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CHURCH: A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

The local congregation is the central support structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. What happens there defines the church. And the substance of church life depends on member volunteerism.

In fact, if volunteers stopped showing up, the church at all levels would shut down.

If volunteers ceased to contribute, the flow of information and training in our congregations and schools would dry up. Connections with our communities would wither. Our ministries would fold and we would quickly become irrelevant.

In the United States, National Volunteer Week is celebrated annually in April. This month is the perfect time to thank your volunteers for their precious gifts that lend life, strength and beauty to the body of Christ on this earth.



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Volunteers

Leading the Way to Eternity

BY GARY THURBER

Lately I have been reading with great interest various news reports about our Pathfinder's Bible Experience events. If you are not aware of what these are about, our Pathfinder clubs form teams to study a section of the Bible and then come together and are quizzed as teams about anything in those verses they have studied (see p. 8).

I can tell you I wouldn't stand a chance against one of those teams. I have sat in the audience on numerous occasions and secretly kept my own personal score. I never have done as well as the lowest scoring team participating!

The truth is, every team and every Pathfinder is a winner. They build great friendships and store in their hearts the Word of God.

Support structure

It struck me this year like never before that behind every team were unbelievably dedicated and gracious volunteers who helped these Pathfinders learn the Bible passages, sometimes in the

volunteer's homes. If it wasn't for the volunteers who helped them study and provided transportation to the events, there would be no Pathfinder Bible Experience.

PBE is just one of many wonderful ministries that take place in our church that simply wouldn't happen if it wasn't for the spirit of volunteerism among our members. Yes, we do have paid clergy and school teachers, but we wouldn't have churches and schools without volunteers.

Just stop and think about it for a minute. Our Sabbath school and youth programs, our music leaders, Bible study teachers, adult ministries, community service and disaster relief programs, mission trips, evangelistic meetings, fellowship dinners, greeters, church socials and choirs are just a few examples of meaningful volunteerism in our churches.

Personal impact

Dr. Larry Reed, Bill Bass, Bill Stokes, Edna Pohlman and Bill Wolcott are a few of the people who, when I was a young person, impacted

my life for eternity. Dr. Reed, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Bass were my Pathfinder leaders who, despite their full lives, gave much of their time for us kids. Edna Pohlman blessed all the children at our church and school through her faithful volunteerism and her generous love. Mr. Wolcott went beyond his work as my dean to befriend and mentor me.

This month, more than anything, I invite you to stop and think about all the people in your church and school who have impacted you or your family in your walk with Jesus because of their willingness to volunteer. And after you have thought about these impactful volunteers, I invite you to take the time to thank them from the bottom of your heart for the blessing they have been. Showing our love and appreciation for their service is what will give them courage and bless their servant hearts.

The Adventist World Church has an initiative we have talked about before but is worth bringing up again. It is

called TMI, which stands for Total Member Involvement. If you haven't found a way in which you can volunteer to be part of the ministry happening in your local church or school, I invite you to talk with your pastor or school principal to learn how you can join the great army of volunteers who make our churches and schools relevant and mission focused. And when you do, your church's Nominating Committee will surely rise up and call you blessed! 0

GARY THURBER
is president of the
Mid-America Union.



10 Ways to Reward Volunteers

- **Take the time to** personally and sincerely **say thank you**.
- **Learn what motivates each volunteer** and give the recognition appropriate for her or him.
- **Publicly highlight the impact volunteers are making**, either verbally at church or in your newsletter or bulletin.
- **Write notes** to the volunteers' families to let them know how much the person has contributed and thank them for supporting the volunteer.
- **Nominate your volunteer** for community awards.
- **Host an annual** volunteer awards **event**.
- **Present special awards** for 2, 5, 10, 15 or more years of service.
- **Present volunteers with a memento** or gift card recognizing their contributions.
- **Ask children or students to make thank you cards** for your volunteers.
- **Make volunteers aware of available training** that could benefit them.

5 Volunteer Recruiting Tips

- ✓ **Help volunteers see meaning** in the work.
- ✓ **Use surveys** to discover volunteers' preferences and views.
- ✓ **Ensure volunteers find the right area** for their talents.
- ✓ **Remember to ask for volunteers' input** before voting new policies or procedures that would impact them.
- ✓ **Produce a short video** showing current volunteers in action.

Compiled from *101 Ways to Recognise Your Volunteers* (volunteeringaustralia.org) and *20 Great Ways to Reward Volunteers* (charityvillage.com).



BY MICHAEL HALFHILL

The anticipation builds as I walk to the podium and share the announcement the entire congregation has been waiting to hear. “My friends, it’s time for Nominating Committee again!” I pause as spontaneous applause thunders from the congregation. Shouts of “Hallelujah” and “Amen” ring through the sanctuary.

At least that’s how I imagine it. But it hasn’t happened yet. I can scarcely get an “Amen” every other year when it’s time for us to elect new ministry positions.

Why do we dread Nominating Committee? Is there a way to turn Nominating Committee into a blessing instead of a chore? Here are a few things I’ve learned through victories and failures during my years in ministry.

Nom Com basics

Though the church manual gives guidelines, one size does not fit all. Nominating Committee looks different based on the size and makeup of one’s church. However, one important decision must be made by all before you start.

Will you use a *Position Based Approach* or a *Gift Based Approach* for the selection of ministry leaders?

Position based is when we merely try to fill positions of need. A gift based approach works to discover member’s spiritual gifts and then connect them with ministries that utilize those gifts. The gift based approach takes longer, but members enjoy ministry more when they are using their skillset.

For example, one nominating committee placed two women in our Adventurer Club: the experienced member as leader and the other as one of the teachers. After a few weeks both individuals came to me sharing their struggles. It became obvious they were in each other’s spots. The leader had the gift of teaching and the teacher possessed the gift of administration. I suggested they switch roles to better match their gifts and they both thrived.

AdventSource offers resources to help members discover their spiritual gifts in one afternoon.* At our church we also hand out a paper called Ministry Opportunities with a list of positions. Members mark roles they are interested in, which gives the committee a starting point for placing members in ministries.

Pre-Nominating Committee

This is the committee that selects the Nominating Committee. Sound confusing? Some churches do away with this step, and based on church size it is not always necessary. It can seem cumbersome to have a committee to select a committee to then select ministry leaders. But this step

Nominating Committee

Blessing or Burden?

can help avoid a Good ol' Boys Club model where a select few run the church. Having the entire membership choose this pre-committee allows everyone to have vote and voice in this important process. Members buy in to ministry far more when they are invited to be part of the process.

The real deal

If you're selected to serve on the committee, kiss your family goodbye, promising to return some day. Well, it's not quite that bad, but it can become a several week- or month-long process.

What should you do first? Pray, pray, PRAY! Bathe this whole endeavor with prayer. That is the key to success. Pray at each stage. Pray at each meeting. If you hit a snag, pray. If committee discussions get too hot, pray. Let God be in charge.

And speaking of being in charge, I find this process is better received if the chairperson of the Nominating Committee is not the pastor. The pastor must avoid looking like he or she is playing favorites. The pastor's role is to guide and advise, but the committee has the final say in selecting officers. This is why a member should not serve on Nominating Committee twice in a row.

Additionally, the order of nomination is crucial. The committee should decide which positions are hardest to fill and start with them (for example, children's Sabbath school, heads of ministries and elders).

The times, they are a changin'

Please forgive the Bob Dylan lyric, but Nominating

Committee is indeed the time and place to handle change in the church. I tell my ministry leaders they actually have two jobs in their position. #1: Do the ministry. #2: Train a replacement. This helps members remember that no one holds church positions forever.

Change is not easy. Maybe you've noticed that at your church. But God has built our world to change. Nothing in nature stays the same. Culture doesn't. Yes, God stays the same, but I'm guessing God is not holding any ministry positions at your local church.

The tricky part is when the committee decides to elect a new person to lead a ministry and the incumbent does not want to step down. In those instances, the pastor needs to meet with the member being asked to step down and try to help with the hurt they may feel. These conversations require careful navigation because the pastor is not at liberty to share everything from the committee's discussion.

Confidentiality

This requirement must be stated clearly at the beginning of the process. Members of the committee must feel free to speak their mind openly and honestly. If I discover that what is discussed in nominating committee is being spread, I will shut the whole committee down and start over with a new group. Once trust is broken the committee cannot function.

Too many No's

What should the committee do if no one will accept a particular ministry office? First, ask if it is a key position such as

treasurer or clerk. If not, leave it open. I was at a church one time where we could not find a Pathfinder leader. The committee turned to me and said, "I suppose the youth pastor will have to lead Pathfinders." I replied with a smile, "No, he won't." I explained that if God wanted us to have a club, He would impress members to step up and lead. And sure enough, a leader came forward. Remember to trust that God is in this process.

You're done! Almost.

Now you need to present the list to the church body for final approval. *Do not* vote on the first Sabbath. Ask members to prayerfully look over the list, and if they have questions to speak to the chairperson or pastor after church.

I heard about a church where objections were shouted from the floor during the worship service! That is not the time or place. Inform objectors that they can address the Nominating Committee if they want. Follow Paul's advice in 1 Cor. 14:40 to handle all things appropriately and with decency.

The following Sabbath, when all objections/questions/edits have been handled, vote the list of new officers. Then go home and get reacquainted with your loved ones, but keep praying that God will bless the church's ministry and the new leaders as they use their gifts to serve. 0

Michael Halfhill is lead pastor of the Piedmont Park Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Nom Com Tips for Success

1. Use **Spiritual Gifts Assessments**.
2. Host a **Ministries Fair** where you set up booths on Sabbath so members can visit with ministry leaders and sign up for what interests them.
3. Hand out a **Ministry Opportunities sheet** with a list of your church's positions so members can mark which ministries interest them.
4. Pastors should **meet with ministry leaders** during the year to share encouragement.
5. Send **thank you cards** to ministry leaders throughout the year.
6. Help **new members get plugged in** to a ministry that fits their spiritual gifts.
7. Plan an **event honoring and highlighting** members' ministry.



Pathfinders, parents and staff from every conference in the Mid-America Union gathered in February to participate in the annual MAUC Pathfinder Bible Experience. Seventeen teams are advancing to the North American Division level PBE on April 27 in Rockford, Illinois.

Mid-America Youth Experience God's Word

Pathfinders learn and lead

Nearly 400 Pathfinders, parents and staff converged at College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Feb. 16 for the Mid-America Union Pathfinder Bible Experience. Following the conference level PBE events in January, first place teams comprising no more than six Pathfinders and one alternate traveled from across the Mid-America Union to participate in this one-day event.

Pathfinder Bible Experience is a unique opportunity that aims to foster spiritual growth, leadership and an unquenchable thirst for God. This year each team studied the book of Luke and memorized large portions of God's Word.

Both the Mid-America

Union and the North American Division are seeing growth in the number of teams participating in PBE, according to event coordinator **Lonny Nelson**. This year our union had teams representing each of our six conferences, which is a first for MAUC.

"It is indeed a blessing to see this level of dedication of our parents and staff who set aside countless hours to help their Pathfinders study and prepare for PBE," Nelson said. "These are dedicated adults who take to heart the words of Prov. 22:6: 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.'"

Nelson, who also serves as Pathfinder coordinator for the Kansas-Nebraska

Conference, added that it was heartwarming to witness these Pathfinders who willingly take on extra hours of studying to learn God's Word. "These Pathfinders are doing something incredible. They are preparing to be leaders, confident in who they are in Christ. We should be proud of all of the Pathfinders who take on Pathfinder Bible Experience," said Nelson.

As the day concluded, Nelson expressed appreciation to the many volunteers who contribute to this annual event. "This experience would not be possible without the support and volunteerism of each Pathfinder director, PBE coach, staff and all the extra hands that are required to

plan and implement this event," Nelson said. "We would also like to thank all the pastors who support this much-needed ministry in our union and our hosting site College View Church for warmly welcoming all our Pathfinders for this event."

Nearly half of the teams from Mid-America will be advancing (17 teams) to participate in the North American Division level PBE on April 27 in Rockford, Illinois.

The Bible books for study for 2020 are Ezra and Nehemiah.

Stories on these pages were written by Brenda Dickerson, communication director for the Mid-America Union.

Photos: Timothy Floyd



Roger Wade to Serve as Church Ministries Director for Mid-America

Roger R. Wade is joining the Mid-America Union Conference team as director of Church Ministries. Wade is filling the position that has been open since Hubert Cisneros' retirement last September.

Elder Wade, who most recently served as associate youth ministries and communication director for the South Central Conference headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, will oversee the MAUC ministries for youth, young adults, families, and children, including Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs.

"Mid-America is blessed to welcome Roger Wade to our union. He is one of the most experienced and gifted youth leaders in North America," said **Gary Thurber**, president of the Mid-America Union

Hugh Davis



Conference. "The passion he brings to ministry is contagious and our children through young adults will be touched by his leadership."

Born on the island of Trinidad in the West Indies, Wade graduated from Oakwood College (now University) in Huntsville, Alabama, and has

worked with youth for the past 38 years as an AY leader, Pathfinder leader, conference Youth Federation officer, youth camp assistant director, conference youth director, and the first director of the National Black Youth Resource Center.

"I have a passion for the church's most precious re-

source—the youth," said Wade. Wade has also pastored congregations in multiple conferences and was ordained to gospel ministry in 2003. He has written numerous articles for youth ministry publications and conducts seminars and workshops for youth and their leaders.

Wade is married to the former **Lorraine Lawrence** of Neptune, New Jersey. They have a college-age son, **Anthony**.

MAUC Appoints Hispanic Ministries Coordinator

Roberto Correa has accepted the invitation of the Mid-America Union

Conference to serve part-time as the coordinator of Hispanic Ministries for the union's

nine-state territory. Correa, who also serves as Hispanic Ministries coordinator for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, officially began his new duties in February.

"Roberto comes with many years of experience in our territory and will be a great blessing to our union," said Mid-America Union president **Gary Thurber**. Correa will work under the MAUC's Ministerial Department.

Pastor Correa's ministry has been characterized by a great enthusiasm and dedication to see his churches grow and to plant new congregations.

Correa states that his goal as Hispanic Ministries coordinator is to promote awareness of needs and opportunities in order to reach the Hispanic population for Christ. He also aims to provide resources, training for pastors and lay members, and "to share together the good news of the gospel with delight."

Pastor Correa is married to **Paula**, who he says has been a very important part of his ministry. The couple have two children: **Gabriel** (16) and **Lucas** (11), who are currently students at Midland Adventist Academy in Kansas.

Courtesy Kansas-Nebraska Conference



CENTRAL STATES CALENDAR

APRIL—AUG 2019

APRIL 12-14
Kansas City, KS
Hispanic Youth Retreat
Central States
Conference Center

APRIL 25-27
Omaha, NE
The CSAYYA Summit

MAY 17-19
Kansas City, KS
Health Seminar
Health Ministry in the
End of Time

JUNE 2-9
Kansas City, KS
**Workers Meeting and
Campmeeting**
Central States
Conference Center

JUNE 5-9
Kansas City, MO
**Senior Retreat (Family
Life)**

JUNE 7-9
Kansas City, MO
**CSAYYA Young Adult
Retreat**

JUNE 16-30
Kansas City, KS
Teen Camp
Camp High Point

JULY 9-18
Jamaica
**CSAYYA iServe Mission
Experience**

JULY 26-28
TBD
**CSC Hispanic Men's
Retreat**

AUG 2-4
Kansas City, KS
**CSC Men's Ministry
Conference**

AUG 12-17
Oshkosh, WI
**International
Pathfinder Camporee**

For more information, visit www.central-states.org.

Ancianos Sabios, Iglesias

Ministerio Hispanos entrena a

El pasado fin de semana, Febrero 22-24 del presente año, el Ministerio Hispano de nuestra Conferencia Central States tuvimos nuestro retiro de entrenamiento y capacitación para nuestros ancianos de las iglesias locales bajo el lema “Ancianos Sabios, Iglesias Saludables.” Nos

reunimos en un campamento en Fremont, Nebraska. El pastor **Ivan Omana**, Director Asociado del departamento de Capellanía de la División Norteamericana, expuso claramente el buen funcionamiento y la forma correcta de hacer capellanía pastoral y las responsabilidades de los ancianos en el



Courtesy: Central States Conference

Wise Elders, Healthy

Hispanic Ministries holds elders

The Central States Conference Hispanic Ministries team hosted a training retreat for elders of the local churches Feb. 22-24. The retreat was held at a camp in Fremont, Nebraska, and the theme of the event was Wise Elders, Healthy Churches.

Guest speaker **Pastor Ivan Omaña**, who is associate director of the Department of Chaplaincy of the North

American Division, clearly explained the best practices for conducting pastoral chaplaincy. He also described the responsibilities of elders in the pastoral work of the church, calling leaders to administer the church under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit.

Forty elders, along with pastors **Pedro Vargas**, **Zacarias Vargas**, **Norris**

Saludables

ancianos

trabajo pastoral de la iglesia; haciendo un llamado a la fidelidad como líderes y al compromiso de administrar la iglesia bajo la dirección y el poder del Espíritu Santo.

Bajo un ambiente de unidad y cordialidad, el evento fue de gran bendición contanto con la presencia de 40 ancianos con nuestros pastores, **Pedro Vargas, Zacarias Vargas, Norris Custodio y Tomas DeGyves**.

Nuestra esperanza es tener líderes fuertes e iglesias saludables para proclamar con seguridad la pronta venida de Cristo Jesús.

Pastor Tomas DeGyves es el director del Ministerio Hispano Central States Conference.

Churches

retreat

Custodio and Tomas DeGyves, attended the event in an atmosphere of unity and cordiality.


The hope of the Central States Conference Hispanic Ministries Department is to have strong leaders and healthy churches to proclaim with certainty the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Tomas DeGyves is director of Hispanic Ministries for the Central States Conference.

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Richardton Church Plant Officially Requests Church Status

Charlotte Merkle



Charter members of the Richardton church plant celebrate requesting to become Dakota Conference's newest church with conference president Neil Biloff (back row, black suit).

people enjoyed and participated in the program, which included songs, poems and stories. Ten of the popular *Christmas in My Heart* books by Joe Wheeler were given as door prizes.

Every year the town of Richardton celebrates a Little Opry Days parade. In August, members handed out Scripture-inscribed water bottles and provided a religious concert. The local bank set up their stand nearby, bringing people to the location.

The members of the Richardton church plant have learned adaptability and have worked hard to make the group a success. This hard work has caused the church plant to take root and request official church status.

Jacque Biloff is communication director for the Dakota Conference.

Richardton church plant in Richardton, North Dakota, became Dakota Conference's most recent church plant to request official church status on Feb. 16. Members assembled to enjoy a Sabbath of celebration with conference president Neil Biloff and the pastoral team and to sign as charter members before heading home due to the predicted record-breaking snowfall.

The Richardton church plant is one of a two-church

district, which also includes Beulah Church. Pastor Terry Pflugrad and his wife Marie have served the Richardton group for two years.

Although finding the right venue can be both a spiritual and a logistical battle, the members of the Richardton church plant were able to find a small Lutheran church to rent.

Gary Messer, an Adventist building contractor, along with other skilled attendees, helped resuscitate the deteriorating, flood-devastated

building with a new bathroom upstairs and carpet in the sanctuary. The kitchen, located in the basement, has been without water for years, but is now under re-construction with drywall, cabinets and other improvements.

Impacting neighbors

The group held its third annual Christmas in My Heart program at the community center in the neighboring town of Hebron. A religious cross-section of 130

Mitchell Church Reopens

The Mitchell Church has reopened its doors after being closed for two years. During its closure, a small group of faithful believers in Mitchell, South Dakota, continued to meet for prayer meeting, keeping the flame alive.

In November of 2017, Pastor Donavon Kack, along with his family, held a series of evangelistic meetings and baptized one precious soul. Since reopening for services last May, there have been up

to 39 people in attendance.

The mission of the Mitchell Church is to revitalize the unique work God has for the Adventist Church in the Mitchell community. This mission has created a wonderful spirit among those attending services each week.

There is still much work to be done in the Mitchell community. Please pray for us as we move forward.

David Moench pastors the Mitchell Church in Mitchell, South Dakota.



David Moench

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The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Executive Committee members, Constitution & 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 (20) members and one additional delegate if remainder is greater than ten (10) members.

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Sunnydale Brings More Technology Into the Classroom

As the school year began for Sunnydale Academy last fall, it became apparent there was a greater need than ever before to make technology available to students. Fueled in part by an increase in enrollment and the introduction of an online foreign language program, the school's computer lab was being shared by several classes at once, creating a noisy environment not well suited for learning.

School administrators researched solutions, and one of the ideas that rose to the top was to purchase Chromebooks, a laptop-like computer by Google that stores applications and documents in the cloud rather than on individual devices.

The school was able to

raise enough funds for 32 Chromebooks. Four were placed in each dorm, and the remaining 24 are stored on a cart and shared among classrooms in the administration building.

The addition of these Chromebooks hasn't just solved the problem of a crowded computer lab, it has also allowed teachers to take advantage of opportunities to add more technology into their instruction. Students can now do research, work on assignments and take online quizzes without leaving the classroom. Since these classes no longer need to take time to transition between the classroom and the computer lab, there's also more time available for learning.

Yanita, a senior, shared,



Courtesy Gary Russell

Sunnydale students complete assignments using the new Chromebooks, without having to leave the classroom.

"Having Chromebooks in our classroom makes it more accessible and easier for the teacher to help me."

Teachers are also benefiting. **Chase Shireman**, who teaches geometry, said that he enjoys providing the students real-time feedback while content is still fresh in their minds.

Sunnydale continues to work toward creating a culture that provides the best opportunities for learning and, most importantly, growing closer to Jesus.

Jill Donald teaches art, English and foreign language classes at Sunnydale Academy.

Former Iowa-Missouri President Bill Wampler Passes Away

It is with great sadness we share the news that Elder Bill Wampler, who served as president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference from 1981-1999, passed away on Jan. 22 at the age of 89.

Wampler is remembered as a compassionate leader who loved the Adventist Church, as well as a man of common sense with a great sense of humor.

"He took a chance on many young pastors who had no formal education, giving them time to demonstrate their calling to the gospel ministry," said **Robert Wagley**,

executive secretary for the conference. "Peggy and I will be forever grateful for his calling us to Iowa-Missouri and giving us a chance to serve in the Lord's work."

Following the consolidation of the Iowa and Missouri conferences in 1980, Wampler saw the fledgling conference through financial challenges. "I will remember Elder Wampler for his positive leadership during tough times, his dedication to improving the facilities at Sunnydale Academy, his basic common sense, and most of all his great

sense of humor," said **Rhonda Karr**, conference treasurer.

Though he was theologically conservative, Wampler took a progressive stance on issues like gender equality in church employment. In a time when even non-pastoral leadership positions were largely reserved for men, Wampler was responsible for Karr's appointment as treasurer in 1998.

"We'll miss Elder Wampler, but we'll long remember his leadership in the Iowa-Missouri Conference," said **Dean Coridan**, conference president.

A memorial service was

held Jan. 26 at the Standifer Gap Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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



Courtesy Iowa-Missouri Conference

Adventist Company Organized in Butler

Living Word Fellowship was recently organized as a company (a step in the process of becoming an official church) in Butler, Missouri. **Robert Wagley**, executive secretary for the Iowa-Missouri Conference, delivered the message and officiated over the signing of the charter.

The company began as a branch Sabbath school in 2012 under the umbrella of the Nevada Church in Nevada, Missouri. Several families in the Bates County area had to drive as much as an hour to attend church,

Courtesy Susan Smalley



Charter members are joined by conference executive secretary Robert Wagley (center, gray suit) and Nevada Church pastor Abel Hagen (right) as they celebrate forming a company in Butler, Missouri.

and others couldn't attend at all due to transportation issues. Living so far from a home church made it

difficult to witness and serve in their community.

The group began meeting in the conference room of a

local funeral home, but soon found a storefront building to rent on the town square. Their focus has been on community service and participating in local events to create public awareness.

They meet for Bible study and worship beginning at 10:30 am each Sabbath, and they look forward to being a light of hope and truth to a county that has had no Adventist presence for decades.

Susan Smalley is treasurer and church clerk for Living Word Fellowship in Butler, Missouri.

In Other News

There's a lot more happening in Iowa-Missouri than will fit on these two pages each month. Visit imsda.org to read stories such as:

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Burke Excels Without Hands, Feet

Fourteen-year-old **Heidi Burke** doesn't let her limb difference keep her from excelling at anything she sets her mind to accomplish.

She is among the top students in her class at Midland Adventist Academy, is an avid reader and a talented musician and plays trumpet in the band and the piano at home.

"Music has always been a part of my life," she says. "It's almost like a friend, something that's always been there."

She's also on the gymnastics team, writes poetry, is learning to drive and is currently studying for her

learner's permit.

Burke is otherwise your average teenager. Every night she eats dinner with her parents, **Byron** and **Dawn**, talking about the day's events. They are proud of her.

"She's smart, she's determined," says Dawn. "She doesn't see herself as different than anybody else."

Burke's close friends and family rarely notice her arms and legs. She is a quadrilateral amputee, born with no hands and feet. But her parents have never seen it hold her back.

"Heidi doesn't limit herself

at all," Dawn says. "So why should anyone else?"

She has had to learn how to do everyday tasks differently, but can do anything she sets her mind to.

Burke can hold a pencil, type and even play the piano using her arms. Her cursive handwriting is neat and pretty too.

"It's not your hands that write, it's your brain that writes," she explains.

The trumpet's three valves are not a problem, though she says the high notes are "kind of hard." She can also cartwheel and flip with the best of her gymnastics team.

Growing up, Burke taught herself to solve everyday problems just like anyone else. She is used to people seeming surprised by this.

"It's like, 'You don't have feet! You don't have hands,'" she says theatrically, referring to the way strangers express shock at her ability. "I'm like, 'Well you don't need them.'"

Burke is a good student—active and musical. She doesn't ask for help very often and doesn't need many special accommodations. Engineering students at the University of Kansas recently made her a special lever to help her reach the pedals on the piano. She also wears custom-made shoes, but that's about it.

Burke does not define herself by her limb difference. Like most teens, she only wants to define herself. She hopes her story can be a lesson to others.

"If you see somebody who looks different and who isn't doing things your way, you're like, 'That's an amazing person,'" she says. "But they're just living life. Treat people just like they're normal human beings, because they probably are."

Reprinted from KCTV5.com; written by reporter Nathan Vickers.

Engineering students at The University of Kansas recently made Burke a special lever to help her reach the pedals on the piano.



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Watch KCTV5's video news story about Heidi Burke at bit.ly/HeidiBurkeKCTV5.



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Conference Helps Sponsor Mission Trip



(top) Pastor G N Moses, section president, translates for Elder Brian Mungandi, Minnesota Conference communication director and VP of administration.

(bottom) This missionary group was sent by the NAD to Andhra Pradesh, India, to conduct two weeks of revival meetings in 45 villages.

The Minnesota Conference helped sponsor a trip to Andhra Pradesh, India, in February. The mission trip was organized by retired pastor **Larry Milliken**, who has dedicated his life to the mission field, especially India.

Through this mission trip, God used a group of 19 mission-minded believers from across the North American Division to bring the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ to Andhra Pradesh. The group worked with the Andhra South Section leadership to conduct two weeks of revival meetings in 45 villages.

The Minnesota Conference sponsored four teams, headed by **Barbara Christiansen**, **Robert Pickle**, **Mary Jones** and myself, **Brian Mungandi**, each centered on five villages. Our teams worked with translators, along with the local pastors and Bible workers in the villages.

We traveled to remote villages, where we did home visitations and conducted meetings. The evening programs involved showing the *Jesus Movie* based on the gospel of Luke, telling a children's story, conducting a health talk and preaching the Word.

A deep longing for Christ

Marususamalli village, the location where I conducted meetings, is about 55 kilometers from Vijayawada, the town where we stayed. In the afternoons, I went into

the surrounding villages for home visitations. There I encountered men and women ruled by superstition, but I discovered a deep longing for a power above themselves.

I also recognized that in the West we have a hard time understanding Hinduism. I'm told that in India about 75 percent¹ of the population practices Hinduism. It is hard for Hindus to acknowledge only one God. It is easy for Hindus to accept elements of other religions, though, because Hinduism recognizes the manifestation of a supreme being.

The first week, I did evangelistic presentations centered on the power of Jesus to save. I followed Paul's model, and used his presentation on the "unknown God." I pointed to Jesus as the supreme being. At the end of the first week, several people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and we baptized 11 people. These men and women were each given a Bible and the book *Steps to Christ* in the Telugu language.

In the second week, I preached a series on "Pitfalls on the way to the Promised Land" using Psalm 78. I encouraged the church members to be faithful. The six-part sermon series challenged church members to focus their eyes on eternity, encouraging them to always take steps toward Christ. In our last count, we noted 77 souls baptized in all the preaching centers, with many more pledging to follow Jesus.

to India

Christ's method alone

After several home visitations, the team members reported a need in the villages for medical education and healthcare. Many of the people in the villages suffer from preventable medical issues. The Adventist Church is well placed to do missionary work in these areas thanks to our message of healthy living.

If the church is to do effective evangelistic work, it needs to follow the counsel given by Ellen G. White: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'" (*Ministry of*

Healing, p. 143).

The Adventist Church has been given a unique message and opportunity to influence people for eternity. The everlasting gospel message, when preached to every nation, tribe, tongue and people within the three angels' framework, motivates and challenges Adventist church members to live for the blessed hope of our Savior's second coming.

The goal for the church's evangelism is making disciples of all people, then encouraging those disciples to make more disciples. The church must, therefore, become proactive in its approach. We should make sure those who come into the faith find it easy to accept the Adventist lifestyle. Our evangelism must include practical approaches. Evangelistic programs must include practical

Photos Courtesy Minnesota Conference



ways for communities who become Adventist to participate in healthful living.

People must see the power of God saving and delivering people from darkness and bondage so they can "prosper in all things and be in health, just as [their] soul prospers" (3 John 1:2).

Our church's outreach program must not only be intellectually appealing, it must also be practical.

The challenge to the church

is to find more effective ways to preach the message. We have been preaching for more than a century, but we must now make it more relevant to a generation living before the close of probation.

Articles on these pages were written by Brian Mungandi, communication director and vice president of administration for the Minnesota Conference.

¹Not a scientific estimate

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

Minnesota Conference celebrates growth

Pastors are rarely recognized for the time and effort they put into working with their congregations. This year, the Minnesota Conference would like to make special mention of our pastors for the work done in 2018. Because of our dedicated workforce, we have seen significant growth in our conference. At the close of 2018, we recorded 10,490 members in 113 congregations.

Our pastors work hard to help church members grow

spiritually. They help those in the faith participate in Christian services and ministries. The churches doing small group ministries, personal evangelism and church planting are growing the fastest in our conference.

2018 was an exciting year. We experienced a lot of joy as we saw many of our pastors draw people into ministry who previously sat on the sidelines.

Thank you to all our pastors—and especially those who

have seen growth ranging from 10 to 47 percent. We as a conference believe we need more workers engaged in ministry, making more disciples, so that

together we can bring in more souls. One day soon, the Lord will come and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"



A Centenarian Looks Back at a Life of Passion

Marcella Dittenber turned 100 on Nov. 13 of last year. She was born on a farm near Lynch, Nebraska, in 1918, and grew up during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl era. She remembers her father losing five farms.

She found respite in the country school she attended in Eastern Nebraska. She loved the teacher who “was a good Christian person and a good leader,” says Dittenber.

This teacher started Dittenber on a lifelong love of music and helped her learn to play the piano. Dittenber still plays piano and organ for her church and is skilled with the accordion and harmonica.

The influence of this same teacher led her to take teacher training while in high school. Her teaching career began as soon as she graduated from

high school in 1937. She later attended Chadron State College, Eastern Wyoming College, the University of Wyoming, and a college in Greeley, Colorado, where she graduated with her teaching degree.

Dittenber prospered as a teacher. Remembering the fun, loving atmosphere she learned under, she strived to provide this for her own students.

More than half a century later, Dittenber still hears from her students. She received a letter last year from a student who attended a VBS she taught in the 1940s. He wanted to thank her for being a good influence on him.

According to Dittenber, a long happy life includes having fun in the classroom and enjoying your work. She believes in clean living and has never used alcohol or smoked.



Tom Milstead

She’s a long-time vegetarian, which she says is just “cleaner.”

“Being a Christian is most important,” she said, adding to her list of keys to a happy life.

“Marcella is one of the sharpest 100-year-old people I’ve ever met,” said **Ed Barnett**, RMC president. “She drives herself to church, speaks up in Sabbath school, plays the piano in church, and still lives by herself.”

Dittenber has had to adapt to the changing times. Yet she’s an example of staying firm and committed to her faith and church.

Tom Milstead, journalist for the *Torrington Telegram*, and Carol Bolden, assistant in the Rocky Mountain Conference Communication Department, collaborated on this article.

Prison Ministry Volunteers Work Faithfully to Share the Good News

Brandon didn’t want to attend the weekly service held at Adams County Correctional Facility, but another inmate convinced him to try it. He was at first argumentative, but on his second visit he found himself sobbing. He became a regular attendee, joined in the singing, and was even willing to provide solo music for the group.

If Jesus were on earth today, we would undoubtedly find Him in the prisons, talking and dining with criminals and

outcasts. “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners,” He said after being criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners.

This service, led by RMC prison ministry coordinator **Ted Williams**, is held by prison ministry volunteers. For the last five years, volunteers have been at Crowley County Correctional Facility. When the ministry began, there were weeks when none of the incarcerated men showed up. Instead of giving

up, they stayed to read and pray, and their prayers were rewarded. Now they often have 75 men attending. This month, 95 men showed up.

Most church members don’t know anyone in prison, so prisoners remain hidden from their lives. LifeWay Research reports that about two-thirds of Protestant senior pastors say they lack the training or finances to run an effective prison ministry. Prison ministry work is primarily done by individuals in the congregation.

Williams wants to change this. His goal is to develop prison ministry leaders at each church in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Like **Chuck Colson**, founder of Prison Fellowship, Williams believes that, “Even the most broken lives and situations can be restored and made whole when we respond to God’s call to serve men and women behind bars.”

Carol Bolden assists in the Communication Department at the Rocky Mountain Conference.

RMC Teen Prayer Summit

Making Glacier View Ranch home for the weekend

A record-breaking 144 teens, 39 sponsors and 20 staff and volunteers enjoyed a Christ-filled retreat led by Glacier View Ranch staff and guest speaker **Tyler Morrison**. RMC Youth Department staff member **Shannon Werner** noted this was the largest Teen Prayer Summit she has seen in her four years working for the conference.

The theme Home: Finding our Identity in Christ through His Promises featured sessions containing two elements: gather and engage. As attendees gathered, Morrison introduced the topic, then they engaged in deeper discussion about how to apply the message.

Mikey Archibeque, associate pastor for Denver South

Church, said, “Tyler’s message challenged and moved kids and sponsors. The message of freedom in Christ and what it is to be His was powerful.”

A praise team led by **Azriel Posthumus** and **Eddie Hall**, along with students from Campion and Mile High, led out in songs that prepared listeners’ hearts for the message.

In addition to spiritual growth, attendees also spent time enjoying each others’ company. **Ashley Halvorson** said, “I enjoy going to Teen Prayer Summit because it gives me a break from school, a chance to hang out with friends and the opportunity to

get to know God more.”

Jonah De Oliveira, a freshman from the Boulder Church, commented, “It was great! I really liked the talks Tyler gave and hanging out with friends.”

Teen Prayer Summit 2019 was filled with spiritual growth, friendships and memories, and we encourage students to attend next January.

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 Josie Reeves, a student at Campion Academy, and Jessyka Dooley, associate director for the Youth Department at the Rocky Mountain Conference, collaborated on this article.



Jessyka Dooley

Learn more about next year’s Teen Prayer Summit: rmcyouth.org.

New Curriculum Uses Bible as Textbook

The new Adventist Encounter Curriculum has been created for both elementary and secondary students to give them a solid, deep and personal knowledge of the truths of the Bible; to respond to Christ’s invitation to live a lifelong, vibrant relationship with Him; and to be passionate about the salvation of others.

Michelle Velbis, principal and teacher at the Pueblo School, says, “We had a textbook and a workbook with good information, but some of it didn’t apply or connect to the

student’s lives today. I can personally attest that my students are engaging and reflecting with Scripture at a completely different level now.”

Initially developed by the Australian and New Zealand Adventist education departments, the Adventist Encounter Curriculum is for Grade 1–12.

Because other textbooks date fairly quickly, the only textbook for this new curriculum is the Bible. The Encounter units provide a list of activities, resources and a comprehensive teaching plan.

The units can be updated as new resources arise and as needs change.

To challenge and stretch each student, multiple intelligences are used, giving them opportunities to grapple with topics and apply, analyze and create personal and practical applications.

Diane Harris, associate

director of education for the RMC, says, “I hear over and over that using the Bible as a textbook leads students back to Scripture and reminds them of their place in God’s story.”

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 Carol Bolden assists in the Communication Department at the Rocky Mountain Conference.

A resource kit is provided for each unit which may include posters, DVDs, books and other materials.



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Ready in an Emergency

Union College Red Cross Club provides emergency relief in Southeast Nebraska

The American Red Cross is often a first responder to emergencies, with volunteers handing out food and necessities, finding lodging and taking care of immediate needs of survivors. When disasters like house fires or tornadoes occur in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the surrounding area, it may very well be Union College students who provide the care.

Since 2014, the Union College Red Cross Club has responded to more than 56 fire calls and five tornadoes, installed more than 250 smoke detectors, taught

community members about fire safety and helped them make disaster plans, provided first aid at public events, opened Red Cross shelters, performed damage assessments for the Red Cross and FEMA, and more.

The club is open to all students, but most members are international rescue and relief majors or in medical-related programs. “The goal of IRR is building personal competencies, reliability, dependability, service orientation and teamwork,” says **Rick Young**, chair of the Division of Emergency Management and Exercise

Science and director of the international rescue and relief program. “Being part of the Red Cross helps students build those skills with other organizations.”

The club is on call one week each month during the school year. During that week, students sign up for four-hour blocks of time that work with their schedules. If a disaster call comes in, a staff member contacts the students who are on call and they head to the emergency location to render services and provide immediate relief to those involved. This

includes offering clothing, food, lodging and everything else they’ll need for the next 48 hours, after which a Red Cross follow-up team takes over. Club members also provide canteen services to firefighters and first responders, offering hot chocolate, snacks and other support to help them keep going on calls that can last from two to 10 hours.

Young explains that firsthand experience helps students build their professionalism and muscle memory, which helps them better retain the information they’re

learning in classes.

“It opens up the textbook” Young said. “We can talk about disaster response and helping people, but when students get into someone’s home with the roof blown off, it opens their eyes. They see the struggles that people go through, and that builds empathy, compassion and a passion for responding, giving service and meeting needs.”

That’s true for **Angelina Allen**, a junior international rescue and relief major who is focused on emergency medicine and considering an emphasis in disaster response or relief work.

“I am a volunteer-driven person,” she says. “I love doing volunteer work and have always wanted to work with the Red Cross. But I’m also a student, so it’s difficult to commit to a lot of time. With the Red Cross Club, volunteering works with my schedule. I leaped at the opportunity to join.”

After leaving emergency calls, Young and his staff debrief with the students on the way back to Union’s campus. “We talk about what worked, what didn’t and how it could go better next time,” he says. “We talk through the impact on the people who are involved and the community, and it’s a great way for students to get real-life, on-the-ground education.”

Along with providing immediate relief to survivors and firsthand experience to students, some graduates have also found career paths through volunteer experiences.

“Several students have acquired internship positions

with the Red Cross, and one went to work for the Red Cross,” says Young. “This opens up opportunities and lets them see the real world and gain experience.”

Allen agrees that her experiences are preparing her for life after graduation. “Being part of this club fits in very well with my career path and what I eventually want to be doing,” she says. “It gives me experience while I’m still in school so I can get an idea of where I want to go and specifically what I want to do with my degree.”

More students are taking advantage of this opportunity every year. The club is steadily growing, up from 14 members the first year to 41 this year. They’ve also gained recognition from the Red Cross and in the community. In 2014 the club was presented with the Disaster Response Hero Award by the local Red Cross chapter.

But for students, being able to pair classroom learning with hands-on experience is the most rewarding aspect of club membership.

“I really appreciate that the Red Cross Club is made available to us,” says Allen. “I want those experiences; the rest of my class wants them, too. And at Union, it’s easily accessible and student-friendly. We can make service a priority and still go to all of our classes. We come out of college with all of this experience; and while we’re still in school, Lincoln is receiving our service.”

Lauren Schwarz is a Union College graduate and freelance writer in Bozeman, Montana.

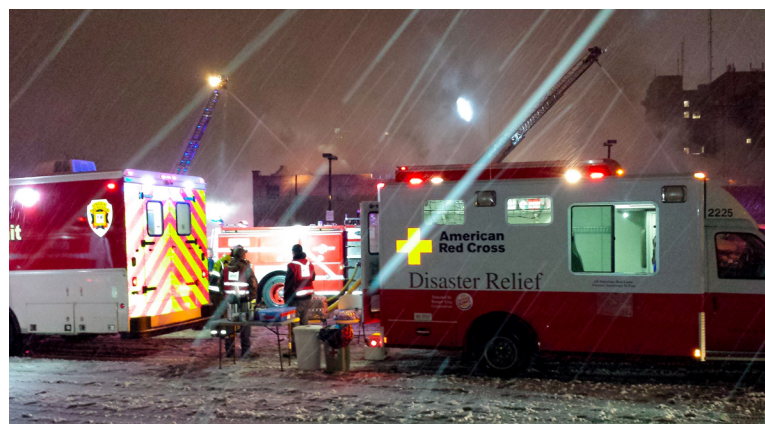
(opposite page) Angelina Allen takes an active role in Union’s Red Cross Club, a group of students and employees who answer all Southeast Nebraska Red Cross emergency calls one week each month. The junior international rescue and relief major knows that this experience is great preparation for a career in public safety.

(below left) Kinley Stumph and his fellow Union College Red Cross Club members help support Red Cross fire safety initiatives—including installing free smoke detectors in homes across Lincoln.

(below right) The Union College Red Cross Club assist victims and support fire and rescue personnel when they respond to emergency calls in Southeast Nebraska.

(bottom) When the Union College Red Cross Club is on duty, they often respond to emergency calls in the middle of the night and sometimes even in snowstorms.

Photos: Rick Young



Volunteering for Good Health

When visitors arrive at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, the first people they see are usually our volunteers. The volunteers greet people at the main entrance, help admit patients, introduce patients to staff and provide directions when needed.

“We want to make them feel comfortable and hopefully have a good experience while at the hospital,” says **Ted Haff**, who has volunteered at the front desk for the past two years. “We really try to make them feel at home, and they often let us know how thankful they are.”

The main entrance is just one of the places you’ll find volunteers. They help staff and patients in areas throughout the hospital, visiting with patients, providing office support, making deliveries, replenishing supplies, assisting in the waiting

room and staffing the gift shop.

“Our volunteers are indispensable to our organization,” says **Peggy Todd**, manager of Volunteer Services at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission for the past 26 years. “We are incredibly thankful for the time and talents they give on a daily basis.”

Volunteers have been making a difference at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission since the program began in 1961. **Shirley Hayes**, the first volunteer, was involved with the hospital until her death in early 2012. Today, an average of 600 people volunteer each year. This includes about 100 volunteers in the junior program (ages 14-18) and 500 in the adult program (ages 19 and up). They come from a wide variety of backgrounds—former and retired associates, previous patients,

visitors, and community members looking to get involved.

By interacting with patients and our community, our volunteers help us provide the personal connections important to overall health.

At AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, our focus on whole-person health is based on CREATION Health principles. The “I” in CREATION refers to Interpersonal Relationships, including connections with family, friends and others. In other words, our connections with other people can affect our physical, mental and spiritual health.

“Our volunteer program ties in with the CREATION Health principles,” says Todd. “Staying in contact and building relationships with others enriches your social and emotional life. It improves social health and

life expectancy.”

Many of the volunteers are former employees who want to stay connected. **Judie Royer** became a volunteer after retiring from AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, where she worked for 38 years. She started volunteering in 2012 and is one of the friendly faces at the front entrance. “It’s rewarding being able to greet people, give them a smile and help ease their anxiety,” she says.

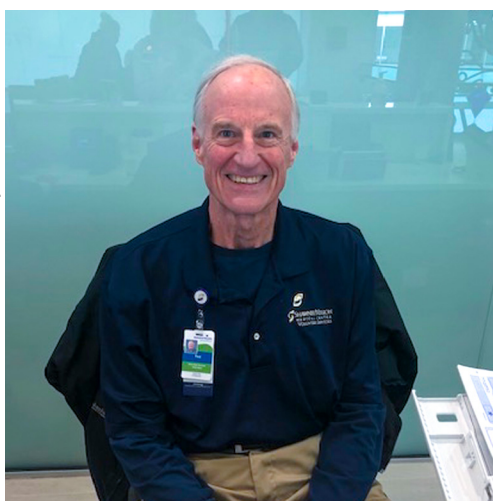
As a former employee, she says she loves getting to see her friends who work at the hospital. But beyond those connections, she feels blessed that being a volunteer allows her to serve God by helping others. “This is what God wants us to do,” she says. “He wants us to help others. It’s an expression of love.”

Todd says she sees volunteers benefit from their work at the hospital. “When I see them in the hall, I often let them know how much we appreciate them,” she says. “Most of them will tell me, ‘No. Thank you!’ They feel like they get more out of it than anyone. They just feel happy.”

(left) Ted Haff volunteers at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission to give back to the community and help patients feel welcome.

(right) Judie Royer, volunteer at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, greets patients and families as they arrive at the hospital.

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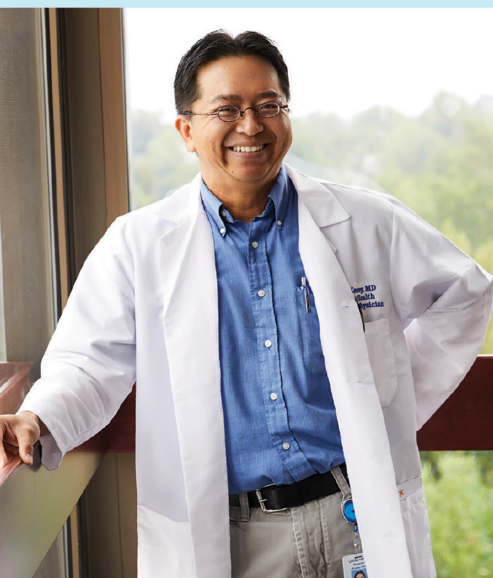


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Johnson, Melvin E., b. April 28, 1928 near Terril, IA. d. Feb. 9, 2019. Member of Spencer (IA) Church. Preceded in death by 1 great-grandson. Survivors include wife Lillian; daughters Cindy Prentice and Sandra Moyes; 1 brother; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Kunzman, Richard F., b. Dec. 16, 1934 in Selma, IA. d. Feb. 24, 2018 in Albia, IA. Member of Osceola (IA) Church. Survivors include wife Elaine; daughter Sherri Barberic; son Neil; step-daughters Kimberly Lorton and Melissa Fligg; stepson Leslie; 3 siblings; 8 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Martin, Maxine M. “Rogers,” b. April 14, 1936 in Odell, NE. d. Feb. 9, 2019 in Fairbury, NE. Member of Fairbury Church. Preceded in death by husband Melburn.

Martinette, Doris L., b. Aug. 9, 1923 in North Little Rock, AR. d. Feb. 15, 2019 in Waterloo, IA. Member of Waterloo Church. Preceded in death by husband Lee; 7 siblings; 2 grandchildren. Survivors include daughters

Celeste, Janet Blackmon, Jill Matejka and Carrie; sons Rod and Don; 14 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren.

Melby, Sylvia “Suva,” b. Dec. 21, 1929 in Plaza, ND. d. Dec. 24, 2018 in Minot, ND. Member of Minot Church. Preceded in death by husband Warren; 1 brother; 2 great-grandsons. Survivors include children Shirley Boyko, Debbi Moore, Blaisdell, and Kimberlee Marsland; 7 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Rahn, Virginia “Ginger,” b. July 11, 1958 in Sioux Falls, SD. d. Sept. 23, 2018 in Huron, SD. Member of Huron Church. Survivors include children April Walters, Jerome Curtis, Mark Stricherz, and Patty Howe; 2 brothers; 2 sisters; 16 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Sheets, Darrell, b. April 18, 1939 in North Platte, NE. d. April 4, 2018 in Omaha, NE. Member of Broken Bow (NE) Church. Preceded in death by 1 sister. Survivors include sons Dennis, Darrell, Shawn, and Guy; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers. Veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Thurber, John W., b. Oct. 6, 1931 in Hartford, VT. d. Feb. 3, 2019 in Lincoln, NE. Preceded in death by daughter Sherry Juhasz. Survivors include wife Patsy; sons Mic and Gary; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Served as Youth and Family Life director for the Mid-America Union, and later as an officer for the union.

Toms, Rowena Mae, b. June 6, 1941 in Liberal, MO. d. Jan. 29, 2019 in Hutchinson, KS. Member of Hutchinson Church. Preceded in death by 3 brothers. Survivors include daughter Renee L. Rempel; 1 sister; 1 granddaughter; 1 great-granddaughter.

Weber, Mary K., b. April 5, 1939 in St. Louis, MO. d. Jan. 23, 2019 in Columbia, MO. Member of Sunnysdale (MO) Church. Preceded in death by 4 siblings. Survivors include husband Donald; daughter Linda Schnell; sons Donald Jr. and John; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Wetenkamp, Clara, b. Nov. 23, 1921 in McClusky, ND. d. Jan. 23, 2019 in Wahpeton, ND. Member of Wahpeton Church. Preceded in death by husband Donald; 3 brothers; 4 sisters. Survivors include daughters Viola Redick and Videll Ahrens; 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

Worrel, Karen, b. Nov. 17, 1939. d. Dec. 27, 2018. Member of Gallatin (MO) Church. Preceded in death by husband Alan. Survivors

include daughter Joan Worrel; 2 brothers.

Yates, Frances Ileen (Surdez), b. Aug. 25, 1932 outside Vermillion, KS. d. Dec. 8, 2018 in Auburn, NE. Preceded in death by son V. Bradley; 1 step-son; 3 sisters; 1 infant brother. Survivors include husband Clarence; son Rodney Smith; step-children Clarence Jr., Nancy Storant, Carol Herron and Susan Smith; 2 brothers.

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