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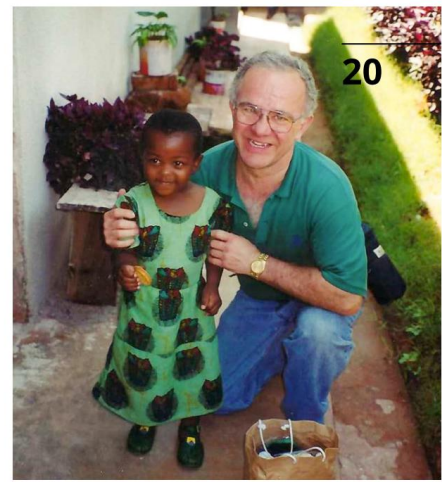
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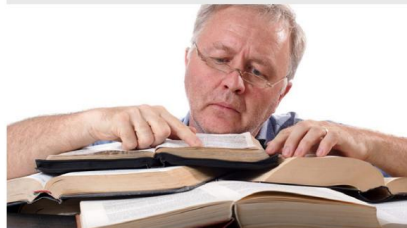
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## UNION COLLEGE: STRENGTHENING SPIRITUALITY

As we conclude our 2022 focus on *Strengthening our Spirituality*, we turn toward the faculty and students at Union College for a look at how they are exploring spiritual growth and practicing the things they learn on a daily basis. From Pastor Kabanje (p. 4) to each student who participates in Project Impact (p. 12), faculty, staff and students are partnering together with renewed vitality to create a more cohesive spiritual experience in every area of campus life.

Our OUTLOOK team is thankful for the opportunities this past year to share so many wonderful stories of God’s power and grace and the working out of His purposes in people’s lives. Our prayer is that through reading these articles you have been inspired and challenged to always stay close—and move ever closer—to Jesus Christ.

May your coming holiday season be filled with the spiritual wonder, beauty, joy and deep peace that only the Spirit of God’s presence can bring.



BRENDA DICKERSON  
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### ON THE COVER

David Kabanje, a Union College graduate, is now the chaplain and vice president for spiritual life at his alma mater.

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# BUILDING A LIFE-CHANGING CULTURE AT UNION



An interview with Pastor David Kabanje

## FIND NEW DEPTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY – AND YOUR SOUL

**P**astor David Kabanje arrived at Union College as the new chaplain and vice president for spiritual life in the fall of 2021. Kabanje—or “PK” as the students call him—had a life-changing experience at Union and relished the opportunity to return to his alma mater to be a part of that same experience for new generations of students.

After graduating from Union College in 2017 with a theology degree, Kabanje served at two academies, earned a master’s degree in organizational leadership and an education specialist degree in education, innovation and leadership. His wife, Kianna, a Union international rescue and relief graduate, now works as a consultant for ICF International.

We recently had the opportunity to ask him a few questions about his own experience and his first year working at Union College.

**OUTLOOK:** What happened during your experience as a student at Union that enticed you to come back and work at your alma mater?

**PK:** I studied my first year at a local community college, and when I arrived at Union, I really didn’t engage in any campus life until my second semester. But then I started getting involved in Campus Ministries and that proved to be a pivotal point for me.

I learned that every environment is what you make of it—essentially you’ll find what you’re looking for. But Union inspired me to create my own ecosystem of service for my life. At that moment, I decided to ask not how Union could serve me, but to look for ways to serve Union—my fellow students, my community and beyond.

I believe Union truly changed my life. I met my wife here, I had some of my best memories here. Why not give back to the place that gave so much to me?

**OUTLOOK:** What have you learned from students in the past year?

**PK:** One thing I’ve learned working with high school students, and now young adults on the college level, is that they are resilient emotionally, mentally, spiritually, physically and socially. You put them into an adverse situation or

circumstance and they will adapt. We had some tough years thanks to COVID—it was a struggle for everyone. But they have bounced back and this year the students brought back a tangible energy to campus.

Often we as employees get so focused on the procedures and programs, but students come in with a renewed vitality that is infectious. So I’ve learned a lot about being able to pull away from the logistics to look around and just take everything in.

It may seem strange because we’re supposed to be the ones teaching about leadership and adulthood and all that, but I’ve learned more from them than I did in my formal education. Young adults have their eyes fully open and they see the world as it is. And now they’re asking us as leaders what exactly we are doing to solve tough challenges from a Christian perspective.

So I love it here because we partner together to create a more cohesive spiritual experience on our campus. The programs have always been student-led, but we’re working together to provide resources so that a student-led and Christ-centered model can be implemented in every area of campus, not just the Campus Ministries department.

**OUTLOOK:** As the costs of education continue to rise, what is the value of an Adventist education at Union College?

**PK:** Spirituality isn’t one aspect of life. It’s the reason for life. I can’t do my job without first being connected to a source of life, which is Jesus Christ.

When you incorporate that “why” into your career choice—whether it be doctor, teacher, pastor, janitor or whatever—the answer becomes “because of Jesus Christ.” When Jesus is my front and center, my focus changes from *It’s all about me*, to *He made it all about me*. So because He made it about me, I’m going to make it about other people.

That’s what you get at Union College.

**OUTLOOK:** What is your single favorite thing about working at Union?

**PK:** It may sound cliché, but it’s the people. When you come here, you feel alive. You feel like there is a purpose that you are destined to live out—and not just on campus. When you dig deep into the culture of Union, it truly does change your life. That’s because the culture here is one of empowerment, service and love. That’s my “why.” When I see that in myself and the people around me here at Union, I am inspired.

# HEARTSCAN

## Not just a way to avoid worship credits

### MEET MENTORSHIP MADE JUST RIGHT

When Agustin Castillo heard about HeartScan as a new student at Union College, it seemed like an easy way to simplify his life.

“All the uWorships and uGathers seemed like a lot,” he explained. “I originally joined HeartScan to get rid of the worship credits.”

As part of building a deeper community that makes faith the foundation of the learning experience, Union requires students to attend a certain number of worship events each semester—ranging from campus-wide chapels to small Bible study groups.

HeartScan provides an alternative for students who want to delve more deeply into their spiritual growth with the help of an employee mentor. At first, Castillo felt this was a preferable alternative to ensuring he attended enough events—but soon he discovered a lot more.

“At the beginning I saw that Augustin was a little anxious,” said Santi Fernandez, Castillo’s HeartScan mentor. At the time Fernandez served as a life coach on the Student Success team and has since transitioned to assistant dean of men. “Augustin was unsure of what to expect with college life. When we started going through our meetings, he would expect me to lead. But as the semester progressed, he started leading.”

Students and mentors meet on a regular basis to build a spiritual growth plan focusing on four key areas: personal worship, corporate worship, service and calling. For Castillo and Fernandez, this meant studying a devotional book about the lives of Bible characters and their relationships with God. But their talks grew well beyond the book.

“I realized we could have deep conversations,” said Castillo. “If I was struggling with school, he was a person I could talk to. He is a staff member, but I consider him a really good friend too.”

The same proved true for Fernandez that next summer when his grandmother lay on her deathbed. Completely discouraged, he prayed for a sign that God was still near.

Then his phone chimed with a text from Castillo: “You’re in my heart. How are you doing?”

“It’s summer and we usually don’t have a lot of contact with students,” said Fernandez. “To see that spiritual maturity to reach out to me like that. Yeah, he’s definitely leading now.”

Castillo has noticed the difference too. He remembered his mother’s words growing up. “God is with you,” she said. “As long as you want Him there, He will be there.”

“Theoretically I have always known that, but I’ve always struggled to actually feel it,” said



Castillo. “Even though I read my Bible in the mornings and in the evenings and I prayed, I never actually had that vivid relationship with Him until that year.”

After two years with Fernandez as a HeartScan mentor, Castillo has stepped aside to let other students have the same experience. Now working as a student dean in Prescott Hall, he tries to mentor the men in the dorm.

This leadership role comes as no surprise to Fernandez. “I think the time we spent in Heartscan has already shown that he can be a leader,” said Fernandez. “I remember watching him help students move into the dorm. He wasn’t just carrying their luggage, he was taking the time to get to know them.”

“Sometimes guys come to me and ask me a lot of the same questions I used to ask Santi,” Castillo explained. “I don’t always have the answers, but through my time in HeartScan, I actually learned a lot more about myself—which gave me confidence when relating to the guys and leading out in the dorm.” In the process of trying to get easy worship credits, Castillo found an unexpected path to spiritual growth and leadership.

Ryan Teller is the executive director of Marketing Communications at Union College.

Photos: Steve Nazario/Union College



Santi Fernandez and Agustin Castillo







# HOW TO BE THE PERFECT LEADER

STUDY A CAREER THAT CONNECTS TO THE REAL YOU



**"A**s a leader, you are constantly being watched by other people," said Union College sophomore Milka Mendoza Sanchez. "You have to think about how you present yourself. How will people see God in you?"

As a sophomore nursing major, Mendoza Sanchez is kept busy by academics. But she also finds time to play on the women's basketball and soccer teams, serve as Family Worship (Friday night vespers) coordinator for Campus Ministries, and work as a residential assistant in Rees Hall, the women's residence hall. "Leading is something I like doing," she said. In fact, Mendoza Sanchez enjoys leadership so much that she made it her minor. Union offers a minor in leadership that can be paired with any major in any discipline.

Last semester, Mendoza Sanchez took Creative Leadership taught by Stacy Stocks, Union's dean of students. "I expected to come in, sit and listen to lectures without getting any hands-on education," Mendoza Sanchez said. "But I had the opposite experience. Dean Stocks showed us a different godly perspective of leadership. We had projects planning leadership retreats and leading out on and off campus. Everything in class taught us about leadership from different perspectives."

When Mendoza Sanchez signed up for Creative Leadership, she was already familiar with what it took to lead. While she was in high school at Campion Academy, she served first as a class officer, then as a student chaplain. "When I started being involved in leading, I thought you had to have the label of leadership to be a leader," she said. "But Dean Stocks taught us that you don't have to have a label to be a leader. You can be a leader simply by saying 'Hi' to someone. You just have to ask yourself the question, 'What would Jesus do?'"

"Although being a student chaplain in high school was a good growing experience, I had been struggling with my spiritual life," said Mendoza Sanchez. "I always seemed to have things happening to me. I felt like saying, 'Why me? I'm trying so hard to be a good person and a good leader!'"

Mendoza Sanchez credits Creative Leadership with adjusting her perspective. "Creative Leadership 100 percent changed how I view my spirituality and God," she said. "We learned that there's no such thing as a perfect leader. We all struggle with our spiritual life and that's okay, but we know that God is going to be by our side no matter what. I knew

this already, but this class opened my eyes to the full depth of what that meant."

Mendoza Sanchez plans to use her leadership skills in the medical field after she graduates, eventually becoming a midwife. "I'll be the first out of my family to attend college and graduate with a degree," she said. "I always ask myself, *What am I going to leave behind?* I don't care about the legacy of what I did; I care about whether or not people see God in me."

Annika Cambigue is a junior English and communication major from Ohio.



Photos: Steve Nazario/Union College

# A HEART FOR THE UNHOUSED

## SERVE IS A VERB AT UNION

It can be easy to make generalizations about people without permanent housing. But for Ashira Campbell, a sophomore communication major at Union College, each unhoused person is an individual she has an opportunity to serve. “They all have a story,” she said. “They’re all someone’s kid.”

Campbell is from Denver, a city with a high rate of unsheltered homelessness exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. She said, “You don’t see it as much as a child, but the second you step out into the ‘real world,’ you’re made aware that people are suffering, people you see every day.”

When she saw how bad the situation in her city had become, Campbell felt she had to help. “I began creating winter survival kits from donations of coats and other things that you need to survive. I also volunteer at our local food



Photos: Steve Nazario/Union College

bank, where we have a section for clothing. I help make Thanksgiving meals for families.”

Campbell refers to herself as an activist who focuses on the unhoused and African-American civil rights. “I always refer to Jesus as an activist,” she said. “He didn’t stay silent when things were not okay. When it comes to taking action and being out in the community, Jesus is the best role model for that.”

Campbell didn’t leave her service work at home when she came to Union College. Union has plenty of service opportunities for its students. Campbell participates in Project Impact, Union’s annual all-campus service day. She also volunteers with Campus Ministries at People’s City Mission, a local homeless shelter, and Huskers Helping the Homeless. “I definitely am planning to get more involved with People’s City Mission,” Campbell said. “There aren’t as many unhoused people in Lincoln as in Denver, which is a good thing. But it’s definitely something I want to help with.”

When Campbell first came to Union College, she planned to be a nursing major, but something just didn’t feel right. Then a story from an alumnus during her freshman orientation inspired her to pursue a different path.

Campbell said, “He talked about how he changed his major many times until finally saying ‘Okay, I’ll start listening to Jesus and I’ll do what I’m called for.’

I told my mom, ‘I don’t think nursing is the route for me.’” With advice from her mother, her freshman life coach and her professors, Campbell decided communication was the path for her.

“I’m really enjoying being a communication major,” says Campbell. “My academic classes have impacted my ability to connect with and serve others for the better. My communication and religion classes show how to navigate important conversations with people of different backgrounds and perspectives.”

After Campbell graduates, she is planning to attend law school. “I want to become a civil rights lawyer for people who haven’t been served justice and are suffering in silence. That’s really close to my heart.

“We are the next generation, and we need to take advantage of that. We have so much power in our voices.”

Annika Cambigue is a junior English and communication major from Ohio.





  
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# IMPACTING LINCOLN FOR



“These kids are ready for sainthood,” said Doris Cerny. Her home was nominated by Lincoln’s Aging Partners agency as a site for this year’s Project Impact, but she wasn’t sure what to expect when six Union College students drove up. “I watch the news every day. All you hear about is how terrible and dangerous young people are these days. They should meet these kids. They are so kind and they worked hard and got everything done fast.” Led by Morgan Wolzen, a business major from Kansas, the team weeded, trimmed trees and bushes, and even hauled the truckload of yard waste away for her, a feat the octogenarian could never have done on her own.

All across Lincoln, similar scenes repeated both at private residences and community organizations: students cleaned, painted, sorted, gardened, delivered meals and shared their joy. This year, student leaders from Mid-America academies also joined in for team building and a preview of a different side of college life.

Every year, Union College takes a day off from classes to serve the community. At 41 years and counting, Project Impact is the longest-running collegiate service day in the nation. The day is designed to introduce students to the joy of serving others and connects them to community service organizations where they can continue to volunteer all year long.

Learn more about the event at [ucollege.edu/project-impact](http://ucollege.edu/project-impact)

*Scott Cushman is the director of digital communication for Union College.*



# 41 YEARS AND COUNTING



# Conscience and Justice Council Convention Addresses Prophetic Justice



The Conscience and Justice Council recently held its annual convention in-person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic season. Attendees gathered Sept. 22-25 in warm and sunny Glendale, California, for a weekend themed around Prophetic Justice.

The Conscience and Justice Council is comprised of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty directors from the nine regional conferences in North America, along with representatives from Oakwood University, Washington Adventist University, Loma Linda University, North Pacific Union, Pacific Union, Southern Union, and the North American Division.

Realizing that the times in which we live beckon us to be like the sons of Issachar, who understood the times, organizers offered three tracks during the convention.

There was a track on justice, (the public affairs component); a track on conscience (the religious liberty component); and a pastor's track that focused on helping our ministers be better equipped to assist members and communities who deal with various social issues and ills in our society.

Time and space would not permit me to list every workshop and every presenter who poured into the conference participants, but we were tremendously blessed by the ministry and testimony of **Larry Johnson**, brother of the famous **Magic Johnson** of the Los Angeles Lakers. Larry Johnson, Sr. is the founding president of Brotherhood Against Drugs and he gave his powerful testimony of how God brought him through his drug addiction. Now he is actively engaged in helping young men break similar chains of addiction in their

own lives.

On Friday during lunch there was a powerful panel that discussed "Thorny Theories and Decisions: Systemic Attacks on Truth." The panel was made up of **Timothy Golden**, professor of philosophy at Walla Walla University; **Gregory Hoenes**, director of West Region for the Southern California Conference; **Jeanice Warden Washington**, chief consultant for the California Assembly Higher Education Committee; and **Alan Reinach**, president of the Church-State Council. This robust panel alerted us to many cases and laws taking place at various state and Supreme Court levels that, though legally binding, may be ethically and morally problematic—or, simply stated, wrong.

**Dr. Zdravko Plantak**, professor of religion and ethical studies from Loma Linda University, conducted a workshop on "The Adventist Prophetic Role." In a nutshell, he stated that God has always had a prophetic person or people in every era who were courageous enough to speak His Word, and to stand for what was right, even if it was unpopular. And we still have a responsibility to use our prophetic gift not just

for foretelling but also for forthtelling.

Over this four-day weekend we were also blessed with powerful sermons from **Bishop Louis Felton** of Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ in Philadelphia; **Dr. Lola Moore Johnston**, senior pastor of the Restoration of Praise Adventist Church; **Pastor Manny Arteaga**, lead pastor of the Kaleo Adventist Church; and **Pastor Kerwin Jones** of the Houston International Adventist Church, who is also pursuing a degree in law. Dr. Johnston, who shared the divine worship hour message, encouraged, inspired and implored us to "say something and do something" when it comes to any form of injustice or oppression that takes place in our communities. We are to follow the example of the Egyptian midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, who defied the mandates and genocidal laws of the Pharaoh of Egypt and feared God rather than man. Each message and workshop stirred us to be good Samaritans in our spheres of influence, and not to leave anyone in need.

Finally, during every Conscience and Justice Council Convention we enjoy a field trip in the host city. On Sabbath afternoon

(top) Presenters and attendees

(right) Elder Velino Salazar, president of the Southern California Conference on the right, with convention participants.



Photos courtesy Central States Conference



Dr. Lola Moore Johnston (middle) with Dean Robert Mann from Oakwood University and Andrea Trusty-King, communications and media director for Southeastern California Conference.

our field trip took us to a few homeless shelters in the city of Los Angeles. As many may be aware, Los Angeles has one of the highest rates of homelessness in the United States. But by God's grace there are individuals who are determined to make a dent in that homeless population and provide shelter and food for that demographic.

The **Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson**, city council member for the Eighth District of Los Angeles, met us at one of the shelters and explained the level of commitment that he and others have to those struggling with the plight of homelessness. We came to understand that unlike the stereotypes, many in Los Angeles can be working and still end up homeless, based on changing family dynamics, and the extremely

high cost of living. The average 1-bedroom 700-square-foot apartment in Los Angeles County is \$2,250 per month. In addition, because of the warm California weather, some who are struggling with homelessness in other colder cities make their way to Los Angeles because they can survive outside. Councilman Harris-Dawson and the workers there are determined to make a difference for those who go through this experience, and have developed programs to get many of the residents back into permanent housing.

We thank God for the leadership of the Conscience and Justice Council chairperson **Edwards Woods, III**, who also serves as the PARL director for the Lake Region Conference, and the CJC team for orchestrating this

convention. We believe that as this annual convention moves from region to region around the country, more of our church members and leaders will be inspired to "say something, and do something."

Please feel free to follow the Conscience and Justice Council on Facebook or Youtube by subscribing. You can also find more

information at [cjcouncil.org](http://cjcouncil.org). We look forward to continuing to be the voice for the voiceless as we endeavor to help someone as we pass along, so that our living shall not be in vain.

Cryston Josiah is vice president for administration and PARL director for the Central States Conference.

## Linwood Member Prepares People to Meet God

My name is **Mary Humphrey**. My mother died from having me and my twin sister. We were adopted by a Seventh-day Adventist woman who had come into the hospital looking to adopt a child, since she was not able to have children. She raised us in the Adventist Church.

Years later, I joined the church and was baptized. My interest in becoming a Bible worker came about because of a Bible instructor named **Jacci Dye**. She taught me how to be a Bible worker. I later felt impressed to become a literature evangelist and district leader for the Central States Conference. I was reaching souls and going

door-to-door, placing books in homes and going to church on Sabbath.

As a Bible worker I had an opportunity to make a difference. I was able to bring many people into the church throughout the years through various revival events.

About six years ago, I had an opportunity to meet **Pastor Joseph Ikner** and became a Bible worker at the Linwood Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through the leadership and evangelistic focus of Pastor Ikner, the Lord has blessed our church tremendously. I have, under his instruction, brought new believers to Christ and into the church.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, Pastor Ikner instructed me to start calling people on the phone to give Bible studies. That experience has been a tremendous blessing to our church as we are now in this post-covid season.

The Lord has blessed our ministry to be continuously bringing souls into the church, and Pastor Ikner baptizes them. It has also been a blessing to know that the Lord is coming soon to bring His church home to live with Him forever.

Mary Humphrey is a member of the Linwood Boulevard Temple in Kansas City, Kansas.



Photos courtesy Central States Conference

Mary Humphrey is a Bible worker for the Central States Conference, bringing people into the church through phone calls and door-to-door evangelism.

# Dakota Camps for 2022 Themed “Follow Me”

“I’ve waited all year to be here!” exclaimed one excited teen camper when she arrived for the 2022 summer camp in the Dakota Conference.

Dakota Adventist camps started its busy summer season at Flag Mountain Camp in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota and ended at Northern Lights Camp on Lake Metigoshe in North Dakota on the border of Canada. The six weeks of camp were filled with nonstop action and memory-making opportunities.

For many, the Dakota camps experience is a summer staple. Several of this

year’s campers and staff have attended Dakota Adventist camps for 10 or more years.

Campers and staff came from 14 different states this summer to be at camp. It’s the beautiful camps, friendly staff, Christ-centered atmosphere, engaging activities and bonding opportunities with friends that seem to keep them coming back year after year. One staff member summed it up in one sentence: “This is home.”

But unlike most homes where electronic and social media use are the daily norm for today’s youth, each camp day was filled with outdoor fun, giving campers a respite

from their everyday digital lives. Between the two camp locations, campers were busy rock climbing, baking, swimming, water skiing, wakeboarding, mountain biking, zip-lining, tubing, sailing, creek walking, kayaking, making crafts and shooting arrows during archery class.

In addition, campers played volleyball, ultimate frisbee, king of the dock, banana tag, Nerf War, and other games. They also sang and helped lead out in daily worships. And although the days were full of engaging activities, the morning and evening worships together were some of the campers’ favorite parts of the week. Each night, young people could be heard praising the Lord throughout camp.

“It is powerful to see God working on the hearts and in the lives of our staff and campers,” stated Dakota Conference youth director **Ted Struntz**. “It is amazing to see the change that takes place when they give their lives to Him.”

Struntz baptized several young people during camp, including one of his own lifeguarding staff named **Seth Donald**. “Seth was baptized in the very water he kept swimmers safe in—it was an ultimate lifesaving experience!” Struntz said.

Among all of the campers, more than 85 percent made decisions to follow Jesus. These decisions mirrored the summer’s theme: *Follow Me*. These simple words, “Follow Me,” spoken by Jesus to His

Cub campers at Flag Mountain enjoy songs and s'mores during Saturday night's campfire.



Lynette Struntz



disciples, ended up changing their lives forever. This past summer, campers learned that although following Jesus isn't always easy, it's sure to be an adventure because He shows up in big and unexpected ways to help His followers.

Each week of camp centered on how Jesus wants everyone to follow Him in every facet of their lives. Nothing is more rewarding and life changing than following Jesus!

Lynnette Struntz is married to Ted, Dakota Conference youth director, and served as the associate camp director for Dakota Adventist camps for 2022.



(left) A group of teen campers and staff pause their ultimate frisbee play for a quick rainbow photo op at Northern Lights Camp.

(right) Seth Donald, camp lifeguard, is baptized by Pastor Ted Struntz in Lake Metigoshe at Northern Lights Camp.

## Adventist Campus Ministries Reaches Students in Secular Universities

In the Fargo/Moorhead area, there are nearly 25,000 young people living in dorms at one of the three local colleges. Adventist Campus Ministries in Fargo, North Dakota, does not know the number of Adventist youth on these campuses, and that is a problem.

Once a month the local Adventist church campus ministry team sets up booths at two of the campuses, NDSU and MSUM. These booths provide books and resources that help students deal with the many secular

challenges inside and outside their classrooms. Most of the students ministered to are not Adventists. Many of the students dialogued with are either not Christian, of another religion, or no religion (an ever-increasing number).

Why are Christians ages 18-29 leaving the church and rethinking their commitment to faith? Based on new research conducted by the Barna Group and reported in the book *You Lost Me*, one thing is responsible for this ever-growing statistic: the

Christian community has failed to "equip young adults."

To equip students, the Fargo-based ministry offers free books at their booths on the scientific evidence for why Christianity and belief in God are logical, even though science is misused to say God is a myth.

Why is Jesus Christ not just a great guy? Why is evolution *not* the truth about how all life got here? How do you know God really spoke in the Bible? Who is to say I shouldn't have sex before marriage? Or why is getting married important at all? These are the challenges that most of our youth face culturally and even academically.

Through this ministry,

Pastor Lindensmith and a student share free resources at the ministry's book booth.

the church has experienced growth in youth attending church and has conducted baptisms. If you are reading this and you attend a church near a college, consider doing something like this as a church on the campus.

Darrel Lindensmith is pastor of the Fargo/Wahpeton church district in North Dakota.



If you know of any young adults attending university in the Fargo area, please let Pastor Lindensmith know so they can be included in Christ-centered programs! Text him at: **701.391.9131.**

Courtesy Darrel Lindensmith



# Congregation Holds Car Clinic to Help Women

Christina Coston



Instructor Dick Bascom shows attendees how to change a car filter.

business fixing cars.

The idea to hold a clinic developed after Woodland Hills members saw many women, particularly single women, widows and divorcees, struggling with car issues. Bascom said the goal of the clinic was to help women and develop relationships with community members.

**Roxann Vietz**, a Woodland Hills member and car clinic attendee, said she found the clinic very helpful.

“The clinic was very organized,” Vietz said. “Dick [Bascom] gave us information in such a way that it was really easy for us to understand, even though a lot of us

probably aren’t mechanical.”

Vietz was excited about the car clinic and invited her neighbor to attend. While Vietz said she is comfortable inviting community members to church, she believes clinics like these may be less intimidating to community members than attending a church service.

“If [an invitee] comes to an event like this, and fellowships with people, then in the future I would think that would lend to them coming to other events that we would have also,” Vietz said.

Both days of the clinic ended with a time for mingling. Women were invited to enjoy light refreshments and chat with each other before leaving. Vietz said this gave an opportunity to personally connect with community members who attended the event.

Bascom said Woodland Hills always tries to provide opportunities for mingling after events. He said he believes it is an important aspect of the clinic.

“The people at Woodland Hills are interested in becoming acquainted with people that are not members of our church and trying to meet the needs that they have and help introduce them to Jesus,” Bascom said.

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

The Woodland Hills Company in Runnels, Iowa, recently held a free car clinic for women.

The two-day clinic taught basic car terms, how to change a tire, when to see a mechanic, how to choose a good used car and more. Attendees were given a

workbook to fill out and participated in hands-on activities.

The clinic was led by Woodland Hills member **Dick Bascom**. According to the promotional flyer about the event, Bascom began working on cars as a teenager and in 1975 opened his own

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## VBS Leads to Growth in Church Clubs

In July, the Mountain Grove Church held its first Vacation Bible School in several years. In total, 28 children attended the five-day event.

The church has less than 60 members and 11 children who regularly attend. According to **April Randall**, Mountain Grove Adventurer club director, having 28 attendees was a success.

However, the first day of VBS, attendance was not that large. To get more children to come, Randall and **Jackie Manzano**, Mountain Grove Pathfinder director, gave attendees an incentive to invite their friends. Children were told if they invited a friend, they could receive a special item. Many of the children then invited their friends.

On the last night of VBS, Randall and Manzano gave

a presentation about the church's Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs. Each child was given a piece of paper with the club registration date.

When registration day came, the church was pleased to see that in addition to returning club members, there were also some children from VBS who registered. In 2021, the Adventurer club had nine members, but the club now has 13, with the possibility of two more individuals joining. The Pathfinder club also grew, from one member to four, also with the possibility of two additional members.

Randall credits the VBS for the growth in the clubs. "I don't think our clubs would have really grown that much without VBS," Randall said.

Manzano said she is



Christina Coston

pleased to quadruple the size of the Pathfinder club. "The VBS was fantastic; we had a great turnout. I'm stoked for this year's Pathfinder club," Manzano said.

The directors aren't the only ones happy about the clubs' growth. Club members who invited friends to VBS said they are excited to see some of their friends join the clubs.

"I'm happy because my friends are in Adventurers and we can do stuff together," said **Julia**, an Adventurer club member.

According to Randall, the clubs' growth and the high number of VBS attendees have been encouraging to the church. The church members are already discussing VBS plans for next year.

## Marceline Church Attendance Doubles

When **Charlie Pitford** began serving as a Bible worker in Marceline, Missouri, in 2021, church attendance averaged eight people per week. However, over the past year church attendance has more than doubled to about 20 weekly attendees.

Due to COVID, Pitford was laid off from his job. But God already had a new job lined up for him. Less than two hours after Pitford lost his job, **Robert Wagley**, former executive secretary for the Iowa-Missouri Conference, and **Lee Rochholz**, ministerial director, asked if Pitford

would consider being a Bible worker in the area.

Pitford accepted the offer and has been intentionally conversing with community members since. Pitford said he has handed out thousands of books to community members and has heard positive feedback from some

of these individuals. He has also held several Bible studies with community members and recently had a baptism.

Pitford said he has enjoyed being a spiritual mentor. He said he enjoys meeting people's needs and finds the work encouraging to himself. He also said he believes spiritual

mentoring is important and it can be as simple as a short conversation.

"Even if it's only for two or three minutes, that's mentoring to me," Pitford reflected.

Rochholz said he is happy to see the growth in attendance and says Bible workers in rural churches have been successful.

"The conference believes that small churches in rural areas are important and need to grow. ... Bible work is all about taking the time to build relationships with people and helping them on their spiritual journey," Rochholz said.



# Bob Woolford: Celebrating a Life of Service



Robert “Bob” Lee Woolford passed to his rest on Aug. 18, 2022, after a long journey with Alzheimer’s.

Bob was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on Sept. 9, 1940. His grandmother, Flora Dean Woolford, raised her four grandsons. She instilled a strong work ethic and respect for people. She would be proud of all four boys and the lives they led.

Bob was born with cerebral palsy, and in his early days of life he wore braces, received treatments and therapy at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and attended Camp Greentop near Camp David. He never let his disability slow him down.

Bob is predeceased by his brothers, Harrel and Nelson; his brother **Steven** survives him. He leaves his wife, **Betty**, with whom he celebrated almost 59 years of marriage. His children, **Ron** and **Valerie (Tad)** entered this family filled with love, laughter and many family tales. He adored his grandchildren, **Nate, Emme, and Libby Woolford**, and **Jaden Stricker**.

Bob met Betty on her 16th birthday when she began school at Greater Baltimore Academy. It was not quite love

at first sight but began a tale that he loved sharing. They continued to date while Betty earned her nursing degree. Bob attended Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for four months. Then he determined that the best education is at the school of hard knocks!

Bob and Betty married in Baltimore, Maryland, on Sept. 1, 1963. Their first jobs were at Hinsdale Adventist Hospital near Chicago. They returned to Silver Spring, Maryland, where Bob worked at Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist School, and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The next move took them to Shawnee Mission, Kansas, where they were planning to serve at the “Mission” hospital for a couple of years before returning to Maryland. Now, 48 years later, their home is still in Shawnee!

Bob worked at Shawnee Mission Medical Center (now AdventHealth Shawnee Mission) for 32 years in a variety of roles, and he touched many lives. Everyone has a story to share about his kindness, a practical joke he played, or many other uniquely Bob Woolford moments throughout the years.

His infectious laugh and grin from ear to ear were trademarks. One of Bob’s passions was the Infant Development Center (B.E. Smith Britain Development) at Shawnee Mission. He knew firsthand the challenges the children faced, and he raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the program.

Bob served on many

community service organizations throughout his career. He sought to make a difference in the place he lived and worked. Former Kansas City Royals and NFL Super Bowl groundskeeper **George Toma** (inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2001) presented Bob with a congratulatory letter upon Bob’s retirement. Toma included a T-shirt with a phrase they both loved and that reflected their shared dedication to a job well done—“And then some!”

Bob was devoted to Seventh-day Adventist education, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One of his major projects was chairing the Midland Adventist School Board of Directors and raising funds to construct a new building for generations of students and teachers to benefit from a first-class facility. Bob was also known in the Adventist Church for his many years coordinating the nominating committee for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

He walked hundreds of miles during six sessions.

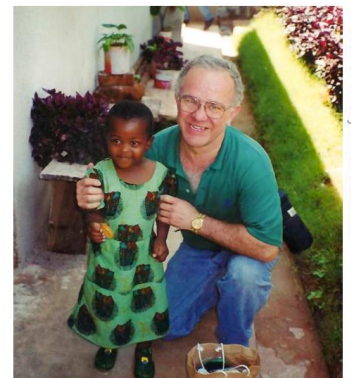
Bob and Betty loved traveling the world. The only continent they didn’t venture to was Antarctica. Bob loved life! He loved work. He loved his family and would do anything for them.

As Bob declined over the past 13 years, he lived out his life in the Bob Woolford fashion—his way. His grip crushed your fingers up until the final day. His words may have left many years ago, but his eyes twinkled, and his sweet smile flashed across his face when his bride, Betty, entered the room.

Bob shared on more than one occasion, “Having done all, after you’ve done all . . . just stand.” This is the testimony from Eph. 6:10-13. He lived with no regrets. He asked God to lead his life and give him strength as He led his family. Bob will rest in peace until we are reunited, and he will again laugh and share his stories.

Valerie Stricker is a member of the St. Louis Central Church and the daughter of Bob Woolford.

(below left) Bob Woolford with wife, Betty (right) Woolford on a mission trip to Heri Adventist Hospital in western Tanzania



Photos courtesy Valerie Stricker

# College View Church Welcomes New Lead Pastor

The College View church family in Lincoln, Nebraska, formally welcomed their new lead pastor, **Simon Liversidge**, and his family on Sept. 10. Liversidge has served in the Southern California Conference for 27 years as a pastor and as lead pastor of The Place Adventist Fellowship in Newbury Park, California, for the past 19 years.

Born in Australia and growing up in a missionary family in New Guinea, Liversidge was called to ministry while

pursuing a law degree. He is married to **Cecilia**, and they have three children: **Liam**, **Mia** and **Luc**.

Liversidge said they are excited to share life together in a new community and be near their son Liam at Union College. The Kansas-Nebraska Conference welcomes their family to the territory and to the conference's pastoral team.

Saul Dominguez is communication director for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



Courtesy Liversidge Family

Luc, Liam, Mia, Cecilia and Simon Liversidge

## Spring Prayer Conference Refocuses Becomes a spiritual retreat for all ages

The Kansas-Nebraska Conference sponsors a prayer conference at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City in the spring of each year. Formerly known as The Revive Us Again Prayer Conference, this event is changing names and reaching out to young families.

In 2022 **Sue Carlson** developed and implemented the Kids Connection (a prayer experience for children ages 10-12) for the children of those attending the prayer conference.

"We want children, parents and grandparents—people of all ages—to know the joy and comfort that comes from a deep personal connection with Jesus," says **Virgil Covel**, prayer ministry leader for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

"The Kids Connection was active, fun and practical. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to learn and practice prayer and to experience what it means to have personal time with Jesus."

For the spring of 2023, Carlson plans to expand the Kid's Connection to include a larger number of children.

Covel says that this coming spring will be a spiritual retreat for all ages focused on taking time with Jesus in personal and private prayer and worship. "Jesus, and having a relationship with Him, is the first, last and primary focus of our prayer conferences and will be the focus as we move forward in planning a spiritual retreat experience for all ages in the spring of 2023," added Covel. The event's new name is Rest and Connect: A Spiritual Retreat and Prayer Experience for Children and Adults.

Information supplied by Virgil Covel, ministerial director and prayer ministry leader for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

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# God's Work at North Star Camp

Rain pelted the building, thunder boomed, the wind howled and in the darkness over the raging storm 73 voices could be heard passionately singing, "We will praise the Lord our rescuer." The storm of June 20 was violent in Brainerd, Minnesota, with winds over 80 miles per hour. North Star Camp was in the middle of Cub Camp, with precious campers ages 7-9 on campus.

Over 25 large trees fell around center campus, the road into camp was blocked and the water and electricity were out. But as the storm subsided and campers went back to their cabins, the camp

was bathed in prayer.

That evening we were finally able to walk the property to survey the damage. Massive trees were down all around, within a few feet of buildings. But while fallen trees surrounded houses and cabins, miraculously not a single tree hit one of our buildings. Yet we were still stranded on campus as our road was impassable. **Scott Baker**, our amazing camp ranger, started a chainsaw crew and with the help of camp staff and **Adam**

**Kronstedt** from the Brainerd Church, the road out of camp was cleared that night.

With so much of the power down throughout Brainerd, there was a big possibility we would have to send our campers home as we could be waiting for up to a week for the power to be restored. But through the mercy of God, by the next morning, June 21, power was restored and this group of Cub Campers were able to praise Jesus their Rescuer and head out to a regular day of fun and activities.

## The North Star Camp experience

This past summer our theme was "Rescued by Jesus." Through nightly study of the story of the children of Israel's rescue from slavery we explored God's grace and mercy and experienced God coming into daily contact with the campers' and staff's lives. Our team of 35 staff served 314 campers.

When given the opportunity on Friday night to make decisions for Jesus, here is what happened with campers:

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Although over 25 large trees fell, miraculously no buildings were damaged during the storm last June.



Photos: Chris Jacobo

# Minnesota Conference Hosts Pastor-Teacher Meetings at North Star Camp

Minnesota pastors and teachers gathered at North Star Camp in early August for our annual time of training and fellowship. This year attendees received special training during a course on Emotional Intelligence. The class, taught by **Dr. Bob Overstreet** of Southern Adventist University, provided some much-needed tools to navigate through the great demands and challenges of pastoral and teaching ministries and carry these heavy responsibilities more capably.

In addition, they and their families participated in activities such as swimming, boating, rock climbing, horseback riding, low ropes and paintball amid the beauty of North Star Camp. We had an abbreviated time of work-related meetings so our employees could enjoy some relaxation and fellowship.

A high point in our meetings was the recognition of those employees who have served for certain “milestone years” of ministry. A special certificate was given out



Photos Courtesy Karen Lewis

along with some prizes for lengthy tenures of service. The Minnesota Conference leadership values our employees and are dedicated

to their well-being.

Karen Lewis is ministerial director for the Minnesota Conference and pastor of the Pathways Adventist Church.

110 started a relationship with Jesus, 60 want to be baptized, 67 want prayer or Bible study and 87 recommitted their lives to Jesus. We are praising God for the life-changing evangelism that happens at camp!

The North Star Camp experience is making a difference in people’s lives, and people want to be a part of it. One example is **Kessler**, whose family moved to Colorado last year. Yet he begged to attend camp last summer—not just any camp; he desperately wanted to come back to North Star Camp. His incredible family drove him the 15 hours required to attend North Star Camp. When asked about his experience, Kessler said, “This year was even better than last year!”

**Piper** and **Hailey** are both hard-working teens. One

has a job in pet care and the other works at a local candy shop. Both of these ladies took time off work to come to camp. Why? They wanted to connect with God, do the fun activities and reset.

**Lola** has been coming to camp for many years. For 2022 she signed up for three weeks of camp! One of those weeks she served as a Counselor in Training (CIT). She is excited about camp ministry and is planning to come back to camp next year—but this time as a staff member.

**Elise** served as staff in 2021, and after camp realized she wanted her school year job to be ministry focused as well. Elise now serves as a teacher’s assistant at Southview Adventist School. She also returned to camp this past summer to continue doing ministry as a mentor

and counselor for her cabin.

**Edward**, a second year staff, loves camp and shared, “This summer I grew in leadership in more ways than I could have ever imagined.” Besides being involved in music and the nightly play, Edward took on the responsibility of being the waterfront director this summer, and it was beautiful to see God using and growing him as he supported his team and served the campers.

This past summer was wonderful. A huge thank you to all the parents, alumni and churches who partnered with us to make this summer possible. Thank you for the time, prayers and financial support you poured into this amazing evangelistic ministry.

Our biggest praise is to God for all the continual blessings He has given to our camp, for the safety we

experienced, for the Christian community that was present, and for the seeds sown and choices made for God.

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done” (Psalm 105:1).

Shelina Bonjour is youth director for the Minnesota Conference.



Registration for camp season 2023 opens March 1. Who in your life could be blessed by coming to camp next year?  
**northstarcamp.org**

# Abuse and Power Seminar Presented at Champion Church

Catherine Chamberlain



For many years women’s ministry leaders have focused on six challenges women around the world face: abuse, poverty, health, illiteracy, mentoring and workload. But often no one has wanted to talk about abuse, and even refused to admit that it could happen in the church despite the fact that statistics indicate the numbers are about the same for the church as for

society as a whole.

In 2001, the 13 women’s ministries division directors from around the world met to discuss what could be done about abuse. They decided to ask church leadership to designate a specific Sabbath to focus on abuse prevention. When it was placed on the world church calendar, that broke the silence and people started talking about the issue in sermons, seminars, brochures, parades, schools—even lobbying governments.

Last summer the Champion Church women’s ministries, under the leadership of **Jeanette Fortner**, planned and observed the enditnow worship service on Sabbath, Aug. 6, plus an afternoon seminar. This was planned

in cooperation with family ministries, led by **Sandy Eickmann**.

The presenters were Champion Church members Sandy Eickmann (Master of Public Health and licensed counselor who worked for 15 years with domestic violence and abuse survivors) and **Mark Herber** (JD, managing member of the law firm Flanders, Elsberg, Herber & Dunn). These two also worked together presenting the abuse and power topic to Champion Academy students during the previous school year.

Eickmann reported that response has been very positive with such comments as, “I needed to hear this,” and “Our church needed to hear this.” A non-member wrote, “I

just want to thank you for the excellent presentation today. I am sure many people learned things they did not know.”

One young adult woman wrote, “I want to thank you for being one of the coordinators of the enditnow Sabbath at church...If abuse is ignored in our church and community, super events hosted by our church and detailed sermons cannot fully reach the pain abuse has brought to people and heal it (which is, yes, ultimately, Jesus’ work).”

Ardis Stenbakken is communication leader of the Champion Church and a former GC women’s ministries director.

[Read the full story at outlookmag.org/abuse-and-power-seminar-2022](https://outlookmag.org/abuse-and-power-seminar-2022)

# 2022 Literature Ministry Team Knocks on 200K Doors

Matt Hasty



**Nicholas Hold**, one of three theology majors on the literature ministry team, began his summer knocking on doors in Powell, Wyoming. One of the first people he met turned out to be an individual known in the neighborhood. Also, he had heard of *The Great*

*Controversy* and wanted to read it.

At the next door, Nick introduced the family to *The Great Controversy* and mentioned that their neighbor had just bought it. “Well, if [he] wants to read this book, then we should get all of your books!” they remarked.

For Nick, meeting this man in the first few minutes of knocking on doors in Powell was no coincidence. God led his team leader to drop the canvassers at the right place at the right time to make an impact on that community for eternity! Close to 500 books were shared and sales largely impacted by the

influence of one man.

This was just one testimony of many during the summer canvassing program in Colorado and Wyoming. The result of the weeks between June 5 and August 1 was not only literature being shared, but our canvassers meeting several former church members. Local pastors are now giving them Bible studies.

This summer, our 19 literature evangelists knocked on around 200,000 doors.

Arguably the greatest impact of the literature ministry program is how it affects our own young people. One of the team members, **Jacob Rodriguez**, was rebaptized.

Three others, including the parent of one of our students, have started studying toward the same decision.

The literature ministry team wishes to thank our amazing Rocky Mountain Conference church members in Colorado and Wyoming where our team worked this year for their support of our young people. Your food, your homes and your prayers encouraged us to keep bringing the gospel to the people.

Matt Hasty is RMC’s literature ministry director.

[Read the full story at outlookmag.org/2022-rmc-lit-ministry](https://outlookmag.org/2022-rmc-lit-ministry)



# Million Dollar Property Gifted From One Congregation to Another

RMCNews

It is with a heart of worship and thanksgiving that I sit down to record what God has so beautifully orchestrated recently within the Montrose Adventist churches. It started with a retired pastor kneeling down to pray one Sunday morning.

*Lord, he prayed, what would you have us do with our school property?*

The 20,000 square-foot building sits on four-and-a-half acres. It had served as an Adventist school for many years and was currently being rented out to another ministry.

Now, however, the local Adventist Hispanic Church was interested in renting or buying it since they had outgrown the chapel they'd used for 10 years.

As this pastor prayed, a strong impression settled on him: *We should give them the property.* His next thought was: *Well, that's a crazy idea!* But the thought persisted.

In obedience to this prompting, he took the idea to the next church board meeting. Discussions concerning the school property were not uncommon during these meetings, but no one had presented the idea of giving away property that would likely be valued at \$1 million! There was talk of selling it and putting the money toward a new church building. There was talk of renovating it and moving the Montrose Church there. But giving it away? To our amazement, one board member

after another spoke out in favor of this "crazy idea."

It became apparent that if this were brought to a vote, it would pass. But this was way too big of a decision to be made quickly. We decided to take it to a church business meeting.

Nearly a month later, the business meeting ensued with 35 church members showing up to discuss whether we should sell, give or continue forward with a plan to rent the school building to the Hispanic Church. Some members imagined that this would be one of many business meetings, as every possible outcome might need to be discussed at length.

To our shock and amazement, an hour and a half into our discussion someone called "question" on the motion that was made to give the school and property in its entirety to the Hispanic Church. A two-thirds vote was needed to end discussion before the main motion could be taken to a vote. Both votes passed, and just like that, the "crazy idea" planted into the mind of a retired pastor had been set into motion.

I remember thinking, *We have just given away a million-dollar asset.*

I didn't sleep much that night. I knew that well-meaning congregations had split over much less. Expecting my phone to be blowing up the next morning with high intensity conversations, to my surprise there were none. Oh, how little



Montrose Hispanic and English congregations express joy over the gifting of a school building to the Montrose Hispanic Church.

faith I have!

My insecurities were soon replaced with joy as the head elder of the Hispanic Church hugged me and told me about the tears and rejoicing that were taking place as they enthusiastically made plans for their new mission headquarters.

It was a joy to come together the very next Sabbath for communion service. Rather than a divided church, we witnessed perhaps the greatest communion attendance ever in church. It seemed that the familiar tunes of "And Can It Be" and "Amazing Grace" were carried with a sweeter spirit.

God reminded me of the Bible text in 2 Cor. 9:6: "The point is this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." I think it is time we start acting on more of

these "crazy ideas."

The Rocky Mountain Conference Property Department is working with both churches to prepare a document that formalizes the gift and establishes the conditions for the transfer. According to the Hispanic leadership, the recognized intent of the gift is that the building will always be used by the Hispanic congregation.

Because they (as well as the other congregation) are growing, both groups believe that is what the future holds. However, if unforeseen circumstances arise, there is a desire to have mutual agreement on how or if to return the property.

Nathan Cranson is pastor of the Montrose Adventist Church in Colorado.

# AdventHealth, Adventist Church Leaders Challenged to Deepen the Wholeness Agenda

Photos: Tim Brown/AdventHealth



“I commend you—you are already doing so much for the whole person. My question is, What haven’t you tried yet?”

This was the closing statement that **Chris Oberg**, CEO of Path of Life Ministries, gave to a room of AdventHealth Board members and executive leaders, key representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and local community leaders who attended AdventHealth’s 32nd annual Conference on Mission held recently in Orlando, Florida. Oberg challenged attendees to live up to the AdventHealth brand promise: *feel whole*.

Over the course of the three-day conference, presenters responded to that challenge through a deep exploration of what

wholeness is, how it’s quantified and how to help communities feel whole.

Hosted by AdventHealth, this annual event brings together key leaders from the Adventist Church and AdventHealth to discuss foundational issues, industry trends and the delivery of transformational whole-person care to millions of individuals. For the last five years, AdventHealth has been on a journey to understand and live its brand promise in a way no other organization has done. In this multi-year process, attendees have grappled with what wholeness looks like for the body, mind and spirit. Previous years of the event invited attendees to work through key issues such as mental health, spiritual care and health equity.

This year’s Conference

Terry Shaw, president and CEO of AdventHealth, addresses attendees at the 32nd Conference on Mission hosted recently by AdventHealth in Orlando, Florida.

on Mission, with the theme *Guided by Purpose*, gave attendees the opportunity to explore the results of the years-long research that AdventHealth has dedicated to defining wholeness. The event began with an opening keynote from Oberg in which she challenged those present to go beyond what was already being done and look for what more can be done.

“When you put wholeness in your brand, you’re taking on a big responsibility,” said **Terry Shaw**, president and CEO of AdventHealth. “We started this journey by putting spiritual care in the outpatient setting and adding mental health services into

primary care. Now we have a wholeness model to help us look at, from a business perspective, what it means to feel whole. And we have our diversity, equity and inclusion councils to better enable us to help people feel whole.”

**David Banks**, senior executive vice president and chief strategy and organizational transformation officer for AdventHealth, presented attendees with the business case for wholeness, journeying through a history of pivotal moments in health care and forces that shaped health care into what it is today. With this established context, Banks presented the strategic aspirations of

AdventHealth through the year 2030, and how these aspirations are rooted in a legacy of whole-person care and come together to make AdventHealth a nationally recognized leader in whole-person care.

“Wholeness is delivered every day in this organization,” said Banks. “The opportunity we have is, can we do it more often? Can we be more consistent? Can we ensure more people get to experience it?”

**Carla Park**, executive director of wholeness and faith strategy for AdventHealth, led conference attendees through an overview of the AdventHealth wholeness model.

“For our concept of wholeness at AdventHealth, there is no such thing as an individual,” said Park. “We are each a connected entity: to self, to God and to others.”

Park’s statement came alive throughout the entire event. Each element of the conference—speakers, environment, storytelling, integration of the arts and mission threaded throughout—created a unique experience that was truly a conference on mission. The key takeaway for attendees was their readiness to work on connecting together with God to move forward in a way that will change AdventHealth and change the world.

“God’s presence was felt,” said Park in reflection of the conference. “It wasn’t just us collaboratively working together, but the presence

of the Holy Spirit was there. God worked through humans to do something beautiful.”

“Taking this time every year for our whole company to come together to focus on our mission keeps us connected and energized in the sacred work of caring for our communities in their greatest time of need,” said **Michael Knecht**, president at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission. “This year’s conference personally inspired me to challenge our thinking of how we serve the most vulnerable in our community.”

“While I have felt inspired and energized with each one, the Conference this September 2022 was on another level!” shared **Eric Shadle**, MD, VP of mission integration for Centura Health. “At various times throughout the Conference, I found myself being intellectually challenged, easily amused and deeply touched in my soul—so much so

that I was brought to tears. It was an amazing time of spiritual, mental and operational insights that made me emboldened to come back to Colorado and Centura Health to fully live our ministry’s mission of *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ*, and vision of ensuring every community, every neighborhood and every life is whole and healthy.”

To close out the event on Sabbath morning, attendees heard an inspiring message from **Sam Leonor, Jr.**, mission and spiritual care executive at Adventist Health. Leonor spoke on the unchanging mission of Adventist healthcare and how it connects to wholeness. The message highlighted how the healing miracles performed

by Jesus during his time on Earth did more than just heal a broken body, but rather His miracles healed the mind and spirit of the recipient too.

“We must be the kind of people who see people as Jesus did, and we must enter into the work ahead with our eyes wide open,” said Leonor. “We must choose to see the real need, what people actually seek: belonging, fulfillment and meaning. Once our eyes are open to that, it is impossible to ignore. This will make AdventHealth an organization more closely aligned with the mission and values of our founder: Jesus.”

Elizabeth Camps is a senior communications specialist at AdventHealth.

Carla Park, executive director of wholeness and faith strategy for AdventHealth, led conference attendees through an overview of the AdventHealth wholeness model.



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**Caparoon, Elsie**, b. April 23, 1941 in Rushville, NE. d. Aug. 21, 2022 in Chadron, NE. Member of Chadron Church. Preceded in death by husband Gordon; granddaughters Jennifer and Laraine Kolb. Survivors include daughters Sharon Austin and Lori Darrough; son Gary; 1 brother; 5 grandchildren.

**Downs, Julianne J.**, b. May 21, 1965 in Daytona Beach, FL. d. Sept. 19, 2022 in Seymour, MO. Member of Ava (MO) Church. Survivors include husband Doug; daughters Shalyn and Kristen; son Michael; 1 grandchild.

**Fagen, Doris**, b. Aug. 25, 1930 in Des Moines, IA. d. Nov. 30, 2021 in Carlisle, IA. Member of Des Moines Church. Preceded in death by husband Jess; half-sister Norma. Survivors include daughter Teddi; 1 grandchild.

**Fowler, Vera Lee**, b. Oct 12, 1931. d. Sept. 13, 2022 in Fruita, CO.

**Gregerson, Francis D.**, b. June 11, 1932 in Ute, IA. d. July 2, 2022 in Longmont, CO. Preceded in death by 1 sister; 1 brother; 1 granddaughter. Survivors include wife Jean; daughter Debbie Darnall; sons Kenny and Jeff; 1 sister; 1 brother; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

**Hermilla, Thelma**, b. in Ozark, MO. d. Aug. 28, 2022 in Springfield, MO. Member of Springfield Church. Survivors include son Nelson.

**Hansen, Vernon L.**, b. Feb. 1, 1930 in Battle Creek, MI. d. April 20, 2022. Member of Bowman (ND) Church. Preceded in death by wife Darlene; son Rocky. Survivors include daughter Pam Taylor; sons Brad and Scott; 3 grandsons; 1 great-granddaughter.

**Hooks, Rosemary Elaine**, b. Aug. 4, 1939 in Sulphur Springs, TX. d. Feb. 14, 2022 in MO. Member of College View (NE) Church. Surviv-

ors include 2 cousins and many friends.

**Keller, Grace Ellen**, b. Nov. 25, 1944 in Brush, CO. d. Aug. 23, 2022 in Delta, CO. Member of Akron First (CO) Church. Preceded in death by husband Park. Survivors include daughters Julianna Moore, Janelle Underwood, and Teresa Acosta; 1 sister; 5 grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren.

**Martin, Matthew Enoch**, b. Sept. 4, 1977 in Fort Collins, CO. d. July 26, 2022 in Lander, WY. Member of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Preceded in death by 1 stepbrother. Survivors include father Charles; mother Kathy; stepmother Rita; 2 half-sisters; 1 stepsister; 2 brothers; 1 stepbrother.

**Neisner, Charles F.**, b. Feb. 16, 1944 in Grand Junction, CO. d. July 3, 2022 in St. Paul, NE. Member of Grand Island (NE) Church. Preceded in death by daughter Donna. Survivors include wife Shirley; daughter Freida; 1 sister; 2 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter.

**Nelson, Erwin L.**, b. April 4, 1928 in Shickley, NE. d. Sept. 9, 2022 in Collegedale, TN. Member of Standifer Cap (TN) Church. Preceded in death by wife Marjorie; 4 siblings. Survivors include daughters Elaine, Sheryl, and Connie; sons Cliff and Kenny; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild.

**Nelson, Karin J.**, b. March 15, 1945 in Northwood, IA. d. Aug. 21, 2022 in Albert Lea, MN. Member of Albert Lea Church. Survivors include daughters Shari and Jackie Otterson; son Randy Harmdierks; 3 brothers; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

**Price, Mel**, b. March 31, 1942 in Alliance, NE. d. Sept. 14, 2022 in Hemingford, NE. Member of Hemingford Church. Survivors include wife Joy; daughter Rae.

**Pritchett, Alice Oleta (Gordon)**, b. Jan. 19, 1927 in Rushville, MO. d. May 28, 2022 in Lee's Summit, MO. Member of Lee's Summit Church. Preceded in death by husband Sterling; daughter Carolyn Daniels. Survivors include daughter Dorothy Kilmer; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

**Schumacher, Paul Leo**, b. April 1, 1999 in North Dakota. d. Sept. 25, 2022 in Bismarck, ND. Member of Dakota Adventist Academy (ND) Church. Survivors include parents Albert and Coreen; 4 sisters.

**Shultz, Leroy Charles**, b. Nov. 29, 1936 in Hutchinson, KS. d. Sept. 6, 2022 in Lincoln, NE. Member of College View (NE) Church. Preceded in death by 2 brothers. Survivors include wife Rose; sons Gregory and David; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

**Sievers, Ivan**, b. July 26, 1923 in Taylor, ND. d. Aug.

9, 2022 in Dickinson, ND. Member of Dakota Conference Church. Preceded in death by wife Berly; 3 sisters; 1 brother; 1 great-grandson. Survivors include daughter LuAnne Goldsmith; son Dennis; 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

**Tachenko, Janell Katherine Mackie**, b. Jan. 1, 1949 in Leeds, SD. d. Sept. 5, 2022 in Grassy Butte, ND. Member of Grassy Butte Church. Survivors include husband Cody; daughters Angi Howe and Mindy Henderson; son Bryan; 2 sisters; 3 brothers; 7 grandchildren.

**Vesely, Lily**, b. March 23, 1929 in Becida, MN. d. Aug. 30, 2022 in Montrose, CO. Member of Bemidji (MN) Church. Preceded in death by husband Ed; 7 siblings. Survivors include daughters Sharon Fisher and Liz Pierce; son Gary; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

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	Grand Junction	6:09	5:03	4:57	4:54
	Pueblo	5:55	4:49	4:43	4:40
<b>IOWA</b>	Davenport	5:53	4:45	4:39	4:35
	Des Moines	6:05	4:57	4:51	4:47
	Sioux City	6:14	5:06	5:00	4:56
<b>KANSAS</b>	Dodge City	6:38	5:31	5:26	5:23
	Goodland	5:42	4:35	4:29	4:25
	Topeka	6:18	5:11	5:06	5:02
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	Duluth	5:48	4:38	4:31	4:25
	International Falls	5:48	4:38	4:30	4:24
	Minneapolis	5:56	4:48	4:41	4:35
<b>MISSOURI</b>	Columbia	6:05	4:58	4:53	4:49
	Kansas City	6:14	5:07	5:01	4:57
	St. Louis	5:57	4:50	4:45	4:41
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	Lincoln	6:19	5:11	5:06	5:01
	North Platte	6:34	5:27	5:21	5:17
	Scottsbluff	5:45	4:37	4:31	4:26
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	Bismarck	6:22	5:13	5:05	5:00
	Fargo	6:06	4:57	4:49	4:43
	Williston	6:30	5:21	5:12	5:06
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	Pierre	6:26	5:18	5:11	5:06
	Rapid City	5:38	4:30	4:23	4:18
	Sioux Falls	6:13	5:05	4:59	4:54
<b>WYOMING</b>	Casper	5:53	4:45	4:39	4:34
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# AdventHealth Complex and Reiner Wellness Center



The existing Larson building will get upgraded HVAC along with a new roof and repainted siding to match the new addition.

The main entrance will provide access to the new wellness facilities along with the Larson Aquatics Center and Health and Human Performance Program offices and classrooms in the lower level of the existing Larson Lifestyle Center building.

The old Larson Lifestyle Center entrance will be filled in and landscaped to prevent flooding.

A large addition, the Reiner Wellness Center, will include a sports court, elevated walking track, large workout facilities and a space for a turf field to give students a place to exercise throughout the year—especially in winter.



## Dynamic change coming Fall 2024

Union College students and employees said a revitalized wellness facility should be the top building priority — the number one need that would make the most difference for our campus.

And the new AdventHealth Complex and Reiner Wellness Center fits the bill. Expanding the existing Larson Lifestyle Center, the new facility will add indoor exercise space for court sports, turf sports, cardio workouts, weight training and walking or running.

This Reiner Wellness Center will help Union students develop positive health habits in order to grow stronger spiritually, physically, emotionally and academically.



A new entrance to the Nursing Program will connect to the south parking lot and add mobility access.



The new fieldhouse will have two courts and space for a turf field.



Expanded workout facilities on the upper and lower level and a walking track will provide ample space for shared fitness activities.



Watch a flythrough of the new facility and learn how you can help transform Union College at: [ucollege.edu/fit](http://ucollege.edu/fit)

## Returning a Helping Hand

Aaron Lopez grew up in Manati, a remote village on the upper section of the Amazon River in Peru. He came from a large family of humble means. But he loved school. He enjoyed learning, participating in all the extracurricular activities he could. But he never thought he would be able to attend a university. Then a group of students from Peruvian Union University (UPeU), a Seventh-day Adventist school near Lima, arrived in Manati as part of the Total Health Program and his life changed.

Established by Centura Health, the Total Health program delivers health education to people living in the jungle of Peru to improve their quality of life. This program is a collaboration with the local Peruvian government, UPeU, Centura Health and Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl, an AdventHealth Global Missions partner.

Aaron spent as much time as possible helping the students, learning from them and helping them connect with the community. He asked about their studies and how they managed to get into the nursing, psychology and nutrition programs. That's when Aaron saw a path to a different life — one where he could help others like these students had helped him.

**Now, thanks to the financial support from Centura Health, UPeU and Clinica Ana Stahl, Aaron is in his first year of nursing school at UPeU.**

When asked about his experience, Aaron shared he is happy to learn and have the opportunity to change his future. He plans to continue nursing, participate in the Total Health Program just like the students before him, and return to Manati to help improve the community he called home for 18 years. He is thankful that Centura Health chose Manati as the starting point for this new program, and for the impact it has had on his community and his life.

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