halls have walked more than 10,000 teachers, nurses, missionaries, scientists, physicians, business leaders, pastors, communicators—nurtured and trained by godly faculty and staff—who have gone on to change their communities here and abroad, and help shape the Adventist denomination.

Homecoming Weekend 2016 - April 7-10, 2016

Join us as we kick off a year-long celebration of Union's 125th anniversary. Homecoming weekend will be a look back at the people who have made Union a special place over the years—including a historical pageant commemorating 125 years of milestones.

The weekend will also include a special reunion for Union College Warrior alumni from the varsity basketball, volleyball and golf teams.

Learn more or register at <http://www.ucollege.edu/homecoming>

Happy Birthday Union - September 30, 2016

We're throwing a party on Union's birthday during Parents Weekend 2016. Mark your calendars now to join us for a special celebration.

Homecoming Weekend 2017 - April 6-9, 2017

The year-long celebration of our 125-year history will draw to a close on Homecoming Weekend 2017 as we remember God's leading in Union's history and rededicate the school's future to Him.

We'll be hosting even more celebrations throughout the year, so keep on eye on www.ucollege.edu/celebrate125 to learn more.

Women's Training Team: Finding Your Healthy Motivation

Photos: Courtesy Shawnee Mission Health



Peggy Todd

After experiencing an especially challenging 12 months including a sprained wrist and surgeries on her foot, knee and neck, Shawnee Mission Health Volunteer Services manager **Peggy Todd** was limited in her ability to be active. As a result, she gained unwanted weight and felt discouraged about exercising. Following her final surgery in January 2015, Todd was finished with a year of setbacks and ready to commit to her personal wellness once again.

Todd was inspired to take her first stab at exercising again when she learned about SMH's Women's Training Team.

For more than 20 years, Women's Training Team has encouraged women and girls age 12 and older of all sizes and abilities to join in a judgment-free fitness program. The outdoor series held on the Shawnee Mission Medical Center campus combines positive and encouraging walking or running training with educational sessions on injury prevention, technique and more. Last year more than 400



women and girls from around Kansas City participated in the program.

"We partner with Kansas City Express, a local walking and running group for women, to provide the expertise for building endurance and training," said **Charlene Wallace**, SMH Breast Center manager, who helps with Training Team each year. "Then, Shawnee Mission Health experts talk about a wide variety of topics from injury prevention to sleep and healthy eating. We really touch on all aspects of CREATION Health, with activity, nutrition and healthy relationships being at the core of our program."

Women's Training Team helped Todd and her fellow SMH associate, **Charlene Scott**, Health Information Management director, find the encouraging push they needed

to jumpstart their own journeys to health and wellness.

The program's ultimate goal is to prepare its participants to walk or run in the annual KC Express Mother's Day 5K Run/Walk. Todd greatly exceeded expectations by completing both the Mother's Day 5K and the American Heart & Stroke Walk.

"In addition to walking, I also began eating healthier and replaced soda with water," said Todd. "I have now lost two percent of my total body fat and continue to accomplish new goals. I feel lighter and plan to keep incorporating the healthy habits I've learned into my daily life."

After Todd and Scott completed the six-week program together, they enjoyed their weekly walks so much that they committed to continuing them. You can still find them

walking the campus of SMH together weekly.

"As women we know how hard it can be to find the motivation to get fit, especially after recovering from injuries," said Wallace. "It is stories like Peggy's that continue to inspire Kansas City women and girls of all abilities to join the Women's Training Team community and jumpstart a lifelong path to health and wellness."

Stefanie Tapke writes for Shawnee Mission Health.

Women's Training Team meets Tuesdays, March 29-May 3 from 6-7:30 p.m., leading up to the Mother's Day 5K on Sunday, May 8. To learn more, visit womenstrainingteam.com.



Addressing Women's Health in Nepal

Centura Hospitals Support Women's Health Initiatives Abroad



Photos: Greg Hodgson

Jashada Gire and her husband are happy to be home after her free, life-changing surgery performed by volunteers from Denver Adventist hospitals.

In a remote Nepali village **Jashada Gire**, a Nepali woman, learned that a medical group was offering free surgery for women with severe cases of pelvic organ prolapse. When the team arrived at her village to provide education about women's health issues and to examine patients suffering from prolapse, Jashada was delighted to learn that she was one of the candidates selected for surgery.

At the age of 50, Jashada made her first-ever trip into town to receive the surgery she had needed for more than 14 years. She was amazed to see the inside of a hospital for the first time and to meet foreign caregivers.

Since 2006, surgical teams from the Adventist hospitals in Denver have traveled twice each year to Scheer Memorial Hospital in the town of Benepa, near Kathmandu, Nepal, to provide volunteer services at their sister institution. **Greg Hodgson**, director of Global Health Initiatives for Centura Health, coordinates the trips. Jashada is just one of more than 400 women who

have been blessed to receive free restorative surgery as a result of the GHI team's efforts over the last 10 years.

Lynda Kithil is a retired surgical nurse who went on her first mission trip to Nepal in 2007. That trip literally changed her life. She now volunteers full time with GHI as their surgical coordinator. She goes on at least three foreign mission trips each year, and can't imagine what her life will be like when she reaches the point where she can't travel anymore.

"It's the little things that make these trips so special," shares Lynda. "Meeting people in their homes; hearing their stories; showing a child their picture on the back of your camera; and seeing peoples lives dramatically improve by providing basic healthcare."

Lynda adds, "Women who suffer from pelvic organ prolapse often deal with infection and unpleasant odors. Unfortunately, because of shame, they often end up sleeping with their animals. It's really encouraging to be able to empower the women to return to their proper



(l-r) Lynda Kithil, GHI surgical coordinator, with Patti Janes and Kay Roth, GHI volunteers, congratulates Anjana Basnet, a Nepali nurse who was awarded a scholarship to obtain her master's degree in nursing.

position in their family and with their husbands."

The World Health Organization estimates that 800,000 women suffer from pelvic organ prolapse in Nepal, with 250,000 currently in need of surgery. Although prolapse generally results from giving birth to too many children, in Nepal the condition is greatly aggravated by strenuous physical labor and chronic malnutrition.

"While 400 surgeries may seem like a drop in the bucket compared to the 250,000 women who need surgery, each procedure is life changing for individual women like Jashada," says Hodgson.

In collaboration with Denver and Kathmandu Rotary Clubs, with additional support from Sydney Adventist Hospital (Australia) and Women for Women, an organization from the Netherlands, the GHI team actively seeks to teach women

how to avoid and treat gender-related health problems and works to improve neonatal mortality rates by teaching essential skills for raising healthy babies.

GHI recently helped to develop another new outreach project in Nepal. A mobile health clinic travels to remote villages to provide specialized care for residents affected by the earthquakes.

This article was submitted by Stephen King, senior vice president for Rocky Mountain Adventist Health/Centura Health, where he serves the five Adventist hospital campuses in Colorado. It was written by Mark Bond.

If you are interested in helping fund future health mission projects in Nepal and other similar projects around the globe, visit centuraglobalhealth.org.



Pathfinders Experience the Book of Exodus

Photos: Timothy Floyd



On Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 20, 13 Pathfinder teams gathered in the sanctuary of College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, to demonstrate their knowledge of Scripture as they met for the annual Mid-America Union Pathfinder Bible Experience.

Ninety questions later, teams found out if they placed first, second or third. First place awards would earn them an opportunity to compete with Pathfinder clubs from throughout North America on April 15 and 16 in Prescott, Arizona.

How difficult were those 90 questions?

Here's question #45 for six points: "According to Exodus 33:2, God promised to drive six people groups out of the promised land. Who are they?" Do you know the answer off the top of your head?

So how did the Pathfinder teams prepare for this contest?

Many teams actually memorized Exodus, the book assigned for 2016 Pathfinder Bible Experience. That's right—they memorize word for word.

Not only that, many teams also memorized the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* on the book of Exodus because questions were also asked from the commentary.

In a day when young people are being rewarded for winning basketball or volleyball tournaments, it is good to know that there is also a place that cheers the academics of God's Word. That's why they call it an "experience."

Young people are invited to experience the transforming power of Scripture. They can experience the fun of meeting new friends from around the United States and international clubs that compete. Pathfinders experience the care of parents

and Pathfinder leaders who care about them and their spiritual growth. Pathfinders experience traveling to new places and the joy of learning. And best of all, Pathfinders experience a relationship with Jesus Himself because He said that those who loved Him would love His Word too.

By the way, the answer to question #45 is: Canaanite, Amorite, Hittite, Perizzite, Hivite, Jebusite.

We are proud of the teams that met for this year's Mid-America Union Pathfinder Bible Experience. Every team is a winner!

Hubert Cisneros is youth director for the Mid-America Union.

Union Level PBE Teams

Minnesota Conference

Faith Warriors
1st Place

Kenyan Community Church
1st Place

Iowa-Missouri Conference

Joplin Jaguars & Neosho Ocelots
1st Place

Columbia Show Me Pathfinders
2nd Place

Ankeny Son Seekers
1st Place

St Louis West County Sapphires
3rd Place

St Louis Central
2nd Place

Willow Springs
3rd Place

St Louis West County Emeralds
3rd Place

Kansas-Nebraska Conference

College View Trailblazers
1st Place

Piedmont Thunderbirds
3rd Place

Kansas City Explorers
3rd Place

Rocky Mountain Conference

Loveland Cougars
1st Place

Ammon, Alvaletta, b. Oct. 25, 1916 in Stark County, ND. d. Jan. 10, 2016 in College Place, WA. Member of Stateline Church. Preceded in death by husband Herbert; son Dale. Survivors include children Virginia, Ray, Bonnie and Larry; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Beisker, Ernie, b. Apr. 29, 1944. d. Nov. 16, 2015. Member of Waukon (IA) Church. Survivors include daughter Rebecca Beisker; 7 siblings.

Chaffee, Beulah E., b. Feb. 8, 1914 in Mapleton, MN. d. Jan. 1, 2015 in Hutchinson, MN. Member of Hutchinson Church. Preceded in death by husband Walter; children Arden Chaffee and Evon Kelstrom; 2 grandchildren. Survivors include daughter Gail Schauer; son Miles; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Craig, Betty, b. Oct. 30, 1934. d. Jan. 20, 2016 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Preceded in death by husband Willard. Survivors include son Edward; 4 siblings; 1 grandchild.

Crouch, Joan, b. Feb. 15, 1945 in Wichita, KS. d. Jan. 23, 2016 in Columbia, MO. Member of Columbia Church. Survivors include husband Bob; sons Robb and Nathan; 1 sister; 2 grandchildren.

Gillaspie, Alice I., b. June 5, 1930 in Missouri Valley, IA. d. Aug 8, 2015 in Omaha, NE. Preceded in death by husband Robert; son James. Survivors include daughter Joan Klutts; son Mark Finken; 2 siblings; 10 grandchildren.

Godfrey, Lenora, b. June 21, 1917. d. Jan. 21, 2015. Member of Oak Grove (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband George.

Hackaday, Jane, b. June 11, 1938. d. Jan. 15, 2016. Member of Kansas City (MO) Central Church.

Heatwole, Ina, b. May 26, 1933. d. Oct. 29, 2015. Member of Jefferson City (MO) Church.

Larson, Donna L., b. Jan. 25, 1929 in Council Bluffs, IA. d.

Dec. 18, 2015 in Persia, IA. Survivors include daughter Cheryl Larson-Kear; caregiver Margaret Gaines; 3 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Makaya, Joe, b. Dec. 25, 1972. d. June 30, 2015. Member of Omaha Memorial Church. Survivors include wife Thelma; son Torin-Joel.

Mathis, Shirley, b. Aug. 24, 1937 in Swan, MO. d. Dec. 24, 2015 in Joplin, MO. Member of Joplin Church. Preceded in death by husband James. Survivors include son Gregg; 1 sister; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

***Nazarenus, Oliver A.**, b. May 19, 1921 in Elbert, KS. d. Oct. 20, 2015 in Buffalo, MO. Member of Branch Memorial Church. Preceded in death by wife Althea; 2 siblings. Survivors include daughter Ardis Baker; son Wayne; 1 sister; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Ogle, Winfred, b. July 2, 1922 in Greencastle, MO. d. Dec. 9, 2015 in Kirksville, MO. Member of Kirksville Church. Survivors include wife Ruth "Geraldine"; daughter Linda Lou Barron.

Opp, Alvin, b. June 26, 1929 in Hazelton, ND. d. Dec. 23, 2015 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church. Survivors include wife Ella; daughters DeAnn Eastin and Doreen Opp; sons David and Darvis; 2 siblings; 2 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Peterson, Russell J., b. Feb. 27, 1951 in St Cloud, MN. d. Dec. 15, 2015 in Bowdle, SD. Member of Tolstoy Church. Preceded in death by father, 1 sister; infant twin granddaughters. Survivors include wife Kathleen; daughter Jennifer Van Eperen; son Ryan; mother; 3 siblings; 4 grandchildren.

Pratt, Charles C., b. Nov. 29, 1930 in Clarksburg, WV. d. Dec. 22, 2015 in Anthony, KS. Member of Harper Church. Preceded in death by wife Rosemary Schrock; 2 brothers.

Shaw, Charles, b. May 11, 1915. d. Jan. 19, 2016. Member of Central Church (Kansas City, MO).

South, Doris, b. July 1, 1914 in Carnegie, OK. d. Jan. 1, 2016 in Mount Ayr, IA. Member of Bedford Church. Preceded in death by husband Burnell; sons Bob and Jerry; 6 siblings. Survivors include sons Larry and Jack; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Spilman, Alice, b. Sept. 3, 1926. d. Feb. 5, 2016 in Mason City, IA. Member of Mason City Church.

Sutter, Carolyn, b. Nov. 11, 1944. d. Nov. 27, 2014. Member of Omaha (NE) Memorial Church.

Taiclet, Marilyn, b. Oct. 30, 1944 in Joplin, MO. d. Jan. 28, 2016 in Joplin, MO. Member of Joplin Church. Preceded in death by husband Lawrence. Survivors include daughters Melissa Taiclet and Connie Culbertson; sons Vincent and Christopher; 6 grandchildren.

Urban-Badillo, Camila, b. Nov. 20, 1928 in Aguada, Puerto Rico. d. Feb. 4, 2016 in MO. Member of St. Joseph Hispanic Company. Preceded in death by husband

Horacio Collazo. Survivors include sons Carlos and Sigfrido Sotomayor; 3 grandchildren.

Williams, Irene, b. Feb. 12, 1932 in Novinger, MO. d. Jan. 5, 2016 in MO. Member of Kirksville Church. Preceded in death by husbands Emil Stewart and Russell Williams; daughters Barbara Cavanar and Treva Patten; son Roger Stewart. Survivors include daughters Dorothy Hudnall and Jode Bunch; son Ted Stewart; 23 grandchildren.

Zapara, Wilbur L., b. Mar. 25, 1919 in Williston, ND. d. Oct. 25, 2015 in Sutter Creek, CA. Member of Sutter Hill Church. Preceded in death by wife Irene; son Ronald; 5 siblings. Survivors include daughter Charlene Borris; sons Dale, Randy and Terry; 3 brothers; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

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	Denver	7:25	7:32	7:39	7:46	7:53
Grand Junction	7:38	7:45	7:52	7:59	8:06	
Pueblo	7:22	7:29	7:35	7:42	7:49	
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Davenport	7:28	7:36	7:43	7:51	7:59	
Des Moines	7:40	7:48	7:56	8:03	8:11	
Sioux City	7:52	8:00	8:08	8:16	8:24	
Kansas						
Dodge City	8:03	8:10	8:16	8:23	8:29	
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Minnesota						
Duluth	7:38	7:48	7:58	8:07	8:16	
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