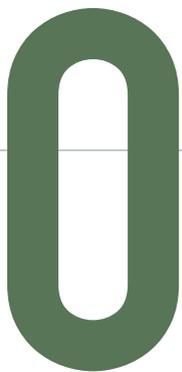


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PEACE-FAKER, PEACE-BREAKER OR PEACE-MAKER?



BRENDA DICKERSON
editor

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." But sometimes it seems like conflict and disagreement are unavoidable. Serious, divisive conflict surrounds us—within families, among friends, in the church and in the workplace.

Peacemaker Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational ministry whose mission is to equip and assist Christians and their churches to respond to conflict biblically. Their website outlines three responses to conflict: escape, attack and peacemaking.*

The escape response (peace-faker) postpones solutions by either pretending there is no problem or refusing to address the situation. The attack response (peace-breaker) includes gossip, slander and other efforts to cause personal, professional and/or financial damage.

Alternatively, the peacemaking response (peace-maker) focuses on reconciliation, negotiation, mediation and if necessary, arbitration.

It may take time and practice to become proficient at peacemaking. But it will be well worth the effort in all areas of life.

*<http://peacemaker.net/project/slippy-slope/>

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Rita (left) found a way to forgive her best friend, Jackie, for what she felt was a deep betrayal. "We only hurt ourselves when we hold onto unforgiveness," Rita says.

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Why You Should Make Peace with Your Friend

"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:18 NLT). To do otherwise is to withhold God's love.

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This issue of OUTLOOK is all about making peace with your friends. Sounds like a good idea! It is better to be at peace than have contention, jealousies or frustrations with one another.

Here are a few consequences of not being at peace with one another:

- 1. Loss of companionship.** If you are at odds with someone, you invariably will not spend time with them and your worlds will only move further apart.
- 2. Bitterness can take over.** I heard a preacher once describe bitterness as being locked up in a dungeon in which you alone hold the key to get out. We all have known people who are bitter...perhaps some who are reading this find themselves in the "dungeon" now and know how painful it can be.
- 3. Loss of influence.** One of the most painful realities of not being at peace with a friend is that it robs you of being able to be an encouragement or blessing to them. Your ability to share the love of Christ with them or even pray with them is diminished.

An opportunity lost

When I was in college, there was a fellow student who irritated me to no end. In my mind, he was the classic "smart aleck." In the classroom, he always knew the right answers and chided any of us who differed from him.

This didn't sit well with me and soon I began disagreeing with him in class just because I enjoyed watching him get angry. I even disagreed with him when I knew he was right, because it was "fun" to watch him react. (I am not proud of this).

Over time we came to an understanding—we were not supposed to like each other. When the next semester came along, I hoped beyond hope I would not have any classes with him. Sure enough, he was not in any of my classes. As a matter of fact, I didn't see him anywhere on campus. One day I asked the dean what had happened to him. I will never forget standing in the boy's dorm lobby and hearing the dean tell me he hadn't come back because he was struggling with the death of his brother (which happened right before school started) and he didn't feel he had any friends here.

That hit me like a ton of bricks! While I was nursing my petty grudge with him, inside he was hurting. Because of my unwillingness to befriend him, I lost an opportunity to be a help and encouragement to him during a difficult time in his life.

Are you withholding God's love?

Recently I heard a new definition of hatred. The person described hatred as withholding the love of God from someone. This definition



may be going a bit too far, but what I learned from my experience with my classmate was that withholding the love of God is a dangerous and costly mistake.

This is why I believe Paul says in Romans 12, near the list of ways we are to behave as a church, "Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:18 NLT).

To do otherwise is to withhold God's love.

But what about those really hard to love people? you might ask. Or what about those who have been unkind or even betrayed us? What do we do with them?

I leave you with Christ's own example of always being someone who loved—regardless of the way He was treated. "So Judas came straight to Jesus. 'Greetings, Rabbi!' he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. Jesus said, 'My friend...'" (Matt. 26:49, 50 NLT). **U**

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Gary Thurber is president of the Mid-America Union.

People of Peace

Carl Wilkens



Photos Courtesy Carl Wilkens

Each month in 2017 *OUTLOOK* is featuring individuals who are actively involved in peacemaking with their families, friends and communities. The following interview focuses on Carl Wilkens.

What does it mean to be a person of peace?

When I think of a person of peace I think of someone who is in the habit of putting others first in such a way as to not destroy themselves in the process.

What does peacemaking look like to you?

A peacemaker is someone who listens to understand rather than listening to respond.

How do you try to keep peace at home, work or in other settings?

Peacemaking anywhere begins with a heart and mind

steeped in REI—respect, empathy and inclusion. Namely, respect for our Creator, respect for the children of our Creator, respect for all that our Creator has made. Within that environment of respect we can begin to learn one another's stories. Empathy grows within us, driving out the fears of inclusion and leading to a welcoming, unconditional atmosphere of inclusion for all.

Can you share a specific example?

When I think of someone who practices REI, I think of friends I have made in the Rwandan prison system. Many people think that men and women who killed their neighbors should be locked up and the key thrown away, to put it mildly. However, the spirit I have seen among these friends who work in the prison system with these perpetrators of genocide is enormously inspiring. They demonstrate respect, empathy and inclusion not only in their conversations and interactions but in advocating for the physical needs of the prisoners and working tirelessly within the restorative justice program to help them return home to lead productive, healthy lives. And they have accomplished this with thousands of prisoners.

What is a saying about peace that you like?

If we are going to build lasting peace we cannot define ourselves by what we have lost; we must define ourselves by what we do with what remains.

Is there a Bible verse about peace that is especially meaningful to you?

Matt. 5: 9 (Message Bible) says, "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."

What peacemaking resources would you recommend?

Among the many wonderful resources on peacemaking I especially appreciate the movie *As We Forgive* that shares stories of healing in Rwanda. **U**

Buy the film *As We Forgive* at asweforgivemovie.com/buy-dvd/

To learn more about Carl's work visit worldoutsidemysshoes.org.

Carl Wilkens is the only American who remained in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. He is currently the director of World Outside My Shoes, a non-profit educational and professional development organization committed to inspiring and equipping people to enter the world of "the other."



Steps to forgiveness and healing

It is easy to feel deeply wounded when we have been betrayed by a friend. Below are some practical steps that allow forgiveness, grace and healing to occur.

1 Acknowledge everyone makes mistakes. Indeed, even you have most likely hurt someone at one time or another. Is there someone with whom you need to make amends?

2 Spend time in prayer asking God to search your heart and cleanse you.

3 Accept God's forgiveness and experience His peace and joy. This will allow you to have compassion and extend grace to those who have harmed you.

4 Understand that reconciliation is not a requirement for extending forgiveness. You can forgive and still keep safe and healthy boundaries.

5 Give yourself time to grieve, if necessary, the hurt, the loss or whatever/ whoever it was that caused you pain. Forgiveness and reconciliation do not always happen quickly.

6 Speak to a trusted friend, pastor or counselor to help you process the pain and learn how to let go of it. You may also find this website helpful: peacemaker.net/get-help-with-a-conflict.

7 Most importantly, pray for God to fill you with His grace and peace that you may extend the same to others.

Choosing Grace

Forgiveness restores a broken friendship



Sarah Christine Photography

Rita Martin (left) and Jackie McKeown Bishop were best friends through high school and beyond until a painful grudge dissolved their relationship. After not speaking for years, last summer the two extended mutual forgiveness and restored their friendship.

Rita Martin has plenty of reasons today to trust in the sufficiency of Christ's grace. She also had many reasons in the past to be angry, bitter and unforgiving. As a child she was abused by a family member who was also a spiritual leader, and no one protected her. Even worse, she was continually forced to spend time with her abuser during family gatherings, which created a great distrust of authority and religious figures.

Like many victims of childhood abuse, Rita grew up and married into a physically and emotionally abusive situation with an unfaithful husband. When the marriage finally ended after 13 years, Rita found herself without much support—not even from her closest friend, Jackie.

In fact, Jackie actually sided with Rita's husband during the divorce, causing Rita to feel extremely hurt and resentful. Throughout high school and for many years afterward the two friends had been inseparable. But the grudge Rita held in her heart soon led to dissolution of the friendship and they no longer communicated.

Sparks of hope

In July 2016, after attending a Hope of Survivors seminar at campmeeting, Rita was able to share her story of childhood abuse. She gained an understanding of the difference between forgiving and forgetting—that one can forgive, but still remember and still

set healthy boundaries to protect oneself. She also learned that forgiveness does not always mean there will, or even should, be reconciliation. How grateful Rita was to “come out of the dark,” as she stated, and “no longer stand in shame!”

When Rita's testimony was shared online, her extended family members learned the truth about what she had endured. Wondering how they could not have seen the abuse at the time, they rallied around her.

While the support of family helped immensely, Rita still struggled to forgive Jackie for what she felt was a deep betrayal. A few months later, the two former best friends attended the same church function. As they saw one another, Rita said, “I love you and I want nothing between us.”

Jackie responded in similar fashion and forgave Rita for her coldness over the years. They did not spend time re-hashing old wounds, but extended mutual forgiveness and shared a deep desire to come together again as friends. “Relationships are more important than whatever divides us!” Rita declared.

God makes it possible

When asked how she was able to forgive her friend, as well as her family members and the man who abused her, Rita was quick to point out that we only hurt ourselves when we hold on

to unforgiveness. Indeed, one can tell by Rita's pleasant demeanor and joy-filled attitude that she has chosen to let bitterness and unforgiveness go, and to allow the Peacemaker to fill her heart with His love, joy and peace.

“Making peace with people came from me being able to completely let go of the pain and anger,” said Rita. “I had to keep reminding myself that, ‘but for the grace of God, there go I.’” Rita was diligent about striving to see things from other people's perspectives, which helped her let go and move forward in life, instead of allowing the baggage of the past to hold her captive.

Since she recognizes that no one is perfect and everyone makes mistakes, she sees forgiveness as extending the same grace to others that Christ has extended to her. Matt. 6:12, 14-15 (KJV) gives us the instruction that Rita has chosen to follow: *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ... For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

“It is a privilege and a duty to extend grace to those around us,” Rita adds. “Forgiving feels like being let out of prison and restored.” 

Samantha Nelson is CEO of The Hope of Survivors, a ministry for victims of clergy sexual abuse. She and her pastor husband currently serve in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Developing active listening skills

Whether seeking reconciliation with someone or just being a good communicator, you can practice these steps to more effective listening and connecting.

1 Remember that listening involves observing body language, posture and eye movements as well as verbal communication.

2 Pay attention to the person speaking. Make eye contact.

3 Remove or minimize all distractions. Don't be on your cell phone or watching TV when someone is trying to speak to you.

4 Show respect. You will want to be able to reply without interruption, so be courteous and do the same for others.

5 Remain open minded and wait to form conclusions. Many arguments arise from simple misunderstandings of what was said versus what you thought was said.

6 Before you respond, try reflecting back what you heard. “What I heard you say was... Is that right?” Give the person an opportunity to say Yes or to correct you.

7 Consider whether a lengthy reply is necessary. Sometimes people just want to know that someone will listen and empathize with them. Perhaps a hug or saying, “I'm so sorry you're going through this” is what's really needed.

He Calls Me Friend

"Our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God" (Rom. 5:11 NLT).

In a world dominated by "likes" and "follows," true friendship is a gift. So much in our world works against forming deep friendships—busy schedules, geographical distances and the replacement of face-to-face encounters with online interaction. According to a new report by renowned British anthropologist **Robin Dunbar**, despite our extremely connected lives, we're fortunate if we are able to maintain five close friendships.* Yet our Christian journey is meant to be traveled with others. We are created to pursue God in the company of other people. Eccl. 4:9-10 (NIV) says, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

When examining our friendships, Christ should be our example. Jesus purposefully surrounded Himself with 12 disciples who—while not perfect—were committed to learning the will of God.

He ate with His friends (Matt. 9:10, Mark 2:13-17), prayed for His friends (John 17:6-26) and asked for their support during His greatest trial (Matt. 26:36-46). When Jesus talked about friendship, He said, "Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13 NIV).

Does Jesus confide in you?

Jesus called His disciples friends rather than servants because He entrusted them with everything He was told by His father. He trusted the disciples to use this information for the good of His Father's kingdom. We often refer to Jesus as our friend because we confide in Him and trust Him. But have you ever considered that Jesus confides in you and trusts you to use the information for the good of His Father's kingdom?

We take it for granted that Jesus is our friend, but do we listen to Him? Do we want to know what is on His heart? Or do we only want to tell Him what is on our hearts? To be a friend of Jesus, we need

to listen to what He wants us to know and then use the information to bring others into friendship with Him.

A true friend doesn't care if you're broke, upset, what you weigh, if your house is a mess or if your family is filled with crazy people. They love you for who you are. But sometimes relationships become strained. A line from *Beaches*, a 1980s film about friendship and reconciliation, is "I don't even remember what it

was I was mad about, and I don't care. Whatever it was that you did, I forgive you." Hurt inevitably occurs in close relationships, but so does forgiveness.

Remember that the best example of a true friend is Christ. He will always forgive and lead you closer to Himself! **O**

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*<http://www.sciencealert.com/the-latest-data-suggests-you-can-only-keep-five-close-friends>



Peacemaking Resources

So who are your friends?

Do your friends lead you closer to the Lord, or do they lead you away from Him? What kind of friend are you to others? Here are six scriptures from the NIV that encourage better friendships.

1 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov. 27:17.

2 Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd. Ex. 23:2.

3 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Prov. 17:17.

4 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph. 4:32.

5 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. Prov. 12:26.

6 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. Prov. 27:5-6.

The Anatomy of Peace: resolving the heart of conflict

What if conflicts at home, conflicts at work and conflicts in the world stem from the same root cause? And what if individually and collectively we systematically misunderstand that cause, and unwittingly perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? These are among the important questions explored in *The Anatomy of Peace*.

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The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict

by Ken Sande

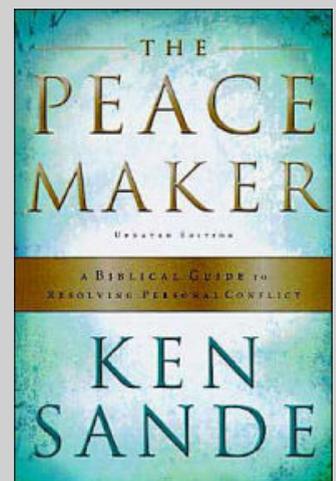
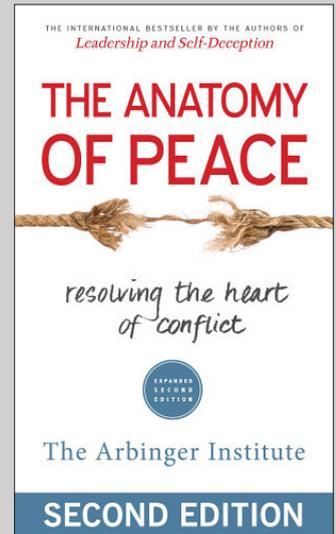
Experience the healing power of biblical peacemaking as you learn to apply scriptural principles to conflict. *The Peacemaker* shares practical guidance for resolving all types of conflict and hope for relationships you thought were unsalvageable.

 bit.ly/2mmJFsX

Resolving Everyday Conflict Kit

Resolving Everyday Conflict is an eight-lesson study that unpacks the amazing things the Bible has to say about conflict and relationships. As you go through this study, you'll find the powerful and practical answers you are looking for to forever change how conflict looks in your life. Watch Session One (35 minutes) for free!

 peacemaker.net/project/resolving-everyday-conflict-session-one-video/



People of Different Faiths, Cultures Unite on MLK Weekend

The message to the crowd at Park Hill Church was clear: unite in the face of mounting adversity.

A group of interfaith pastors and politicians spoke to a crowd of about 400 to commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born Jan. 15, 1929.

At the time of this event, the upcoming inauguration of **President Donald Trump** weighed heavily on the clergymen and women and representatives who addressed the room. Trump's campaign and election magnified a tense time for race issues, such as police

brutality, sentencing for drug crimes and immigration.

With the holiday falling just five days before the inauguration, the speakers examined King's legacy in the context of the upcoming presidential transition.

Mayor Michael Hancock spoke briefly of a "spirit of pain" in the community. "If there ever was a time to come together, now is that time," he said. "We don't focus on Donald Trump; we focus on each other."

Speakers such as **Bishop Acen Phillips** and former Denver mayor **Wellington Webb** spoke of the civil rights

movement in Denver and the importance of the city's churches in that struggle.

Phillips recalled how he would meet with other activists—from a variety of denominations—in churches to plan nonviolent protest actions. Slowly, they made their way through the city, protesting at businesses from which African-Americans were barred.

State Sen. Angela Williams had recently taken a trip to a clinic on the border of Israel and Syria where they were treating wounded civilians and soldiers. The doctors there held a strict edict to

treat *anyone* who entered the clinic without question, regardless of citizenship or political affiliation. In this spirit, she said, Americans must band together for a brighter, more sustainable future. "We have to learn to live as brothers, or perish as fools."

The Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance has been the leading clergy Civil Rights organization in Colorado for over 75 years. "Our main purpose is to speak on behalf of the community and our local congregations to address their needs and concerns. We work with legislators, community organizations and other faith-based entities to promote the social and moral welfare and justice for the greater Denver area," explains **Pastor Robert Davis**, who serves as the vice president for Social Justice for the Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance.

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Photos Courtesy Central States Conference



Young Verron Robinson, 5, joins members of the MLK Community Choir as they sing during an interfaith service at Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church on Jan. 15, 2017 in Denver, Colorado.

Training Provided for Latino Small Group Leaders

Latino/Hispanic Ministries guides the church in developing disciples of Christ within Spanish-speaking communities. This year, we began in Omaha, Nebraska, with a training for new leaders of our Hispanic churches. The vision is to encourage spiritual leaders and personal ministries directors to work through small groups each week in the homes. This will ultimately lead more souls to Christ.

We extend a special thank you to **Sister Estrella Dominguez**, chaplain of Shawnee Mission Hospital, for her great seminars for our women spiritual leaders. Also, thank you to **Pastor Tomas DeGyves**, Hispanic coordinator of the Central States

Conference and **Pastor Pedro Vargas**, pastor of Central, Columbus, Gethsemane and South Omaha churches. More trainings will occur throughout the conference this year.

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WirQit Blends Fitness and Worship

WirQit is a group fitness class unlike any you've experienced before! We combine professionally led workouts with biblical life principles. "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" (Isa. 40:29 NIV).

WirQit is a workout for both body and spirit. Why? Because the physical body is nothing without the spirit. As we seek to improve our bodies, it is important to see the parallels God has laid out in His Word that will help us be the best versions of ourselves He's called us to be. "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both

the present life and the life to come." (1 Tim. 4:8 NIV).

A community of faith and fitness, WirQit is using both media and local training to showcase workouts, spiritual life tips and personal testimonies. Classes are offered online at wirqit.com and locally in your community.

"It's a good opportunity to raise my awareness of the Holy Spirit in relation to my body and everyday life!" says **Jonathan**, a WirQit member.

Timothy Olaore is the founder of WirQit and a member of the Boston Street Church in Aurora, Colorado.

April 22 Is Ministerial Spouse Appreciation Day

Notes from our conference president and first lady

Dear Ministerial Spouses,

I want you to know how much I appreciate you. You are truly the neck that allows our collective head to turn. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you navigate this often-hectic life. You are the best!

Sincerely,
Roger Bernard

My Dearest Sisters in Heart, in spirit and in Christ,

I am so happy to have the opportunity to publicly express my love and deep appreciation for all you do. Thank you for the support you provide to your church families (in whatever form that may take) all while you care for your own family. I feel so fortunate to have you all to walk this road with. I pray God will continue to pour His blessings out upon you. May you continue to grow in grace as you grow closer to Him.

Much Love,
Ivona Bernard

Central States Conference Calendar April-June 2017

See more info at central-states.org

April 14-16	Urban Mission Trip
April 20-23	Spring Federations & Federation-Level Temperance Run-Offs
April 22	Ministerial Spouse Appreciation Day
June 7-11	Campmeeting
June 7-10	Mini Youth Congress
June 23-25	Women's Ministry Teen Retreat

Forgiveness Eases Difficult Friendship

Sally* was a friend from my home church. We had lost touch over the years, but when my mother died, we started corresponding again after she sent me an encouraging sympathy card. Through the years our friendship grew. We occasionally visited each other's homes, as we lived states apart.

When my father became feeble, the siblings—none of whom were now living in our home town—decided he should be moved into an assisted living facility near where he had grown up. Sally lived nearby. She would sporadically check in on Dad and we would chat.

Since she drove past the assisted living facility on her way to work, I occasionally—probably twice a year—would pay for and ask her to pick up something for Dad. They knew each other from church and I thought a visit from a familiar face would be good for his courage. She always said, “Sure, not a problem.” I thanked her and asked about the visits. She lifted his spirits and he hers, she would say.

Life gets messy

However, not long ago, things took a nosedive when I received a confusing email from her. I couldn't figure out what it was about. I

had to re-read it three or four times. Then I realized it wasn't meant for me. She had intended to send it to someone else. In the email, she said what a *twit* I was. “All these years I have helped out and delivered things to her dad, she has never paid me for my time and now she wants me to pick up something again.”

At first I was confused, then I became angry and finally I realized I was really hurt she would call me a “twit.” It took some time but later I replied, “Was this email meant for me? Are we still friends?”

I decided I needed to compensate her for her efforts, explaining how sorry I was for the times I asked for her help: “Please accept this gift card as a thank you for the visits you have made to Dad. I will be making other arrangements from now on.”

She returned the card to me writing, “I don't need

to be reimbursed; that's what friends are for.” I debated—friends?

Forgiveness is a gift

Through prayer and the counsel of friends I decided to continue my friendship with Sally. I prayed for God to heal this situation and He mostly has. We still correspond but things are not the same.

Our paths have crossed as I have flown home to visit my father but we have never mentioned the unfortunate incident. I believe I expected too much from our friendship. I am just so grateful for forgiveness and the attitude of forgiveness. Both are gifts from God.

**not her real name*

As told to Jacquie Biloff, communication director for the Dakota Conference.



Students and Friends Build Ice Sanctuary



Photos: Endine Karges

(Above left) Completed sanctuary and courtyard with laver and altar of burnt offering

(Above) Willie Hale constructing the ice sanctuary out of blocks of ice

(Left) Candlestick, altar of incense and table of shewbread

In the fall of 2015, **Willie Hale**, a member of the Dickinson Church in Dickinson, North Dakota, saw a picture of an igloo someone built out of blocks of ice. An idea formed in his mind of involving the church family in a similar project. It turned out to be a fun day for the church family, and *The Dickinson Press* featured the colorful igloo in the paper.

In the spring of 2016, Hale began thinking about what shape this project might take in the future. The idea of making something out of ice that would have more meaning—a replica of the biblical sanctuary—caught his imagination. He knew it would take a considerably greater number of ice chunks to accomplish the task, so he put

the word out with the church family that he had bigger and better plans in store and asked everyone to save their half-gallon milk cartons for this purpose. It seems the almond milk industry has a loyal following in western North Dakota as Hale collected almost 1,000 cartons, most of them almond milk.

When the weather turned cold enough, Willie and his wife, **Briana**, along with their friends, **Jarod and Frankie Fields**, began filling the cartons with water and a few drops of food coloring. At the end of January, the date was set for building the sanctuary.

It was a cold and windy day on Invitation Hill, the site of Dickinson's new school and church facility, but Willie, Briana and those recruited

to make ice hauled the cartons to the building site where, with help from the students, construction began. Teacher **Janna Wright** and students **Tandish and Ebnay Kuzvuinswa; Fortune and Fortunate Majada; Autumn Hale; Zack Sarge; and Kolter, Boen, Roper and Hazy Karges** rotated in and out of the building warming up their fingers and toes.

It's not an altogether pleasant task to have one hand in a slushy mix of water and snow (the mortar) and the other hand clasp the frozen brick while the temperature is hovering around 10 degrees and the wind is whipping and whistling about. Yet a faithful few stuck with the project for hours until the sanctuary was finished—complete with two

compartments, the ark of the covenant, the seven-branched candlestick, altar of incense and table of showbread, as well as the laver and altar of burnt offering outside the igloo sanctuary. Hale says that ultimately it was “a fun exercise to do with the kids in working together and completing a project.”

Janna Wright is the head teacher at Dickinson Adventist Christian Elementary in Dickinson, North Dakota. She has 10 students in grades 1-7.

Iowa-Missouri Focuses on Large City Evangelism



Photos: Randy Harmdierks

During a rally celebrating the launch of Reach KC, It Is Written speaker/director John Bradshaw challenges members to commit to prayer during the next year and to get involved.



NADEI associate director Tom Evans prays with Antoine, a member of the Urumuri group who wants to be a pastor and is seeking sponsors so he can attend a two-year training program to work with refugees.

The Iowa-Missouri Conference is home to several large urban centers, with nearly 3 million people living in the St. Louis area, more than 2 million in the Kansas City area, nearly 1 million in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area and over 600,000 in the Des Moines

area. Recognizing the vastness of these mission fields right in their own territory, the conference has determined to make large city evangelism a major focus during the next five years.

Last fall, the conference conducted a conference-wide evangelistic campaign in

partnership with Voice of Prophecy that resulted in over 100 new memberships by the end of the series, with approximately 120 more attendees involved in follow-up studies. There are plans to conduct similar campaigns annually or semi-annually on an ongoing basis.

The conference also sponsors a Magabook program each summer, in which elementary and high school students raise money for their tuition while reaching their cities as literature evangelists.

However, one of the ways the Iowa-Missouri Conference hopes to be most

successful in reaching their large cities is by partnering with other conferences whose territories align or overlap.

In St. Louis, for example, there are four local conferences, in two unions—the Central States and Iowa-Missouri conferences in the Mid-America Union, and the Illinois and Lake Region conferences in the Lake Union. For several years now, all four conferences have been collaborating to reach their communities through establishing church plants.

St. Louis SEEDS

In partnership with the North American Division Evangelism Institute, yearly gatherings called SEEDS conferences equip local lay leaders with the tools and resources they need to begin a church plant.

During this year's SEEDS conference held in January **Ishmael Ikpeama** and **Norman Njihi** gave a report from the Urumuri group. They have 50-75 people regularly attending and have had 18 baptisms since they started two years ago.

One of their members, a young man named **Antoine**, came to the United States as a refugee when he was 12 and shortly thereafter fell into the wrong crowd. After losing a friend to gang violence, Antoine sought out God and found Him at the Urumuri group. He now wants to be a pastor and is looking for sponsors to help him attend a two-year training program

for working with refugees.

David Klinedinst, resident evangelist to St. Louis for the Iowa-Missouri Conference, spoke about a home-based church plant in Wentzville, the fastest growing area in the St. Louis metro. A couple years ago, **Warren** and **Naomi Beem** decided to invite their children's friends over on Friday nights for fellowship and Bible study. They now have approximately 25 unchurched high school and college aged young people coming every week.

Another speaker for this year's event was **Jose Cortez, Jr.**, associate ministerial director of evangelism for the NAD. He praised the successful collaboration in St. Louis between churches across conference and union boundaries that has resulted in five new church plants in the metro area since 2012. He also challenged attendees to strive for more. Speaking about Plant1000, an NAD initiative to plant 1,000 new churches throughout North America by 2020, Cortez said that for maximum effectiveness there needs to be an Adventist church for every 25,000 people in a community. "We plant churches because we want to make sure the gospel message is accessible to anyone, in every corner of every city in North America," he said. "If we don't plant churches, we will become a cul-de-sac on the Adventist highway."

In order to accomplish such a goal, there would need to be 112 Adventist churches

available to the nearly 3 million people living in the St. Louis metro area. Including existing church plants, there are currently 20.

However, Cortez was quick to emphasize quality over quantity. "We don't just want churches; we want community churches," he said. "We're not planting worship services and then going away. We want churches that will bless the people in their communities with the love of God and the compassion of Jesus, in practical ways, on a regular basis, and that also happen to worship on Sabbath."

To meet an intermediate goal of doubling the number of churches in St. Louis, specific unentered areas of the metro have been identified for potential church plants, and area leaders are looking for volunteers interested in partnering with them. For more information, contact David Klinedinst at 402.304.5603.

Reach KC

After seeing how successful SEEDS has been in bringing local conferences together for outreach in St. Louis, Iowa-Missouri Conference leadership decided to try something similar in Kansas City.

The conference reached out to It Is Written and the other two local conferences in the Kansas City area—Central States and Kansas-Nebraska—and plans were developed for a year-long campaign that will culminate in a four-week evangelistic

series in April 2018, with It Is Written speaker/director **John Bradshaw**.

In January representatives from It Is Written met with the area's approximately 22 churches—including 10 congregations from Iowa-Missouri—to get acquainted, explain plans and answer questions.

During the next year, Bible workers from all three conferences will coordinate with It Is Written to train members for outreach and giving Bible studies. Various methods will be utilized to engage the public in preparation for the April 2018 series.

To celebrate the launch of Reach KC, approximately 1,100 church members from across Kansas City gathered in February for a joint rally (see p. 16).

All three conferences are encouraging members to get involved. Members of the Iowa-Missouri Conference interested in participating in Reach KC should contact their local pastor.

Randy Harmdierks is communication director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Partnering in Evangelism

On Feb. 10 and 11 members from three conferences came together at the Central States Conference Office to worship and prepare for an evangelistic effort in Kansas City. The Kansas-Nebraska, Central States and Iowa-Missouri conferences have partnered with It Is Written to begin an initiative to unite churches in community outreach in the greater Kansas City area. Approximately 1,100 people from the partnering conferences gathered for a weekend of worship and inspiration. **John Bradshaw**, speaker/director of It Is Written, was the main presenter.

This weekend marked the beginning of an evangelistic effort that will take place over the next year and culminate in April 2018 when John Bradshaw will join us again for a public evangelistic series/reaping meetings. Never before have these three conferences come together for an event like this. In preparation for April 2018, It Is Written has placed a Bible worker, **Jack Phillips**, in the Kansas City area, and soon our conference and churches in Kansas City will hire an additional Bible worker to begin spreading the joy and love of Jesus through the city.

Bradshaw challenged the congregation of believers to trust God to complete the work ahead. He shared, "We live in the midst of drowning people. Who is up to the task of making the difference?"

We're looking forward to REACH KC in April 2018, but it's what happens now that either guarantees success or guarantees failure. We want to reach KC. Our best will not be good enough, but God's best will be better than we can imagine. Friends, let's enter into this together willingly grabbing hold of God, appealing to God to save the drowning. When we look back on this one day, we will say it was worth it. We will wish we had done more. Let's join together across conference lines and remember that we are in this together."

During the weekend there was a call for people to volunteer to become lay Bible workers. Approximately 75 volunteers came for the first day of training, which was led by Jack Phillips at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, on Feb. 19-26.

Please pray for Kansas-Nebraska, Central States and Iowa-Missouri conferences over the next 12 months as our churches in the Kansas City area work together to reach others and bring them closer to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Stephanie Gottfried is publications director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



Stephanie Gottfried

John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, presented at this historic event bringing three conferences together for an evangelistic effort in the Kansas City area.

SUMMER CAMP DATES

BROKEN ARROW RANCH



June 8-11 - **Single Moms & Kids**
 June 11-18 - **Adventure Camp**
 June 18-25 - **Junior Camp I**
 June 25-July 2 - **Junior Camp II**
 July 2-9 - **Earliteen Camp**
 July 9-16 - **Teen Camp**
 July 18-23 - **Family Camp**

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Winter Is Fun at Winterfest



John Bedell

A Maplewood Academy student enjoys the Pathways Church whipped cream booth.

principal, **Andy Carlson**, thought Winterfest could be an excellent opportunity for various churches and schools to host booths. It's a great way to build community as well as raise money for ministry.

With that in mind, this year the fair hosted a wider variety of booths. The Source of Life Russian Church sold various Russian desserts and other food items. Pathways Church hosted a whipped cream booth that encouraged

getting messy—they even created a video to show how awesome Winterfest was!

Maplewood Academy regularly attends the event as a fundraiser for each class. This year, each class sold a food item. As usual, the senior class sold pizza. The Pathfinder group from St. Paul First Church hosted several games, including a booth that provided prizes to children who “went fishing.” In addition, MCA hosted a slide, bungee run and bounce house. There were various games all evening, and the event was well attended.

The Minnetonka Mustangs, the local Pathfinder group, raised the most money of all the

booths by selling homemade Hispanic food. All the food was donated, so the approximately \$700 they raised all went directly to the Pathfinder group for their various needs.

Savannah Carlson is communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

Watch the video at bit.ly/MCAWinterfest



Assistant Treasurer Makes Big Impact in Minnesota



Courtesy Minnesota Conference

Rebekah Berlin has been working as the conference assistant treasurer

since September 2016. She was promoted as part of a conference restructure when **Dwayne Mauk** became vice president for finance and a new position, director of human resources/director of communication, was created. As the assistant treasurer, Berlin is doing a fantastic job of cleaning up the list of conference properties, including vehicles needing insurance coverage. She also completely revamped the staffing formula so administration could make more informed decisions regarding hiring and placement. In addition,

Berlin has spent considerable time helping train the local church treasurers one-on-one in person or over the phone. The training sessions and her consistent communication have made a noticeable difference in the local monthly remittances being submitted in a timely manner.

A native Minnesotan, Berlin joined the Minnesota Conference team in June 2016. She holds a bachelor's degree in Christian business management, and after graduation in 2012, worked as an accountant for Ouachita Hills College in Arkansas.

Berlin has a passion for showing Jesus to the world, specifically through the business and finances of the church. She values integrity and organization, and strives for excellence in every responsibility. Minnesota Conference is blessed to work with Berlin and we look forward to further outstanding accomplishments from her.

Savannah Carlson is communication director for the Minnesota Conference.

Stone Ridge Christian School Chosen as NAEP Test Site



Collene Rognlie-Klick

The 8th grade class at Stone Ridge Christian School recently participated in NAEP tests covering reading and math. (l-r) Joel Taffe, teacher Rudy Carlson, area coordinator for National Assessment Education Program Roy Hamlin and Teigan Bauer.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics website, “The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subject areas. It most frequently assesses mathematics and reading. Other subjects, such as writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics and the arts are assessed periodically. The results are released as The Nation’s Report Card.”

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Each student took one test. The tests were proctored by **Roy Hamlin**, area coordinator for National Assessment Education Program. Hamlin is a 15-year veteran of proctoring tests for NAEP.

Stone Ridge was randomly selected by computer from all the private schools in Minnesota. In the United States, 25 percent of schools are private schools. The results from the tests our students took will be used as representative of all private schools in the state. NAEP is integral to developing the “National Report Card” for all schools, which is then sent to Congress in October. The information on how schools

are doing is used to determine how much funding will be available for private schools in the future.

Individual scores are not released, so there is no way for us to know how our students did individually. The testing has been done with paper and pencil in the past; however, this year NAEP provided laptop computers for the first time. Hamlin was impressed with the students’ ability to finish their testing in 70 minutes. The normal time necessary for finishing the test is 90 minutes.

Rudy Carlson, Stone Ridge’s head teacher, commented that he felt privileged to be asked to be part of such

an important study. He also mentioned to the NAEP coordinator that he suspected by testing our students at Stone Ridge, it would raise all the results Nationwide because of how smart our kids are.

If you’re interested in reading more about the “National Report Card” and its statistics, go to nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard for previous years’ results.

Collene Rognlie-Klick is the volunteer communication director for Stone Ridge Christian School.

Information regarding NAEP was taken from the website: nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard.

From Colorado to Cambodia, with Love

Photos: Walt Sparks



Adventist school children wearing uniforms enjoy playing together on swings.

Daniel and Cara Greenfield entered the Mondulhiri Province of Cambodia in 2006 to work with the Pnong people, an aboriginal ethnic group. Sponsored through Adventist Frontier Missions, which establishes indigenous Seventh-day Adventist church-planting movements among unreached people groups, the Greenfields spent eight years in Cambodia, six among the Pnong.

As they learned the language, they began to see the need for a school in the town of Sen Monorom. Although there were already two government schools in the town, these were so crowded students could not learn.

In the fall of 2014 they opened an Adventist School in a rented house with 48 students in grades K-2. Each year, another grade has been added

so that today they are bursting at the seams with 75 students and eager to move to a new building.

Cara organized a group of 32 volunteers from all over the world who headed to this little Pnong village Jan. 22 through Feb. 6 to work on the building project. Constructed of rammed earth blocks made on the property using a compressed earth block machine, the school is likely to be completed by May. **Walt Sparks**, an Estes Park, Colorado, church member who oversaw the building crew, said, "It's always neat when people from so many areas come together to be used by the Holy Spirit. We had a cooperative spirit between people who had never met."

The concrete columns and beams were in place when the group arrived, Sparks explained, with 80 percent

of the floor poured, and the metal roofing and trusses on the classroom addition, but not the gymnasium. "Our group put in the compacted dirt blocks between columns to create walls using the pre-made blocks. We got a system started for the local people to continue," he said.

At first the villagers had looked at them with suspicion, Cara said, since previous foreigners had started schools, but disappeared once they collected the tuition money. "Now that we have land in the community and the building is going up, they are seeing it as a positive thing," said Cara.

The excitement that shows on the students' faces emanates from hearts that are being changed, Cara added. "They are constantly singing Christian songs. They have Jesus in their hearts." The majority of the students are Buddhist or Animist, with only a handful being Adventist.

Since most of the students come from poor families, scholarships are provided for approximately 80 percent of the students. The Greenfields

raise funds to cover scholarships, do evangelism and cover salaries by making presentations at churches, visiting people in their homes, making phone calls and sending out letters.

Because health challenges forced the Greenfields to return to the United States in January 2016, it has been difficult to keep up with the building progress and the school, but Cara has made a couple of trips back to check on things.

Encouraged by the progress of the students—they can read and do math—and of the building project, Cara shared this report of their last trip: "We saw the Lord working on the hearts of the people and miracles happening. One lady is really on fire for Jesus and wants to be baptized. She is sharing the gospel with the entire village and with her parents who live in another village—she's evangelizing everyone!"

Carol Bolden assists in the communication department of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Some of the mission group pose with the Cambodian general contractor and his crew.



Church Plant Builds Community while Preparing for Opening Sabbath

A curious neighbor couldn't take the suspense any longer. For weeks and now months, he had driven past a new construction site, but never saw any structures set up or work being done. Frustrated by the uncertainty of it all, he ventured past the site's fencing to investigate more closely. What did he find? A bustle of activity below ground level—unseen by most—to establish a solid foundation.

For the past seven months, a core team of families have been praying and planning about God's vision for planting a church in Castle Rock, Colorado, where there is currently no Seventh-day Adventist congregation. In that time span, we haven't hosted many programs or ministries visible to the

casual observer. Instead, our priority has been to build a sense of community amongst the team and to prayerfully establish a solid foundation and mission-oriented DNA for this new church.

As that foundation has taken concrete shape, the core team has become more proactive in building bridges with the Castle Rock community. To bless the community, we've offered personal Bible studies and hosted small group gatherings. To share the gift of health, we set up a booth at the town's annual Starlighting event in November, offering heart-healthy food samples to passers-by and invitations to a Diabetes Undone seminar, which began just a few weeks ago in the Castle Pines Library.

We're also reaching out more broadly with other Adventists who may sense a call to be actively involved in developing a redemptive Adventist presence in Castle Rock. In anticipation of our opening Sabbath on April 8, we have begun hosting a monthly VisionVespers at the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital to give people a chance to hear, experience and respond to the vision God has for this new church (more on p. 25).

Godfrey Miranda is a church planter in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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Core team members discuss how to bless their community during a planning session for the new Castle Rock Adventist Church.



Godfrey Miranda

NOTICE FOR RMC CONSTITUENCY SESSION

This is the official call for the 1st quinquennial session, following the 11th triennial session, of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

It will be held Sunday, July 23, beginning at 10:00 am at the Life Source Adventist Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6200 W. Hampden Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

The purpose of this constituency session is to elect officers, an Executive Committee, a K-12 Board of Education and a Bylaws Committee for the ensuing quinquennial term, and to transact such business as may properly come before the session.

Ed Barnett, President

Eric Nelson, Vice President for Administration

Original SM Mentors Generations in Service

Recounting his experience as a student missionary in Peru, a junior at Union College was quoted in the *Central Union Reaper* in October 1971 saying, “You must win them over with your love. You must come with the attitude of wanting to learn, not feeling that you have everything to offer them.” A decade later, that student returned to Union College as an employee, claiming his alma mater as his mission field. Union alumni of the

last 35 years will recognize in those words the leadership style of a man they learned to love as a listener, learner, counselor and friend.

Officially, he is **Dr. Richard Carlson**, vice president for spiritual life and associate professor of psychology and religion, but it is unlikely even he could tell you his full title without consulting Union’s personnel directory. To generations of Union students and alumni, he is simply “Pastor Rich.” And above any title, he

will tell you his job is mentorship. “I love interacting with the kids, journeying with the students,” he says. “It’s been a joy and an honor.”

A passion for missions

In 1971, Carlson told the *Central Union Reaper* that “A thousand years of school can never equal the experience of mission service.” As chaplain at Union, he has encouraged thousands of students to take their lessons from the

classroom to communities next door and around the world as they learn through service.

Through his leadership, Union has sent 617 student missionaries around the world, and 85 task force workers to Adventist organizations within the United States. His continued involvement in student missions reaches past Union’s Campus Ministries and extends to visiting and supporting student missionaries on behalf of the North American Division.

Emily Segura remembers the joy of having a familiar face visit when she served in Guinea. “He came to Africa and met my host family, followed me around through my daily life of shopping in the outdoor market, teaching in my tiny schoolroom and eating rice with me,” Segura said. “You should have seen his excitement at merely presenting the gifts and letters from home and watching me open them. I appreciate his grandfatherly love and the empowerment he gives me to make my ‘what-ifs’ a reality.”

Carlson also recognizes the need for service closer to home. Project Impact began as Project BRUSH the year before he became Union’s chaplain, and under his leadership, Union’s annual event has become the nation’s largest and oldest collegiate volunteer event. Based on available research, no campus has a bigger event by percentage and few have as many

Pastor Rich Carlson has spent a lifetime inspiring and mentoring Union College students to serve God.

Steve Nazario



volunteers despite 10 to 20 times the enrollment.

“Service isn’t just a one-day event,” said **Cainan Ming**, who has been the student coordinator of Project Impact for the last two years. “I hope students get a sense of joy from helping others and will revisit the sites. I don’t want us to just take one day of the year; I want these service projects to continue.”

Beyond Project Impact, Union’s Campus Ministries organizes volunteer opportunities for students throughout the year, from regularly scheduled events to responding to last-minute desperate pleas from individuals and groups around Lincoln.

Mentoring new leaders

When he assumed his role of chaplain at Union College in 1982, Carlson and one student worker managed all the programming for Campus Ministries. Now the office has grown to engage a staff of 35 students leading in all areas of ministry, including vespers, worship, missions and outreach activities. “This gives them leadership training and keeps what we do current to the needs of students,” says Carlson.

He is quick to clarify for anyone who asks that he has only two duties—providing the environment and the opportunities that allow students to lead. He seeks out students with a passion for ministry, then works with

them to make sure they have the resources they need to succeed as they dedicate their skills and energy to Christ.

Talking to Union students, it’s easy to find stories of how Carlson’s leadership style has changed their lives for the better. **Jesse Evert**, a junior education major, recalls coming to Union as a freshman and looking for a way to belong and get involved in ministry. Carlson heard about Evert’s interests in scriptwriting and acting and asked her to write and direct the annual Easter Pageant during Homecoming weekend, which she did with the help of her best friend.

“That experience opened the door for me to become the Afterglow Coordinator in Campus Ministries for a year and a half, and to get to be on the Union For Christ team now,” Evert said. “All because Pastor Rich saw something in me and thought he could help me make a difference.”

As he works with students interested in pastoral ministry and chaplaincy as a profession, Carlson encourages them to build a team before moving forward in ministry. According to **Abner Campos**, “Working with Pastor Rich has taught me to extinguish the corporate idea of delegation—the concept of demanding work from employees. Instead, he invites us to empower, because it is through empowering that we experience the intersection of our gifts, passions and calling.”

Gina Creek ‘03 says

Carlson is the best leadership mentor she’s ever encountered. Now director of leadership development at Adventist Health Systems, Creek said, “Before Pastor Rich, I always saw myself as another face in the crowd. He helped me hear the call of God on my heart.”

Carlson also encourages other Union College employees to become spiritual mentors through his innovative HeartScan program. Interested students meet throughout the semester with a spiritual mentor who helps them develop a spiritual growth plan in place of keeping track of regular worship program attendance.

“Reading Union’s statement of core values, it’s not hard to imagine it’s describing Rich,” said **Vinita Sauder**, Union College president. “His commitment to developing students both as disciples and leaders has helped create the sense of cooperation and acceptance that pervades the campus atmosphere. This is a better place because of his dedication, and I truly believe the world has been made better by the thousands of students he has guided over the last 35 years.”

Brittany Wren is a freelance writer who also works in the Records Office at Union College.

Experience the wisdom of Pastor Rich

Back in 1999, Pastor Rich Carlson began writing a daily email to the Union College campus, most often a devotional thought based on a scripture passage he had been reading. Since then, he has faithfully emailed these messages—dubbed Good Morning Union—every school day.

“Almost every day I get at least one email from someone saying how God has used the thought for that day,” Carlson said. “Sharing the thoughts God brings me each morning gives my personal experience with God a purpose beyond just me.”

If you’d like to read Good Morning Union for yourself, visit ucollege.edu/gmu.

Earth Day – A Time to Celebrate

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Earth Day is April 22 and a perfect time to come together to celebrate God's creation and reflect on our choices about daily living. The decisions we make today about how we live affect not only our own health, but also the health and well-being of others and future generations. Are your choices helping to purify your body, mind, spirit and the wonderful earth God has created for us?

Part of Adventist Health System, Shawnee Mission Health strives every day to live its mission of *extending the healing ministry of Christ*. We use the principles of CREATION Health—Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook and Nutrition—to help us fulfill this mission for our patients, their families and our community.

For example, to help foster

a healthy environment and good nutrition, we recently constructed the Harvest Kitchen, a new, full-service restaurant at Shawnee Mission Medical Center offering live-action stations with fresh, made-to-order items and locally sourced foods. Patrons can watch while chefs prepare meals so they know the exact ingredients used.

Another way SMH is supporting a cleaner environment and encouraging activity is by sponsoring the Streamway Trail System in Olathe, Kansas, through a partnership with Johnson County Parks & Recreation. A designated National Recreational Trail, the Streamway Trail System consists of pedestrian, biking and equestrian trails, plus open spaces for jogging, picnicking and nature hiking.

Hospital associates and

community members can also take advantage of a variety of classes at Shawnee Mission Health about topics like gardening, fermentation and landscaping to support our environment as well as other CREATION Health principles like rest, interpersonal relationships, nutrition and outlook.

This Earth Day, think about how you can celebrate our world and incorporate the CREATION Health principles into your daily life. Here are some ideas to get you started.

- **C is for Choice.** Exercise your power to choose. Decide today to change one thing in your life to positively impact your well-being or that of others.
- **R is for Rest.** Taking time to relax lowers your stress and your blood pressure. Find a peaceful place outdoors to enjoy a good book or just take in the beauty of nature around you.
- **E is for Environment.** Our external environment and our immediate environment both influence the way we feel. Identify ways you can foster a clean environment inside and outside. Recycle, plant a garden or participate in a community beautification project. Also, make a commitment to keep a clean, clutter-free home—an effort that will help clear your mind and create a sense of peace.
- **A is for Activity.** Keeping an active body and mind promotes wellness. Think

about ways you can be active to improve physical and mental health. Bike on a new trail, fly a kite, do a crossword puzzle or walk the kids to school today.

- **T is for Trust.** Trust in God leads to stronger faith, allowing us to live a fuller life. Find a quiet, peaceful place outdoors for prayer and reflection to improve your spiritual well-being.
- **I is for Interpersonal Relationships.** Interacting with others is important to our health. Enjoy time with friends, family members and neighbors by planning a picnic or an outing to a local attraction such as the zoo or botanical gardens.
- **O is for Outlook.** A positive outlook is a great gift to give yourself and others. Finding ways to practice a positive, happy attitude will improve health and happiness.
- **N is for Nutrition.** Good nutrition is essential for our health and starts with access to good food. A great way to always have fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs on hand is to plant your own or frequent your local farmer's market.

Jackie Woods is a contract writer for Shawnee Mission Health.

To learn more about Shawnee Mission Health or CREATION Health, visit ShawneeMission.org or CreationHealth.com.



New Adventist Church to Celebrate Opening in Castle Rock

Until now, Castle Rock Adventist Hospital has been the only Adventist presence in Castle Rock, Colorado. That's about to change on April 8, when the Castle Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church officially holds its grand opening celebration.

With more than 55,000 residents, Castle Rock is a growing hub for families and young professionals who call the vibrant, south-side Denver suburb home. In 2011, leaders of Adventist Health System saw the strategic potential for opening a hospital in this burgeoning community, so they built Castle Rock Adventist Hospital as a part of the family of five Adventist hospitals serving the greater Denver community.

The new church plant is the culmination of many prayers and dreams. For years, leaders from the Rocky Mountain Conference prayed for the opportunity to establish a church presence in Castle Rock. Hospital administrators had a similar vision. Church members living in the area who currently drive varying distances to other area churches have longed for a beacon of hope closer to home.

The Castle Rock Church plant is a wonderful example of the synergy that can happen between individuals and groups who experience a similar calling on their hearts. Hospital leaders are

providing resources and meeting space, conference officials are supplying a salary for the pastor during the start-up phase and community members are enthusiastically supporting the birth of this new church family.

For several years, an informal launch team has met periodically to plan, pray and dream. Led by people like **David Martinez**, director of mission development at the hospital, and **Clint Watson**, director of radiologic imaging, the core team has been meeting to discuss ways to combine their love for Christ with a mission to serve the community's needs for healing and wholeness.

The Rocky Mountain Conference invited **Godfrey Miranda** to join the team as pastor. Godfrey, his wife **Debbie** and their three young children have moved to Colorado from Modesto, California. They bring a young, vibrant energy that meshes well with the large millennial population in the

David Martinez, director of Mission Development at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, leads a prayer with some of the lay leaders committed to launching a new Adventist church in Castle Rock.

Castle Rock area.

"We are so blessed to be working in a community where the road has been so well paved," says Miranda. "The hospital has a wonderful reputation here, and we are building on the shoulders of what they've already accomplished. When you think about a church being at a hospital, the metaphor of being a place of healing is really just perfect!"

Eric Nelson, executive secretary for the Rocky Mountain Conference, is excited about what God is already doing in Castle Rock. "With our hospital presence, we've had golden opportunities to imprint on the community there, and with this new phase of expanded ministry presence, we can't wait to see how God will continue to impact Castle Rock," he says. "Pastor Miranda comes to us with the highest recommendations, and his skill set is uniquely qualified for the challenges of a church plant like this. We

are so thankful to have him and his family join our Rocky Mountain team."

Todd Folkenberg, CEO of Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, says, "We are just glad to be a part of what God is doing in our community. This is bigger than any one person or group; it's obvious to all involved that God has ordained this new congregation. It's a perfect extension of our stated mission of *extending the healing ministry of Christ*."

All are invited to attend the Castle Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church's grand opening celebration on April 8. Details are available on the church website at CastleRockAdventist.church.

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.

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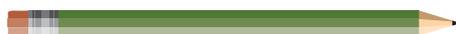
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Bandelin, Sandy, b. Aug. 13, 1951. d. May 24, 2016 in Englewood, CO. Member of Denver South Church. Survived by husband of 47 years; daughter Caribess; sons Charles Jr. and Chadwick; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Boerschig, Nelson L. (Shorty) Sr., b. Feb. 21, 1932 in Buffalo, NY. d. Jan. 11, 2017 in Alliance, NE. Member of Alliance Church. Preceded in death by wife Madeline. Survivors include children Lavell, Andy, Nelson, Leo, Junior, Frank, Mike, Janice, John, Theresa, Lydia and Lori; 19 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren. Veteran of Korean War.

Bousa, Danial W., b. Dec. 29, 1952 in Deadwood, SD. d. Jan. 31, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. Member of Buffalo Church. Survivors include sister Connie; brothers Delbert, Darrell and Charles.

Bousa, Doris Jean Bestel, b. Dec. 21, 1928. d. April 11, 2016 in Spearfish, SD. Preceded in death by husbands Henry Bousa and Danny Bestel; twin sister Janet Porter; 2 grandchildren. Survived by daughter Connie; sons Delbert, Darrell, Danial (now deceased) and Charles; sisters June Duvall and Janice Myers; 7 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Cunningham, Esther H., b. Dec. 16, 1926 in St. Louis, MO. d. Nov. 15, 2016 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View Church and previous member of St. Louis Central Church for 50 years. Preceded in death by husband E. Reece. Survivors include daughters Denise White, Nancy Hein and Jamie Krein; granddaughter Amanda Krein.

Flemmer, Raymond, b. Nov. 25, 1925 in Lehr, ND. d. Dec. 2, 2016 in Loma Linda, CA. Member of Azure Hills Church. Preceded in death by wife Viola; son Stephen; sisters Lillian Hauck and Ruby Gruszie. Survived by brother Leo; sisters Erna Hauck, Ida Lehman, Mabel Werner and Alta Krause; daughter Lynette Rivinius; son Douglas; 2 grandsons; 3 great-grandchildren.

Flemmer, Viola (Kungel), b. Dec. 14, 1928 in Kulm, ND. d. Oct. 6, 2015 in Loma Linda, CA. Member of Azure Hills Church. Preceded in death by son Stephen; siblings Adam, Richard, Edwin, Elsie, Emma, Ida and Molly. Survived by husband of 67 years Raymond (now deceased); sister Lualla Wolfe; daughter Lynette Rivinius; son Douglas Flemmer; 2 grandsons; 3 great-grandchildren.

Harleman, Dorothy E., b. Oct. 12, 1923 in Florence, MO. d. Jan. 28, 2017 in Sedalia, MO. Member of Sedalia Church. Preceded in death by husband Arthur; 5 siblings. Survivors include daughters Peggi Sargent and Holly Martin; son Roy; 4 siblings; 7 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

Hernandez-Brito, Eleuterio, b. Feb. 20, 1933. d. Oct. 29, 2016. Member of St. Louis Korean Church. Survivors include son Elijah.

Herrera, Antonio S. (Tony), b. April 26, 1927 in Robstown, TX. d. Jan. 29, 2017 in Lincoln, NE. Member of Capitol View Church. Preceded in death by wife Vera Guzman; daughter Rosemary Carmel; brothers Francisco and John Herrera; sister Loretta Hernandez. Survived by children Alfred, Antonio, Frank, Manuel, James, Edward, Charles,

Richard and Josie Escamilla; siblings Ruth Guerra, Josephine, Ramona Requejo, Abriesto, Pedro, Augustine, Miregildo, Joe, Monica, Esther Sturdivant and Arverilio; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Johnson, Bonnie J., b. March 17, 1930 in Manhattan, KS. d. Jan. 1, 2017 in Edina, MN. Member of Minnetonka Church. Preceded in death by husband Glenn. Survivors include daughters Sherri Chaffee and Beverley Johnson Wong; son Gerry; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Johnson, Carol, b. Feb. 16, 1938 in Sioux Rapids, IA. d. Jan. 27, 2017 in Sioux Falls, SD. Member of Spencer Church. Preceded in death by son Brent; 4 siblings. Survivors include husband Valoris; daughter Julie Humphrey; son Norvin; 1 brother; 2 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren.

Konrad, Ken, b. March 2, 1931. d. Sept. 16, 2016. Member of Campion Church. Preceded in death by sister Ila Lee Swanburg. Survivors include wife Barbara; daughters Shelley Walter and Sherry Lundy; 3 grandchildren.

Lawler, Margaret (Bradbury), b. Jan. 18, 1923 in Nottingham, England. d. Jan. 15, 2017 in Boise, ID. Member of Mandan Church. Preceded in death by husband Murray; brother Douglas; sister Doris. Survivors include children Jerome, Ralph, Kay Jean Yochim, Frank, Frances Rogien, James, Alan, Helen Timothy and William; 24 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; some great-great-grandchildren.

Martin, Rosilee, b. May 26, 1929. d. Jan. 28, 2017. Member of Three Angels Church in St. Joseph, MO.

Moranville, Frances P., b. June 18, 1919 on a farm near Lamar, NE. d. Nov. 25, 2016 in Imperial, NE. Member of Rocky Mountain Conference Church. Preceded in death by daughter Roselee Banks; husband Charles; sisters Loueva Makinster, Fern Matthews and Dortha Lyons; brothers Joe and Benny Martin. Survived by brother Ernest Martin Jr.; daughter Karen Teply; 3 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

Oliver, Dorothy, b. July 28, 1928. d. Sept. 6, 2016. Member of Lee's Summit Church. Survivors include sons Terry and Kenneth; 5 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Olson, Harold G., b. June 23, 1930 in Wyacononda, MO. d. Dec. 30, 2016 in Loveland, CO. Member of Campion Church.

Pulliam, Peggy L., b. Nov. 13, 1929 in Cushing, OK. d. Jan. 9, 2017 in Grant, NE. Member of Ogallala Church. Preceded in death by daughter Marklyn; husbands James, Charles and Cletus; siblings Carmaleta, Floyd, Kenneth, Douglas and Maxiel. Survivors include children Gregory and Brenda; sister Roseztta; 7 grandchildren.

Correction: Shepard, L. Calvin, b. Oct. 23, 1923. d. Dec. 20, 2016. Member of Lincoln Piedmont Park Church. Preceded in death by wife Betty; daughter Karen McCabe; granddaughter Dau'n McCabe. Survived by children Diane Shepard-Salazar, Lori Shepard-Macke, and Steven; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

Sutton, Harry E., b. July 13, 1945 in Alliance, NE. d. Sept. 30, 2016 in Oshkosh, NE. Member of Alliance Church. Survivors include wife Bonnie; children Cory Stitt, Hollie Benelman, Casey and Carrie; 2 sisters.

Thorne, Michael L., b. Feb. 20, 1967 in Indiana. d. Sept. 2, 2016 in Poplar Bluff, MO. Member of Poplar Bluff Church.

Tucker, Christina, b. Dec. 17, 1968. d. Jan. 15, 2017. Member of Sullivan Church. Survivors include husband Daniel; daughter Anne-Marie; son Jacob; 2 siblings.

Trujillo, George, b. Feb. 22, 1923. passed away Dec. 15, 2015 in Lincoln, NE. Member of Lincoln Hispanic Church. Preceded in death by daughter Sylvia. Survived by wife Trinnie; sons Rick and Jake; daughter Lucy Cisneros; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Trujillo, Trinnie, b. Aug. 10, 1932. d. Feb. 25, 2016. Preceded in death by daughter Sylvia; husband George. Member of Lincoln Hispanic Church. Survived by sons Rick and Jake; daughter Lucy Cisneros; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Vigil, Rose M., b. Dec. 22, 1941. d. Jan. 18, 2017. Member of Pueblo First Church (CO).

Weber, Leland K., b. Feb. 23, 1943 in Nevada, MO. d. Apr. 12, 2015 in Nevada, MO. Member of Nevada Church. Preceded in death by 6 siblings. Survivors include wife Sherry; daughter Sierra Bishop; son Noah; 2 siblings; 3 grandchildren. Served in Missouri National Guard.

Wells, Paula D., b. June 7, 1942. d. Jan. 24, 2017. Member of Great Bend Church (KS).

Wheeler, Glenn H., b. July 24, 1931 in Crawford, NE. d. Oct. 19, 2016 in Crawford, NE. Preceded in death by first wife Beverly Thompson; second wife Virginia; brothers Keith and Gaylord. Survived by brother Karl; sisters Marilyn Rainbolt and Mary Alice Goree; son Gregory; daughters Debra Chadbourne, Desiree Wheeler-Hissong, Rochelle Lain and Marcella Myers; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Served in Germany during Korean War.

Winkelman, Barbara L., b. Aug. 4, 1943 in St. Louis, MO. d. Dec. 24, 2016 in Fredericktown, MO. Member of Fredericktown Church. Survivors include husband John; son Jeff ByWater; stepsons Johnny, Daniel, Robert and Christopher; 5 siblings; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 5 step-grandchildren; 1 step-great-grandchild.

Yurth, C. Glenn, b. May 24, 1935 in Fort Madison, IA. d. Nov. 21, 2016 in Lincoln, NE. Survived by wife Shirley; daughter Glenda Pogue; son Byron; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Member of College View Church.

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