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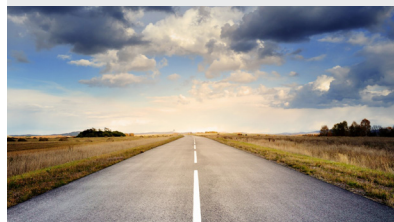
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NOTHING TO FEAR

We have all been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Life has changed, quite possibly forever. Despite the losses and challenges, this time of social distancing has provided many of us with an opportunity to evaluate, to define priorities, to learn new things, to adopt new strategies.

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Mid-America Union this summer, our team wants to learn from the past (revisions, restructuring, multiple mergers) so we can be prepared to step confidently into our future—which now includes a new level of online communities and tools.

And the good news is that so long as we abide in Jesus Christ, our courageous leader, we have nothing to fear from the past or from the future. Jesus doesn't promise that things will be easy—only that He will be with us every moment of every day.



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Church Money Matters

As I listen to conversation happening around our union, I hear a variety of concerns for church finances.

With the loss of many jobs, we do expect a decrease in tithe remittances. However, the Mid-America Union Executive Committee has voted to disperse money from its reserve funds to each of our six conferences to help ministry and mission continue moving forward in our territory (see p. 11).

I also want to say a few words about the plan for tithe parity that was voted by the World Church during Annual Council last October. I have heard many people discuss this, and there seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding.

As I look at what took place in the rearview mirror, I can say this is one of those times I truly saw the Lord's hand lead the Adventist Church. Being there in person, I witnessed our World Church leaders keep their arms around each other and work together in a very positive way. In the end, I believe what transpired—by God's providence—will bless our work here and abroad.

Tithe parity explained

At the North American Division Year-End Meeting in 2018, the question was raised as to whether it was time for there to be greater parity as a World Church on tithe remittances supporting the General Conference. At that point, we in the NAD were already on a trajectory of moving down from 8 percent to 5.8 percent of tithe going to the General Conference.

The tithe remittance was going to be 6 percent, but when Oakwood University became an NAD institution, the subsidy that had been given to Oakwood by the GC was subtracted from the 6 percent and therefore left the NAD with 5.8 percent, as the NAD then began paying Oakwood's subsidy.

The other divisions have been contributing 2 percent of their tithe to the GC for a number of years. This set the stage for the NAD Executive Committee to vote to ask the GC to consider bringing parity among divisions, in terms of tithe.

There were many passionate speeches made at the NAD Year-End Meeting. However, I do not believe the desire to bring parity was in any way a selfish thought; but rather wanting to be able to preserve pastors for the churches, and schools for our

young people.

GC leaders received the request graciously and began to process this request with the other divisions. Not long after the NAD vote asking for parity, the division treasurers met in Jamaica and—without a word from the NAD treasurer—agreed that it was past time for this to happen. As the division presidents considered this issue they also agreed. In the end the GC Executive Committee voted overwhelmingly to bring parity in tithing to the divisions.

Over the next four years, the NAD will move from 5.8 percent to 3.8 percent. The other divisions will move from 2 percent to 3 percent over the next 10 years. As you can see, the NAD will still contribute 0.8 percent more than the other divisions. The rationale behind this is the fact that both Loma Linda University and Andrews University are GC institutions located in our territory and the NAD receives direct benefit from these institutions to a much greater extent than do other divisions.

More growth, more blessings

I wish you all could have experienced the moment this policy was voted. The World Church gave a standing ovation in appreciation for all the years the NAD so generously supported the world field. I believe what I witnessed was much like seeing a church plant grow sufficiently to not be reliant on the mother church or conference any more, but rather become a solid contributor in this great cause of which we are all a part.

I agreed with Elder Bob Lemon, former treasurer of the General Conference, when he said, "I support this motion fully. I look forward to seeing how God will bless."

Thank you, each one, who so graciously supports our church. The tithe dollar you return truly blesses our efforts as a church family to move our mission forward. **0**

GARY THURBER
is president of the
Mid-America Union.





Courage

Defined

What will our “new normal” look like?

The COVID-19 pandemic—which has postponed our General Conference Session and will impact church budgets—makes it necessary to take a careful look at the future of the Adventist Church around the globe.

However, any discussion of significant structural changes within Adventism is like hiking in the woods with small children. There are constant yells to stay on the path, because to veer off anywhere else risks touching a diabolical foliage that dispenses rashes. People are afraid of rashes that include but aren't limited to congregationalism, loss of mission work, loss of a world church family connection and, of course, loss of jobs.

Spiritualism is probably in there too because that's what we tend to label everything that makes us uncomfortable.

I have heard arguments on all of these, and all have merit...to a point. Yet it seems that the major hurdle we face in our attempts at discussions on church policies/processes/structures and potential change is fear.

Fear: A barrier to growth

All the fears seem to revolve around the potential loss of identity—whether for individuals in certain positions or for a structure we feel is ordained by God and that makes us who we are and defines our mission.

Mercifully, Adventists have not elevated current church structures and programming to the level of fundamental beliefs. Yet questioning church tithe processes or the various functions of departments feels dangerously

close to unraveling traditional baptismal vows, which link otherwise thoughtful language on stewardship and remnant theology explicitly to church organization. In the minds of many, there is little social distancing between our theological statements and the current practical mechanics of our ecclesiastical structure.

Therefore, any change in structure or process is seen as a change of theological identity—as if Adventism (or any movement) is supposed to look exactly the same for hundreds of years. We forget that everything—from *The Great Controversy* (at least four versions of the book exist) to our Fundamental Beliefs to even our very own church structure—has gone through revisions, more than once. Ironically, when we first formed a structure, a large portion of our people considered organization equivalent to “Babylon,” another term we throw around at anything that scares us or makes us feel uncomfortable.

Innovation, creativity and disruption

Change and growth is as much a part of our identity as anything else, but sadly so is being forced to change by external circumstances (see *Organizing for Mission and Growth* by George Knight). Now, once again, we find ourselves under external pressure. It has literally taken a pandemic to move some of us to evaluate

whether our church is merely programs and committees or *people*; whether *all* our church meetings that involve large travel budgets are necessary and require *everybody* to attend; whether some practices are *necessary* and whether some are just nostalgic. But, it has also opened the door for new innovation, creativity and a disruption of complacency.

This process is painful—I don't dispute that. We need to grieve the lost “normals” that gave us comfort. But it's a process that gets more painful the longer we put it off.

The good news is we have been here before. We have adapted due to external pressures, and we have emerged stronger. We know we can streamline processes and reduce overlap of resources. We can also value diversity and embrace new technologies and processes as we focus on building up local congregations.

That gives me comfort and courage. I have heard courage described as not being the absence of fear, but facing the challenges ahead in spite of it. It's certainly work; but perhaps this season will help us let go of many of the things that have prevented us from working together. **0**



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CHURCH MINISTRIES UNDER THE NEW NORMAL

Hugh Davis



Our OUTLOOK team recently interviewed MAUC Church Ministries director Pastor Roger Wade, who calls himself an “island boy” from Trinidad, to see how the COVID-19 pandemic and changing health guidelines have affected church ministries in Mid-America territory. Pastor Wade, who has served for almost 20 years across various regions of the U.S. and in a variety of roles including pastor and youth director, shares his observations below.

HOW has social distancing impacted church life?

There are some ministries that feel the impact when they can't meet in person and there are some that are spot-on in the new virtual reality. We have many churches meeting the needs of seniors, youth, young adults, children and parents. From Denver to St. Louis to Minneapolis to Overland Park, all around our union so much engagement is happening even within social distancing.

HOW can we still host VBS this summer?

The curve is flattening across the country and new guidelines may soon be released. For VBS we may need to have smaller groups at one time, or only meet certain days, or possibly only meet virtually. I know of several conferences that are planning virtual VBS, just in case. If you're interested, contact local church or conference leadership and see how they can help you this year.

CAN we do Pathfinders online?

Wow, I never thought I'd be answering this question! We are hoping to connect physically in the near future, but until then there are Pathfinder clubs around the union that are meeting virtually and working on investiture achievement online. In addition, the Lake Region Conference introduced to the Lake Union an online honors system, and Mid-America Union is partnering with them in this endeavor so that our Pathfinders can still enjoy earning honors while at home (lrcyouth.com/events).

IS the Mid-America Union Pathfinder Camporee still scheduled to happen next year?

Yes, it is! We are excited to be planning to head over to the Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa, from Aug. 4-8, 2021, where we are preparing to host 2,500 Pathfinders and staff. We are hoping and praying that the pandemic will be under control and we can come together in person. We've had wonderful union camporees in the past and we want to continue the tradition of involvement. "Finish"

is the theme and you will be hearing more about that in the future.

ARE there resources you can recommend since we have more opportunities for family time right now?

I am excited that we are having more family time. This gives us the opportunity to regularly have family worship. I want to recommend a resource called *40 Days to Life-Changing Family Worship* written by a good friend of mine Dr. MyRon Edmonds. You can get it on Amazon or at your local family bookstore. Also, check out *Interactive Family Worship for Kids* from AdventSource. Your local church or conference Family Ministries director will have more resources so you can have at your fingertips what you need for family worship to bring the family together and lift up God in your home, to be at the altar and celebrate what He is doing in your family.

WHAT are some ways Adventist Community Services Disaster Response volunteers can still

function within the current guidelines?

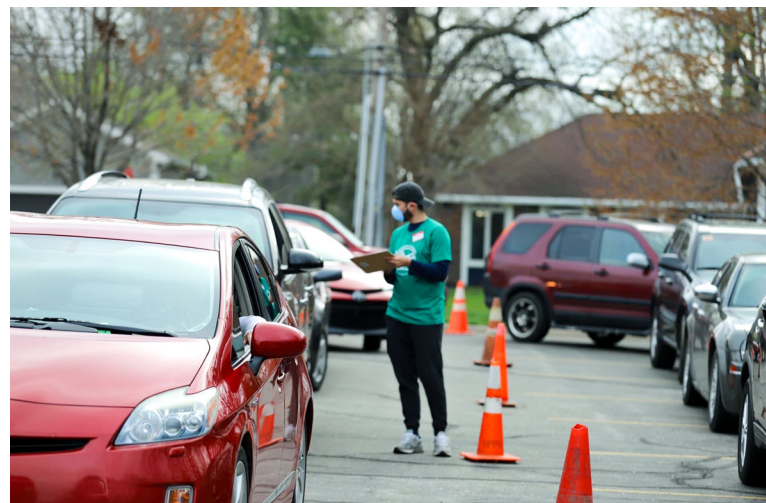
ACSDR is continually ministering to communities around our union. You can still volunteer in a number of ways, but there are some things I would like you to consider. First, please confirm the need. Make a phone call to ensure volunteers are still needed before showing up. Second, help prevent transmission of this dreaded disease. If you have traveled or been in contact with someone testing positive, please self-quarantine for 14 days before volunteering. Third, consider the risks. Think about your own health, your age, your situation, those you will be around. Talk to your

doctor first and carefully count the cost. The site where you volunteer may ask you a number of questions as a precaution before you can serve. Finally, please continue washing your hands and following all the other health guidelines recommended by the CDC. Then when you arrive to help you will truly be providing assistance and not contributing to the spread of the virus. **0**



Watch the full interview at outlookmag.org/QARogerWade.

Courtesy New Haven Church



The New Haven Church in Overland Park, Kansas, has been feeding nearly five times the number of families it served through its ReNewed Hope Food Pantry before the pandemic began.

Read the full story on page 18.



Celebrating Sabbath during COVID-19

How Mid-America Adventists worship through the pandemic

Carli Wilson/Posh Little Me Photography



While everyone is experiencing changes to their daily lives, including Sabbath, we have had the chance to experience Sabbath like never before. With so many opportunities for activities and fellowship in our church, Sabbath had become more of an agenda than a day of rest.

We have seen some positives in the way that we spend Sabbath during this quarantine period. Instead of spending Sabbath morning focusing on being ready and at church on time, we now experience true Sabbath rest and peace. We have been able to select different church services to “attend” each week. Often, we find ourselves

engaging in more than one church service on Sabbath. Technology and free time have allowed us to reconnect with family members all over the country.

While some of the changes are positive, being able to physically engage with our church family and community is important. When things are back to normal, we would love to see our Sabbaths be more of a happy medium between pre-quarantine and quarantine Sabbaths.

Zach and RaeLea Frishman are members of the Chapel Oaks Church in Shawnee, Kansas.

Courtesy Cheryce Livingston



We all know the story of creation, where God rested on the Sabbath day. However, as long as I’ve been alive, Sabbath has been less than restful. With all its worship processions, traditions and dinners which follow—not to mention Adult Youth and vespers services—Sabbath can be quite tiring, and normally Sunday becomes more of a day of rest for the Livingston family. As COVID-19 appeared as a curse to the world, the stay-at-home order which followed became a blessing.

Before quarantine, I was a deaconess, an assistant Sabbath school teacher, the communication director and

a singer in the praise team while my husband worked the A/V. During church, my husband, children and I rarely sat together as a family.

During quarantine, we sleep longer as we recover from the workweek and schooldays. We have time to eat freshly baked biscuits with eggs and Morning Star bacon for breakfast.

As far as services go, we have our pick. As my children watch and interact with children’s church on Anthony Hachett’s Facebook page, Jeff and I catch various services broadcast on Facebook. Later in the day, we watch movies and play board games together. Then we end the day with a walk around our neighborhood. In conclusion, Sabbaths in quarantine have been quite rejuvenating.

Cheryce Livingston is a member of the Palace of Peace Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Courtesy Duane Hallock



Courtesy Randy Harmdierks



Courtesy Tebuho Kabambe



Courtesy Karen Carlson



The pandemic broke my routine. I resented being unable to eat out, attend a sporting event, or shop at the local mall. And on Sabbath, I regretted not being able to attend Sabbath school or church services, though for me they had become fairly routine.

God knew my priorities needed a good spring cleaning. As I reluctantly adjusted to my new stay-at-home reality, I realized how much I valued fellowship with other believers.

When we convened our Sabbath school class online, I taught the lesson using the awkward, duct-taped solution of video conferencing, knowing that where two or three were gathered—even virtually—Jesus would be with us. I also knew that once we had progressed through the initial phases of the pandemic, I would appreciate the Sabbath as a butterfly must feel when it first stretches its wings after a lengthy transition inside its dark cocoon.

Duane Hallock is a member of the New Haven Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

I work from home providing daycare for two young children, so my daily routine is not much disrupted. But the social distancing is very hard—not being able to reach out and hug those we love!

On Sabbaths I watch VHS tapes and DVDs from past camp meetings, so I can still spend the day with the Lord. I play the piano and sing, and I have pictures of Jesus all over my house that I have painted. But it is quite strange not to teach Sabbath school or have potluck.

In a small church we become family and we all miss each other and keep in touch by phone, especially on Sabbath afternoons. I was able to call in by phone and listen to a live church service last Sabbath.

I know the Lord knows what He is doing and He is watching over us. I find a brand new blessing every day—I call them hugs from God. I wish everyone experienced that joy.

Karin Nelson is a member of the Albert Lea Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Since having my full Sabbath in my home—specifically in my room in my PJs—I have learned quite quickly how privileged we are to worship and praise the living God freely. It's something I took for granted before.

Being quarantined at home during the Sabbath has been reflective. I am learning to dive deeper. You have to grow in private to be ready in public.

I'm also learning what worship looks like for me, while becoming more free with what my posture of worship is, knowing that whether or not it is pleasing to others, it is pleasing to God.

Tebuho Kabambe is a member of the Minneapolis First Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Stay-at-home Sabbaths look familiar to us. Our Sabbaths are spent in the abundant nature that surrounds us in southwest Colorado. Snowshoeing, hiking and horseback riding are all available for our “church.”

We hiked 10 miles last week without seeing anyone. As we hiked the familiar creekside trail at New Beginnings Ranch where we have guided outings for so many people, we found our minds going to all the times God has cared for us. There was the lightning strike, the nearby forest fires, the “lost” dog, the multitude of Union College IRR students who have survived three days alone here, the simple fact that NBR received approval for a special use permit, and the weddings, baptisms and campfire sharing times.

All these mini-miracles speak of a personal God who cares and will not leave us alone during this crisis. Happy Sabbath! **O**

Karen and DuWayne Carlson are members of the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, who now live in Delta, Colorado.



Don't Mistake Views for People in the Pews

Using social media for engagement and discipleship

Don't let your Facebook or YouTube views fool you. Whether you have a small number of viewers or what you consider a large number, they don't equate to the number of people who would actually be sitting in your pews each week. Facebook counts a view after a user has watched a video for three seconds and YouTube counts a view after 30 seconds. With multiple church services online, a visitor might view your service for a few minutes and then move to another service and be counted as a viewer there also. Church hopping has gone virtual.

People's attention spans are shorter, and they have plenty of distractions. A study by Wista.com found that after two minutes, viewers begin to drop off, and after 12 minutes your viewership decreases further if your video isn't interesting or engaging enough.

The good thing is your church members know you and, for the most part, are loyal to your livestream. Yet, unlike having members in a pew, they are seated at home with multiple distractions vying for their attention.

Attendance and engagement

So how do you count attendance online? How do you turn viewers into engagers?

Start by keeping in mind that there's a real person on the other side of the screen. What are their needs and what do they expect? If you aren't sure, look at your Facebook or YouTube insights or analytics to learn more about your viewers. Change your mindset from members to partners.

You can also gauge your overall engagement and attendance by measuring who or how many people are giving each week through the Adventist Giving app (adventistgiving.org). Has the number gone up or down?

Are you engaging your viewers with real-time interaction? Two minutes is the sweet spot for online video engagement, so acknowledge your audience by responding to comments left in your feed within the first two minutes. This way those who are viewing know you see them and care about what they have to say.

Jamie Jean Schneider Domm from the North American Division's Social Media + Big Data department shares in her article *The Change We Need*, "this may feel like a distraction from the sermon, but understand that your audience (especially young people) have already been accessing social media while you preach." Real-time interaction is a

vital enhancement to their worship experience.

She goes on to say, "Acknowledge your audience, engage directly with them, and encourage comments, likes, and shares. Ask them to open their Bibles and follow along with the scriptures. You can even encourage

them to take notes or type in answers to your questions in the comments section of the livestream."

Domm offers two other suggestions for engaging your online community:

- **Rethink your service and music.** Put yourself in your online audience's shoes. What are they supposed to do during song service? Some may sing along, but most won't. It's awkward to watch people singing and pretending a congregation is singing with them. Consider having special music instead and, overall, keep music interludes brief.
- **Shorten the service.** Don't try to fill the same amount of time as a regular church service, and eliminate dead space where nothing is happening.*

In addition, I recommend adding a call to action by asking your viewers to do something. You can offer a free download on your

website that they can study. Since you have shortened your sermon, you can now offer those insights in a study guide. Invite them to come back for a discussion on the study guide later that day or the next day.

Future views

Don't be discouraged if you don't see instant change in your views or engagement. The goal is to be consistent and faithful in providing authentic content to your online audience that is always available, even when you are not.

One pastor shared with me that he received a call from a man who had visited his church's YouTube channel after searching for information on a particular topic. This man found a sermon the pastor had preached years earlier and was so impressed he asked for Bible studies. Remember that you aren't only creating engaging content for today's audience, but also for those who will seek the gospel tomorrow. **U**

*www.sdadata.org/digital-evangelism-blog/the-change-we-need-best-practices-for-the-new-online-church

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MAUC Executive Committee Votes Resources for Ministry

The Mid-America Union Conference Executive Committee held its first online meeting on April 23, 2020 with a full team of members focused on conducting the business of the organization and considering how best to move mission forward in the heartland of America.

Healthcare professionals offer hope

Following a devotional thought from MAUC president **Gary Thurber** that focused on the futility of fear and the power of “knowing the Father,” AdventHealth CEO **Terry Shaw** presented an overview of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on healthcare providers. Shaw stated that AdventHealth “saw this coming” and borrowed the necessary funds back in January to ensure that their healthcare facilities would be prepared to serve the needs of their communities and also guarantee employment for all their staff until at least June 20.

In-depth reports also came from **Sam Huenergardt**, CEO of AdventHealth Shawnee Mission in Kansas, and **Ken Bacon**, group president for the Denver metro region of Centura Health. Both leaders expressed deep appreciation for the perseverance and loyalty of their employees, which enable the healthcare facilities to be lights of hope in their communities.

Votes focus on preserving mission

In other business, MAUC executive secretary **Gil Webb** reported that church membership in the Mid-America Union increased by 303 during 2019, for a total membership of 65,046.

The financial report, presented by MAUC treasurer **Troy Peoples** showed that MAUC ended 2019 financially on a positive note, partially resulting from a 0.99% tithe gain. “Our reserves are good, which we will be using to help get through the next few months,” Peoples said.

In response to the pandemic, the Executive Committee approved a recommendation from union administrators to pull funds from the union’s reserves to help keep ministry going strong in Mid-America. The union will return 1% of each conference’s gross monthly tithe directly to them beginning with the April tithe remittances and continuing through October’s tithe remittances.

Commenting on this unique process **Ed Barnett**, president of the Rocky Mountain Conference, said that he has seen his share of challenges during his 40 years of ministry in three different unions, but “none of us have been through this COVID-19 crisis before and each day brings new challenges.” Barnett described the president’s council preceding the

MAUC Executive Committee meeting as “a team of professionals, trying to figure out what we could do to help everyone in need.”

Roger Bernard, president of the Central States Conference, concurred. “The coronavirus has definitely influenced the way we live,” he said. “Some people have lost their jobs, which means many members in Mid-America are hurting and have little to no money coming in. That’s why I was particularly pleased when our union officers committed to giving back a percent of the remitted tithe to each conference in Mid-America.”

The Executive Committee voted a budget for 2020 based on 95% of tithe, and, in light of the economic uncertainty, not giving the previously planned 1.6% pay increase in July for union employees.

Peace amidst the challenges

During his departmental report, MAUC Church Ministries director **Roger Wade** said that all six conferences in our union were approved for \$25,000 grants from NAD Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief to assist with food distribution in their local communities. Wade also highlighted the union’s social media prayer initiative of praying Psalm 91 for 91 days (March 23-June 23) as we deal with the effects of social

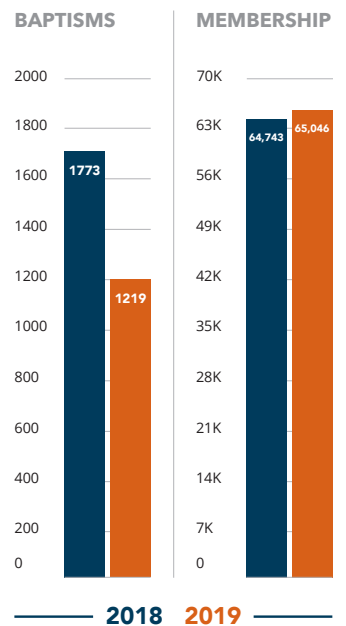
isolation, fear of illness and concern for economic impacts.

The meeting concluded with **Vinita Sauder**, president of Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, presenting an update on the impact of the pandemic and the move to online classes. Sauder stated that all summer classes have been moved online, all student missionaries and students studying abroad have returned safely home, and all summer study tours have been cancelled.

Sauder concluded her report by saying that in the midst of these difficulties she is “thankful for a fantastic God who gives us peace despite the unknown future.”

Brenda Dickerson is communication director for the Mid-America Union Conference.

MID-AMERICA UNION



\$25,000 ACS Grant Awarded to Central States Conference

Photos Courtesy Central States Conference



During the COVID-19 pandemic, food banks have limited supplies. This is causing a strain on the Adventist Community Services centers that are continuing to serve and support families and individuals facing even more challenges due to this crisis.

The North American Division is committed to supporting the operations of ACS food pantry ministries of local conferences within the NAD territories. As a result, NAD has invested \$1.5 million and has awarded a grant of \$25,000 to the Central States Conference

for relief efforts. The five churches listed on the grant include Agape Church (University City, Missouri), Calvary Church (Davenport, Iowa), Palace of Peace Church (Colorado Springs, Colorado), Sharon Church (Omaha, Nebraska) and Linwood Boulevard Temple (Kansas City, Missouri).

Central States Conference Community Services director **Claval Hunter** says his goal is to continue to make a difference where God plants him to experience God-sized dreams. “We appreciate this grant coming from our division. This shows their commitment

Five churches across the Midwest have received funds from the North American Division for their food pantry ministries to continue meeting the needs of their communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

to support the services of our local conferences,” says Hunter, who applied for the grant. “When you submit your God-sized plans to God, they will succeed.”

Hunter, who is the former pastor of Tabernacle of Praise Church in St. Louis, Missouri, has recently been appointed to pastor the South Bend Berean Church in Indiana. He now lives on the campus of Andrews University with his three children and his wife, **Christina**, who is the dean of University Towers and director of Guest and Convention Services.

ACS entities around our division continue to provide relief and meet the needs of their community in light of

the COVID-19 pandemic. Since volunteers are committed to continue serving, there is a greater need to protect them and keep them safe. ACS centers encounter additional costs related to safety items such as gloves, masks, wipes, paper towels, disinfectants and sanitizers.



Help keep our volunteers safe and protected by contributing at [communityservices.org](https://www.communityservices.org) or bit.ly/3507kCN.

Your benevolent gift will allow us to continue to fulfill our mission of serving communities in Christ’s name.



New Pastors Welcomed to the Central States Family

Photos Courtesy: Central States Conference



(from left)
Kimberly Bulgin: New Beginnings Church (Wichita, Kansas)

Oshaine Wynter: Boston Street Church (Aurora, Colorado) and New Community Church (Denver, Colorado)

Byron Wright: Lighthouse Church (St. Louis, Missouri)

For over 15 years, **Pastor Kimberly Bulgin** has been blessed to travel throughout North America, Africa, the Caribbean and Europe spreading the gospel through preaching and singing.

Born and raised in Toronto, Bulgin is a graduate of Andrews University with a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in music and theology. She is the senior pastor of New Beginnings Church in Wichita, Kansas.

On Sept. 28, 2013, Bulgin released her debut full-length album *God Chose Me* with much success. In 2016, she released her first devotional book entitled *Wild Worship: Setting People Free to Worship God*. She is also the founder of the Love God, Love Sex Experience, a sacred community for single women struggling with sex. It is her desire to see hearts set free to love God.

Oshaine Wynter grew up in the city of Montego Bay, Jamaica. He graduated from Oakwood University with his bachelor's degree in theology and from Andrews University with his master's degree in divinity.

He is passionate about serving youth and helping them grow and flourish spiritually as we await the soon coming of Christ. He believes in the proclamation of the three angels message.

Wynter is married to **Karena**, who he fell in love with at Andrews University. They have a beautiful daughter named **Moriah**. They are happy and excited to join the Boston Street and New Community church families in Colorado.

Byron Wright accepted Christ into his life in 2008. Wright has been an Adventist since 2003, but it was in 2008 at the memorial of his late friend Kris Reece that the Lord used **Pastor Joseph Ikner II** to speak convicting words to his heart.

Since then, Wright has committed his life to serving in God's church. He has served as an elder, youth leader, Sabbath school superintendent, treasurer and deacon at the Lighthouse Church in St. Louis, Missouri. He also served as a ministry associate and youth pastor at the Harbor of Hope Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Currently he is pastoring the Lighthouse Church.

Wright attended Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. After working two years in the educational system, Wright received the call from the Lord to enroll at Andrews University.

Wright graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in May of this year. He believes that ministry and evangelism are transformational. They

involve sharing "Christ and Him crucified" in creative, practical and relevant ways. He seeks to connect, engage, love, preach and teach in order to lead others into a relationship with Christ.

Wright's favorite scripture is Rom. 8:38 because the Lord assures us that nothing in this world can separate us from His love. It is with great pleasure that Wright allows the Lord to spread the gospel and bring life to a dying world through him.

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Ways Retire from DAA after 18 Years

Loren Nelson III



After reading my resumé, former staff member and acting principal **Ted Webster** encouraged me and my family to interview for a position at Dakota Adventist Academy. We were reluctant to leave the west, where our families live,



and take up boarding school work. I grew up on a boarding school campus, and I vowed to myself I wouldn't raise a family at a boarding school. But after Webster's encouragement and a series of divine events, we accepted. That was 18 years ago.

At that time, we had two sons in grade school and two in academy. Our two youngest graduated from grade school at Brentwood Adventist Christian Elementary, and eventually all four graduated from DAA.

My initial position was English teacher. A few years later **David Chapman** encouraged me to develop an art class, which grew into a four-year program in which students earned an Enriched Diploma in Visual Arts and graduated with a portfolio enabling them to enter an art academy.

Janet, my wife, began working part time in the cafeteria

under **Cherryl Kaiser**. After a few years, Janet became the head cook.

Along with our professional responsibilities, we have been involved in the church, class sponsorships, National Honor Society sponsorship, Sunday activities and coordinating intramurals.

Though the work has seemed at times endless, it has been rewarding. We are blessed to have had the privilege to serve Dakota Adventist Academy and the Dakota Conference.

Gary Way is former English and art teacher at Dakota Adventist Academy.

Grand Forks Church Donates Toilet Paper to Local Mission at Opportune Time

It sounded like a fraternity house prank, to TP the Mission, but it was no joke; it was a way to witness.

The Northlands Rescue Mission in Grand Forks, North Dakota, is a local Christian organization that provides emergency shelter to men and women. Last year, they provided almost 15,000 nights of shelter to 474 clients who needed a place to sleep.

In past years, Grand Forks Church members have gathered outgrown or unwanted winter clothing and brought bundles of coats to the Rescue Mission for clients to help them through the winter. Ongoing needs are for

personal hygiene items, warm winter clothing, food, and always for toilet paper.

That's where the Grand Forks Church decided they could be of assistance.

The Community Services Committee met to plan the 2020 year and decided to make this service project their first of the year. A collection box was set up in the church fellowship hall in February, and though it was large, it was emptied and refilled a couple of times. In the beginning of March, all packs of toilet tissue were delivered by committee members to the Rescue Mission.

Right about this time, the COVID-19 pandemic started

to take effect throughout the United States, and one of the first impacts of the crisis was a shortage of toilet paper. Church members had already purchased their donations by the time the shelves started emptying, though.

Through the church family's generosity, and a bit of divine scheduling, a large donation was given to the Northlands Rescue Mission at exactly the time toilet paper was unable to be purchased elsewhere.

Grand Forks Church head elder **Troy Erickson** remarked, "It is providential how in this time of a toilet paper shortage, we were able

to show our compassion to them with this donation."

Jennifer Erickson is communication director for the Grand Forks Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota.



Jennifer Erickson

Purity Weekend Held at Dakota Adventist Academy

Some time ago, I had a conversation with prior students about their time at Dakota Adventist Academy. I asked where we had succeeded and where we had failed at reaching them spiritually. Two former students wished we had discussed more relevant topics. It seemed to them we were behind the times, still worried about handholding and the length of their dresses. They said it was as if we were afraid to talk about more difficult sexual topics.

Because of this, a special weekend was hosted at DAA on the topic of sexual purity. The staff recognize the influence of social media and worldly pressures upon young people to look and act a certain way, and we want the students to be given a biblical ground upon which to stand when pressures come their way.

DAA's spiritual life team, along with the administrators, discussed at length what more could be done and who should present to the students with a focus on today's sexual pressures. **Pastors Ricky and Brooke Melendez**, directors of Youth and Young Adult ministries for the Dakota Conference, were asked to

spend a weekend at DAA to lead in a discussion regarding sexual purity.

They agreed, and they went above and beyond the request by spending a couple hours each day the week prior to talk with students about what they believe and what was on their hearts. Pastors Ricky and Brooke posed questions to the students. They asked, "What is purity?" The responses included, "Without blemish." "Perfect." An honest but blunt answer was, "Boring."

Pastor Ricky set the stage for the weekend focus at Friday evening vespers by asking again, "What is purity?" He suggested purity is contentment and satisfaction in Christ. "Like with Isaiah and the hot coal, God stoops down, touches us and imparts His purity over our impurity. He alone is the source of purity," he said.

That night, a student lingered to talk with Pastors Ricky, Brooke and **Jason Woll**. The student accepted freedom and salvation in Christ, and she had such happiness and lightheartedness. It was as if I had witnessed a baptism, but instead of by water, it was by the Holy Spirit.

Two days later, another student was moved to give her

life to Christ. Pastors Ricky and Brooke came to the dorm that night where we all listened to her story and prayed for her.

Sabbath morning, the girls met in the dorm recreation room with Pastor Brooke for an intimate talk about where they should receive their value. That afternoon, the students congregated for a joint question and answer time. Pastors Ricky and Brooke, along with **Tracy Jo Peterson**, Pastor Woll, **Stephen Staff** and myself, talked through the many difficult questions posed by the students. A new lens was provided through which to view sexuality, porn and the idea of purity.

The weekend concluded with Sabbath evening vespers. Pastor Ricky presented the story of the woman at the well stating that Jesus is looking for a relationship with each person, and He is the only way to true freedom.

God is working mightily. A week later another student accepted a new life in Christ. Students relayed how valuable this weekend and topic was to them. The students appreciated the honesty and stated how Pastors Ricky and Brooke are relatable and showed genuine love and concern for them.

Mindy Juhl is the girls dean at Dakota Adventist Academy.

Brooke Melendez



Golden Valley Church's Food Pantry Serves Record Numbers



Kent Dunwoody

The Golden Valley Church in Clinton, Missouri, recently hosted their monthly mobile food pantry, serving one of their largest crowds to date—716 people

Mobile food pantry volunteers sort, package and load food into trunks as clients drive through.

representing 205 families.

The pantry, a partnership between the church and Harvesters Community Food Network, opens on the third Monday of each month. It was initiated by the church's previous pastor, **Alan Harvey**, and has been operating since 2015.

Because food services have been considered essential during the pandemic—as well as the reality that families have been struggling even harder to remain food secure during this crisis—the church decided to continue operating the pantry even while weekly church services and many other activities were suspended. Additional safety precautions were added, such as protective masks and gloves for volunteers, and procedures were put in place to limit interaction with clients.

Many expressed

appreciation as they received their food, with some even displaying signs to show their gratitude. The Golden Valley Church is blessed by this opportunity to serve so many families and thankful for all of the volunteers—many of whom come from the community—who make it possible.

Kent Dunwoody is pastor of the Kansas City Central and Clinton Golden Valley churches in Missouri.

Church Members and Conference Staff Blanket Airwaves in Prayer

In response to Iowa Governor **Kim Reynolds'** official declaration of a statewide day of prayer for Thursday, April 9, KPOG, an Adventist radio station in West Des Moines, Iowa, dedicated eight hours of airtime to prayer.

Listeners were invited to submit prayer requests, and church members from several area churches—including conference executive secretary **Robert Wagley**, ministerial director **Lee Rochholz**, and prayer coordinator **Gail Coridan**—took turns covering the airwaves in two-hour increments.

KPOG's **Bob** and **Shirley**

Carr had called into the conference's Monday evening prayer line earlier that week and suggested the idea when the statewide day of prayer came up in conversation.

The response was so overwhelmingly positive that the station has dedicated eight hours of airtime to prayer every Thursday since.

The conference is thankful to KPOG, the Carrs and church and staff members for their dedication to lifting up our world in prayer during this crisis.

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



Photos: Gail Coridan



Learn more about KPOG at **kpog.org**. Learn more about the conference's Monday prayer line, get prayer resources or submit prayer requests online at **imsda.org/prayer**.

Robert Wagley and Lee Rochholz take prayer requests and offer prayers on air during their respective shifts.

Church Members Make Masks for Healthcare Workers Amid PPE Shortage

Courtesy Mary Schwantes



Two healthcare workers at a St. Louis area retirement home express appreciation for their new handmade masks.

Due to a massive shortage of PPE (personal protective equipment) during the pandemic, healthcare workers everywhere have been reusing disposable equipment, being asked to provide their own or going without equipment entirely.

The internet is full of stories of volunteers stepping up to meet this need by making and donating handmade equipment, particularly masks. Following are two such stories recently submitted to the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

West County Church

Rebecca Lawrence, head deaconess at the West County Church in Chesterfield, Missouri, has been providing handmade fabric masks to healthcare workers in her area.

Each mask features a washable felt filter and is accompanied by a note letting the recipient know they have been—and will continue to be—prayed for.

“It has been exciting to help others,” Lawrence said. “When one of the nurses received hers, she immediately sent us a picture of her

modeling it.”

Lawrence and her family made and sent 16 masks to a group of physical therapists at a local retirement home. “They had nothing but their own homemade masks,” she said. “Our masks are much more protective than what they had been using. They are working with a vulnerable population, and we are thrilled our masks may help to protect not only the PTs, but their elderly patients as well.”

Kansas City Central Church

The Kansas City Central Church’s women’s ministries and community services teams have been busy making protective masks for medical professionals, church members and others in the community who need them.

They partnered with The Sewing Labs, a local nonprofit organization that teaches people how to sew. In addition to offering training, The Sewing Labs is currently also providing supplies, sewing kits and patterns to those willing to make masks for healthcare workers.

As of April 27, church volunteers have made 360 masks and have cut out six laundry

Summer Update

The content you see on these pages will have gone to press several weeks before you receive your copy of OUTLOOK in the mail. Weekly church services in several areas of the conference may have resumed by then, but if this crisis has taught us anything it’s that the situation changes rapidly. We send out weekly updates by email, so look for those. If you’re not already signed up, please visit imsda.org/newsletter. Regular updates are also being posted at imsda.org, as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Coronavirus Resources

Visit imsda.org/covid-19 for coronavirus information and helpful resources such as:

- Sabbath streaming services
- Tips for ways to connect with fellow members
- Returning tithes and offerings online
- Our Monday evening prayer line
- Updates on event cancellations
- Encouraging video messages, blogs and more

This Summer

Here’s an update on summer plans, based on the information we currently have.

Camp Meeting

Please join us for a virtual camp meeting June 3-6 at imsda.org/campmeeting.

Summer Camp

All 2020 summer camps at Camp Heritage have been canceled. Visit campheritage.org for more information.

loads worth of fabric for sewing kits that The Sewing Labs will provide to other volunteers making masks.

The Kansas City Central Church is thankful to The Sewing Labs and church members who are

volunteering their time and energy to meet this great need.

Information submitted by Mary Schwantes, communication secretary for the West County Church; and Sarah Dunwoody, women’s ministries leader for the Kansas City Central Church.

Kansas City Food Pantry Responds to COVID-19 Crisis



“Taste and see that the Lord is good. Psalm 34:8.”

Karen Whitson, pantry director, reports, “Many of our core volunteers were retired individuals and unable to work because of being in the high-risk category for the virus. **Pastor Mark Tamaleaa** recruited young adult volunteers to step up and fill that void.”

Whitson points out that half of the volunteers are community individuals who are not members of the church. “They are part of our church family,” she says. “Many have visited the church on Sabbath and some were coming regularly before the stay-at-home orders went into effect.”

The New Haven Church has operated the ReNewed Hope Food Pantry since 2014, and is involved with other outreach ministries, including a clothes closet and a program to house homeless families at the church.

Duane Hallock is a member of the New Haven Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

In addition to the horrific death toll, the COVID-19 pandemic has left countless people hurting, unemployed and hungry.

Almost overnight, the ReNewed Hope Food Pantry in Overland Park, Kansas, felt the surge. Operated by the New Haven Church, the food pantry is one of 60,000 pantries in the Feeding America network, the nation’s largest hunger relief organization.

Less than a month into the stay-at-home orders, the pantry was feeding nearly five times the number of families it served during the same period the previous year. In mid-April, 841 families were fed in one week. That represented 4,450 individuals, with half of them being children.

To accommodate the increased volume, and also to protect the volunteers, the pantry’s leaders changed how they operated. Instead of providing a walk-in pantry, the entire operation moved to a drive-through service. Each week, cars drive through and have boxes of food placed in their trunks. They are also

given opportunities to submit prayer requests.

About 80 volunteers per week make the pantry operate smoothly. All the while, they practice social distancing, sanitize frequently and wear gloves and masks. The volunteers are easily identified by their green team shirts which display the message,

Photos: Mark Tamaleaa



Missionary Group Home from Honduras

Thanks to tireless efforts from volunteers, elected officials

College View Church's missionary group, consisting of 19 high school students and 15 adults, was nearly stranded indefinitely in Honduras due to travel complications brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. But thanks to the unceasing efforts of the group's organizers, generous donations from thousands of concerned citizens, and some timely intervention from **Rep. Jeff Fortenberry** of Nebraska and his staff, they are relieved and happy to be home.

The group headed to Honduras on March 11, when concern over the pandemic was beginning to grow but travel was still widely available outside of a few countries designated Level 3 Health Notice areas by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Within four days, the Honduran government deemed it necessary to close its borders, and the group's eventual departure, originally planned for March 25, began to be in doubt.

The 35 volunteers on-site in Honduras went about their work, however; this was the fifteenth consecutive year the church has sent a team to an orphanage and malnutrition clinic nestled in the Honduran mountains. The students and their adult sponsors spent their days conducting medical screenings and working on construction projects to improve the facilities on the orphanage campus. This year, they also headed



Courtesy College View Church

into a nearby village and poured concrete and installed running water for a new triage area the fire department needed to deal with potential COVID-19 patients.

Each member of the team had spent the previous months raising the funds for the trip, which amounted to \$1,500 per volunteer. This amount went to cover the team member's airfare, food and a share of the building and medical supplies the team would use during their two-week stay.

Meanwhile, the group's organizers were spending long hours on the phone with their ticketed airline, United Airlines, as well as with the Honduran government, the U.S. Embassy in Honduras and other officials to determine whether the team would be able to return as planned. The news wasn't good—United couldn't retrieve the team early, and on March 19 the airline indicated that it wouldn't

be planning normal flights into or out of Honduras for the foreseeable future.

On March 20, the group reached out to Rep. Fortenberry's office, as well as the offices of Nebraska senators **Ben Sasse** and **Deb Fischer**, seeking guidance on what steps to take and help in dealing with a seemingly insurmountable wall of red tape. Organizers found a charter flight service willing to fly to San Pedro Sula airport in Honduras and bring the team home, but it would cost the church a minimum of \$145,000, and the church still needed to secure permission from the Honduran government to land the plane in Honduras.

On March 23, Fortenberry's staff gave the church access to a government chat group to find other U.S. citizens in Honduras trying to get home; the smallest plane the group could charter was a 140-seat

aircraft, so the decision was made to make all its extra seats available to others in a similar bind. The next day, with all its seats spoken for, the charter flight was secured and filed a flight plan and manifest with the FAA and the Honduran government. Honduras initially refused the air rights needed to land in the country, however, and things once again looked bleak.

That same day on March 24, Fortenberry once again went to bat for the missionary team, working with the U.S. State Department to secure landing rights for the charter flight. In the early morning hours of March 25, those efforts paid off and the charter plane left Miami, landing in San Pedro Sula at 9 am. The plane departed at 11:30 am, arriving in Kansas City at 4 pm. From there, the church's team had a three-hour ride by coach to return to Lincoln, where it was greeted by relieved family and friends.

The mission trip's organizers say they are grateful to everyone who gave of their time and resources to help bring the team home to Nebraska. Like many of the current, unforeseen societal effects of the ongoing pandemic, its impact on travel is unprecedented, but has given the church a new measuring stick that organizers say will help avoid similar situations in the future.

Chris Trumble is a member of the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

COVID-19: A Blessing in Disguise

Carol Lyons

“Sometimes blessings come in ugly wrapping paper.”
— Richie Norton

COVID-19 has reached out and affected everyone in some way. I have found it to be a blessing in disguise. While there are some setbacks to work around, I have been able to find good in this pandemic.

I am a junior at Maplewood Academy and a PSEO student at Ridgewater College in Hutchinson, Minnesota. School is now online, and things are changing accordingly. Quite frankly, I am enjoying it. I have never been as thrilled to be taking college classes as I am during this whole fiasco.

Usually, I would be dealing with the stress of finding places to stay over home leaves and transportation to college since their breaks don't line up with Maplewood's calendar. However, with online accommodations now in place, the courses I am taking have made connecting optional. The homework is assigned through weekly checklists that I can complete any time, making the college classes simpler.

I receive dual credit for my college courses, considerably reducing the number of classes I take at Maplewood Academy. I only have to sign in for one class each day. Gymnastics is MIA, and



I am left with a Bible and chemistry class alternating throughout the week. With Maplewood's class schedule set to have junior-senior classes in the afternoon, I can sleep in and stay up late, if I so desire.

I have considerably more time to get things done as well as a new opportunity to spend time with family. I can love on Oreo, the family dog, whenever I see her walking by, and occasionally pester my older brother now that he has come to stay for the duration of the quarantine.

I play card games with my parents, complete puzzles with my grandma, and even do monkey-in-the-middle with Oreo. We haven't had

this much time to spend with each other in a long time, and we are taking advantage of it.

Some school events could not take place because of COVID-19. For the ones that could not be postponed, creative arrangements had to be made. One event, the National Honor Society Induction for new members, required finding a way to induct and celebrate its inductees.

I was one of them, and I received the creative arrangement in a box through the mail. Inside was a framed certificate of membership, along with a candle, a few party supplies and instructions on what to do. We did as the instructions stated—we took a few photos and a video

to remember the occasion, and then had a little celebration complete with ice cream (personally supplied) and a confetti popper.

Even though I wasn't able to experience the usual induction, I got to experience the interesting opportunity of "NHS Induction in a Box," as it was dubbed. I thoroughly enjoyed the creativity put into it and understand that a normal induction just couldn't happen under these circumstances.

I am thankful for the opportunities God has given me because of this pandemic, and I am grateful that, as of yet, my family has not been too badly affected. But I do keep in mind that we are together, we are well, and we have what we need to survive, which is more than what some can say in these difficult times.

I hope things go back to normal soon, and I continue to trust in God as He leads through these uncertain times. I hope you also find a blessing in these times, just as I have.

Karis Lyons is a junior at Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Pipestone Church Begins Prayer Ministry



Have you ever considered what God is able to do through ordinary church members who partner with one another as prayer partners? We in the Pipestone Church decided to find out.

The Minnesota Conference office recently recommended setting up prayer ministries programs in local churches. Because of this, my friend **Marilyn Strippgen** and I were contacted by our church board to co-chair a prayer ministry program. We decided this would eventually become a multi-faceted

ministry, so we invited two more friends, **Darlene Forde** and **Marie Atkinson-Smeins**, to join us.

After much heartfelt prayer and many phone calls, we felt God leading us to begin our prayer partners ministry as the first facet of our overall prayer ministry. After all, COVID-19 may keep us from our church building, but it can't keep us from our church family and, more importantly, it can't keep us from our Lord.

By Sabbath, April 11, everyone who accepted our

invitation to be part of this ministry had their prayer partners, and with God's help they are praying weekly for God to ignite a flame of prayer in Pipestone, Minnesota; Flandreau, South Dakota (where most of our church family lives); in Minnesota Conference; in our country and around the world.

We have felt a desire for some time to learn how to pray more effectively and powerfully within our church. We want to "Come boldly before the throne of grace to receive mercy

and grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16). We want to remember "My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him" (Ps. 62:5).

As we were reminded in our Sabbath school lesson, our God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. He answers the prayers of His people. We can hardly wait to see how He will use our prayer partner ministry at the Pipestone Church.

Judith Schreck is a member of the Pipestone Church in Pipestone, Minnesota.

Official Notice: Session Postponed

In harmony with the Articles and Bylaws of the Minnesota Conference, in Article IX, section 3, the Board of Trustees under its delegated authority to act on behalf of the constituency between constituency sessions, discussed the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the health considerations and risks to the constituency, including government restrictions on public meetings, **VOTED that the Constituency Session of the Minnesota Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists shall be postponed until 10 am on Oct. 11, 2020**, at the following location.

Accordingly, this is the official notice that the called Constituency Session will be held at the Banquets of Minnesota, 6310 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, Minnesota 55432 on Sunday, beginning at 10 am on Oct. 11, 2020.

All the duly elected delegates for the 2020 constituency will be seated and be called upon, pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws, to conduct the business of the constituency, consider issues raised therein, and vote on recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

Hospice Chaplaincy in the Age of COVID-19

Normally, I spend my days driving to different nursing facilities and homes, visiting patients and/or their families. I carry a caseload of 35-40 patients, 100 percent of whom are dying. Their families are grieving and trying to figure out how to care for their parent, spouse or child who may have months or days to live. The patient may know they are dying, but most don't even realize they are sick, as most have some level of cognitive decline.

Some do not recognize their family. This makes the grieving process harder for families. They sometimes spend months in a steady state of anticipatory grief, and it is my job to sit with the family as they walk through that. Often, the best we can do is help them to not suffer

and grieve alone.

The same is true for patients. It may be about listening to them as they ask questions like, "I'm 97. Why won't God let me die?" But most often, I'm another face who came to visit, and in their minds in that moment, I'm the only person who came to visit them, because they can't remember that their family comes every day. They believe they've been abandoned and no one loves

them enough to visit.

My greatest tools aren't my words, but instead my hands that hold theirs, my arms that give hugs, and my warm body that sits in the room with them when they are no longer able to form words.

And then COVID-19 took away most of my tools. Zoom and other tele-health platforms can be used, but most of my patients don't remember how phones work, and they wonder who that

weird voice is talking to them through the plastic thing in their hand.

Families can't see their loved ones anymore. But therein lies something important. Before, I was sitting with people in their experience, but now I am talking with people as I share their experience. And that subtle difference is infinitely important. I sit in my house, just like the families. I call on the phone because I can't leave my house to see people. And we talk about what it's like to be isolated from the people we care about and love.

The difference is, when this is done I get to see my friends and family again. But for many families, the next time they will be allowed to see their loved one is when that person dies. This has opened up a new and more efficient



A Day in the Life of a Teacher During COVID-19

I still dress like a professional, drive to my office, start school at 8 am, have devotions and talk with my students about the day's assignments. The difference, though, is I'm the only one in my classroom. I meet with my students through Zoom.

Staff meetings, administrative meetings and board meetings are all virtual. I eat lunch by myself and sit in front of a computer by myself.

Keeping students on task is hard. Some students thrive without supervision, others don't. Just like the students, some parents are succeeding,

and others are not.

As a coach to my students, I feel like I have one hand tied behind my back. Normally, I'm in the ring with them, cheering them on. Online learning takes a lot of self-discipline. Add a whole house of distractions, and who wouldn't have a hard time focusing?

I do like the fact that I meet with every one of my students throughout the day individually. We go over anything they need help with. I get to see family pets, hear their siblings in the background, and once in a while

their mom or dad might pop up on the screen.

I also like the fact that my day is more flexible. During my lunch break, I can go for a walk. If I need to meet with a parent between classes, that is no problem.

COVID-19 has brought with it flexibility and creative thinking. I've been stretched in ways I never could have imagined, and so have my students. All in all, I think we have done pretty well. I am proud of myself, my staff and my students.

My students and I also agree that COVID-19 has

given us more time with God and our families, and this is something I count as a priceless blessing. Yes, we're in the middle of a storm, but we get to be in the boat with the Master Teacher.

Michelle Velbis is principal of Springs Adventist Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Courtesy Michelle Velbis

avenue for helping families process their loss.

Before, I would have to work hard to get some families to engage the reality of fatigue and loss. But now, it hits them immediately. When I call them, they start talking about isolation, then they speak of how hard it is to know their loved one is alone. But then the truth comes out. The loved one with the cognitive decline hasn't noticed a difference during quarantine, but the family has.

Now, the family recognizes what that loved one must feel like all the time. Now the family fears they will never see their loved one again this side of death. And now they have no ability to hide from the reality.

As a result, my work is strangely more intimate. We start from a shared perspective. I am present with them in a new way. There is less physical presence, but there is shared emotional presence. The reality they have denied for so long becomes real, and we confront it together. We step into it and walk through it. And whether we pray together for strength or I listen as they rage against an unfair God, we keep moving forward in spite of fear, loss and regret.

We move forward together, sharing in each other's wisdom, companionable in the shared reality, all while seated on our comfy couches wrapped in our soft pajamas.

Tony Hunter is a pastor and hospice chaplain working for Elevation Hospice in Northern Colorado.

Recognizing Our Healthcare Workers



Dany Hernandez

Laughter, joy, food and community—key components of what makes us human—tap into areas of our lives that are communal and give us a sense of togetherness. And that's why I hate COVID-19.

As chaplains, most of our ministry is simply being present. Many times, we sit quietly next to a family member or a dying patient with the only gift we have to offer: presence. That is why these times are so difficult for patients, families, nurses, doctors and chaplains. The one thing all of us can do well has been taken away from us.

I've said many times that togetherness has nothing to do with proximity, but it sure helps. COVID-19 has taken from us the ability to hug someone who just lost their spouse, to shake the hand of a first-time dad, to high-five a nurse leaving the hospital after a 12-hour shift. Instead we've had to learn how to keep a 6-foot radius around other humans, to smile with our eyes because the rest of our bodies are covered with protective equipment, to look

in the eyes of a daughter and say, "I'm sorry you can't see your mom."

We've been forced to watch a spouse of someone passing away in the ICU who is unable to be in the room, hands on the glass door, tears running down her face while she talks, hoping her voice penetrates the double-pane glass and the unconscious state of her husband, assuring him she is there with him. This virus has forced us to take on the emotional stress of family members by sitting in their place next to the patient, by speaking the final words they hear on behalf of the family, by holding a stranger's hand until their last breath because it was the only hand allowed in the room.

There's a strange stillness. Our staffing needs have changed, and what used to be a busy unit now sits dimly lit and quiet. At the same time, our ICU—just a floor away—is the hub of frantic activity.

There's a sense of anonymity when we wear headgear and masks. The identities and uniqueness of our caregivers erodes by blending into the

common landscape of sky-blue scrubs. We have to wear name tags so our coworkers and friends know who we are.

Our associates need to be recognized for standing every day between the dead and the living, between the sick and the healthy, regardless of consequences. They chose to put their lives on the line so other people—in spite of race, creed or background—may have life. What they need is individuals from every walk of life to lift them up in prayer, asking for strength, courage, peace and serenity.

Now, more than ever before, we are standing next to patients in the place of family. Nurses, palliative care and chaplains are sharing tears with one another and experiencing grief on behalf of loved ones.

Humans need hugs, and COVID-19 has taken those away. Community and presence are both part of the healing process, and now we've been forced to incorporate those into our plan of care without the ability to be next to one another.

As frustrating as it is, I have to remind myself that love always causes pain. Suffering and grief will always be a part of our lives in this world. And that our call, even after COVID-19, will continue to be difficult and challenging. I'm honored to be part of such an amazing group of people.

Dany Hernandez is a chaplain at Littleton Adventist Hospital.

Coronavirus Teaches Student Teachers to Be Adaptable

As Savanna “Dani” Arthur looked out over the 15 young faces staring back expectantly across the classroom, she had to fight back just a little bit of panic. The senior education major had been student teaching at George Stone Elementary for a little more than a month when her supervising teacher went home sick halfway through the day and left Arthur in charge.

“I learned to be flexible,” said Arthur, who had previously been teaching three classes and now had to adapt to teaching all the classes for

Thanks to her experiences student teaching at Union College's George Stone Elementary School, Savanna "Dani" Arthur was able to land her dream job teaching fifth and sixth grade at Spring Valley Academy in Ohio.

grades 1-4 for several days. “And little did I know that would really prepare me for what happened next.”

At spring break, Arthur was scheduled to switch to Lincoln Public Schools to teach fifth grade. But as COVID-19 swept across the world, Union College and LPS were forced to move all instruction online.

For Arthur, that meant staying with George Stone, Union College's on-campus laboratory school, but exchanging the well-equipped multigrade classroom for her college dorm with just a laptop, a whiteboard and a light, “so students can see me.” Each day she taught Bible and language arts to 11 students in grades 5-8 and math to a smaller group of fifth and sixth graders.

She believes she was blessed to work at George Stone because they continued to have regular classes via Zoom, while many schools either canceled classes or

offered limited teacher interaction. “I had to learn that this isn't regular distance learning—it's crisis learning,” Arthur said. “Students were suddenly forced out of the classroom, and they also are dealing with all these other stressors in their lives. I have to reach their hearts, not just teach the curriculum. That is always the goal in the classroom, but now I have to be even more intentional.”

The first couple of weeks proved challenging as she helped students grapple with using the technology at home. “But now it's all been falling together,” said Arthur as she recalled a discussion about metaphors in language arts class. She saw the “lightbulb” go on as students understood the connection between a metaphorical battered piñata and the girl in their story. “It has been great to see that even though their world has changed, they are still connecting with new ideas.”

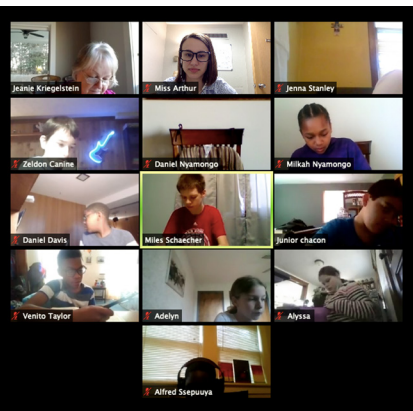
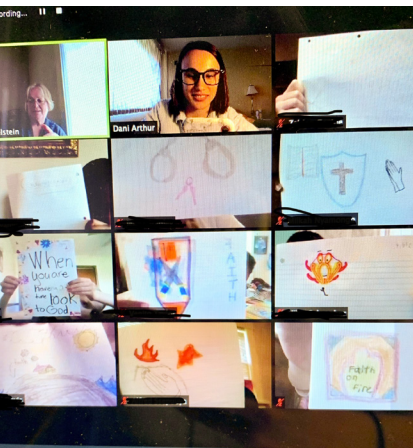


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George Stone Elementary equals great multigrade teaching opportunities

Even in a crazy semester like this, Arthur believes her Union experience has paid dividends. “I came to Union because of the education program,” Arthur explained. As she considered pursuing a career in teaching at Adventist schools, she talked to the Adventist education superintendents in her home state of Michigan. “They told me they look for Union graduates first because of their experience in multi-grade classrooms.”

Having George Stone Elementary right on campus provides great opportunities for education majors to teach in a multigrade classroom all four years of their program. Arthur said they chose to keep having regular classes online this spring in part to accommodate the student teachers who needed to complete their practicum requirements.



Photos Courtesy Union College

Thanks to the coronavirus, Savanna “Dani” Arthur learned a whole new set of skills when she moved her student teaching online.

Union's campus will be open in August

Like most colleges in America, the campus looked and felt very different after spring break in mid-March. As the coronavirus swept the country, classes moved online and the majority of students stayed home to finish the semester while meeting with teachers remotely via Zoom.

"We plan to reopen in the fall for classes as usual," said Union President **Vinita Sauder**. "Union is best experienced in person and we look forward to having students back on our campus to take advantage of the fantastic mentoring and supportive community here."

The campus may feel a little different in August. Union is preparing contingency plans in accordance with health department guidelines to ensure students and employees stay safe.

How Union responded to the coronavirus

- Union moved to an Open Limited status, which meant all instruction moved online and the campus was closed to all visitors.
- Professors continued to teach classes at regular times using Zoom. All tutoring and academic coaching also continued using Zoom.
- Spring break was extended an extra week and all students who didn't have a specific reason to return to campus were asked to stay home for the remainder of the semester.
- Union instituted an alternate grade policy that allowed students to choose a credit or no credit grade instead of the typical letter grade. This allowed students to take a credit for a class without it impacting their GPA.
- All school-sponsored trips from spring break through the summer were canceled.
- All summer classes were moved online. This summer Union is offering more than 50 online classes to current students at half-price tuition—synchronous and asynchronous courses taught by Union professors plus a wide variety of courses from our online consortium, Acadeum.

Do you know someone thinking about attending Union College this fall? Normally, we'd like them to visit campus in person. That may not be possible right now, so encourage them to schedule a virtual visit. They'll be able to meet professors, academic advisors and financial aid counselors and learn more about getting ready for college. Schedule a visit at ucollege.edu/visit.

Check out Union's Youtube channel for a variety of videos answering common student questions as they get ready for college—including live Q&A events with current Union College students. Learn more at youtube.com/unioncollegene.

Since she already taught a number of classes in the school, Arthur was able to approach her student teaching experience with confidence. "I had a better understanding of students as individuals and how they interact with each other and with me because I had been working with them in the classroom even before my student teaching," she said.

Switching to the upper grades for her second quarter of student teaching also allowed Arthur to learn from both supervising teachers at the school—**Jackie Simpson** and **Jeanie Kriegelstein**. "I'm so glad I had the opportunity to work with both," she said. "They have very different styles and they are both fantastic. They taught me a lot."

For Arthur, connecting students to new ideas is the best part of the job. "One day I was trying to teach second graders how to add three-digit numbers and several weren't getting it." She remembered a suggestion to use colors to help students with math, so she gathered some colored pencils and encouraged the students to use a different color for each value place.

"You just made math fun!" one of the students exclaimed with a smile as he grasped the concept.

"Math was never my strongest subject, but now it's one of my favorites to teach," Arthur admitted. "It was

great to have that validated by one of my students."

Arthur finished her student teaching experience and graduated from Union College on May 10. Next up: move to Dayton, Ohio, to prepare for her new job teaching fifth and sixth graders at Spring Valley Academy—a position she secured back in February.

Thinking back to all of her teaching experiences—especially tackling all the unexpected challenges this spring—Arthur knows it all came together to prepare her to be a great teacher. "I gained a lot more confidence in my ability, which helped me do better in my job interview and get my dream job!"

And if social distancing ever closes schools again, she'll be ready.

Ryan Teller is a Union College graduate and serves as the executive director for Integrated Marketing Communications at Union College.

Kennedy Brings Ministry and Leadership Experience to AdventHealth Shawnee Mission



Photos Courtesy AdventHealth Shawnee Mission

■ Dave Kennedy

Dave Kennedy has joined AdventHealth Shawnee Mission as administrative director of Mission and Ministry. The founder of Newday Adventist Church in Parker, Colorado, Kennedy brings 24 years of experience in pastoral ministry and leadership.

Kennedy says his move was the result of a prayerful process. “I always felt called to the local church because of the impact it makes on the world and God’s kingdom,” he says. “When I met the team at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, I was so blown away with their mission focus, collaboration and team spirit. After prayer and counsel, I realized this was the next expression of ministry God was calling me to.”

While at Newday Church, Kennedy led the church in a partnership with the local Adventist hospital to serve the community, including an annual Christmas store to

provide for families in need.

At AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, Kennedy is once again building those relationships between the hospital and area churches. During his first week, he met with local church leaders, and he says he was amazed when they asked how they could help serve the hospital during the pandemic.

“I thought it was wonderful that they asked how they could help when I felt like I should be asking them the same question,” says Kennedy.

During those meetings, they talked about ideas to show support for healthcare workers. As they discussed some of the things happening around the country, they talked about a car “drive-in” so people could pray, flash their lights and honk their horns to show their support for the AdventHealth team members.

“They liked that idea immediately and responded with such generosity,” says Kennedy.

For the first “Heroes Drive-In” event, local church members filled the parking lot with 300 cars the first Saturday in April. It was held during a shift change, from

6:45 to 7:15 pm, so hospital team members could see them as they came into work or as they left. As the cars honked their horns and flashed their lights, people also held up handmade signs, including “Heroes in scrubs” and “Thank you for your courage.”

“Our team members were so overwhelmed and grateful,” he says. “I visited the floors while it was happening, and on every floor, people were crying, laughing, taking pictures, waving and pointing out people they knew.”

The event was such a success that it was scheduled for several more dates in April as well as at AdventHealth’s satellite locations.

Kennedy says it was emotional to see how the event made a difference for the team members and helped boost their resilience in a tough time. “They’re still talking about how amazing it was that the community would come out and pray for them,” he says. “It’s still carrying them.”

Through all the challenges

of the time, Kennedy says he’s been struck by the commitment and dedication of the team members in the hospital’s mission of *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ*.

“I’m on an amazing team that is doing amazing things,” says Kennedy. “Our mission is being lived out in the hospital and in the community in so many tangible ways. Our team is serious about extending the healing ministry of Christ! I’m thrilled I have the opportunity to participate in the great work they’re already doing and discover other opportunities to serve in Kansas City and around the world.”

Ann Muder is a freelance writer and editor for AdventHealth Shawnee Mission.



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AdventHealth Shawnee Mission team members watch as cars gather to show support at the “Heroes Drive-In” event.



35 Days: One Man's Battle with COVID-19



Eric and his wife Emme on the day of discharge

Eric Mancuso came to Castle Rock Adventist Hospital with shortness of breath and ended up staying for 35 days, most of which were on a ventilator, with COVID-19.

Eric is a retired Air Force veteran and works as an IT Specialist for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department headquartered in Castle Rock, Colorado. Since he was dealing with fever and difficulty breathing, his wife, **Emme**, drove him to the emergency room.

"Being admitted was one of the last things I remember before waking up to a nurse saying, 'Congratulations,

you made it,'" he recalls. While Eric fought internally, Emme and their five children and six grandchildren struggled externally.

With no visitors being allowed into his room in order to safeguard patients and caregivers, Emme was taken aback by how gracious his nurses were. "They loved talking with me every day, several times a day. So sweet. They are just so tender and kind. I'm so grateful for them," she said.

Eric's nurses were Emme's link back to Eric during his fight. They shared his progress and showed compassion, because not all the

news was positive.

Doctors gave Eric a 50-50 chance of survival. He was one of Colorado's first severe COVID-19 patients, and it was unknown how he would progress. Emme began researching funeral homes and began the process of thinking of what life would be like without Eric. But God's grace is powerful. Eric did wake up.

On April 21, 2020, five weeks after he first came to the emergency room, surrounded by the nurses and other hospital caregivers, Eric was discharged with Emme by his side to a chorus of applause.

"I was the only one allowed to go into Eric's room," Emme recalled. "We had five minutes alone. It was the best five minutes we had ever had. Tears of joy and smiles and happiness

all around." The couple was greeted by two of their sons, Nick, who is 23, and Noah, who is 11, at the awaiting ambulance to be transferred to Encompass Rehabilitation facility, because unfortunately Eric's external fight is just beginning.

Eric has a long journey ahead of learning to walk and swallow again. COVID-19's lasting effects for Eric are still unknown, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Emme reported that he is working hard and took his first few steps recently, and we pray for many more.

Submitted by Wendy Forbes, director of media relations and public relations for Centura Health.

Eric Mancuso spends a few moments with his eldest son Nick (left) and his youngest son Noah (right) as he prepares to head to a rehabilitation facility.



Photos Courtesy Centura Health

Bishop, Carolyn J., b. Dec. 16, 1951 in Nevada, IA. d. March 9, 2020 in Ogden, IA. Member of Ames (IA) Church. Survivors include son James; 2 brothers; 2 grandchildren.

Casebeer, Kenneth R. "Casey" Jr., b. Feb. 3, 1940 in Omaha, NE. d. July 29, 2019 in Blair, NE. Member of Omaha Memorial (NE) Church. Preceded in death by first wife Kay; 2 brothers. Survivors include second wife Peggy; children Mike Gripp, Dan, and Rick; stepchildren Vicki Miller, Linda Mangiamelli, Joseph Mangiamelli, and Tom Mangiamelli; 1 sister; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

Covill, Tura S., b. May 8, 1919 in Sioux Falls, SD. d. April 20, 2020 in Squires, MO. Member of Richville

(MO) Church. Survivors include daughters Rayne Wagner, Judy Cormier and Betty Bennett; son David Vandervoort; numerous grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

Dougan, John Irwin, b. Sept. 29, 1933. d. April 11, 2020. Member of Minnetonka (MN) Church. Survivors include wife Marie; daughters Jane Rannow and Karen Vogel; son Jack; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

Erickson, James A., b. Oct. 30, 1943 in Fairfield, IA. d. March 23, 2020 in Columbia, MO. Member of Hannibal (MO) Church. Survivors include wife Carolyn; sons Douglas and Daniel; 2 sisters; 1 brother; 5 grandchildren.

Fischer, Arthur, b. April 19, 1918 in Rusland Township, ND. d. March 2, 2020 in Peo-

ria, AZ. Member of Manfred (ND) Church. Preceded in death by wife Ruth; 8 siblings. Survivors include daughters Delores McKinven, Gloria Pake, and Phyllis Nudd; 1 sister; 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Givehand, Mary Margaret, b. April 6, 1923 in Nebraska City, NE. d. April 11, 2020. Member of Nebraska City Church (transferred to Kansas-Nebraska Conference Church when Nebraska City Church closed in 2019). Preceded in death by husband Luther; daughter Jane Louise Givehand-Glover; 4 sisters; 4 brothers. Survivors include children Robert and Luke; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Hansen, Darlene, b. Sept. 21, 1933 in Black River Falls, WI. d. April 19, 2020 in Bowman, ND. Member of Bowman Church. Preceded in death by son Rocky Davis; 1 sister. Survivors include husband Vernon; children Pamela Taylor, Scott, and Brad; 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Huenergardt, Betty Marie, b. Jan. 21, 1928 in Albert, KS. d. April 19, 2020 in Winfield, KS. Member of La Crosse (KS) Church. Preceded in death by husband Maurice; 1 brother; 1 sister. Survivors include daughters Sharon Fuller, Gwen, Maureen, and Heidi Blake; 1 grandson.

Maloney, Norman, b. Jan. 1, 1927 in Elm, MO. d. Feb. 15, 2020 in Warrensburg, MO. Member of Kingsville (MO) Church. Preceded in death by wife Billie. Survivors include children Patricia Juncos, Michael, Ann Halim and Kim Fogarty; 3 siblings; 9 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren. Served in U.S. Army.

Norman, Fred, b. June 19, 1937, d. April 11, 2020. Member of Boulder (CO) Church.

Survivors include wife Sharon; daughters Melissa Leddy and Suzie Rimer; son Andy; 5 grandchildren. Longtime member of the RMC Executive Committee.

Petersen, Lyle G., b. May 23, 1929 near Redline, IA. d. March 11, 2020 in Elk Horn, IA. Member of Exira (IA) Church. Preceded in death by daughter Julie Shea; 2 siblings; 2 grandchildren. Survivors include wife Wava; daughter Jeri Herrera; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

Phillips, William Jr., b. Feb. 14, 1954 in Limestone, ME. d. March 15, 2020 in Sioux Falls, SD. Member of Sioux Falls Church. Survivors include wife Susan; children Jason, Nicolette Sachjen, and Misty Peterson; 4 siblings; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Spear, Phyllis, b. Dec. 20, 1933 in Grand Rapids, MI. d. April 15, 2020 in Milbank, SD. Member of Aberdeen (SD) Church. Preceded in death by husband Clyde Thrift, Jr.; 6 siblings. Survivors include children Gladys Schmidt and Clyde Thrift III; 2 sisters; 8 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Taylor, John Benton, Jr., b. April 9, 1948 in Somerville, NJ. d. April 22, 2020 in Sedan, KS. Member of Sedan Church. Survivors include wife Barbara; daughter April Silva; son Daniel; mother Ruth; 1 brother; 1 sister.

Vigil, Eleanor Margretha (Kahler), b. Jan. 31, 1935 in Minneapolis, MN. d. April 10, 2020 in St. Paul, MN. Member of Hutchinson (MN) Church. Preceded in death by 5 siblings. Survivors include husband Samuel; sons Samuel Jr., Timothy, and John; 5 grandchildren.

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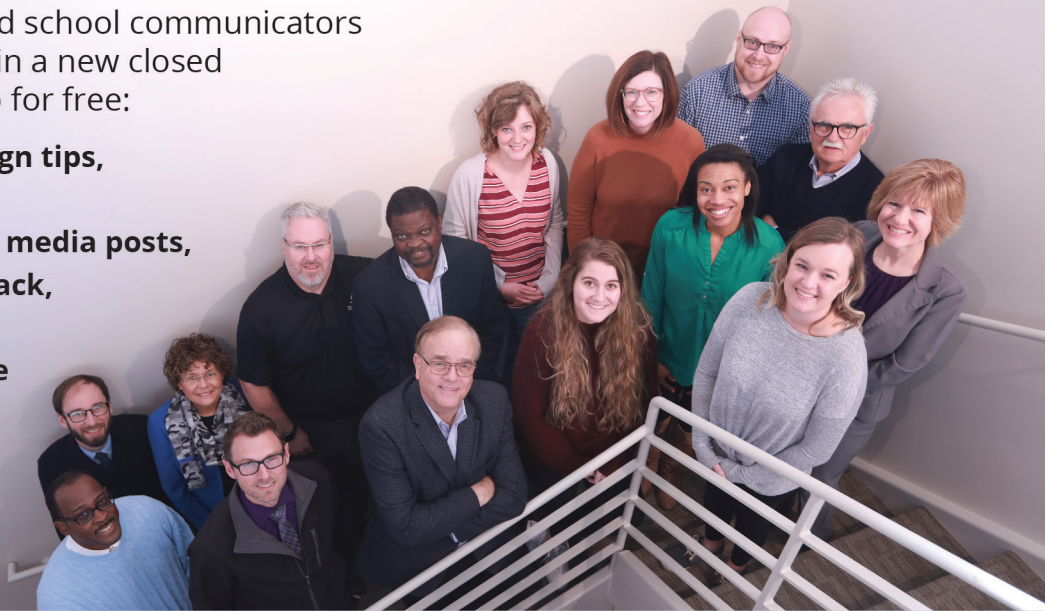
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