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HOW'S YOUR COMMUNITY DOING?

As we continue our 2022 theme of Strengthening Our Spirituality, the OUTLOOK team has asked some deeper questions in regard to healthful living and health ministries in our communities. Are the health-related challenges of hunger, poverty and homelessness also our concerns as a church? If so, how can we help in practical ways?

We're so pleased to have met Karen Whitson and learned about the Hope Bus pantry being operated in the greater Kansas City area (p. 8). We're also thrilled to read about classes being offered at a local YMCA (p. 20) and Pueblo's new Outreach and Education Center (p. 25) and how a drug addict in Missouri gave her heart to Jesus through learning about healthy living (p. 19).

Then there's the touching story about mental and emotional health needs being met by caring, listening individuals who work for AdventHealth (p. 10).

May God empower each of us to truly embrace the abundant life—in all its aspects—as “the right arm of the gospel” of Jesus Christ that we are called to share with our families and communities.



BRENDA DICKERSON
editor



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(l-r) Alicia Wahab, Hope Bus driver, Karen Whitson, Renewed Hope Pantry director, Doug Carruthers, transportation team leader

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General Conference Session Report

SAME BUT DIFFERENT

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No matter the time or place, a General Conference Session is a thrill to attend and be a part of. This year's GC Session was no different in the excitement that was generated, but it was unique from others in many ways.

As most of you know, because of the global COVID-19 pandemic the session was delayed two years. In addition, instead of the GC taking place in Indianapolis as originally planned, it took place here in the Mid-America Union in St. Louis. The reason for this is that the convention center in Indianapolis was already booked for the summer 2022 and the St. Louis convention center had some open dates. As a result, St. Louis not only hosted the

2022 session, but will host the 2025 session as well.

Here are some of the ways this GC session was the same and ways it differed from previous GCs I have attended.

How this session was the same

1. There were outstanding worship times together.

Some of the best presenters of the gospel that our church has provided devotional thoughts. It was very inspiring to be a part of these worship experiences. The church service on Sabbath morning was especially meaningful as you looked around the auditorium, knowing the attendees came from every corner of the planet.

2. The music was also

outstanding, with the opportunity to hear musicians from around the globe share their God-given talents with us. I am someone who loves music and this is an especially beautiful part of the session for me.

3. The church's business took place as usual.

Changes in our GC Constitution and By-laws were discussed and voted on, along with updates of the *Church Manual*. As always, there was a healthy discussion over some of these issues but it was a courteous and thoughtful dialogue.

4. A nominating committee was formed and the GC officers—along with other leaders—were nominated and subsequently voted on by the delegates. Dr. Lowell

Cooper was asked to be the chair of the nominating committee. This was my first time to serve as part of that committee. Dr. Cooper was an amazing leader as he helped us work through so many processes and issues the nominating committee faced. When the committee finished its work, there was a spontaneous ovation given by the committee members to Dr. Cooper for his thoughtful and spiritual leadership.

5. Seeing friends and fellow

workers from across the North American Division and the world is truly a treat, and this session was no different.

6. It was amazing to see how

a world church operates, as has always been the case with GCs I have attended. With so many dialects and cultures in this global church, the way we are able to work together and make decisions together is nothing short of a miracle. Through the use of

Press conference on June 9, 2022, with General Conference officers (l-r) Erton Köhler, executive secretary; Ted N. C. Wilson, president; Paul H. Douglas, treasurer



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simultaneous translation and very capable people chairing our working sessions, much progress is able to be made with the Holy Spirit's leading.

How this session was different

- 1. Our time together was abbreviated.** Normally, we have a 10-day gathering for GC. This time, we only had six days together and only four days to conduct the business of the church. This is because of the two-year delay of the session and the availability of the conference center. Through careful time management and very capable chairmanship, we were able to get through our agenda, but it meant for some long days.
- 2. There was no physical exhibition hall on site** this time. As many of you know, in the past the exhibit halls have been quite the production, bringing in vendors and ministries from around the world. Walking through the hall and seeing the work of all those ministries always gave me goosebumps as I began to wrap my mind around the depth and breadth of this movement we call the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- 3. A hybrid meeting had to be conducted** because around 600 delegates of

the 2,700 delegates were unable to attend in person due to travel restrictions still in place because of the COVID virus. I must say that this piece of the GC Session was one of the more critical areas that needed to be addressed, and I believe the planners and technicians who made it all work deserve an A+ for their hard labor. All of us owe them a debt of gratitude. Can you imagine trying to figure out how people from around the world, in every time zone imaginable, could attend the meetings virtually and vote confidentially in real time? This is what the planners had to tackle and they did so with flying colors. Every person—whether present in person or joining the meeting from faraway countries—cast their votes with a smart phone or tablet in real time using an application called Election Buddy. It was amazing to watch the votes adding up on the screen knowing the globality of how they were being cast. Those attending virtually also were able to listen to and join in on the discussions taking place. Again, the session chairs, which were mostly made up of GC vice presidents and the technical team, did an amazing job and we all were thankful for them.

Because this session was planned for Indianapolis and not St. Louis, much of the programming leading up to GC Session took place in Indianapolis and not in St. Louis. Programs such as “Your Best Pathways to Health” and other community service projects and many evangelistic programs and efforts were still carried out in Indiana. In three years, however, much of that type of programming will come to St. Louis and it will be a joy to be a part of it.

The Central States Conference and the Iowa-Missouri Conference are taking the lead on all that will occur between now and the GC in 2025, and they have already begun their planning and preparation for it. What a thrill for Mid-America Union to be able to host the GC twice in a three-year stretch!

From what I am hearing, the 2025 GC Session will

be an important one for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There are many individuals at the GC who are planning on retiring at the next session, so there will be many new faces at the helm leading and inspiring our world church. In addition, we will need to draw closer together and work together more effectively than ever to continue our united mission of spreading the Three Angels Messages around the globe.

I am thankful to be in Mid-America where I get to have a front row seat to watch how the Lord will lead His church! **O**

Gary Thurber is president of the Mid-America Union.

OUTLOOK blogger Rachel Ashworth managed the GC's official Twitter account every day during the session as part of their communication team.



Brenda Dickerson

First-time GC Session Delegate Shares Perspectives

Courtesy Delvin Hansen



My name is Delvin Hansen and I live in Harvey, North Dakota. I have attended numerous conference constituency sessions, but this was my first time to a General Conference Session.

Upon arriving, my cell phone was given an app to facilitate electronic voting during the session. Typically the session is two weeks long, but this one was condensed into one week. We met at 8 am for worship and had three sessions throughout the day ending at 9 pm.

On Monday we started the GC Session with worship highlighting the Holy Spirit. We heard from Mark Finley on “The Power of the Holy Spirit,” Dwight Nelson asked us to “Seek the Holy Spirit,” and Barry Black said to prepare our life for the “Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” These were powerful messages, and I was hoping I would be able to discern who indeed was being led by the Holy Spirit throughout the week.

Early votes

As we started the session to approve the agenda, a motion was brought to the floor to include discussion on the immunization statement passed by ADCOM (the GC administrative committee) in 2015 and 2021. Elder Ted Wilson stated that he considers this topic to be an administrative item, not a session item. The motion did not pass.

The nominating committee

was then dismissed to do its function and we proceeded to vote on changes to the Constitution and *Church Manual*. Two of the more noteworthy ones are:

1. Church board meetings are now allowing members to participate through electronic methods.
2. Ordination service for deaconesses are not necessary if they're already ordained as an elder.

Facts and figures

The North American Division represents 6 percent of the world church membership, so our representation at the GC Session makes up 6 percent of the delegates. Interestingly, the GC receives 44 percent of its tithe from the NAD.

The nominating committee brought the name of Ted Wilson for GC president and he was elected by the delegates with split of 75 percent Yes to 25 percent No.

All voting was done electronically via cell phone, laptop or internet (Zoom) through the app known as Election Buddy.

Tuesday started off with another excellent worship service. The speaker, Dwain Esmond, talked about the Three Angels Message: 1. The blessed of the story; 2. The blessing of the story; 3. The rest of the story.

The delegation from Ukraine wore their national dress and handed out Ukrainian flags with “Pray

for Peace” on them. Special prayer was offered and collection jars were available for donations to Ukraine.

Reports and questions

Reports from GC Secretariat and Treasury showed we are approaching 22 million world members in over 90,000 churches, and \$2.7 billion in tithe (over five years).

The nominating committee brought their report for GC department heads who were voted in a block of names. Women from Iceland, Western Norway and Central States Conference expressed their concern for the lack of or low ratio of women nominated to leadership positions; it was less than 10 percent.

Wednesday we did more revisions to the Constitution and Manual. We voted on the leaders of the 13 world divisions. The question arose again: Why were there no women or young people nominated as division secretaries or treasurers?

Thursday's worship was presented via Zoom by Charissa Torassian. She is the prayer/women's ministry leader in Australia, and she spoke on Mary Magdalene. As I listened, I put her at the top of my list of speakers for the GC Session.*

Final votes

Thursday was the wrapup day—we needed to complete all our transactions. In the afternoon we were presented

with the “Resolution of the Holy Bible.” It's a concise affirmation, taking us from creation to the creation of the new earth. Several individuals expressed concern on wording in certain areas, so after 30 minutes of discussion it was voted 2:1 to send it back to committee.

I voted to send it back because our name “Seventh-day Adventist” emphasizes the importance of the seventh day of creation. But there is no mention of the Sabbath anywhere in this resolution.

Yet after a passionate speech by a well-known evangelist, the chair called for a re-vote. I still voted No, but the resolution was accepted and will not go back to committee. Ah, the power of personal influence and the power of the chair!

Quite disappointing was the habitual clapping after a motion was passed, in spite of the chair's request for respect.

One individual had a frequent propensity to “call question on the motion,” which immediately stops discussion. It was generally welcomed as it stopped a lot of unnecessary rambling.

My observation is that when the GC makes resolutions or changes to the governing

guidelines of the church at Fall Council or by ADCOM, they expect us to accept them in totality, which we did the majority of the time. A few times the chair acknowledged that a return to committee was appropriate and a few times it was not welcomed. I pray that the GC will not evolve into a modern day version of the old Jewish Sanhedrin.

Wrapping up

My total expense for attending the GC Session was around \$2,400. My “guesstimate” is that the GC spent over \$7 million to hold this session. We had 1,768 delegates present and approximately 400 attending electronically via Zoom. Those attending via Zoom were obviously from all corners of the world, which saved a tremendous amount of money.

From what I observed, the hybrid approach (including internet Zoom) worked well. There was frequent interaction with them. Yet my heart goes out to those who were 12 time zones away, as they were up all night.

I am grateful for the unified message of Jesus Christ that we share as a world church. However, as a church we have a daunting task to harmoniously function with so many culturally diverse regions and countries. **O**

Read Delvin Hansen’s full report at outlookmag.org/gc-session-delegate-mauc.

*Thursday morning devotional

“The Life and Ministry of Mary Magdalene” with Charissa Torossian

#GCSession 2022 on Vimeo

Q&A WITH A DELEGATE

How has being a delegate inspired or challenged your faith by being involved in this year’s GC Session?

I’ve been inspired by the mission stories. It is a special feeling to have people from Ukraine here, to see the conversion of South American guerrillas on film and the baptism of the army commander and his wife.

What have you learned that you didn’t know before?

I learned Dr. Simmons will no longer serve as a vice president. There is much respect and trust for her. Her calm, understanding demeanor will be missed. I also learned there are about 2,700 delegates but only 1,800 votes on average. That is discouraging.

What would you like our constituents to know about your experience at GC Session?

It was an honor to serve. This is an amazing organization. However, it does have some blind spots and work to do. It brings comfort to know God is ultimately in charge. As I look around at the diversity of the people, one aspect has been overlooked: our younger generation. They have very little representation here. That makes me sad because we are quickly losing that generation in our churches. **O**

—Deborah Jackson, member of the Park Hill Church in Colorado



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Deborah Jackson speaks to an item from the constitution and bylaws agenda at the business session on Monday, June 6.

Comments from Administrators

I am serving on the Nominating Committee for the General Conference Session for the first time, and it has been enlightening. I’ve learned how difficult it is for the nominating committee to come to consensus on those who will serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the GC level. There are 268 members on the committee, with the North American Division only having 21 representatives. Everyone wants representation, so you can imagine how difficult it is. Much prayer is needed.

—Roger Bernard, president of Central States Conference

What a privilege it was to worship with fellow believers from around the globe on the first day of the General Conference Session. I was especially blessed by the message from Pastor Dwight Nelson that urged us to ask for the Holy Spirit on a daily basis, trusting that God would honor His promise to answer our request.

—Dave VandeVere, MAUC vice president for finance

GC Sessions are important because they give the church the opportunity to come together and function as one body in a business session and address issues that affect the worldwide church. They also provide the opportunity for the world church to elect leaders to lead as we anticipate the soon return of Jesus Christ.

—Hubert J. Morel, Jr., MAUC vice president for administration

FOOD PANTRY

on wheels

takes nutritious food to neighborhoods with high food insecurity

When the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority offered to donate a 40-foot city bus to Renewed Hope Food Pantry, we knew the answer had to be Yes!

We had been praying that God would help us do more—show more of His love—as we saw the need for food increasing.

With AdventHealth Shawnee Mission and Adventist Community Services as major sponsors, we were able to convert the bus to a food pantry on wheels and go to

neighborhoods where the need for food assistance is high. On the Hope Bus, people can choose what they need from fresh vegetables and fruits and a variety of other nutritious food, including proteins and grains in boxed meals, canned goods and more.

Located in Overland Park, Kansas, Renewed Hope serves the greater Kansas City area. With the Hope Bus, we are moving from curbside at our home location, the New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Overland Park, to roadside food assistance throughout the Kansas City metro area. We are reaching the entire KC metro, working with volunteers from Adventist churches across the city as an Adventist Community Services team. The Hope Bus is an asset for all churches in the KC area, covering the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, the Central States Conference and the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

The first stop for the Hope Bus when it became operational last February was the Sion Seventh-day Adventist Church in Olathe, Kansas. Volunteers served 40 families with 1,200 pounds of food. The Hope Bus has also served at the Olathe New Life Community Church in



Over 100 volunteers per week assist with Renewed Hope's food distribution in the Kansas City metro.

Olathe; Washington Square Park and Lotus Care House and Cloverleaf Apartments in Kansas City, Missouri; the Argentine neighborhood at Security Bank in Kansas City, Kansas; and Hillcrest Apartments partnering with AdventHealth during a Kids Camp nutrition night for refugees in Kansas City, Kansas.

Before receiving the bus, Renewed Hope had already stepped up to serve in a bigger way during the pandemic, expanding from 28,624 people visits in 2019 to 131,623 people visits in 2020. Volunteers distributed 605,384 pounds of food in 2019 and increased this to about 1.9 million pounds of food in 2020, and again in 2021.

This year, we continue to see a high number of people coming to Renewed Hope for food assistance, with new people signing up every week. The growth of Renewed Hope has been a response to prayer. We pray that wherever the food goes, God's Holy Spirit will also go. We pray that everyone will truly taste and see that the Lord is good. Our volunteers want to make an impact for good by helping to solve the problem of food insecurity—lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. While doing this, we want to show the love of God.

From good to great

Our relationship with the bus donors, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, started in the

summer of 2021 during a hotel initiative for people experiencing homelessness. The city of Kansas City, Missouri, housed people facing homelessness for 90 days, and Renewed Hope led a team of local pantries and communities to get food to these guests in 12 different hotels in the metro area.

Drivers for KCATA met us at Harvesters, our local food bank, and we loaded up the city bus to take food to a hotel hub near Worlds of Fun, a local amusement park. From April through August, Renewed Hope, along with several Adventist churches and organizations in the KC metro, shared 33,331 pounds of food with people who are homeless, living on the streets, in camps and temporarily housed in hotels. This provided 27,775 meals.

This fall, we are continuing to find new places for the Hope Bus to serve people facing hunger, such as in church parking lots, health clinics, libraries, community centers, local businesses, along the side of the road by city parks—anywhere people face hunger.

When our neighborhoods, communities, cities and states face a crisis and are missing access to nutritious food, we want to do more to show the love of God. This is the reason we exist. There is joy in overcoming evil with good (Rom. 12:21) and watching to see what God will do when we dream of new ways to serve Him and pray for resources to make it happen.



Photos Courtesy Karen Whitson

In John chapter 1, Nathaniel exclaims to Jesus, “You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Nathaniel’s faith was boosted when Jesus told Nathaniel He saw him under the fig tree. Jesus also told Nathaniel, “You will see greater things than this.” This is a message for us today. We are serving Jesus, the King of the universe, the Creator of all things, the Savior of mankind.

The food that comes every week is a miracle. The Hope Bus is a miracle. Every volunteer and donation is a miracle. We invite you to join us at Renewed Hope and experience these miracles with us.

Pray with us, volunteer with us and donate funds if you can. Let’s keep serving the Lord and making an impact for good in our community because, like Nathaniel, we are going to see even greater things.

Karen Whitson is the director of Renewed Hope Food Pantry.

You Can Help

Renewed Hope always needs volunteers, food donations and financial resources to keep serving. If you are in the KC area and have a CDL license (at least Class B with air brake endorsement), we invite you to come drive the bus. The more drivers, the more places we can go!

To join our prayer call once a week or volunteer, send an email to volunteer@RHFP.org.

To contribute financially, you can donate online: [tinyURL.com/give2RHFP](https://tinyurl.com/give2RHFP).

See the Hope Bus in action by watching this news report from KC 41 Action News: <https://tinyurl.com/mryuvdy8>

Divine Interruption

“What did you say your name was? Do you even have much time to talk?”

Oftentimes we experience a series of disruptions in our day that lead to a completely different place or time than what we may have originally planned. A flat tire while on your way to work that takes you to the local mechanic to get it fixed. A letter in the mail informing you of an upcoming date for jury duty. A strong thunderstorm that causes an internet outage at home.

That’s what happened when Isabel* woke up one day with a sore throat and chills. Instead of getting ready for another workday, she went

to her local AdventHealth Centra Care for a COVID-19 test—a major interruption in her day that completely derailed her plans.

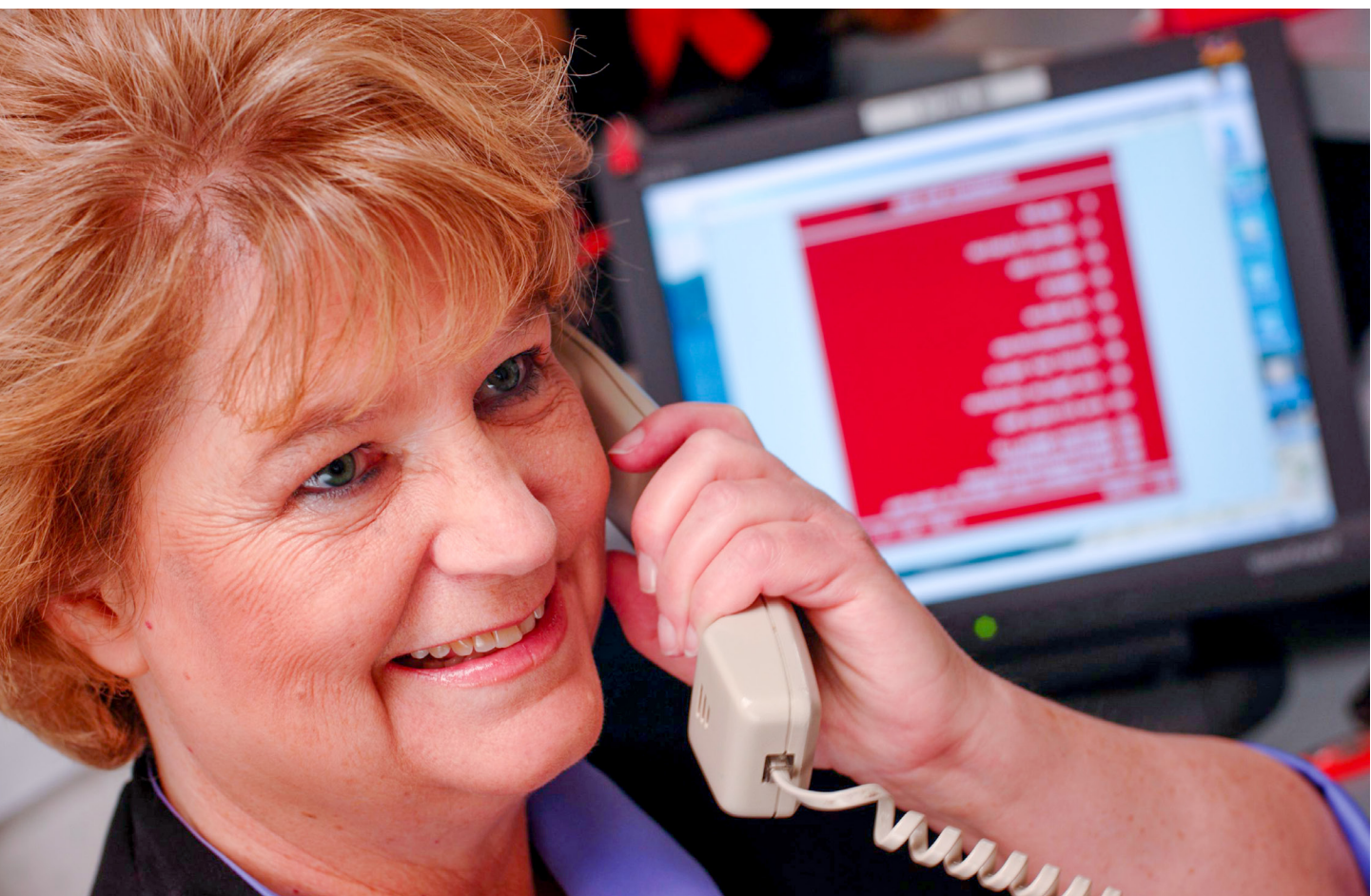
As she was clicking through the self check-in screens at Centra Care, a set of unusual questions interrupted the process.

“Do you have a sense of peace today?”

“Do you have someone who loves and cares for you?”

“Do you have a source of joy in your life?”

Isabel puzzled over these questions. She was not in a particularly reflective mood that



At AdventHealth, Extending the *Healing Ministry of Christ* is our mission. More than 80,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers provide individualized, wholistic care at 50 hospital campuses and hundreds of care sites throughout nine states.

morning. Thinking of the nasal swab that awaited her, she quickly marked No on peace. But the questions on love and joy gave her another pause.

A year ago, Isabel would have instantly answered Yes to those two questions while thinking of her mother, who lived in South America. She had not seen her in months, and the lockdowns due to the pandemic had interrupted the time they would frequently spend together in the past. Isabel would visit her mother on long holidays and short vacations—anytime she could. Even while apart, she would say she received that strength and warmth only a mother's love and prayers can give.

But one morning, Isabel was interrupted by a phone call that stopped her in her tracks: her mother had contracted COVID-19 and was in a steep decline. Then, in just a few short days, her mother passed.

All the plans they had together—family trips, a grand reunion, stories to share, meals to cook, hugs and kisses stored up—would no longer happen. And with travel restrictions still firmly in place, Isabel couldn't travel to South America to lay her mother to rest.

As Isabel stared at those questions on the self check-in screens at AdventHealth Centra Care, it was clearly a No. She received her COVID-19 test result and was glad to know that her test came back negative.

Divine timing

A few days later, Isabel finally received word that she could travel to South America. While scrambling to make travel arrangements for herself and her family living in the United States, she

was interrupted by another phone call. The caller ID read "AdventHealth."

"We were calling to see how your visit went at Centra Care," the voice on the phone said. The caller was from the e-Spiritual Care team from AdventHealth. "But more importantly, how are you feeling today?"

"Fine, I guess," Isabel responded. "Long wait. But my test came back negative, so that's good. The people were nice. And I'm feeling fine today."

"I'm so happy to hear that your test came back negative and that you're feeling well, Isabel," the voice said. "We at AdventHealth care not only for your physical well-being, but also your emotional and spiritual well-being. I was wondering, do you have any emotional or spiritual concerns or stresses you'd like to share with me today?"

Isabel struggled to find words. "Oh wow!" she said, taking a moment to collect her thoughts. "Well, my mom passed away a year ago so I haven't been able to see her." She shared her upcoming plans to travel to South America and all the arrangements she'd had to make while being so far away. She shared her feelings of overwhelming and unprocessed grief.

"I'm not sure what to do with it all," Isabel said. "And it's so weird—I mean, interesting—that you would randomly call me right now and ask me this because I wasn't sure who to talk to. What did you say your name was? Do you even have much time to talk?"

"My name is Alice*," the voice on the phone said. "And I have time. No interruption at all."

*All names and some details have been changed in this story to protect the privacy of those involved.

Sticking with Lifestyle Changes



This photo from the AdventHealth collection represents people like Scott Garrett who are working to feel whole.

Scott Garrett had tried losing weight and staying healthy many times before. But, like many other people he found himself trying to lose weight and quickly stumbling along the way.

Like Garrett, millions of people set new goals every year that they plan to prioritize, often revolving around healthier lifestyles. But, as Garrett found out, these goals can often be forgotten or put aside almost as soon as they are established.

While the end of another year looms closer, it's not too late to start building lifelong positive habits. But a healthier lifestyle is more than just eating fruits and vegetables or moving your body every day. Sticking with lifestyle changes

often requires a mindset shift too. This helps make those changes permanent and a part of our daily life so we can stay healthy.

Garrett, division corporate responsibility officer for the AdventHealth West Florida Division, recently experienced the benefits of this mindset shift. Making and sticking with these new habits resulted in a positive change in his weight and his relationship with food.

"I've lost this weight several times and gained it back," said Garrett. "The difference in this is I didn't have to change my food. I just changed the way I thought about my food."

Garrett achieved this by using the tools he learned

through AdventHealth's Wondr Health program, a digital behavioral change program that teaches weight management skills. Wondr Health is available for free as a team member benefit to all AdventHealth team members. The program focuses on behavior modification and mindfulness while eating. With these important tools, Garrett learned how to determine when he was hungry and when he was full.

"Things were headed down a bad road before, and now they are under control," said Garrett. And he feels confident he can stay in control. "I feel great, and the weight loss is great too."

Garrett says the biggest weight loss happened in the

first three weeks when he avoided any added sugar. With time he was successful in losing over 50 pounds. While the rate of weight loss eventually slows down, Garrett says he is okay with that, and his doctors are too. After completing the six-month program, his blood pressure and blood sugar levels improved.

Garrett also learned about the importance of staying away from certain foods and experienced a change in his relationship with food during the program. "You don't crave sugar or a lot of carbohydrates as much. You learn to taste again, how to savor the flavor of your food," said Garrett. With these simple lifestyle changes and shift in his mindset, Garrett was able to lose the weight and keep it off.

A holistic approach to lifestyle changes

Garrett's story of positive impact from a mindset change, improved nutrition and exercise is just one example of many that AdventHealth physicians and specialists have witnessed. But the specific factors hindering a positive lifestyle change can be different from

person to person, and identifying those factors is crucial to starting the change.

“In my experience, it’s almost always more than one factor contributing to the patient’s inability to stick with a lifestyle change,” said **Eric Shadle, MD**, vice president of mission integration at Centura Health and a practicing physician for more than 20 years. “I have found that most of the time, the patient isn’t aware of what those other factors are.”

Shadle often uses resources like CREATION Life, a faith-based wellness plan developed by AdventHealth, to help his patients identify the underlying factors hindering their ability to commit to change.

The plan is anchored in eight key principles: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust in God, Interpersonal relationships, Outlook and Nutrition.

“The patient may struggle with Outlook or Interpersonal relationships that impact the patient’s current behavior,” said Dr. Shadle. “Once we identify those contributing factors, we can work toward making lasting change. This form of mindfulness is extremely important. It gives you the tools and awareness to really think about what you’re feeling and how it’s impacting you.”

Setting SMART goals

Once the factors are

identified, it’s time to develop a plan and set realistic goals for lasting change. When helping patients create a plan, **Lisa Markley**, director of culinary medicine for the Whole Health Institute at AdventHealth Kansas City, recommends determining SMART goals.

- **Specific:** “Instead of saying ‘I want to lose weight,’ we might say ‘in order to lose weight, I need to eat more vegetables, specifically salad three days a week.’”
- **Measurable:** “We can write down when and how many days we eat salad.”
- **Attainable:** “Maybe the patient can’t afford the most expensive greens we recommend, but we can help them find something they’re able to get on a regular basis.”
- **Realistic:** “We don’t recommend kale every day if you don’t like kale.”
- **Time Based:** “This can involve defining a start date. Then we schedule the patient to come back in four weeks to see how they’re moving toward their goals. For example, we could say ‘For the next three weeks, eat salad three times a week, with greens that you like, that you can afford, and that you can make easily.’”

Dealing with setbacks

It’s also crucial to plan for potential setbacks. **Shelly Buehler**, nutrition clinic coordinator for the Nutrition and

Diabetes Education Center at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, stresses the importance of a support system.

“Family, friends, spouses, a health coach or a trainer at the gym,” said Buehler. “Anyone who is really going to give you sound advice and support. Someone who is not going to judge you.”

Buehler also recommends treating each meal as a new opportunity. “We all make mistakes and mess up. Step away from that and say, ‘How could I do it better next time? What are other things I could try?’ Look for opportunities to learn and grow from mistakes. It’s critical to get back on track. I see people who are all-or-nothing. Don’t set the bar at 100 percent, or you’ll get burnt out. No one can be perfect.”

Measuring for success

While many focus on seeing a certain number on the weight scale, there are other ways success can be measured. “You might measure inches lost in your waist and hips,” said Buehler.

Biometric measurements can also provide great insight on the success of your efforts. “We often look at biomarkers,” said Markley. “Are lab results for cholesterol and triglycerides improving? Do you have increased energy? We look at motivation, mental clarity, inflammation like joint pain and whether the individual is sleeping better. When you’re nourishing the body well, you can improve

many of those factors. For example, maybe someone isn’t losing weight, but they have less bloating, they’re losing inches, they feel less icky, and they have more energy and better digestion.”

Healthy for life

“Society puts so much pressure on people to look a certain way and weigh a certain amount, so we really have to change the way we think about healthy eating for life,” said Buehler. “That’s the journey we’re all on from childhood. We all want to maintain our health.”

That long-term maintenance requires something beyond a number on the scale or a short-term victory. “I try to help patients think about their why,” said Markley. “What’s motivating you to make lasting changes? You might not care about your weight—bodies come in all shapes and sizes. But maybe your dietary choices are impacting your ability to play with your grandkids. Maybe your weight is putting a strain on your joints. Or maybe you have other goals like training for a 5K. Think about your why. Then when you have setbacks, you’ll feel more likely to refocus and give yourself some grace.”

Elizabeth Camps is senior stakeholder communications specialist at AdventHealth.

Modern Good Samaritan Saves Life in Minnesota

Courtesy Kulanda Redden



Courtesy Donald Davis



(far left) Kulanda Redden
(left) Donald Davis

In Luke 10, Jesus told the story about a good Samaritan in response to a question by a religious attorney who asked, “Who is my neighbor?” Some scholars debate whether this was an actual true story that Jesus told or if it was a parable that He shared to make a point. Whatever your personal thoughts are on that debate, I am pleased to report that **Sister Kulanda Redden** was indeed a “Good Samaritan” in Minnesota in 2022.

Sister Redden is a faithful member of the Ebenezer Fellowship Church in Minneapolis. After a

wonderful worship service at church one Sabbath morning (afternoon, to be exact), as the members were leaving, an unknown man was spotted alongside the church’s sidewalk lying on the ground. Upon closer observation it became apparent that he had suffered from a drug overdose.

Immediately and instinctively, someone dialed 911 for emergency services. But without hesitation Redden, who works in the health field, went into action and began to perform CPR on him. She was assisted by new member **Donald Davis**, who

also immediately stepped up to help. Based on her quick actions and by the grace of God, she was able to revive the man and save his life. To God be the glory. Great things He has done!

What is compelling about Redden’s actions is that even though she and her fellow church members could have simply prayed and waited for the professional paramedics to show up (which would be understandable), and even though God could have worked a miracle in reviving the man by Himself, Redden felt moved by the Spirit to do more

than only watch and pray. She felt compelled by a heart of kindness and compassion to do everything in her own power and with her skill set to help revive this stranger lying along the roadside.

The apostle Paul admonishes all of God’s people to walk in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is available to not only guide us into all truth and knowledge of God’s Word, but also to guide us into what we should say and do every minute of every day.

The health message we preach and teach as a Seventh-day Adventist denomination is not to just be knowledge-driven, but action-driven. In Matt. 25, Jesus separates the wheat from the tares and the sheep from the goats—not based on what they knew theologically, but on how they responded practically to the least of these and those who were in need.

I believe what happened

in Minnesota was a child of God recognizing that what she would do for one of the least of these was being done unto Christ.

This story reminds us that our health message is also active, not just passive. As one preacher (**Pastor Eddie Polite**) told me years ago when I began ministry, “Brighten the corner where you are.”

One of the amazing things we can learn from the ministry of Jesus is that He spent so much time early in the morning hours communing with the Father and the Spirit, so when He went into ministry during the day He didn’t always have to stop and pray before healing the sick or raising the dead. Every move—every action—was Spirit-led because the Spirit was already leading and guiding Him at all times.

We celebrate with Sister Redden who was guided by the Holy Spirit to put her love and compassion into action, saving a life that Sabbath day. It is truly still lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

Pastor Cryston Josiah is vice president for administration for the Central States Conference.



Kids Learn About the Holy Spirit Through Jam Jars

A variety of volunteers and children joined together during the Central States Conference camp meeting on June 1-11 at conference headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas, to focus on the topic of jam jars.

*What’s in your jam jar?
How are you using your jam jar?
What is your jam jar?*

When this last question, “What is your jam jar?” was asked, a little boy replied sadly saying, “I don’t have a jam jar.” A little girl replied, “My Mom has a jam jar with grape jam in it!”

I reassured them that we all have a jam jar. Our body is our jam jar! It includes our heart, soul and mind.

Yes, we all have a jam jar and we all have jam inside. The jam is the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts God has given us. Our challenge is

realizing what we need more of, how we get what we need, and how we use it effectively.

Most important of all is understanding that God made us, we are His jam jar, and He loves us even when the wrong ingredients are inside that jar. He desires to help us possess His fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23) to do great things for His kingdom. When we are running low on jam—His spirit—or are empty, the enemy will come in and make us feel like failures. He will cause us to feel unloved and strive to use us for his kingdom.

In our last session, participants realized that the fruit of the Spirit is a daily necessary ingredient. We focused on questions such as, *Is the fruit of the spirit in your jam jar? Do you need more of a particular fruit? Which one?*

How do you get those special ingredients? How do you manifest the fruit of the Spirit at home, school, church or your community?

Attendees were able to use their new understanding of their body being Christ’s jam jar—the lens of love through which Christ looks at us—and participate in activities to make real life connections.

All hands were on board as we engaged in fruit of the Spirit sensory bottle making, jam jar booklets, fruit of the Spirit word search and self reflective art activities.

Teondra (Tina) Lyles, who oversaw Children’s’ Ministries for CSC camp meeting, is a member of the Berean Church in St. Louis.

To learn more about accessing her ministry program called Happy Choices visit www.happychoices.weebly.com or call 314.517.1938.

Pumpkin Farmer Turns Author

Uses proceeds for missions

Farming had not been doing well for a few years. So, in the year 2000, Cheryl Erickson's husband said, "Why don't you take that little patch up on the hill by our house and see if you can make some money with a specialty crop?" She experimented with several crops, including lavender, herbs and alfalfa, but finally decided to try one acre of pumpkins.

That fall, Cheryl harvested 1,100 pumpkins and sold them to the local grocery store in Jamestown, North Dakota. She soon learned that growing pumpkins is very labor intensive, and it would not be feasible to grow them on a large scale. With this new information her husband, Dwight, said she could use the money for a mission project. This was the beginning of her 21-year pumpkin career and

partnership with God.

Cheryl didn't know what mission she wanted to direct the funds to that first year. When a Dakota Conference worker came to speak in their church, he mentioned the need for churches in India. He explained that people were coming to the Lord by the thousands. But without a building to worship in, they often fell away from their newfound faith. "The light came on, and I knew what I wanted to give my money to!" Cheryl recalls.

Most years, Cheryl planted one and a half acres of pumpkins. This equaled 400 mounds with five seeds in each mound. If she planted the plot by herself, it would take three very long days and 400 deep-knee bends. Throughout the summer, not only would she till and pull weeds but would also spend

time walking in the field praying over the tiny plants.

Harvesting pumpkins was much too overwhelming by herself, so she enlisted the help of family, friends and church members. Together, they could harvest 2,000-5,000 pumpkins in one day. Cheryl says it was like a factory, a well-oiled machine. First, people would cut the pumpkins from the vine and set them upright. A second group of workers would gather them into piles, and when the Bobcat loader came, place them into a large horse trough. The loader would carry the batch to another large, round trough filled with water. A

third group of workers would gather around and, while chatting and laughing, scrub the pumpkins until they were completely clean.

The pumpkins would then be lifted out of the water and placed on a drying rack before they were placed into bins. Another loader would come to carry the full bins to a trailer where a pickup was waiting to take them to the shop. "It reminded me of the body of Christ where each part is essential and the cooperation is beautiful to watch," mused Cheryl.

After 21 years, 65,000 pumpkins grown, 25 churches built, and too many miracles to count, Cheryl has decided

(right) Cheryl with one of the largest pumpkins she has ever grown
(below) Cheryl's "factory" of volunteers



Photos Courtesy Cheryl Erickson



to shift gears. Though she isn't planting pumpkins any longer, she would like to continue to raise funds for the church project.

"I decided to write a book and use the proceeds to keep building churches in India. I also want to provide inspiring, uplifting true stories to give hope and reassurance in these uncertain times," said Cheryl. Her book is full of happy stories of God's faithfulness and ability to answer prayer while solving problems. "I share many of the miracles that took place in my pumpkin patch as well as the lessons I learned."

The book is written in a devotional style with pictures accompanying each chapter. "It is my hope that people will

be inspired to pick their own missionary project after reading my book. What I have done is only a drop in the bucket, but if we each put in a drop, soon the bucket will be full," bubbled Cheryl.

Cheryl describes raising pumpkins as a wonderful, faith-building experience. "In trying to help others, I myself have been the one helped. I have felt God's presence as I walked and talked with Him in my field, and I have grown spiritually as I have seen His

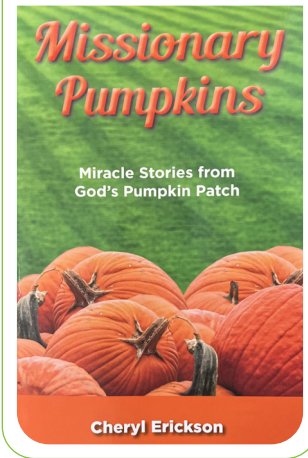
watchful care over me and my plants. I was actually able to go to India one year and dedicate my own church! It was my privilege to wash the feet of one of the new members of that church and I tried to embed the woman's face in my memory so when we see each other in heaven, I can look at her and say, 'It's so nice to see you again!'"

Jodi Dossenke is communication director for the Dakota Conference.



One of the churches built in Andhra Pradesh, India, with pumpkin money

All proceeds from the sale of Cheryl's book will go to Maranatha to continue building churches. The book can be purchased from ABC stores, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, as well as directly from Cheryl by contacting her at: cherylerickson@yahoo.com or 701.320.2685.



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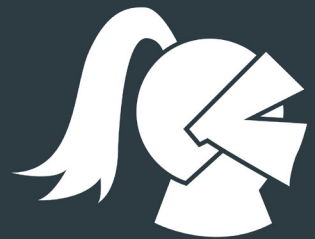
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Iowa-Missouri Conference Holds 11th Session

Iowa-Missouri Conference delegates met on June 5 at Sunnydale Adventist Academy during a regularly scheduled session for the purpose of electing leadership, receiving reports and conducting other church business.

The meeting began with a short worship which included a devotional by vice president of administration for the Mid-America Union Conference **Hubert J. Morel Jr.** and special music performed by the Columbia Church's Women's Choir.

A quorum was established with 65 percent of regular delegates present. Regular and at-large delegates, totaling 357, received electronic clickers to record individuals' votes throughout the session.

After due consideration, the majority of delegates voted to elect **Dean Coridan** to continue serving as president, **Rhonda Karr** as treasurer and **Rob Alfalah** as executive secretary for the next five years.

Christina Coston



In a strong showing of support, delegates voted to return the three conference administrators to their positions for the next five years. (l-r) Rob Alfalah, executive secretary; Dean Coridan, president; Rhonda Karr, treasurer

Departmental directors for the human resource, communication, ministerial, youth, education, women's ministries, health and prayer departments were all voted on. Each director was re-elected by a strong majority vote.

Delegates voted

unanimously to express special recognition to **Joseph Allison**, then education superintendent who would retire at the end of the month. He received a standing ovation for his service and was presented with a plaque.

"It's been a privilege to

serve the Iowa-Missouri Conference... I did not expect this recognition, but thank you," Allison said.

Reports on church membership, finances, auditing and other statistics were also received and voted. In addition, session delegates voted on proposed changes to the Iowa-Missouri Conference Constitution and Bylaws.

A strong majority, 99 percent, of delegates voted to accept the addition of Section 11 to Article II of the Iowa-Missouri Conference Bylaws. This addition permits virtual attendance at Constituency Sessions when authorized by the Executive Committee and local law.

Eight representatives from the Mid-America Union were on hand to assist with the session. Their aid included helping with registration, running the clicker program and providing counsel.

Conference Welcomes New Superintendent

Courtesy Iowa-Missouri Conference



During the June Executive Committee Meeting, the committee unanimously voted to extend an invitation to **Melissa Morris** to fill the role of Iowa-Missouri Conference education superintendent starting July 1. Morris accepted

the invitation.

"I have been praying about where the Lord has been leading me for the last few years—feeling that He's leading me in a new direction, specifically towards administration," Morris said. "I prayed His leading would be clear, and it has been."

Morris has taught in the Adventist education system for 10 years, all of which were in the Iowa-Missouri Conference at Hillcrest School. At Hillcrest, Morris served as teacher and principal simultaneously.

"During her time at

Hillcrest, Melissa was able to grow the school from a one teacher school to a three-teacher school for about 40 students. I have great confidence that she will support teachers in their classrooms," said **Joseph Allison**, former education superintendent.

Morris has served on several boards and committees. She currently serves on the NAD Summer Math Committee, the Mid-American Union Curriculum Committee and the Sunnydale Adventist Academy School Board.

"Melissa has done great

things in our conference, and I know she will continue to do so as education superintendent," said **Dean Coridan**, Iowa-Missouri Conference president.

Morris said what she is looking forward to most in her new role is recruiting for Adventist education and supporting teachers.

"I look forward to helping schools recruit new students and grow their programs, helping the conference recruit new teachers... and also recruiting for Adventist education in areas where schools don't exist," Morris said.

Drug Addict Finds Jesus Through Adventist Health Message

Christina Coston

Justina was born with several allergies which caused her to suffer physically and mentally. From a young age, Justina was prescribed medication to help with her allergies. However, she still struggled with her health and in her teenage years turned to street drugs for relief.

“I just experimented with different drugs—just to do something that I hadn’t done before...really just trying to escape [from what I was feeling],” Justina said.

While Justina was raised in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Justina left the Christian faith in her youth.

“When I was younger, I would definitely present myself as a follower of the Devil way before I would present myself as a Christian,” Justina explained.

Justina continued to suffer from her allergies, but in her mid-thirties her health declined rapidly. She was diagnosed with several illnesses, both physical and mental including lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and severe clinical depression.

Between 2013 and 2015 Justina was involved in two motor vehicle accidents. As a result, Justina had access to prescription narcotics and opioids.

“By 2015 I was in the throes of a serious prescription pill addiction,” Justina



recalled. “I became mostly bedridden and covered in hives. I had been suicidal since my early teens, and this time was no exception.”

Facing the worst health she’d ever had, Justina realized she had an opioid addiction. She decided she wanted to be sober. Under the supervision of doctors Justina went through withdrawals.

Justina spent most of this time alone. With just her thoughts and the withdrawal side effects, Justina pleaded to God for help. This was the first time Justina had acknowledged God’s existence in years.

Once her withdrawal period was complete, Justina sought professional help for her allergies. The doctor she saw promised Justina mental health healing and freedom

from prescription drugs with a diet change. Eating strictly vegetables and meat, Justina started to see her health improve. She gained back physical and mental strength without relapses.

However, in 2018 Justina inexplicably started having symptoms again. She was confused because she had been eating as the doctor recommended, even hearts and livers.

Justina began researching health information online and stumbled on content about the Adventist health message. She had never heard the complete health message before, only that she shouldn’t eat unclean meats. Justina spoke with her mother, an Adventist, about what she was learning. Justina’s mother gave

her more health resources.

After additional research, Justina decided to change her diet. In 2018, she quit eating meat the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Justina’s husband **Terry** was fine with her decision if he could still eat meat.

However, as Justina’s health improved and her children and husband learned more about the health message, the entire family stopped eating meat. Later, the family became vegan and eliminated processed sugar from their diets.

At the same time, the family was learning more about Adventism through Justina’s mother and the local church. Justina and Terry enrolled one of their children in an Adventist elementary school. There, their child learned even more about Christ and shared what they learned. The family began to attend church together. Justina’s husband and children decided to be baptized into the church and Justina recommitted her life to Christ.

“Praise God, He not only had a plan for me, but for my whole household,” Justina said.

Stories on these pages were written by Christina Coston, communication director for the Iowa-Missouri Conference.

Chapel Oaks Church Wins at NAD CALLED Convention Second place award funds student program



Photos Courtesy/ North American Division



receive funds for that project.

Thanks in part to winning second place at the NAD's Evangelism Shark Tank, in the upcoming school year the Chapel Oaks Church is excited to begin hosting the Inspire Courses as an after-school enrichment program for the public middle school across the street.

We will guide 60-100 kids through the Creation Life curriculum from AdventHealth to teach holistic health principles from the

Bible and to share Jesus with them. There will also be three tracks the kids can specialize in: medical-based science, where students will be inspired by local medical professions; art; and music, with an emphasis on performance and recording. We hope the productions in the art and music track can give back to the school, the hospital and the church.

We truly hope to inspire and create relationships with the students and their

families that will continue and allow us to become further integrated into the public school and community. We also hope to further integrate the participants into our church family.

We want to be a community that shows Jesus' love in action, one that would be missed if it wasn't here. May all of our churches be a light to our neighbors!

Nicholas Snell is associate pastor of the Chapel Oaks Church in Shawnee, Kansas.

The North American Division Called Convention held June 19-22 not only provided a time for pastors and their families to grow in their ministry, but also provided a unique opportunity to pitch a special evangelistic project and

YMCA Provides Opportunity to Share Health Talks

My wife and I like to walk about four miles in the morning at a local wilderness park. But after one of our walks in late April I noticed a mosquito on my hand, so we decided not to walk there again until fall. That afternoon we decided to join the

local YMCA.

As we were on a tour of the YMCA, I asked our guide about renting a room to conduct some plant-based cooking lectures. The director of the Silver Sneakers (a senior citizen group) was standing nearby, and our guide pointed her out. She asked me for my contact information and assured me the group would be interested.

About two weeks passed, and I got a call asking if I could join them the following Wednesday at 8:30 am. I agreed and started planning

my lecture. I made vegan oat burgers and scrambled tofu.

With the burgers, tofu, a jar of veganise, printed recipes, paper plates and a great deal of uncertainty of what to expect, I made my way to the YMCA. I took the recipes from the *Diabetes Undone* cookbook, and they proved a real hit.

I gave the lecture to about 25 people of different ages and they all enjoyed the information and food. I also mentioned that our Pittsburg Church would be holding a plant-based cooking class in

September. The director even shared with me their willingness to advertise via the YMCA newsletter.

I am grateful for the way God has opened the door for our church to share a message of healthy living, and our church members are eagerly preparing for our health talks this fall.

Wayne Gatton pastors the Pittsburg Church in Kansas.



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Parenting Solo Retreat Brings Encouragement and Support to Families

Each summer I have the privilege of working with the Parenting Solo Retreat that takes place at Broken Arrow Ranch in Kansas. The brave and dedicated parents who attend always inspire me with their commitment and love for their children. Despite raising their children alone, these parents are eager and determined to do the best they can to provide for their children.

The Parenting Solo Retreat is one part of that. During their time at the annual retreat, they receive four interactive sessions with the speaker.

This year **Pearl Bryant**, licensed marriage and family therapist, was our speaker. Bryant said, “We are all on a faith journey with Jesus. He wants to shepherd us in the good times as well as the tough times.” During the weekend,

participants were encouraged to learn ways to nurture a healthy faith no matter the circumstances.

While parents enjoyed this time with the speaker, their children enjoyed wonderful camp activities with the camp staff. Horseback riding, archery, crafts, jet skis, swimming, nature and group games led by dedicated, enthusiastic staff made the children’s time at Parenting Solo Retreat an unforgettable summer camp experience.

Camp would not be complete without a spiritual component, and that was provided by **Pastor Nick Snell**, youth pastor for the Chapel Oaks Adventist Church in Kansas City. Pastor Snell provided morning and evening devotional thoughts as well as the message on Sabbath morning for the church service.

The importance of being

able to fellowship with other parents who are parenting alone cannot be emphasized enough. Just the knowledge you are not alone in your struggle is encouraging and life-changing. These parents make life-giving connections with other parents who attend this retreat each year. Ongoing friendships are made, which continue to provide support, encouragement and healing.

This year the parents who attended Parenting Solo put together a WhatsApp group where they chat frequently about their lives and encourage each other. I have been blessed by what they have shared.

Sue Carlson is women’s, children and family life director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



If you are parenting solo (or know someone who is) please invite them to join this great fellowship of parents and attend next year’s retreat at Broken Arrow Ranch, June 8-11, 2023.

The registration fee is only \$50 per parent and \$25 per child. For questions or to register call **785.478.4726**.

Photos Courtesy Sue Carlson



(left) Nick Snell, youth pastor for the Chapel Oaks Church, presents the morning devotional to families.

(far left) Pearl Bryant, licensed marriage and family therapist, leads interactive sessions with parents.

Dr. Daniel Honoré to Serve as Minnesota Conference President

Courtesy Daniel Honoré



The Minnesota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that **Pastor Daniel L. Honoré** has accepted their invitation to serve as conference president. He will assume his functions in the month of September.

The conference's leadership team has been working with the Mid-America Union Conference officers during the process of nominating a president following the conference's constituency session held on May 15, 2022, in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

"Pastor Honoré is an experienced leader who has done so much to further the mission God has given this church. His presence in Mid-America will be a blessing to us all!" said MAUC president **Gary Thurber**.

Pastor Honoré comes from the Northeastern Conference where he served as president from 2012 to 2021. Under his leadership the conference

membership grew from 50,000 to 60,000, nearly 40 church buildings were acquired, debts were liquidated and a 158-unit senior housing facility was constructed. Prior to that, he served eight years as Stewardship and Trust Services director for the conference.

Pastor Honoré said he counts it a blessing and a privilege to be used by the Lord through the Minnesota Conference. As the apostle Paul, he proclaims "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Minnesota Conference vice president for finance **Gayln Bowers** said, "We are looking forward to working with Daniel Honoré as he begins his leadership and ministry in the Minnesota Conference. It is a joy to know God has called him to this role as president of the conference and we are claiming God's promise that

He will work alongside us as we move forward together."

Experienced and equipped

Honoré received the call to ministry at a young age and pursued a bachelor's degree in theology from Washington Adventist University and subsequently a bachelor's degree in history from Southern Adventist University. He then obtained a Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern University. Recently he graduated from Montemorelos University with a PhD in business administration.

Honoré's pastoral ministry began in 1995 when he was called to pastor the Brockton Temple and Ben Emmanuel Franco-Haitian churches in Massachusetts. During his pastorate, he baptized 150 people and founded the Brockton Area Seventh-day Adventist Academy, which today has over 130 students.

In addition, Honoré has conducted evangelistic campaigns in New York, Peru, Brazil, Jamaica, Haiti, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic. He has also served on a number of boards and committees, including the NAD Executive Committee, Oakwood University Board of Trustees, the Atlantic Union Conference President's Council and the Northeastern Academy Board.

Pastor Honoré is a second-generation conference worker. He was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to a Haitian father and a Dominican mother. Growing up in a pastoral

family involved relocations and exposure to various cultures. As a result, he became fluent in English, French, Haitian Creole and Spanish.

Prior to engaging in full-time ministry, Honoré operated a law practice specializing in immigration law with two offices in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition, Honoré's professional work has led him to help families in Boston through the Concilio Hispano De Cambridge as an investigator with the Boston Fair Housing Commission for two years, and as the executive director of the Mattapan-Dorchester Churches in Action training local leaders to develop strategies for solving community problems.

"After prayerful consideration, my wife and I believe God is calling us to serve the people of Minnesota," said Honoré. "We have been praying for His guidance in leading us where He wants us to be. A few weeks ago, we could not have anticipated this move but He has called us here and we submit to His will."

Pastor and Sister **Fritze Honoré** recently celebrated 32 years of marriage. Sister Fritze, MSN, serves as a nurse informaticist for a hospital system in Long Island. They are the parents of three young adult sons and one daughter. **Gamaliel** and **Nathanael** have graduated from Oakwood University, while **Gabriel** and **Danielle** continue their studies at the Huntsville campus.

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

Pastors Jared Little and Tyson Kahler Ordained to Gospel Ministry

We praise God for our pastors here in the Minnesota Conference and rejoice when they are ordained. The act of laying hands on pastors does not bestow any virtue on them but rather is an acknowledgement of being called by God, as evidenced by the fruit of their ministry.

Pastor Jared Little was ordained on Dec. 20, 2021, at The Way Church, which is one of the three churches in his district including Westview and Maple Plain.

Pastor Little felt the call to be a pastor several times in his life, but initially rejected it. After getting married while being involved in construction, he began to be active in his local church by giving sermons and serving on boards.

One night after a board meeting, he looked up at the stars and again felt that familiar calling on his life. It was at this moment he finally surrendered, and as soon as he spoke that prayer there was a clear impression from the Lord to finish his schooling. Shortly afterward, Jared and



Photos: Karen Lewis

(l-r) Jared Little was ordained on Dec. 20, 2021, at The Way Church in Shoreview. Tyson Kahler was ordained on March 12, 2022, at the Detroit Lakes Church.

Sarah packed up and left for Arkansas where he graduated from Ouachita Hills College.

God provided many miracles in those days and allowed Little to complete his education debt-free. By God's grace, he served a practicum under **Pastor Bill Nixon**, and immediately after he was offered a position with the Minnesota Conference to pastor a church plant as well as other churches in his district. The people in his district love Pastor Little and Sarah and their growing family, including five-year-old **Ruben** and two-year-old **Arthur**.

Pastor Tyson Kahler was ordained on March 12, 2022, at the Detroit Lakes Church, which is also one of the churches in his three-church district including Moorhead and Fergus Falls. Kahler felt God's call while a senior at Maplewood Academy. During that time, he attended a week of prayer with **Kevin Sears** where he heard Sears' testimony of God's transformation in his life while in prison. The call in Kahler's heart was so real that he wrote the date in the front cover of his Bible with the words, "God called me to be a pastor today."

However, during college he fell away from God and even doubted God's existence. It was then that God placed mentors in Kahler's path to guide him. One day while listening to a sermon by one of the religion teachers at Union College, he felt God say to him, "Tyson, this is what I want you to do!" It was so real that he knew it was God speaking. He went back to his dorm room and recommitted his life to God and he has never doubted God's call since.

Kahler married his wife **Marielle** during his two-year internship at the Pipestone district, which is a four-church district also including the Artichoke, Windom and Marshall churches.

From there he went to Andrews University for His Master of Divinity training and, upon graduating, he and Marielle were called to his current church district. Their family now also includes **Levi**, their two-year-old son.

Karen Lewis is ministerial director for the Minnesota Conference.

Minnesota Conference Hosts In-person Camp Meeting

For the first time since June of 2019, the Minnesota Conference hosted camp meeting on the campus of Maplewood Academy from June 7-11. Nearly 430 worshippers attended the second service on Sabbath morning.

In addition, there were 450 worshipping in the Hispanic tent, 130 young people attended the children's and youth divisions, and 1,100 enjoyed the haystack

fellowship lunch provided Sabbath afternoon. Though the attendance was not up to pre-COVID-19 levels, it was evident that God was indeed present and blessing.

The offering this year went for evangelism and the Maplewood Academy cafeteria capital campaign. The total came to \$20,797, of which \$17,625 was raised for

Courtesy Minnesota Conference



Maplewood.

The main camp meeting speaker, Jose Cortez, appealed to attendees to embrace the forgotten, the rejected and the untouchable as we eagerly wait for the second coming of Christ.

Ken Mayberry pastors the Windom, Pipestone and Artichoke churches and the Marshall company.

Read the full story at outlookmag.org/mn-camp-meeting-2022.

Shayne Mason Vincent Ordained in Wyoming

Pastor Shayne Mason Vincent, in his words, “started this journey with God in 1994... from homeless drug addict, high school dropout to a therapist and [now] ordained minister, a testament to the power of God’s grace.”

“The ordination service was an event like no other,” said **Gabriela**, Vincent’s wife. “It was a beautiful day, surrounded by my wonderful parents who came from Romania, Vincent’s mother, **Susan**, and many of our close friends, as well as our Casper and Wheatland church families.”

The service, included in the Sabbath program at Wyoming camp meeting on July 16, became a celebration of gospel

ministry, as well as inspirational presentations about Vincent’s eventful life and the meaning of ordination.

Pastor Bert Eldredge, a Lutheran minister and friend from Casper, introduced Pastor Vincent by saying, “Shayne has fully known the Holy Spirit since he was five years old. Believe it or not, at about age nine, he wanted to be a Lutheran pastor, due to having a very kind-hearted pastor in his life at that time.”

However, in his teens and twenties drugs and alcohol had taken their toll on his life and he dropped out of school and became homeless. God’s grace reached Vincent again when he attended a Daniel and Revelation seminar and gave his life fully to Christ.



CeCe Gage

Vincent returned to school and received a bachelor’s degree in theology and biblical counseling. Then he graduated with a master’s degree in social work. He worked in hospice care and later as director of outpatient services in a drug treatment center.

But his real dream was to realize himself as a pastor.

This came with an invitation from the Rocky Mountain Conference in 2018. Today, Vincent has 14 years experience in counseling and 14 years in ministry.

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Read the full story at outlookmag.org/vincent-ordained-wyoming

Miguel “Mikey” Archibeque Ordained in Colorado

Mikey Archibeque, associate pastor at the Denver South Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry on June 25. He has been serving at Denver South for the past four years.

In his response following the ordination ceremony, Archibeque said that “from the beginning of following Jesus into ministry, it has been my dream to know Him in a way like Moses. Exodus mentions that he entered the tent of meeting and spoke to God as to a friend. And

it is my dream that others come to know the intimacy of knowing who God is in the same way. And today, the Adventist Church is recognizing the ministry that Christ began in me.”

Archibeque also said he is excited to see how Christ continues to lead as he heads to Andrews University Seminary in August. “God continues to reveal his power, love and courage to me. No matter where I serve, I know I am rooted and established in His love,” Pastor



Susan English

Archibeque stated.

The ordination address was given by **Pastor Pedro Perez**, who is Pastor Archibeque’s uncle and the Pathfinder and Adventurer director for the

Florida Conference.

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Read the full story at outlookmag.org/archibeque-ordained-denver

Pueblo Outreach and Education Center Fosters Joint Ministry Program

The Pueblo First Seventh-day Adventist Church Outreach Center, in partnership with the Daystar Christian School, is modeling Jesus' method of reaching out to those around Him.

Pueblo is one of the poorest cities in Colorado, with about a 22 percent poverty level, many single-parent households, numerous homeless individuals and a high level of drug abuse.

"The needs here are many. The ministry leaders agreed that outreach involved all ministries working collectively to reach our community," said **Kathy Guagliardo**, Pueblo First outreach coordinator. "We formed a team of dedicated volunteers who developed a mission and vision statement, bylaws and a board of directors to move forward. We set our goals to be professional and efficient in our efforts for Pueblo."

By partnering with the Daystar Christian School to use the building for the Outreach and Education Center, the organizers hope to lessen prejudices toward church-created programs. "We have begun to present programs such as NEWSTART, Grief Recovery, Diabetes Undone, and Exercise/Stretching classes. The center recently held a Vacation Bible School for the first time in several years, with excellent attendance and previously unseen interest by the community," Guagliardo stated.

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Read the full article at outlookmag.org.



Courtesy Pueblo First Church

Ice Cold Water Adds Excitement to GVR Baptisms

Rocky Mountain Conference youth director **Brandon Westgate** and associate director **Jessyka Dooley** were thrilled to conduct baptisms at Glacier View Ranch Lake this past summer, despite the near ice cold water.

According to Dooley, 15 campers were baptized and over 50 made the decision for baptism. "It's been an amazing summer watching so many campers experience God's wild love for them. Ending each week with camper baptisms is a clear reminder of why we are here," said Dooley.

The 2022 camp season at Glacier View in Ward, Colorado, and Mills Spring Ranch in Casper, Wyoming, had a total of 440 campers, many of whom have never held a Bible. There were 55 counselors, staff and volunteers providing daily service and steering the campers to experience spiritual guidance and unforgettable activities.

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Courtesy Rocky Mountain Conference

Pastor Tupito of Aurora First Church Passes at NAD Convention



Courtesy Tupito Family

Tom Tupito, senior pastor of Aurora First Adventist Church, passed away June 19 after suffering a heart attack while attending the North American Division CALLED ministerial convention.

"This is a huge loss for Tom's family, the Aurora First Seventh-day Adventist Church, and all of the workers in the Rocky Mountain Conference who loved and appreciated Tom," said **Mickey Mallory**, RMC ministerial director. "We are eternally grateful for the wonderful impact Tom made on his family and church. He will be missed greatly. His friendly demeanor always made interacting with him enjoyable."

Born in Taputimu, American Samoa, Pastor Tupito had been with Aurora First since Jan. 1, 2017.

Commenting on this tragic news, Aurora church head elder **Boima Sonii** said, "Our hearts are broken by the sudden passing of our dear pastor. Words alone can't express how much we are going to miss him. Our prayers and thoughts are with his sons, **Esmond** and **Evron**, and the entire Tupito family."

Tupito endured the loss of his wife, Fuiono Gingerlei (pictured with him), in August of 2019, and just last month lost his sister in California.

"Our sincere gratitude to all who have reached out to express their love and condolences," said the couple's son, Esmond.

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A Class with Monstrous Appeal

“Are monsters always evil?”

I watched my fellow students begin discussing **Dr. Seth Pierce**’s question with excitement. Those walking by the lecture hall might have found this an odd way to start the first day of a semester, but I wasn’t surprised. This was *Monsters, Faith and Pop Culture*, and I was getting exactly what I signed up for.

Pierce called our attention back to the front of the room, before continuing, “A monster is any entity that we consider ‘other.’” He flipped through a slideshow of various monsters from Christian history: biblical monsters like Leviathan, creatures from medieval bestiaries and even beasts from Seventh-day Adventist advertisements for evangelistic meetings.

“We’re going to look at the monstrous and difficult in Scripture, Christian

history and Christian life, as well as how pop culture uses monsters to shape our worldviews.”

Oh, thank goodness, I thought. Even though I registered for the course to learn more about monsters and monster theory, I was glad that we wouldn’t be dwelling on gory and horrible things. As Pierce laid out what we would be covering during the semester, I scribbled down notes. *This is going to be the coolest class ever!* I said to myself.

A loving God and the monstrous moments in Scripture

Monsters, Faith and Pop Culture was offered for the first time during the spring 2022 semester. Approximately 50 students registered for the class, so it had to be held in the Lang Amphitheater in the Krueger Center. Since the

class could be taken to fill general education requirements, my classmates came from many different majors.

Drawing on his background as both a communication scholar and a pastor, Pierce taught the class from a uniquely Seventh-day Adventist perspective, showing how the monsters of Daniel and Revelation, the Satanic panic of the 1980s and monsters in contemporary culture affect our denomination.

I asked Pierce why learning about the monstrous is important for Christians. He said, “You’ll see the monstrous in our evangelistic materials and in medieval Christian speculation on monsters and monster races that continues to have an influence on how people perceive God, Scripture, faith and those different from them. It’s important to address these things from a Christian worldview to

understand them better. We have to address the difficult monstrous moments in Scripture and in Christian life and figure out how they fit into our picture of a loving God.”

Although Christianity and monsters have always been connected, scholars did not begin seriously studying the relationship between the two until relatively recently. The American Academy of Religion is currently in a five-year symposium examining the roles that monsters and the monstrous play in religion. With a focus on the interplay between monsters and Christian faith, our class explored the latest research. Several guest lecturers presented to us about monsters in religion, including **Dr. Heather Macumber**, author of *Recovering the Monstrous in Revelation*; **Dr. Emily Zarka**, host of the PBS show *Monstrum*; and **Dr. Brandon Grafius**, author of *Reading*

the Bible with Horror.

As the semester went on, one Bible verse was repeated so much that I inadvertently memorized it: “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment” (John 7:24). In class, we focused on why certain things are considered monstrous and what that means for us as Christians. I quickly learned not to dismiss monsters as simply too gross or scary, but to think critically and “with right judgment” about what they symbolized.

Monsters are products of the cultures that create them. They point to what a society experiences, values and fears. For example, monsters devoted to destroying the order of things (known as chaos monsters) are found in myths and legends all across the ancient world. These monsters, such as Leviathan, are often associated with the waters that covered the world before it began. Chaos monsters represent the presence of chaos in an otherwise orderly world and embody the common

human fear of destruction.

Just like ancient monsters can tell us about the cultures they came from, the monsters we find in popular culture can show us what our society values and fears. “Popular culture is becoming a more credible source of inquiry in academia because we realize that ideologies and worldviews are presented through pop culture and consumed through pop culture,” said Pierce.

“Even though it may not feel like high art or something important to look at, it’s often the force that is teaching people about religion, politics and other cultures. It’s important to give people tools as they consume books or movies or video games to be able to see what is actually being said and how it’s shaping opinions and thoughts—knowingly or unknowingly,” Pierce continued. Monsters like vampires, zombies and werewolves reveal facets of the culture we live in, sometimes without us realizing what they are saying.

“In class we look at the

horrible things that happen when we falsely label other people monsters and what that enables us to do,” said Pierce. “Some examples include the crusades, the propaganda of World Wars I and II and the Salem witch trials. We have to be very careful with who we label as monsters and understand the social consequences of doing so.”

Judging with right judgment

For the final project, each of the students chose a monster to analyze and present. Many chose monsters that affected them as children, such as Darth Vader, Cookie Monster and Dracula. Pierce shared that the most memorable monster from his childhood was the witch from *Hansel and Gretel*.

“I saw the witch, played by **Joan Collins**, for the first time on Shelly Duvall’s *Faerie Tale Theater*, and I was terrified for years. I still feel a bit of nostalgic apprehension every time I

see an adaptation of *Hansel and Gretel*, even though every version I know of has a happy ending. The story scared me as a kid, but it was a story that I always wanted to hear. It was a safe kind of scary because of the happy ending.”

After taking *Monsters, Faith and Pop Culture*, I prick up my ears whenever I hear something described as a monster. I’ve learned that it isn’t enough to dismiss things as frightening or bad. Instead, I try to think critically about what I am supposed to be afraid of and why, so that I can follow Christ’s command to “judge with right judgment.”

Monsters, Faith and Pop Culture will be offered again during the 2022-2023 school year.

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Invitation to an Empty Classroom

Theology major Jaciél Acevedo felt moved to pray regularly for his fellow students. Watch this video to see what happened: ucollege.edu/jaciél-prayer



FAREWELL

Alexander, Phyllis (Hirsch), b. Nov. 4, 1932 in Tomahawk, WI. d. May 20, 2022 in Rapid City, SD. Member of Rapid City Church. Preceded in death by husband Clayton; 1 sister; 1 brother. Survivors include daughter Kathy Dachtler; son Lawrence; 1 brother; 10 grandsons; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild. Adventist Community Service & Disaster Response Director for the Dakota Conference for 25+ years. U.S. Air Force veteran with the rank of Lieutenant.

Allensworth, Madeline M., b. Sep. 30, 1937 in Waterloo, IA. Member of Waterloo Church. Survivors include daughters Madeline, Hope, and Faith; sons Stanely and Matt.

Baumgart, Carol, b. May 19, 1944 in Humphrey, NE. d. Jan. 27, 2022 in Aurora, NE. Member of Aurora Church. Preceded in death by 2 brothers. Survivors include daughter Christen Hentges; son Richard; 1 sister; 2 brothers; 1 grandchild.

Clinton, Sheldon J., b. Aug. 4, 1937 in Volga, IA. d. June 25, 2022 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Member of Hawkeye (IA) Church. Survivors include wife Barbara; daughters Rebecca and Linda; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild.

Cross, Laine, b. Feb. 2, 1938. d. June 6, 2022 in Grand Junction, CO. Member of Grand Junction Church.

Davis, Julie M., b. June 20, 1943 in Sikeston, MO. d. March 6, 2022 in Rogersville, MO. Member of Oak Grove Heights (MO) Church. Preceded in death by daughter Laura; 1 sister; 1 brother. Survivors include husband Matthew; son John; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Fiegenschuh, Harold Thomas, b. Dec. 30, 1929 in

Kimball, NE. d. June 15, 2021 in Sidney, NE. Member of Sidney Church. Preceded in death by wife Evelyn; infant son Larry Dean; 2 sisters; 1 brother. Survivors include children Lanny and Renae; 1 sister; 2 brothers.

Gifford, Lucy Louise (Wege), b. Sept. 28, 1918. d. June 10, 2022 in Bloomfield, IN. Member of Manhattan (KS) Church. Preceded in death by daughter Ellen Brown; 2 great-grandchildren. Survivors include daughters Beulah Ann Shipwash and Carol Almeda Anderson; son Donald Dean; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-great-grandchild.

Hansen, Curt, b. April 14, 1956 in Bowman, ND. d. June 16, 2022 in Bismarck, ND. Member of Bowman Church. Preceded in death by father Eugene; brother Ted. Survivors include wife Charlene, mother Evelyn Allram; stepfather Eldon Allram; daughters Andrea and Allison Engelhart; 1 sister; 2 brothers; 5 grandchildren.

Harles, Wade Edward, b. April 25, 1960 in Landsthal, Germany. d. Jan. 22, 2022 in Moorhead, MN. Member of Red River (MN) Company. Survivors include mother Patricia; life partner Denise; daughters Lyndsey and Kinga; son Austin; stepson Alan; 3 sisters; 7 grandchildren.

Holliday, Marilyn, b. Oct. 5, 1945 in Kenmare, ND. d. Jan. 20, 2022 in Oklahoma. Member of Wahpeton (ND) Church. Preceded in death by husband John; daughter Teresa; 1 brother. Survivors include daughters Tammy and Tara Keister; son Tim; 2 brothers; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Jeffries, Dalila, b. Nov. 22, 1921. d. June 28, 2022. Member of Lincoln Hispanic (NE) Church.

Jenkins, James Everett Lee, b. March 29, 1939 in Lee's Summit, MO. d. Oct. 31, 2021 in Kansas City, MO. Member of Nevada (MO) Church. Survivors include wife Charlene; daughters Deborah, Cynthia, and Christine; sons James and Mark; 1 sister; 2 brothers; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Johnson, Mayme Lois Loder, b. March 13, 1923 in Scranton, ND. d. Jan. 17, 2022 in Bowman, ND. Member of Bowman Church. Preceded in death by husband James; 1 brother. Survivors include daughters Linda Mae and Suzi Eldringhoff; sons Larry, Bill, and Myron; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

Mead, Merlyn R., b. Nov. 11, 1931 in Phillip, SD. d. March 24, 2021 in Lincoln, NE. Member of Piedmont Park (NE) Church. Preceded in death by 2 siblings. Survivors include daughters LeiLani Glaser and Sharon Cleveland; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson.

Swenson, Alma (Galster), b. July 3, 1924 in Hazen, ND. d. May 3, 2022 in Loma Linda, CA. Member of Beulah (ND) Church. Preceded in death by husband Bob; son Paul; 1 sister; 3 brothers. Survivors include daughters Kathleen Pimley and Donna Underwood; sons Bob and LeRoy; 1 sister; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Wehtje, Robert (Bob) Wilferd, b. July 1, 1938 in Toutle, WA. d. July 13, 2022 in Hemingford, NE. Member of Hemingford Church.

Well, Harvey Leroy, b. June 15, 1936 in ND. d. June 26, 2022 in Elgin, ND. Member of Bismarck Church. Preceded in death by 2 sisters. Survivors include sons Kenton Well, Benjamin Hixson, and Brandon Chumley; 1 sister; 1 brother; grandchildren.

Wheeler, Blanche, b. April 20, 1933. d. July 19, 2022. Member of Hemingford (NE) Church.

Williams, Harriet C., b. June 8, 1938 in Sedgwick County, KS. d. June 16, 2022. Member of Wichita South (KS) Church. Survivors include husband Rich; daughters Karen Menard and Cindy Christensen; son Allen; 4 siblings; 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Wills, John Thomas, born in Aberdeen, SD. d. June 3, 2022 in Park City, KS. Member of Wichita South (KS) Church. Preceded in death by wife Carol Jean Fesler. Survivors include sons Randy and Rob; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

Yocum, Gene W. Sr., b. May 20, 1934 in Hinckley, MN. d. April 4, 2022 in Hamburg, MN. Member of Anoka/Andover (MN) Church. Survivors include wife Marlys; daughters Linda and Denise; son Gene; 1 sister; 1 brother; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren. U.S. Navy veteran and engineer.

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“I always knew I wanted to help people,” said Kailey Erkhart, a graduate from Denver, Colorado. “I just didn’t know in what way.”

Halfway through her degree, she switched her major to social work. Her practicum at Jenda Family Services in Lincoln affirmed the change was the right choice. “Working hands-on has helped me learn so much about what I want to do as a social worker,” she said

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