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NOTICE: Union Constituency Session

The 29th session (eighth quinquennial period) of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, Calif. 91764, August 28-29, 2011.

The first meeting of the business session will be called at 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m., August 28.

This session is called to receive reports from the officers and various departments, to elect personnel for the ensuing term, to consider revisions in the Bylaws and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates.

Delegates are selected by the local conferences according to the terms of the Pacific Union Bylaws.

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*"Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."
— Exodus 20:8*

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Calexico	7:36	7:29	7:21	7:13
Chico	8:15	8:06	7:56	7:46
Eureka	8:26	8:17	8:07	7:57
Fresno	8:00	7:52	7:43	7:34
Hilo	6:55	6:50	6:45	6:40
Honolulu	7:07	7:03	6:57	6:51
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Los Angeles	7:49	7:42	7:34	7:26
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PUC Offers Unique Film and Theater Associate's Degree

Katelynn Christensen

Pacific Union College students are now able to combine two creative fields — the stage and the screen — into one degree with the associate's in film and theater studies. The range of interdisciplinary coursework now available to PUC students through this program is sufficient to stand alone as the foundation of a career or to supplement any four-year degree.

The new joint degree is the only one of its kind within the Seventh-day Adventist system and is a rare find in higher education at large.

"We're very, very excited about this new A.S. degree," says Rodney Vance, director of the film and television program. "It provides an opportunity for students who have a strong interest in [the areas of film and theater] to get strong training that will benefit them no matter what career they choose."

In addition to a core curriculum that offers exposure to film production, theater and writing, the degree features three emphases to suit diverse student goals. "We felt there was much to be gained by combining our two programs since our film students need experience working with actors, and our drama students need more experience with the technical side of production," says English department chair Cynthia Westerbeck. "An interdisciplinary program offers students a wider range of faculty and learning experiences."



PUC theater students take a bow after a successful performance. The new film and theater A.S. will offer specialized instruction in both the performance and technical aspects of the dramatic arts.

Students with a primary interest in acting may select an emphasis in performance. This track includes courses like voice and speech, movement, and Shakespeare in performance. Such training is valuable for those pursuing a career in front of the camera or involvement in community theater. It also provides a useful dimension of training for students pursuing PUC's bachelor's degree in film and television.

Those interested in a production-oriented curriculum may choose the technical emphasis. This specialization includes coursework in sound design, editing, cinematography,

and marketing and distribution. It provides a basis for entry-level work in technical and production assisting. The emphasis also provides skills useful to students preparing for a career utilizing media, such as journalism or public relations.

Students wishing to focus on the use of language to relate stories may opt for the narrative/writing emphasis. This curriculum involves classes such as short script writing, screenwriting, Bay Area theater and film history. This track is an opportunity for students to develop their writing and storytelling abilities.



Two NCC Educators Win Excellence in Teaching Awards

Julie Lorenz

The Alumni Awards Foundation presented Excellence in Teaching Awards to two Northern California Conference educators: Vivian Beierle, a teacher at Mission Hills SDA School in Fremont, and David Goymer, who teaches at Paradise Adventist Academy. In all of North America, only 10 teachers received this award in 2011 from the non-profit organization.

Although they teach different age groups, Beierle and Goymer share a strong commitment to their students and a deep belief in the value of Christian education.

“It’s more than a job; it’s been a mission,” said Beierle, lower grades teacher at Mission Hills. Growing up in Seattle, Beierle always wanted to be a teacher. She graduated from Walla Walla College with a

Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and later received a master’s degree in elementary education from Portland State University. During her career, which included a number of years in the Washington Conference, she has taught students in every elementary grade.

Beierle is known for her creativity. “I don’t do the same thing year after year. It’s boring,” she said. A talented musician, she works with students to present several musical programs a year, and if she can’t find a program she likes, she writes one herself.

Another example of Beierle’s creativity is the way she uses technology in her classroom. Last school year, about twice a month, Beierle’s sister — retired Washington Conference teacher Barbara Heathcock — taught a class via webcam to the 11 students in Beierle’s class. Beierle also used Skype to communicate with a kindergarten class taught by her daughter, Becky Trudeau, at Desert Adventist Academy



Stephanie Leal

AAF Chairman Bob Summerour presents Mission Hills SDA School teacher Vivian Beierle with a 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award. Each winner receives \$2,000 from the non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen and reward quality Adventist education.

in Palm Desert. The two classes enjoyed getting acquainted and playing handbells for each other.

Although the kids have fun, Beierle takes the education of her young pupils seriously — not just the academic curriculum, but also the development of their characters. “I really stress that they are going to be good citizens here and in heaven,” she said. She believes a Christian education is very important in ensuring the spiritual development of children. “God has given you the most precious gift of a child ... where would you want that child to be for the best care?” she asks, pointing out that at an Adventist school the children have a Christian teacher who has worship with them and regularly talks about God. “I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”



Stephanie Leal

Beierle stands with her husband Jim (right), teaching principal at Mission Hills SDA School. At left is Fremont/Livermore district Pastor John Bechtel. “Since joining the staff, her influence is felt not only in the lives of students in her classroom, but the school in general. It spills over into the lives of the church as well,” said Bechtel.



“He’s really interesting, creative and has a positive attitude,” said recent graduate Alicia Brogden of her teacher David Goymer, pictured with his wife, Leah, and children: Sarah, Andrew and Philip.

“I like the worships, and she gives us fun activities in Bible,” said third-grader Gabriel Alba.

“I love worship!” said kindergartner Amanda Alba.

At the beginning of her career, Beierle considered teaching at a public school, but as she reflected on a miraculous healing in her life, she realized God was calling her to teach in Adventist schools. About to begin her fourth year at Mission Hills, she enthusiastically embraces her calling: “I enjoy the whole day. I just love it!”

Goymer came to teaching by a less direct route than Beierle, but he too believes he is at the place where the Lord wants him — teaching algebra, Bible, history, physics and pre-calculus to academy students.

After growing up in a nominal Christian family in England, Goymer became convinced of the Adventist message after attending evangelistic meetings as a teenager in his hometown of Lowestoft in Suffolk. Although classmates and teachers challenged his new faith, he held firm to his beliefs.

After high school, he attended Newbold College and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and later a master’s degree in theology. In between, he earned a degree in health science from Weimar College. He has also studied at Walla Walla College and Chico State University. In addition to reading and writing biblical Hebrew and Greek, he is fluent in French, German and

Norwegian. Goymer has had a wide variety of international travel and work experiences, including literature evangelism, health education, outdoor education and youth ministry. After teaching at Adventist schools in several states, he began his work at Paradise in 2006.

Goymer’s classes are known for being challenging, but it’s a challenge that pays off in the long run for his pupils. Many students have contacted him to thank him for preparing them so well for their first-year college physics and math courses, which are like a review from high school. In fact, it was former students who nominated him for the award.

“He challenges the students to think outside the box, not just in higher math and science areas, but in history and Bible,” said Principal Kenneth Preston. “He challenges them to answer the question, ‘Why?’”

According to Goymer, youth do not have to choose between a Christian school and an academically strong one. “Young people in Christ-centered Adventist schools can receive a multifaceted, top-notch education,” he said. “With emphases on excellence in education and the empowering presence of the Author of life, students from Adventist

schools are prepared to competently meet the challenges that will come their way.”

Goymer is passionate about the truth of the Bible, and he wants to prepare his students to face a secular society with their Christian beliefs intact. “I desire to provide sound evidence (historical, contextual, scientific, archeological, etc.) supporting the reliability of God’s Word, thus endowing any follower of Christ with a convincing Christian apologetic.”

The dedication displayed by Goymer and Beierle does not surprise NCC Associate Superintendent of Education Coreen Hicks. “Mrs. Beierle and Mr. Goymer are two examples of a multitude of excellent teachers in the NCC who are conscientious about their responsibilities, their professional growth and their journey to excellence.”

Brenda Muth



AAF Board Member Arpad Soo, 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award recipient David Goymer of Paradise Adventist Academy, and Principal Kenneth Preston pray to conclude the award presentation.



All Nations Church Raises Money for Japan Relief Efforts

Julie Lorenz

Young people at the All Nations church of Elk Grove have learned that they can make a difference in the lives of others — even those more than 5,000 miles away.

After hearing reports about the earthquake and tsunami in Japan last March, the church's Pathfinder leader, Edwin Araba, wanted to provide an opportunity for children and youth to take action to help others, so he organized a fundraising concert that raised more than \$2,000 for relief efforts. Held on Sabbath afternoon, April 9, vocalists



"The fundraiser to help the disaster victims in Japan was significant in the lives of All Nations church's children and youth," said Senior Pastor VicLouis Arreola, III. "The event was a global mission in action."

Vil Arreola



Kids decorate shirts to raise awareness and funds to help people affected by the tsunami. "When we heard about the catastrophic event, the hearts and prayers of our youth immediately went out to our brothers and sisters in Japan," said Vil Arreola, youth pastor.

and instrumentalists — many of them young people from the church and Sacramento Adventist Academy — performed for a full church. As the audience listened to the music, they watched slides and video clips which showed the devastation in the aftermath of the tsunami.

"Our church is not that big, but we had to do something for the people affected by the disaster," said Araba, who planned a similar event last year to raise funds for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. "The kids are willing to share their talents for the Lord, not just to show other people. It's really coming from our hearts that we truly care."

Prior to the concert, the church's young people created "Remember Japan" themed shirts to foster awareness and raise funds. The All Nations church, formerly the Sacramento Japanese church, "felt a connection to the condition overseas and sensed a responsibility to help," said Vil Arreola, youth pastor.

"I am thankful to our All Nations church youth for raising money for Japan," said church member Aiko Miyade-Kimura, who was relieved to hear that her parents were safe in Japan. "They did it as if they were helping their own. May this spirit live in all Adventist churches."



REVO Rio Lindo Presents a Fair for Fairness

Jessica Porter

Rio Lindo Adventist Academy students, staff and community came together on April 24 to raise awareness about, and funds for, those forced into slavery. The event, called Fair for Fairness, was organized by the recently formed REVO Rio Lindo group. Admission to the fair was one dollar or the donation of food, jeans or shoes.

REVO (ree-voh), originally founded in Hawaii, has become a popular organization at many Seventh-day Adventist colleges. The purpose of REVO, which stands for revolution, is to give people the tools they need to raise funds, bring awareness and develop creative ideas to help make a difference for causes they are passionate about.

Formed by students who want to do something about the slavery that still plagues the world, REVO Rio Lindo, headed by senior David Kabanje, is the first ever high school

REVO group. On the day of the fair, the students raised more than \$1,600 for a number of different charities.

A local business called One World Fair Trade had a booth where Healdsburg residents could sign a petition to make their city a force for positive change. A number of booths provided information on a variety of subjects related to slavery. One booth promoted FREE-2WORK, a company that provides information about the labor standards and practices of various companies. It also provides a smart phone app for those interested in getting this information on the go, so they can make more informed purchases.

In addition to the information booths, several of the booths sold food and beverages. There was also a game booth, a booth selling children's clothing and a silent auction.



Sophomore Natalia Westerberg, who ran an informational booth with the help of her mother, Marya, is very passionate about fighting human trafficking.

"I feel very blessed that the people of this community donated to REVO's cause so generously," said junior Ed Stockton, who headed the silent auction.

Throughout the fair, attendees were encouraged to participate in "Walk a Mile," which required them to walk around the road circling the main campus (approximately .8 mile) with bare feet or wearing only their socks. Before they began their walk, participants were asked to donate the shoes they were wearing to Soles4Souls, a charity that collects shoes and distributes them to people in need.

"I am very excited to see students dream up an idea, take ownership for it and see it through to fruition," said Rio Lindo Academy church Pastor Krystalynn Martin. "This is what true education is all about."

Sherry Taylor



Before walking almost a mile in bare feet, participants donated their shoes to the needy.



GLAR Convocation Readies Members for Harvesting

Betty Cooney

This year's convocation theme, 'Preparing the Soil: Sowing the Seed,' was a continuation of a year-long initiative for the region, with all Greater Los Angeles Region churches coming together for 'Sowing for the Harvest,'" noted Adolphus Garnett, then

church, presented messages for the youth and young adult meetings held on Friday evening and Sabbath.

In August, the Greater Los Angeles Region will continue its evangelism initiative with a week of revival and reformation at the

Berean church, Aug. 6, 7, and 13 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 8 through 12 at 7 p. m. The theme of "Refining the Harvest," will zoom in on distinctive Adventist beliefs. Evangelistic meetings in the region's churches will follow, featuring region pastors as speakers. GLAR pastors and members will come together to "Celebrate the Harvest" Oct. 28 and 29.

"Only an unmitigated outpouring of the Holy Spirit can get this growing church to catch up with its mission," said speaker

"God needs [you as] the innkeepers. He wants you to invest yourself in the brokenness that He brings to you. If you are going to do what your theme suggests, you have to be prepared for God to invade your space without your permission, for His glory."

Wright concluded his message with a call for members to stand ... "if you are ready to receive the broken. God has left all this brokenness in Los Angeles for the innkeepers. He asks you to take care of them until He gets back."

Weeks after the meeting concluded, members reflected on its message. "Since the convocation," said Dorothy Means, Pacific Union Women's Ministry coordinator, "I have been asking the Lord to open my eyes to needs that He wants me to respond to. He impresses us when people need something. We cannot afford not to act when He does that."



Betty Cooney

Darrilyn Peak, grade three teacher at Los Angeles Adventist Academy, and her husband, Robert Peak, accepted an award for developing a tutorial program at the Normandie Avenue church. Other awardees included Christine Davis, director, Children's Choir Festival; and Franklyn Broomfield, leader, GLAR Pathfinder Drum Corp and Drill Team.

GLAR director. "Elder Henry Wright's message, based on the Good Samaritan story, was all about hearing and responding to God's voice, serving others, sharing the gospel. His entire message resonated with our theme."

Courtney Ray, associate pastor of the Tamarind Avenue church, spoke at the early morning prayer service that opened the Convocation Sabbath. Louis Petit-Frere, pastor of the Bethel church; and David Zaid, a lay pastor at the Philadelphian

Henry Wright, senior pastor, Community Praise Center in Virginia and an adjunct professor for the Washington Adventist University theology department. "Jesus is only concerned that those He has saved — His disciples — become agents of salvation. The story of the Samaritan is all about the innkeeper.



Donald McPhaul

The GLAR Mass Choir, with Frederick S. Settle, director.



Church Initiates Ordinance of Humility Alternatives

Betty Cooney

We noted that, as in many Adventist churches, attendance at the Vallejo Drive church was lower on Communion Sabbaths,” said Mark Papendick, associate pastor. “We discovered that, for some, physical limitations were preventing them from participating in the Ordinance of Humility.

“To address this issue, we furnished a room on the sanctuary level with counter-height chairs, large footstools similar to ones used for accessing a motor home; and regular-height chairs for the persons serving. The basin is placed on the footstool. The person seated on the lower chair pours water over the feet of the person seated on the counter-height chair. This water falls into the basin.” In this way, partners can serve each other without having to get down on the floor or even bending down every far.”

Papendick and a physician had presented a DVD produced by the church depicting some challenges of

the disabled in the Ordinance of Humility to the Southern California Conference Executive Committee. The church’s suggestions were unanimously approved.

The Vallejo Drive church bulletin announced the positive outcome soon after: “We are pleased to announce that our church leadership, with the endorsement of the Southern California Conference and the General Conference, has voted to adapt our practice of the Ordinance of Humility to accommodate the needs of those who find foot washing difficult. If you have been omitting foot washing because you find it uncomfortable due to any physical limitation or impediment, we suggest that you do a mutual hand-washing with your partner as part of the Ordinance of Humility practice. The Ordinance of Humility is an important practice which brings blessings to our Christian life and we encourage all to participate.”

“The alternatives developed for the Ordinance of Humility are a beginning, and helpful for many of our church members with physical limitations,” said Glenn Reynolds, M.D., a Vallejo Drive church member who practiced medicine from a wheelchair and advised President Ronald Reagan on the Americans with Disabilities Act. “It means a lot to see church members and staff



C. Elwyn Platner

Hand washing addresses the need of members with additional physical limitations, such as paraplegics and quadriplegics. Greg Hoenes, pastor of the Santa Clarita church, uses a specially equipped home kit to serve Steve Wirsz for the Ordinance of Humility, with hand washing.



Betty Cooney

The alternative furnishings for the Ordinance of Humility at Vallejo Drive church. For further details about furnishings for church and home use, visit scc.adventist.org; click on SCC Latest News.

beginning to acknowledge these needs and getting a hold on that for participants in the Ordinance of Humility.

“Though acceptance of the needs of disabled persons is growing, attitudinal barriers still exist,” Reynolds noted. “Many wheelchair users avoid a church that makes them feel unwelcome by not upgrading their facility to accommodate their wheelchair. They do not want a patronizing deacon to wheel their chair under the nose of the preacher. They want to sit near their loved ones without sticking out and blocking an aisle. Pews need to be shortened so those in a wheelchair can sit in the front, middle or back of a large church. This makes them and their family feel welcome.”



Businessman's School Fundraising Surpasses \$700,000

Betty Cooney

"I'm amazed that more people aren't doing this," said Roy Brasher, a Ventura County realtor. For the past 17 years, he has assisted principals of three Adventist schools in sponsoring golf tournaments and jog-a-thons to raise scholarship funds. In the process, more than a half million dollars has been raised.

Brasher, who is committed to helping students obtain a Christian education, says, "It's just good business! In my business, I target people as clients through advertising," he explained. "As a businessman, I know that businesses should invest 25 percent of their income in advertising to stay in business. It's in the best interest of a company or agent to keep their name before the public.

"I go to the local companies and banks that I work with for event sponsorships. I tell them, 'Don't give me Christmas presents; just help my kids.'" RE/MAX Olson & Associates, the firm with which Brasher is associated, has run newspaper ads for the events. Other sponsors also receive name recognition.

Students in Newbury Park Adventist Academy, Conejo and Linda Vista Adventist Elementary schools are beneficiaries. "We want to make sure our kids have a Christian education," said Dennis Stirewalt,



Students, teachers, pastors, alumni and community participate in the fundraising events.

pastor of the Camarillo church and board chair at Linda Vista. "Fundraising events bring together the schools, alumni, churches and communities and help promote Christian education. Some students have come to our schools from the events and been baptized, so the benefits are huge!"

Brasher is a partially recovered quadriplegic as a result of a drunk driving accident. He sees Christian education as a deterrent to poor lifestyle choices. "I want to help young people see the importance of learning responsible behavior," he said.

Harold Crook, Ed.D., served as principal of Newbury Park Academy until his election as Superintendent of Education for Southern California Conference.

Funds raised by the golf tournaments have helped 25-30 academy students annually for the 17 years that Crook was at the school. Knowing the conference could not assist with the additional funds needed, he approached Brasher when he first went to NPAA and developed both the golf tournament and jog-a-thon fundraising events. During 2010 alone, despite market conditions, those events raised \$87,000.

"One student came to us during the summer," said Crook. "She did not have parents who could help and she lived with a sibling. With her limited funds and the costs involved, there was no way she could do it on her own. Within days, sufficient funding was put together from funds generated by the golf tournament as well as the school's special committee of parents and others who give monthly. She registered, eventually graduated, and this year, graduated from an Adventist university.

"If students want to have a Christian education," Crook added, "there's a way it can happen. I tell students, 'You can't afford not to have a Christian education.'"

For information about attending an SCC school, call 818-546-8456 or visit <http://sccedu.adventistfaith.org>.



Interdenominational Meeting Focuses on Spiritual Leadership Principles

Betty Cooney and Janet Lui

When we announced that we were co-sponsoring a Spiritual Leadership Conference with Seventh-day Adventists,” said Blackaby Ministry International’s Mike McGuffee, “I was approached by concerned members of my faith group about why we were participating with the ‘SDA cult.’ That person then studied Adventist doctrine and has decided Adventists are not a cult after all.” The two-day conference was held May 23-24 at Azusa Pacific University.

Walls were broken down as members from the Blackaby Ministry International team, the California Southern Baptist Convention, Southern and Southeastern

California conferences met and prayed together in planning and co-sponsoring the event. “We praise God for the privilege of bringing Him glory,” McGuffee added.

The meetings resulted from a reorganization of the SCC Prayer, Spirituality and Renewal team in April 2010. At that time, the team resolved to pray and see where God was at work. “We would watch and pray and then join Him in His work,” said Michael Roland, a team member. “This biblical concept was presented in *Experiencing God*, a book written by Henry and Richard Blackaby.”

“Little did we imagine that God would lead us to the very ones who penned those words,” said Janet

Lui, SCC Prayer, Spirituality and Renewal coordinator, “and then invite us to join Him in bringing to Southern California a Spiritual Leadership Conference, presented by the Blackaby Ministry International Team. As the Lord brought the conference to fruition, what a blessing it was to see hundreds of Christians refreshed and kneeling in recommitment to God and ministry.”

“It was a spiritual and inspirational meeting, said Larry L. Caviness, SCC president. “Many who attended spoke to me about how much they were blessed by the presentations.”

Prayer buttons asking, “May I pray for you?” were worn by members of the prayer team at the meetings. One participant left the conference for the airport, forgetting that she was still wearing her button. At the airline check-in counter, a woman startled her by asking for prayer. On the plane, a woman in the seat next to her also requested prayer.

Returning to work the next day, she wore the same jacket, with the button still pinned on it. A co-worker with whom she had never had a spiritual discussion expressed her need for prayer and an interest in spiritual matters. “It was such a joy to watch God at work and simply join Him!” she said.

Information about DVDs from the conference is available at sc-prayer.adventistfaith.org.



Pastor J. P. and Anibel O'Connor of the Norwalk church led rousing song services at the Spiritual Leadership Conference.

Betty Cooney



Young Adults Impact Grand Terrace

Ryan Stephens

Members of the Azure Hills church showed that community extends beyond the walls of the church. Working with the Grand Terrace city councilwoman Darcy McNaboe, Azure Hills launched a community service day on Sunday, June 5. Young adults and church members woke up early that Sunday morning to paint the city and cover graffiti along three of the city's main routes. In four short hours, the 28-member team used more than 35 gallons of paint to make a positive impact in their city and demonstrate their commitment to the neighborhood surrounding Azure Hills church.

While the community service project originated in the young adult class, pastors at Azure Hills

quickly realized the value and decided to announce it throughout the church. That's why Kristen Whitley joined. She had been baptized just a week before. After hearing the announcement in church about a community service day, she decided that as a new member she needed to participate.

The city of Grand Terrace has been faced with the same challenges all households have had in the economic downturn. The city is currently cutting more than \$500,000 from its budget and reducing city staff. At a recent council meeting, the city's director of public works, Richard Shields, thanked Azure Hills for their involvement and indicated that with the difficulty the city is facing, they will need more community assistance.

On June 28, the Grand Terrace City Council formally recognized Azure Hills and those who participated, to thank them for their service to the city.

For the young adult group at Azure Hills, community service will be a new focus. Three years ago, two of the young adult lay leaders, Enno Müller and Ryan Stephens, met

with Azure Hills young adult pastor Alex Harter to create a strategy for spiritual growth and development within the group. Phase one of that strategy focused on regular social events outside of church to build camaraderie, friendships and networks. Since that meeting, the Azure Hills young adult group has had regular social events several times a month, and attendance at Sabbath school has increased.

Phase two of the strategy included reaching outside of the group to perform community service, ministry and missions. The young adult group has served the youth of San Bernardino through the Loma Linda University Community-Academic Partners in Service program "Kids Rock" for the past two years. However, in 2011, the Azure Hills young adults plan to increase the scope and variety of their service. The community service day in Grand Terrace was the start. Members are also planning a mission trip to Mexico in September, and the city of Grand Terrace has already indicated that they would like to work with the church again.

Azure Hills demonstrates that ministry does not have to take place in a remote location or a foreign country. In fact, it is often the neighborhoods where the churches are located that can benefit the most from service projects. Local service helps define who Adventists are to people who live nearby but don't know who Adventist are.



Maria Lee

Young adults cover up graffiti art by painting a brick wall on a main street of the city of Grand Terrace.



Garden Unites Church and Community

RoWandalla Dunbar

The Adventist Health Study-2, in collaboration with the 16th Street church of San Bernardino, recently developed a community garden to enable members of the church and community to work together to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers. The community garden provides opportunities to share the love of Christ, learn environmental stewardship, increase awareness of healthier lifestyles and promote a sense of community.

Although gang violence, theft and vandalism continually plague the neighborhoods surrounding the church, the 16th Street church hopes the garden will serve as a catalyst for positive change. Through use of the garden, local residents are coming together to form coalitions with church members to better their neighborhoods and their lives. According to community resident Brenda Guyton, the garden means “excitement, fun and a challenge



16th Street church members and Loma Linda University graduate students join hands to pray over the community garden.

knowing that the results are fresh vegetables to share with others.”

The church’s health ministries department held a contest to choose a name for the garden. Donna Boyce submitted the winning name, Back to Eden. The garden is



Sharon Smith plans to have flowers border her plot, which is sure to make her a top contender for the church’s upcoming “prettiest plot” contest.

a 10,000-square-foot piece of land adjacent to the church, boasting 25 10’x10’ plots, fruit trees and a prayer wall. According to Steve Tanner, men’s ministry leader, “It’s a chance for us as a congregation to fellowship in a unique way and also connect with the community while producing something that is practical, useful, healthy and, above all, a wonderful witnessing opportunity.”

Maia Smith, education department leader, is working with schools in the area to allow neighborhood children the opportunity to interact with their natural environment and provide hands-on education in the garden. Sonjanetha Scott, community services leader, and several other church members



David Goudeau plants tomatoes with his daughter, Paris Goudeau.

donated a portion of their crops to the 16th Street church food bank to provide fresh produce to local families in need.

Pathfinder leader Victor Woods is thrilled about the Pathfinder plot. Affectionately named the “salsa plot,” it consists of onions, peppers, tomatoes and cilantro plants.

“Becoming one with the soil the way God intended us to be, tilling the soil with our bare hands and watching it bring forth its bounty, gives great joy to my soul and spirit,” said Woods.

Public health graduate students from Loma Linda University developed the garden as part of a pilot program, and in the past few months have held health education activities at 16th Street church and Juniper Avenue church in Fontana. The 16th Street garden will serve as a blueprint for future gardens at other churches. The activities were made possible by a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant and Adventist Health Study-2, a long-term health study based out of LLU. Several members at the churches are participating in the study.

To join the Back to Eden garden, e-mail RoWandalla Dunbar, 16th Street health ministries leader, at rowandalla@yahoo.com. To start a community garden at your church, e-mail Patti Herring at pherring@llu.edu.



Volunteers Feed the Hungry in National City

Jocelyn Fay

Volunteers at the Paradise Valley church's community services center distributed food to 435 families on a recent Tuesday morning. Each family representative picked up a bag that included a small watermelon, red potatoes, apples, oranges and Asian mushrooms — all of which other volunteers had collected the previous few days at local food banks. Each person also received a package of bread, rolls or doughnuts.



Peggy James, left, community services director, helps fill food bags to be delivered to families that don't have transportation to pick them up themselves.

Back inside, a woman priced clothing. James's father, Robert Ransford, was separating brand-new grocery bags that had come stuck together in a package so they would be easier to fill quickly. In the back of the large room, about a half dozen women had set up sewing machines and their quilting frames and were piecing and tying colorful flannel quilts and stitching borders.

"We give a quilt to every new baby in our church," said Darlene Cook, the quilters' organizer. "We give quilts to every unwed mother who has a baby at the hospital next door, and we make a few larger quilts to sell." They were working on a special-order quilt that morning, as well as a couple of baby-sized quilts.

The Paradise Valley church already had the quilt ministry when James became community services director, and women at the center were distributing loaves of bread. She broadened the ministry and made a determined effort to include more men, in part because she needed something for her widowed



Photos by Jocelyn Fay

Alex and Grace, San Diego Academy students, are earning community service credit at school for helping at the Paradise Valley community services center this summer. Grace says that's not her only reason for working there, though. "I like to help people," she says.

to six families of San Diego Academy students this summer; and on Sabbaths, another 35 to 40 church members pick up their weekly fresh food supply.

On a typical Tuesday morning at the center in National City, about 35 volunteers were assisting James. Two sat at the entrance to the large room, calling numbers and checking in their clients, who walked toward the food tables past clothing, shoes, and purses that were either free or on sale for a nominal charge, and greeting cards being sold for 10 cents each.

Four San Diego Academy students were in the kitchen bagging groceries. Several other volunteers in the next room were filling grocery sacks for families without transportation, to whom the food would be delivered. The day's mission for a retired ophthalmologist outside the back door was to tear down the boxes the fruit and vegetables had come in and prepare them for recycling.

"Thank God we had enough," Peggy James, the center's director, said, noting that the bread supply was lower than usual that week.

James added that the weekly food giveaway would not end there — the total number of families receiving food would climb to about 500. More hungry people always stop by the center during the remainder of the week; center volunteers are delivering big boxes of groceries



The bread, fruits and vegetables distributed to families each week come from local food banks and other donors.



father to do. Now about a third of the center's volunteers are men.

"My father is 90, but he comes with me every day, and we do something at the center or go to a food bank," she told me.

It's not at all necessary to be a member of the Paradise Valley church to be drafted as a volunteer. Members of other San Diego area Adventist churches have joined the crew, and James recruits from the very community the center serves — its food recipients.

"As soon as people show an interest in learning more about who we are and start studying the Bible with us, we invite them to join us in serving others. Service is a part of the Christian walk — it's our response to Jesus' love for us," James said.

Paradise Valley church members, catching the vision of James and her husband, Will, the church's senior pastor, plan to expand the church's community service within the next few months. The church board has voted to begin a refugee assimilation project, which will target refugees who are struggling with the English language and therefore are unable to find jobs. They have invited Ephraim Bendantunguka, a refugee pastor from Rwanda, to lead the ministry.



Quilters arrange blocks for a quilt someone has asked them to make for her. The income will help them purchase more fabric to make quilts to give away.

"We already have close to 25 Bhutanese refugees attending our church," Will James said. "We hope to help them be the first to benefit from our new ministry."

GC President Visits Former Boss

Don A. Roth

A 95-year-old Loma Linda resident, Lloyd Reile, recently received an unexpected surprise visit by a man he hired as a pastor of a small Long Island, N.Y., congregation many years ago.

At that time, Reile was president of the Greater New York Conference and was responsible for filling pastoral openings in his territory.

The surprise visit took place in Loma Linda when the Seventh-day Adventist Church's president, Ted N.C. Wilson, paid a visit to the Villa, a senior retirement center located next door to the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda.

Reile was visibly shaken when he realized that he gave the first job to a person who eventually worked his way up to become the chief executive officer of a denomination

around the world with more than 16 million members.

Shortly after Wilson moved to New York, Reile received an invitation to head up the church's work in Canada, and he later came back to the United States in executive positions. He has been retired since 1981. When his wife died in 1992, Reile moved to Loma Linda in order to be near one of his children.

Wilson's career pathway took him to downtown New York, where he served as an evangelist, and then to overseas mission service in West Africa and Russia.

After returning to the United States, he was president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and then a vice-president



Lloyd Reile poses next to Ted N.C. Wilson at their recent encounter.

of the General Conference. He was elected president of the church last summer in Atlanta, Ga.

Reile will never forget the brief but significant meeting with a man he helped launch on his denominational career.

Monterey Bay Academy Takes Flight

Jay Ketelsen

For over 60 years, Monterey Bay Academy has been known as the place “Where Land and Sea Unite to Inspire.” Now, after a nearly 20-year lapse in aviation-related education, perhaps “and Air” should be added to that slogan. With the help and vision of a local businessman, aviator, and mission-minded MBA church member Steve Syvertson, MBA is soaring to new heights.

The MBA campus is equipped with its own private airstrip, but the needed personnel to teach aviation, and the cost of insurance coverage for a full flight training program has been a major obstacle. Syvertson introduced MBA to the mission of Adventist World Aviation and what AWA is doing around the world and in some North American academies, training the next generation of mission aviators (see www.flyawa.org).

Headquartered in Berrien Springs, Mich., AWA exists to provide aviation and communications support to those serving the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the unreached and forgotten peoples of the earth. Through networking with MBA alums that are aviators, and a local pastor that flew for 20 years in Alaska, a concept was born to provide this new course of study at no cost to MBA and very minimal cost to the students wishing to participate. “We’ve learned that we already had all the elements to rekindle aviation,” says

Syvertson. “We simply needed to learn how to identify and use these assets to our advantage.”

Syvertson is qualified and teaches ground school at MBA on a volunteer basis through Gold Seal Online Flight Training, a free online ground school course that students take in MBA’s computer lab. The new ground school class incorporates online course work and testing, field trips to local air tech shows, a “Morning in the Tower” at Monterey International Airport, and the opportunity to examine static aircraft at the MBA airstrip flown in by volunteers. Students apply physics, math and other practical disciplines as part of the experience. Many MBA alumni are professional pilots and are quite eager to volunteer their time in support of the program.

For the time being, due to the high cost of insurance, MBA cannot use its own airstrip for the flight training portion, nor endorse any flight training that involves actual flying. With donated flight instruction from a generous local pilot and instructor, MBA students have the opportunity to continue their quest for

their pilot’s license at a training center at a nearby Watsonville airport at minimal cost.

The aviation program is continuing to grow and attracts new students to MBA. “We were blessed to graduate 61 seniors this year and end the school year with 205 students, 10 students above the budgeted 195,” states MBA Principal Tim Kubrock. “Our stability has allowed us to take on new programs, like aviation, to give our young people skills to broaden their ability to serve God and man.”

Jay Ketelsen



MBA student pilot Jonathan Gregory and Adventist World Aviation’s Dave Hardinger (as pilot in command), land on the MBA airstrip in a AWA-CA’s Cheetah XLS after a 28-hour trip from Wisconsin.



Fresno Church Member Becomes Police Chaplain

Caron Oswald with Rafael Siquenza

When Rafael Siquenza was laid off work last year, he didn't worry about it. With his academic degrees and experience, he believed his next job was just around the corner. He and his wife Daisy prayed daily, turning the situation over to God. In the meantime, he kept busy at his church, immersing himself in outreach ministries in addition to his local elder responsibilities.

A year before, fellow church member Tim Rodriguez had approached Siquenza about applying for the Fresno, Calif., Police Department Chaplaincy Program. "I thought that only ordained ministers and individuals with a theological degrees were qualified," Siquenza says. Plus, with work, church and family, he simply didn't have the time.

Now, unemployed, he had time. "I decided to apply," he said. "I was told to prepare for the background check and all the scrutiny. Wow, I had never been so scrutinized in my life."

"There's a misconception that all we do is deliver bad news," senior chaplain Rodney Lowery says. "We meet the needs of the community and officers. Our ministry is to the living." The chaplains also serve as a link between the public and law enforcement, hoping to enhance relationships that result in better understanding and cooperation. For Siquenza, serving the needy, the hurt and the lonely felt right.

He also learned that police officers have one of the highest divorce rates. With 700 recent officer layoffs in Fresno, stress is higher than ever. "These men and women risk their lives every day to protect community residents, but who protects them and their families?" he asks.

After completing the training program, Siquenza agreed to the minimum requirements: One duty day each month (24 hours on call), attend monthly meetings and do a ride-along (one shift) with a police officer at least once a month.

"A ride-along can be dangerous, sad or boring. To be safe, I've been taught things to do and things not to do. Domestic dispute calls with injuries and children involved are tragic. Attempted suicides, shootings, robberies, traumas at homes, vehicle accidents, all remind me how much prayer is needed," he shares. The chaplain's prayer is for God to heal, restore and save as He sees fit.

Ride-alongs also provide valuable one-on-one time with an officer. Some pour out their hearts about



Volunteer chaplains pose with Fresno Chief of Police Jerry Dyer. Pictured (l. to r.) are senior chaplain Rodney Lowery, chaplain Rafael Siquenza, Chief Jerry Dyer, and chaplain Craig Eischen.

family problems and other personal challenges. "How else would I be able to minister and witness to a police officer?" he asks.

"What began as a somewhat unsure experience for him has become amazingly rewarding," says Daisy Siquenza. "This does not mean that I do not worry about him when he is doing a ride-along with an officer or has been called to a crisis situation, but I trust that God is with him as he serves the people in Fresno."

Serving as a volunteer chaplain has created a shift in Siquenza's world view. "It has helped me be humble and to let go of my ego. When I go to the streets of Fresno and see what people are going through, it puts things in perspective. I am rich compared to what these people are experiencing."

Child's Prayers Help Reunite Parents

Caron Oswald

Six-year-old EJ was devastated when his dad left the family to seek a happier life. His sisters Nikole and Nicollette were four and two, respectively.

He did the only thing he could: he prayed every night for three and a half years for his dad to come back home. "Mom was strong. She did everything for us," EJ says. The children did spend two weekends a month with their dad.

Fernando and Dalia Ignacio, both Seventh-day Adventists, married in the early 90s. "He was my first boyfriend, my one and only," Dalia says. Three children arrived during the first six years of their marriage. As the tension and pressure grew, the arguing escalated and family life crumbled. Thinking he couldn't take it anymore, Fernando decided to search for something better.

After three and a half years, Fernando realized he was not happy living without his family and reconciled with his wife. "We really believe that it was an answer to prayer. Miracles happened because of EJ's prayers," Dalia says. However, Fernando and Dalia did not remarry.



The Ignacio family is all smiles after the wedding of their dad and mom. Pictured (l. to r.) are EJ, Fernando, Dalia, Nikole, and Nicollette.

When the family moved to Fresno from Southern California, life began to change.

Dalia had always dreamed of her children attending an Adventist school. EJ, Nikole and Nicollette enrolled at Fresno Adventist Academy in August 2010. Nikole, a junior, says of her first year, "It is amazing. I love it there."

EJ graduated this past May. "I am so grateful to the school. I am so glad I went there. I don't know where I'd be," says EJ, age 19.

Their Fil-Am congregation wanted to have evangelistic meetings this past spring, and planned revival meetings for the church members as groundwork. Taj Pacleb, conference evangelist, preached the revival series. Fernando attended every night and finally convinced his children

to attend the last three nights.

"All our lives we lived as Seventh-day Adventists, but didn't know why," explains Nicollette, age 15. That was about to change.

Pacleb was the evangelist for the outreach series held April 20-May 21, 2011. The Ignacio family absorbed everything they heard. Love for Scripture and Bible study has grown

into a passion. "Now I understand the doctrines and beliefs," says Fernando.

When Fernando decided to be re-baptized, the subject of remarriage came up. To everyone's delight, the couple agreed and planned a wedding for the last day of the series. EJ, Nikole and Nicollette were the attendants.

"I can't really describe it. I am so happy and feel so blessed," Dalia says about her wedding.

"It felt so good, just like starting over," adds Fernando. Dalia surprised Fernando by joining him for her own re-baptism.

Family life is so much better. "The arguing has stopped," reports EJ.

"Most important, we talk — really communicate," Dalia explains.



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by Rich DuBose

Churches provide relational support and spiritual nurture to the people who live in their communities. But there are times when a church may be asked to minister in ways it never anticipated — as with the Colton/Fontana church district in Southeastern California Conference.

During the Iraq war, Pastor Ulise Mataafa, senior pastor of the Colton/Fontana Seventh-day Adventist churches, also a reserve chaplain with the U.S. Army, was asked to do a rotation in Baghdad. Mataafa prayed that God would help the military choose someone else to go in his place. He had not been in his new church district very long and had a number of new members who had recently been baptized. So, he wanted to stay home to nurture his new members and grow his churches.



Although Pastor Mataafa didn't want to leave his churches and tried to get out of having to go, it eventually became clear that he needed to serve his country, and he was happy to do so. But this created a challenge for his churches. What impact would his absence have on his members and upon their ability to minister to their communities?

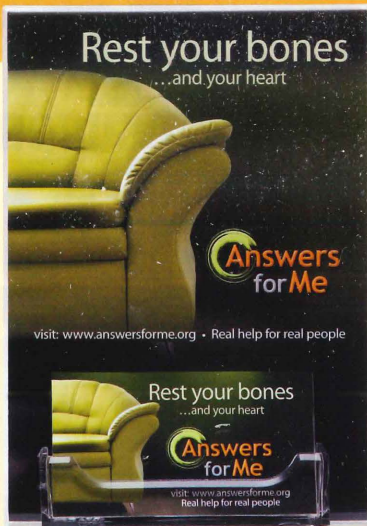
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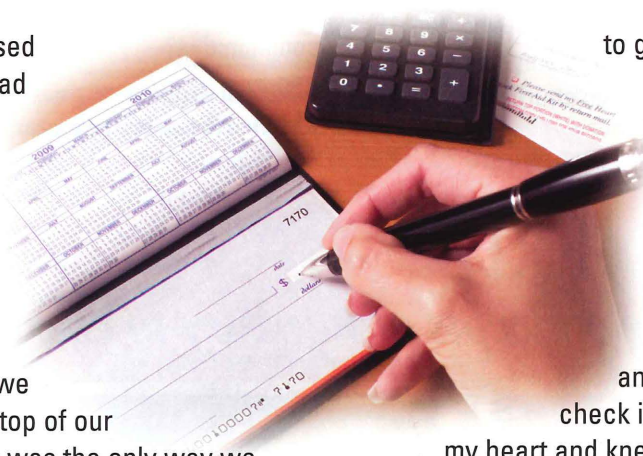
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PUTTING *God First*

by *Melissa M. Birkey*

My husband and I discussed tithing before we married and had similar ideas. The only trouble there was going to be was which church to send the tithe to. My husband is a member of an American Baptist church and I am a member of a Seventh-day Adventist church. With little compromise needed we decided to take the 10% off the top of our earnings and split it in half. This was the only way we could see fit to do our tithing.

I was unemployed for several months. As a result, our bills were falling behind. We were surviving on my husband's salary with bills created from a dual salaried household. It was very tough. Not nearly enough needed



to get by. I would faithfully write the checks to each of our churches, but kept them in my wallet. I was fearful of having a check not clear the bank. I truly wondered what was worse, holding our tithing but keeping track of it in this manner; or taking the chance and going ahead and putting the check in the offering plate. God knew my heart and knew my intentions. I felt as though it was somewhat of a loan. I truly had every intention of paying God's share to him just as soon as I had the ability.

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Paying It Forward

This year — 2011 — marks the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Pacific Union Conference as we know it.

The union was created in 1901 when the Seventh-day Adventist Church was restructured. But delegates to the 1986 Pacific Union session were determined to hasten the soon return of Jesus by channeling more money to local churches and schools, where evangelism and discipleship really happen.

In 1986, 10 cents of every tithe dollar in North America funded the work done by the unions (today it's nine). Delegates decided not to eliminate the union entirely, but to downsize it and redefine its mission. Since then, the union staff has been reduced from more than 100 people to less than 40, and hundreds of millions of dollars that would have financed ministry at the union level has financed ministry in local churches and schools.

But the delegates decided certain jobs were best done at the union office: managing pooled investments, publishing the *Pacific Union Recorder*, developing curriculum for schools, coordinating religious liberty ministry, directing literature ministry and coordinating African-American, Hispanic and Asian-Pacific ministries.

From 2006-2010, the Pacific Union returned to the conferences and schools over \$110 million — about 70 percent of the union budget. There were no application forms or limits on how the money was to be spent; it was just returned according to formulas initiated in 1986.

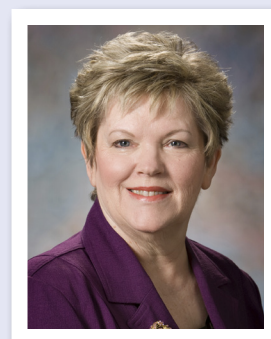
But the Pacific Union doesn't just forward money. I am grateful to God for some very exciting developments. Let me mention a few:

- » **Evangelism Endowment Fund** — The union created this fund from direct donations and from earnings on invested funds. The proceeds have provided hundreds of thousand of dollars every year for innovative evangelism projects throughout the union.
- » **Scholarship Endowment Fund** — In 2010 this fund has benefited more than 750 students, while the fund itself has grown.
- » **Souls West** — The ministry that trains young people to distribute literature, give Bible studies and hold evangelistic meetings, has moved to a larger campus in Arizona and has a waiting list of young people wanting to take the training. One other union is currently studying how to extend the work of Souls West to their churches.
- » **GLOW** — The Pacific Union has printed and distributed truth-filled tracts to hundreds of thousands of people, and the demand is growing.
- » **Church Websites** — The union is providing more than 700 free websites to local churches, conferences and schools. And the netAdventist web program, which was developed here in the Pacific Union, has been adopted by the General Conference for church organizations around the world. Scores of additional churches in our union have created attractive evangelistic websites through the North American Division's Adventist Church Connect or custom sites.
- » **Study Tracker** — The Pacific Union provided much of the funding for StudyTracker, an internet-based program that tracks interests and Bible studies.
- » **PlusLine** — The information desk and event registration service developed by the Pacific Union has been transferred to the NAD where it serves thousands of members every week.
- » **Video Evangelism** — Our Church Support Services personnel have produced a series of evangelistic websites, and are currently producing video content that shows the practical side of Christian living.
- » **WestPoint** — Formerly known as WestPoint of Evangelism, this annual event has been broadened to include innovative evangelism training for many types of church ministry.
- » **College/University Enrollment** — Both La Sierra University and Pacific Union College, the two union schools of higher education, have experienced record enrollments and improved financial performance, making Christian education available for more students.

"While I am grateful for these God given successes, there is much more to be done to reach the millions who live in the Pacific Union territory. The pressing question remains, "How will we reach those who have not heard the three angels' messages?"



Ricardo Graham
president



Carol Lowe
administrative secretary

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Not Just Numbers



Bradford C. Newton
executive secretary

Five years have passed since you last received this cumulative report on the progress of the Lord's work within the seven conferences comprising the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. And what a marvelous territory it is. From the scenic shores of the Hawaiian Islands to the picturesque landscapes of Utah are the homes of over 50 million people (see chart A). Within these geographic and demographic boundaries reside a special group — those "redeemed from among men" who look expectantly for the appearing of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

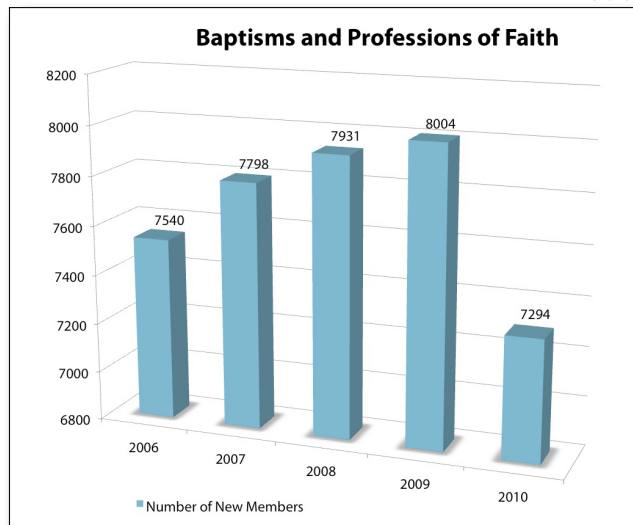
Chart A

POPULATIONS AND RATIOS				
AREA	POPULATION	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP	RATIO
Arizona	6,645,268	74	18,137	1/366
Central	7,846,902	129	35,698	1/220
Hawaii	1,307,354	30	5,919	1/221
Nevada-Utah	5,521,895	47	8,792	1/628
Northern	7,943,548	139	41,824	1/190
Southeastern	10,173,837	143	69,502	1/146
Southern	11,166,316	128	42,836	1/261
Pacific Union	50,605,120	690	222,708	1/227

Travel the length and breadth of the Pacific Union and you will experience the special joy of meeting young adults, parents, boys and girls, seniors, teenagers, and everyone in between who share a common conviction: Jesus is coming soon. Let's meet Him together! You will feel their love for Him communicated in dozens of languages through a variety of worship and service experiences and within multiple cultural expressions. They gather in large, energizing congregations in our sprawling cities as well as the small, inviting churches of the countryside. Woven together, these believers create the tapestry of God's great family who aspire, through the boundless grace of Jesus, to be on the journey towards "being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb."

Using statistics to describe the work of the Body of Christ is a daunting task that may at first appear cold or artificial. But numbers do indeed tell a story. Talk to an evangelist praying with the earnest respondents to an altar call or a pastor conducting a baptismal class in the church office on Sabbath morning. Both would assure you that statistics are not merely numbers on a chart for them. Each digit

Chart B



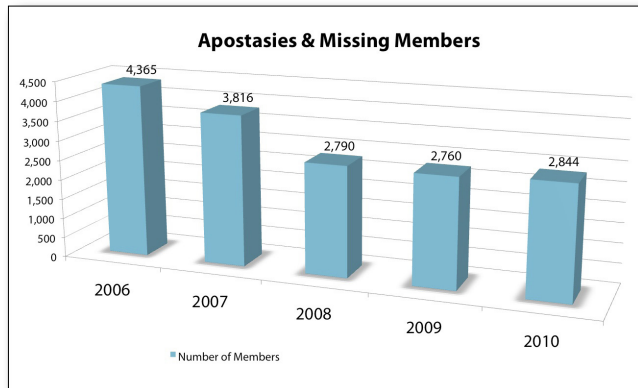
represents a moment of joy, or at times, sadness, when we consider the categories of accessions, the missing, or those who have passed to their rest. Therefore, at all times we desire to remain people-focused with an eye for God's glory.

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47; NKJV).

Outreach is the oxygen of every Adventist church. Evangelistic meetings, personal Bible studies, Sabbath worship, church school baptismal classes, and community service are among the ways our 690 churches of the Pacific Union invite new members into the faith family. During this past quinquennium this experience was multiplied 38,567 times through the baptisms and professions of faith of new Seventh-day Adventist members (see chart B).

This growth was augmented by people who relocated into the Pacific Union Conference from 2006-2010. Despite the economic upheaval which gripped every state in our territory during a portion of this time period, we still welcomed 31,616 additions through membership transfer from other locales (see chart D). As we combine our

Chart C

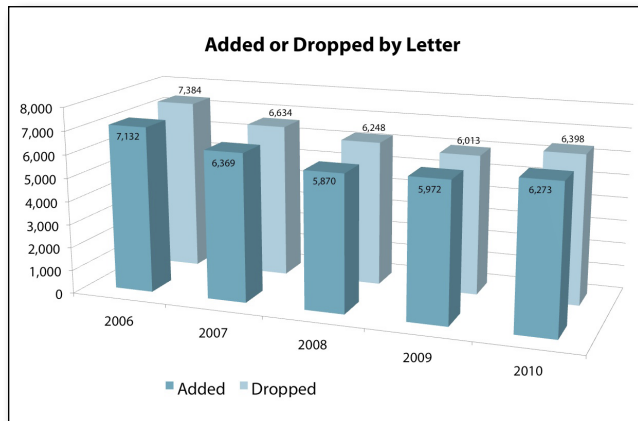


encourages us even as the quinquennial statistics report 16,575 precious people who have left our fellowship and 32,677 who moved their membership outside our territory (see charts C and D).

The combined statistics of soul-winning, transfers, members dropped or missing, and those who have passed to their rest bring the Pacific Union Conference membership to 222,708 at the close of this quinquennium (see chart A). This represents a total growth rate of 6 percent over the past five years and a slight improvement in the member-to-population ratio compared with the previously reported period.

While we rejoice in all that our Lord has done, we cannot be satisfied when tens of millions of our neighbors, friends and coworkers have yet to respond to the three angels' messages. Time draws short until that Great Day when Jesus appears in the eastern sky. May we take to heart this challenge from Ellen White's inspired pen as we look to the future: "We are bidden to go forth as Christ's messengers, to teach, instruct, and persuade men and women, to urge upon

Chart D



baptisms, professions of faith, and transfers, we rejoice that 70,183 precious people became part of the Pacific Union family.

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4 NKJV).

It is comforting to know we serve a Father who never stops searching for His children — even when they wander away. This revelation

encourages us even as the quinquennial statistics report 16,575 precious people who have left our fellowship and 32,677 who moved their membership outside our territory (see charts C and D). The combined statistics of soul-winning, transfers, members dropped or missing, and those who have passed to their rest bring the Pacific Union Conference membership to 222,708 at the close of this quinquennium (see chart A). This represents a total growth rate of 6 percent over the past five years and a slight improvement in the member-to-population ratio compared with the previously reported period. While we rejoice in all that our Lord has done, we cannot be satisfied when tens of millions of our neighbors, friends and coworkers have yet to respond to the three angels' messages. Time draws short until that Great Day when Jesus appears in the eastern sky. May we take to heart this challenge from Ellen White's inspired pen as we look to the future: "We are bidden to go forth as Christ's messengers, to teach, instruct, and persuade men and women, to urge upon their attention the word of life. And to us also the assurance of Christ's abiding presence is given. Whatever the difficulties with which we may have to contend, whatever the trials we may have to endure, the gracious promise is always ours, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world'" (Manuscript 24, 1903).



Vivienne Lansdown
administrative secretary

*"Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. . . . These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb."
Revelation 14:1, 4; NKJV*

Putting Forth Leaves



Arnold Trujillo
vice president

The last five years have been years of historic events in our world and nation. We have witnessed historic natural disasters of earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, floods and wild fires. Yes, there have been natural disasters in the past. What makes these events historic is their size and scope and effects. Are these events signs of the nearness of the second coming of Christ?

As the Pacific Union vice president, part of my job description is to promote evangelism, so I am always looking for evidences of biblical signs. Jesus informs us, "But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father alone" (Matthew 24:36). He also counsels us to "learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near — at the very doors!" (Matthew 24:32-33, NKJV). I have no intention of setting the day or the hour for the coming of Jesus. I do, however, see many tender "fig tree" branches and sprouting leaves that inspire confidence in the blessed hope that Jesus is coming soon! Let me turn from events in the natural world to events in our Pacific Union Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jesus said: "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). There are a number of most encouraging signs that this prophecy is being fulfilled in the five states and seven local conferences that make up the Pacific Union territory.

The first "tender branch with sprouting leaves" indicator of the nearness of the "summer" of the Second Coming is the explosive growth of our young adult involvement in soul-winning. Our SOULS (A Seventh-day Adventist Outreach Leadership School) West graduates have distributed hundreds of thousands of books, given hundreds of Bible studies, conducted numerous evangelistic campaigns and trained scores of church members during the last five years, as well as provided leaders for the literature ministries in our local conferences. Two new initiatives that have been launched during the last five years by Pacific Union young adults are:

- » **GLOW** (Giving Light to Our World), which is a ministry dedicated to providing training and materials for equipping church members to become literature evangelists.
- » **iSHARE** (I Seek to Help Advance Revival & Evangelism), is a ministry that seeks to dynamically connect young adults to Christ so that they are spiritually revived, motivated to share Him with others, and equipped to do year-round evangelism.

As I have visited churches from Sabbath to Sabbath throughout our territory, I have been amazed at the dedication of our young adults.

*"When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near — at the doors!"
Matthew 24:32-33*



Another indicator that "summer" is coming is the expansion of the Pathfinder ministry, an evangelistic ministry for the children and youth of our communities and our members. For the first time in 20 years, a Pacific Union-wide Pathfinder Camporee has been planned. It will take place from March 28 through April 1, 2012.

A third indicator that evangelistic outreach is expanding in the Pacific Union is the KID (Kids In Discipleship) ministry. This ministry equips and mobilizes parents and mentors to evangelize and disciple their own children or grandchildren, as well as children of the church, school or community.

The first three indicators have focused on young adults, youth and children, but there has been expansion during the last five years to other heretofore unreached or under-reached people groups living in our territory. Intentional ministries have been launched reaching out to our Jewish, Muslim and Native American populations. Prison inmates and their families have been helped by our excellent prison ministry volunteers led by B.J. Warren and the local conference and church ministry leaders. Single adults have been the tireless focus of our Pacific Union ASAM (Adventist Single Adult Ministries) leader, Barbara Babcock. Dorothy Means has given excellent leadership to ministry for the women in our churches and communities.

There are more evangelistic small groups meeting in the Pacific Union than at any time in our history. While our Hispanic churches have been utilizing this evangelistic/discipling method the longest, the Asian/Pacific Island churches have embraced it in the last two years. Other church groups are also developing small groups.

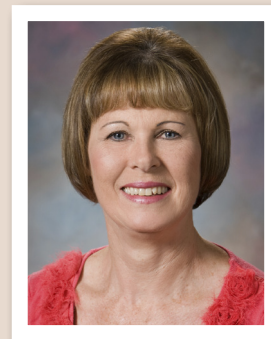
The last five years have also brought significant expansion in the disaster response ministry, led by Charlene Sargent. A new 32-foot mobile distribution trailer is now available to provide much-needed goods to disaster survivors and responders. Most of the trailer was built to carry disaster supplies, but a small area in the front of the trailer and above the fifth wheel hitch provides a sleeping/bathroom/galley area for personnel while deployed.

In addition, I partnered with Sue Curtis of La Sierra University to develop a very impressive disaster readiness plan for the university.

Another indicator — expanded prayer ministry initiatives under the leadership of Karen Martel and the prayer ministry leaders in our local conferences, including a prayer summit and prayer conferences.

The final indicator is the hundreds of evangelistic reaping campaigns that have been conducted by our youth, young adults, adults, evangelists, pastors, departmental leaders and administrators. I do not believe there has ever been so many different individuals conducting so many different evangelistic meetings or seminars as were conducted during the last five years. One of the results is that in 2009, "The Year of Evangelism," more were baptized than in any other year in the history of the Pacific Union.

While we have much for which to be grateful during the past five years, we, more than ever, earnestly long for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus promised in Revelation 22:20, "Surely I am coming quickly." John's prayer is mine as well, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"



Vivienne Lansdown
administrative secretary

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Looking Upward



Theodore Benson
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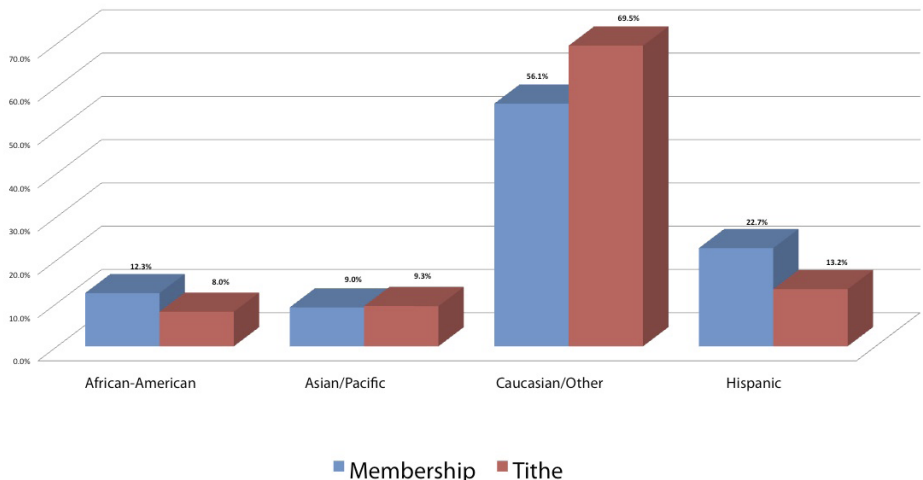
Most well-managed families meet from time to time to discuss family finances. It is time for the church family in Pacific Union to do the same.

The past five years have brought some serious financial challenges to most of the church and school entities within Pacific Union. The most notable challenge has been the collapse of the financial markets, which has resulted in the loss of investment income. Many areas within the Pacific Union territory have been affected by job losses, resulting in lower family income on which to pay tithe.

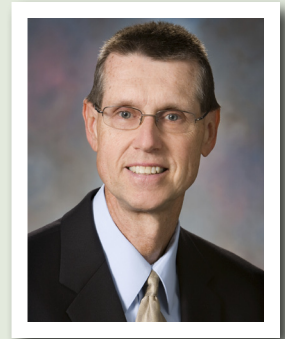
Lower income to the church has required more careful planning and a re-examination of financial priorities. Downsizing of employees has resulted. Modern technology is being used to substitute for support personnel.

Yet even with these financial challenges, this report will show that God is still in the business of opening the windows of heaven and pouring out abundant blessings on His family.

Membership and Tithe Comparison (by Ethnic Groups)



in a Down World



Bill Liers
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Jim Griggs
associate treasurer/IT

Membership and Tithe Comparison

Pacific Union is made up of four primary ethnic groups. Chart A illustrates the size and financial strength of each group. The total membership of Pacific Union as of December 31, 2010, was 222,708.

Total tithe during this five year period was \$834.5 million, which is \$84.8 million greater than the previous five-year period. This translates to an 11.31 percent increase during the last five years. Despite the economy, we praise God for continued blessings.

World Mission Giving

God's family is scattered throughout the entire world. A portion of the tithe, along with basic mission offerings, provide support for world wide mission work. The offerings include: Sabbath School, Thirteenth Sabbath, Investment, miscellaneous, and Birthday and Thank offerings.

Giving to these mission offerings was almost the same as the previous quinquennium with a slight increase of 1.14 percent during this quinquennium. During the past five years, many thousands of dollars have gone directly to specific mission projects from local churches, schools and conferences. The amount that passed through the Pacific Union for designated missions was \$22.3 million.

Operating Expenses

The primary focus of the Pacific Union is to assist the conferences. The operating expenses consist of two main categories designated as Program Services and Support Functions. Program Services are those expenses directed toward the accomplishment of mission, while Support Functions consist of administrative expenses and other operating costs. During the period from 2006 to 2010, 90.2 cents of every dollar spent was used to accomplish mission. The 90.2 percent (\$147.1 million) spent for Program Services was apportioned to the conferences and institutions of higher education as follows:

- » K-12 Education — \$22.8 million
- » Higher Education — \$38.4 million (This includes appropriations to La Sierra University, Oakwood University and Pacific Union College.)
- » Conference Appropriations — \$32.9 million
- » Evangelism — \$16.9 million
- » Departments — \$12.9 million
- » Retirement — \$10.1 million
- » Conference Capital Projects — \$4.6 million
- » Local Missions — \$4.6 million
- » Recorder — \$3.9 million

Conference appropriations include \$3.8 million from year-end gains realized by the Pacific Union during the past 5 years, which were returned as unrestricted funds.



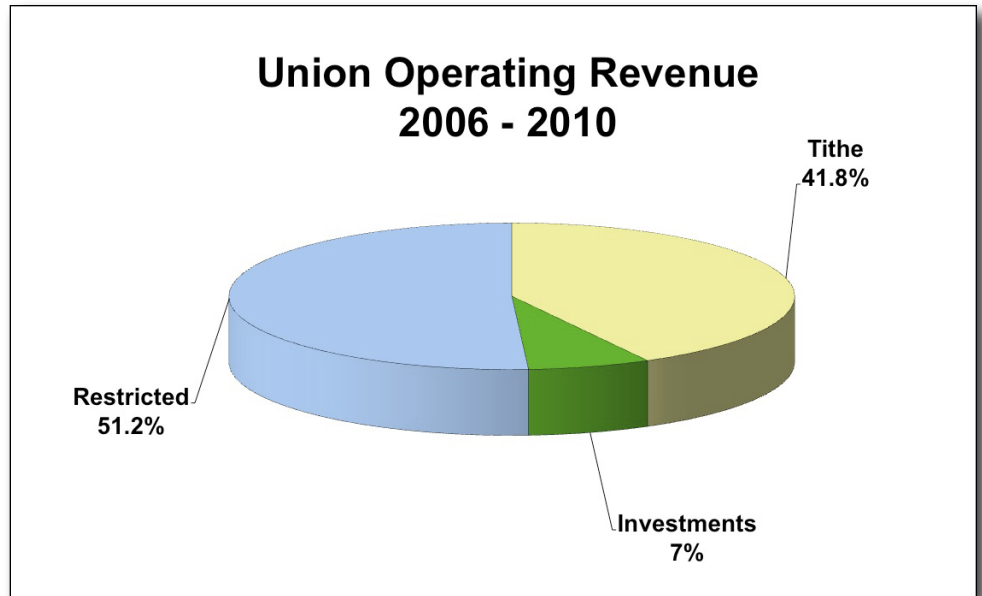
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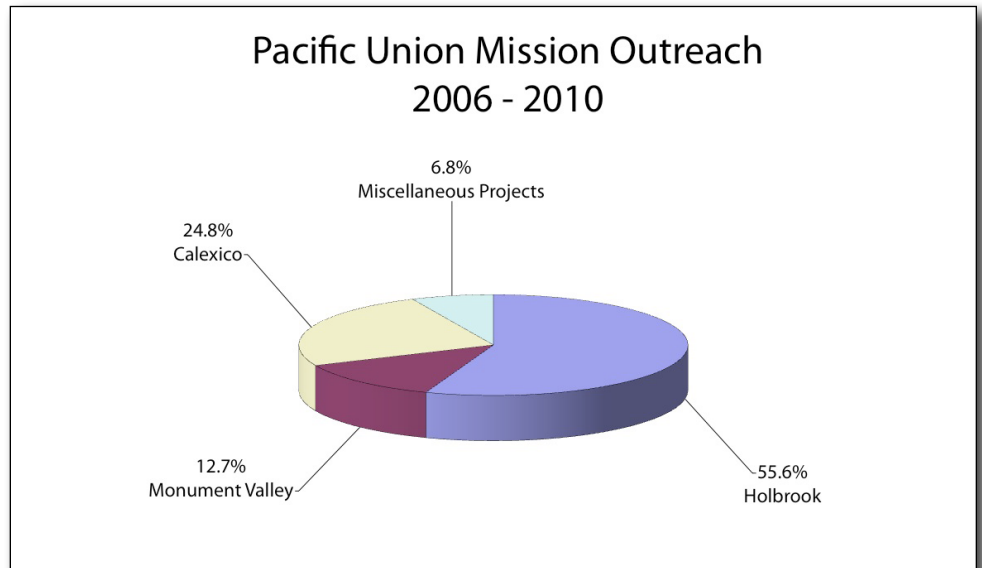
Operating Revenues

The Pacific Union received a total income of \$160.1 million during the 2006 to 2010 period. Restricted income amounted to 51.2 percent and was passed on or used as the donor specified. Tithe provided by the conferences made up 41.8 percent while an additional 7 percent came from investments and miscellaneous income.



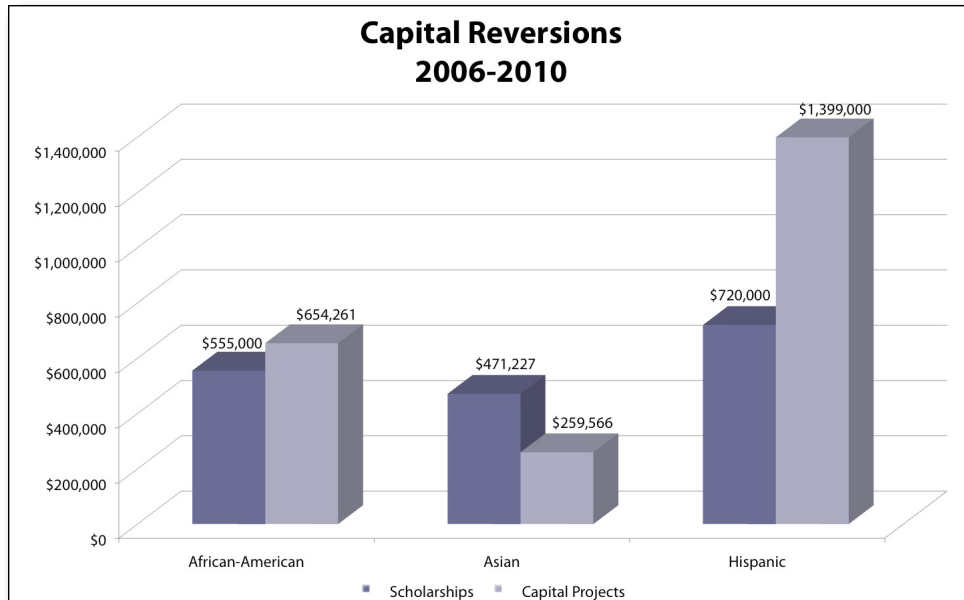
Pacific Union Missions

Holbrook Adventist Indian School, Monument Valley Mission School, and Calexico Mission School are missions within the Pacific Union boundaries. Together with the conferences, the Pacific Union assists with the support of these mission outreaches.



Reversion Funds

One function entrusted to the Pacific Union is to provide financial equalization among ethnic groups so that growth opportunities are enhanced. A portion of the tithe reaching the Union from the African-American, Asian and Hispanic churches is returned to the conferences to provide scholarship and capital project assistance for these groups. The North American Division also returns a portion of their funds to assist these groups.



Other Managed Funds

The **Evangelism Endowment Fund** provides on-going funds for innovative outreach by churches and individuals within the union. This past five years, \$1,316,390 has been provided for churches to try new methods of outreach and evangelism.

The **Education Endowment** has provided funds during the past five years that have assisted 3,046 students in the amount of \$1,668,929.

The **Church and School Loan Fund** provides low cost loans to our churches, schools and conferences within the Pacific Union. The interest earnings are distributed to the Evangelism Endowment Fund and the Educational Endowment to help with the mission of the union. As of Dec. 31, 2010, the net assets of the fund were \$39.9 million of which \$23.1 million were loans to churches, schools and conferences within the union.

The **Income Fund** is unique in that its primary objective is to provide a pooled investment vehicle for churches, schools and conferences within the Pacific Union. Secondly, it is a financing option for capital projects for those same denominational organizations. As of Dec. 31, 2010, the net assets of the fund were \$77 million, of which \$40.5 million were loans to churches, schools and conferences within the union.

We Look Forward to the Future

Because of God's abundant blessings and the faithfulness of the members in giving to His cause, we can state that the Pacific Union Conference is in a sound financial position at this time. It is through God's wisdom and power that His church thrives. Pray that He will continue to bless and guide us as we manage the finances of Pacific Union for the finishing of God's work.



Linda Ramsey
sr. accounting clerk



Leanne Garrison
sr. accounting clerk

Reaching Out

When the Pacific Union was downsized and reorganized between 1986 and 1991, the Communication Department was retained, largely for the purpose of producing the monthly news magazine, the *Pacific Union Recorder*. In 2011, the *Recorder* continues to publish stories of God's grace and power, plus reports of innovative ministry initiatives, that are submitted by correspondents at participating organizations throughout the union: the seven conferences, La Sierra University, Pacific Union College, Adventist Health and Loma Linda, plus reports from union officers and ministry directors.

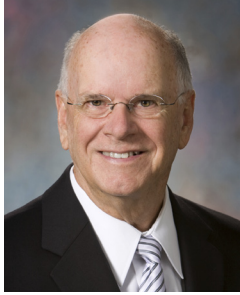
Why publish the *Recorder*? Because stories of God's blessings in one location strengthen the faith of members everywhere, and because those stories often inspire similar stories in new locations. The Communication Department would like to thank all the writers, photographers, proof-readers, printers and communication directors who have contributed to the *Recorder* during the last five years.

Besides publishing the *Recorder*, the Communication Department provides free websites for local conferences and churches, plus some training and consultation.

Pacific Union Recorder

By 2006, the *Recorder* mailing list had gradually declined to a little more than 50,000, fewer than half the homes in the union. Since 2006, the old *Recorder* mailing list has been replaced in all conferences by the eAdventist online membership database. This was expected to result in mailing the *Recorder* to more than 100,000 homes, but, because of budget restraints, the list has grown to a little more than 75,000 homes. So 25,000 more Adventist homes are receiving the *Recorder* than five years ago, but there are still about 25,000 not receiving it.

It is our goal in the months ahead to make the *Recorder* available to every home, largely through encouraging members to access the *Recorder* online, and supporting the electronic version with immediate news through e-mail lists, phone apps and social media such as Facebook and Twitter. A redesign of the print magazine is also on the horizon.



Gerry Chudleigh, director



Alicia Adams, associate director



Sali Butler, secretary



Sharon Edwards, secretary

New Media

Five years ago, websites promised to make local churches' ministries available to everyone in their communities. For that reason, the Pacific Union supported the creation of template-based websites for every church at no cost. By 2010, more than 750 of those netAdventist sites are in use, plus many other template-based and custom sites.

But by 2010, local churches were beginning to discover the potential for ministry by combining their websites with other (mostly free) media, such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and other social media. Through these tools, some local churches in the Pacific Union have already involved interested neighbors in church evangelism before those neighbors even traveled to the physical church. The potential is huge.

The Communication Department plans to work with local conference communication directors to train more local pastors and lay leaders to use new media for proclaiming the good news of salvation through Jesus.

What an exciting time to live and work for God, as new tools provide every church and every member the opportunity to stay connected with the world church family and to reach out to non-members with the message of God's love through personal interaction, video, podcasts, blogs, tweets and more.

Soul-Winning Enthusiasm

Empowered by an undying love for the Savior, the Asian/Pacific members contributed just over 10 percent of the union's tithe income for 2010. Even a recession couldn't slow the support. In addition, membership soared to more than 11 percent of the union's total members.

The following initiatives may have sparked soul-winning enthusiasm:

1. Tell-the-World — Tell-Families: Concentrating on their families, members intentionally loved missing families into the church.
2. Small Groups: Pastors persuaded members to form small soul-winning groups, and membership growth is the outcome.
3. Entry Events: Through cooking classes, free medical outreach, food distribution, literacy classes, and cultural classes, church members became well-known within their communities.
4. Public Evangelistic Meetings: Numerous evangelistic meetings resulted in large baptisms, especially among the Polynesian churches.
5. George Atiga conducted more than five evangelistic meetings each year of this quinquennium.
6. Operation Hasten: To prepare each PUC home for salvation, we pledge to leave select Second Coming literature at each door in the territory.

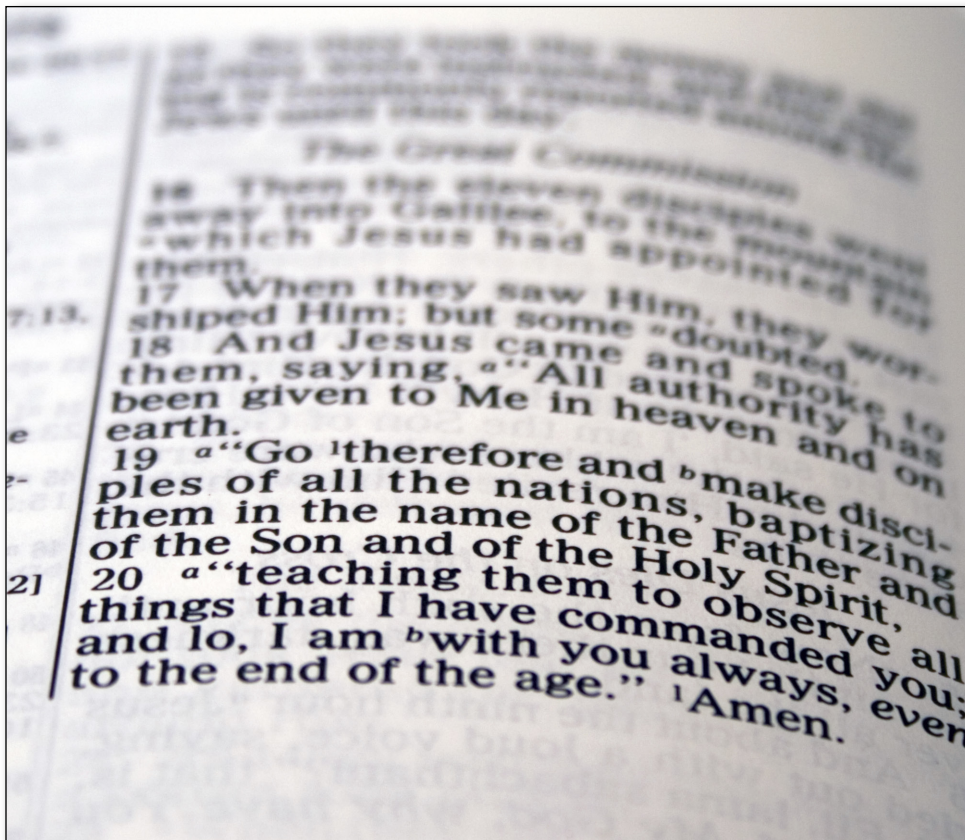
Knowing that God is blessing this ministry, I gladly relinquish it to the next leader. Thank you for the joy of serving 30 years, for your loyalty and support and finally for consistently contributing to God's work. Goodbye, until we meet again in His Kingdom!



George Atiga, director



Julie Masterson, secretary



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— George Atiga

Evangelism in Focus

Most of the 172 Hispanic churches and groups in the Pacific Union held evangelistic campaigns during the past five years, keeping in mind the ever present mission to bring others to the loving arms of our Lord and Savior.



Jorge Soria
director



Ruth Collins
secretary

I am so thankful to work in such a blessed union. We have an army of 145 consecrated and dedicated Hispanic pastors and 50,441 lay members. Together we work to accomplish the mission given to our church; we obey and trust in His power and strength.

To promote evangelism, the Pacific Union Hispanic Ministries Department has identified three areas to highlight throughout the past five years. The focus of all planned activities has been nurture, training and equipping. With this in mind, the following initiatives were launched:

- » Seminars — For couples and families, lay leaders, elders, women and men's ministries, pastors' Health Seminars, etc.
- » Youth Meetings — Congresses, Bible bowls and mini Olympic activities.
- » Ministerial Meetings — A time of encouragement, evangelism planning and fellowship.

Evangelism Activities

For the last five years, the Southeastern California Conference has been doing evangelism by counties. All the pastors of the counties work together with Alberto Ingleton, vice president for Hispanics, and Yohalmo Saravia, conference evangelist, preparing their churches. Then they invite an evangelist to have a campaign for one week. At the end of the meetings, they rent portable pools to baptize those who decide to give their hearts to Jesus. Hundreds have been already baptized.

A Dream Leads to Salvation

About two years ago, Maria Heredia had a dream where she saw a man coming down from heaven and people on earth running from side to side, screaming in fright and shock. In her dream, she saw herself hiding under a rock with her daughter, Angelina, but could not find her other children. Suddenly she saw her husband, Leonardo, and asked him if he had seen the rest of her children — Martin, Mario and Guillermo. When he

said that he hadn't seen them, she began to mourn inconsolably. Mario had to wake Maria when he heard her crying. This dream deeply impressed Maria. She woke up wanting to know the truth about Jesus. She thought it was time for them to seek spiritual guidance from a church.

During that time, her husband brought home a piece of paper that he found on the floor at work. It was from a company called "Glory Star" featuring a satellite with more than 50 religious programs. Maria decided to order the satellite. That was how the family found the channels Esperanza TV and 3ABN. So they began to hear the third angel's message through them.

After watching one of the programs on Esperanza TV, Maria called to ask for the addresses of churches close to their home. They gave them three, including the San Jose Spanish church. So on a Sabbath morning, the Heredia family visited the church in San Jose. When they learned that the church was Seventh-day Adventist, they thought: "Then we actually are Adventists." They left the church with great joy, because they had found the church that keeps the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:17). The family has since opened their home to host evangelistic meetings.

A Special Challenge

There are about 15,000,000 Hispanics living in the union territory, and these huge numbers are a challenge to our churches. Of the 10 U.S. cities with the largest Latino concentration in 2010, five are inside our union. Here's a look at the stats from the past five years:

Membership:

2005 — 43,522

2010 — 50,236

Baptisms:

2005-2010 — 15,427

Tithes:

2005-2010 — \$105,730,577

It is our desire and prayer that our Lord will continue blessing the Hispanic membership in the Pacific Union.

Reaching the Modern City

The Seventh-day Adventist church has a major work to do in the inner city. When you read the Gospels, you find Christ walking the streets of cities and towns, bringing hope and healing to thousands. Christ was not about money, buildings or committees. He was about doing His Father's business, touching people physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually and showing a dying world a way to a better life. Should it be any different for us?

The Regional Ministries Department represents a diverse ethnic subgroup made up of Africans, African-Americans, Caribbean-Americans, West Indians and people of Central American descent and is the second largest constituent group with strong ties to the inner city. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, laity actively participate in outreach ministries that address felt needs.

Regional Ministries has proudly supported several unique and powerful lay-driven ministries that reflect Christ's love for the inner city. Prison intervention and prevention ministries, homelessness, tutoring elementary and high school students, job readiness training, English as a second language classes, parenting classes, sport leagues to keep youth off the streets — community partnerships that build trust and change lives.

Other methods that work in the inner city include health intervention, community service, Christian education, Pathfinders and recovery small groups. Regional Ministries is committed to the growth and development of service-oriented ministries that foster one-on-one relationships and win souls. In spite of the depressed economy, we saw a tithe increase from five to 13 million dollars, and our membership increased more than 3,000 since 2006. A new school has been started in Las Vegas, Nev., and our pastoral staff across the union is stocked with young men and women with a heart for God and people. We are poised to see God do a mighty work in the inner cities.

With each passing day, we have the awesome privilege of letting the world know about the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Bobby Mitchell
director



Sali Butler
secretary

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BELIEVE in

BELIEVE is an apt summary of the education ministry within the Pacific Union Conference. In the few words that follow, you will catch a glimpse of the integrated program of K-12 education leading young people to believe in themselves, as children of God; in God's interest and design for their lives; in service as a response to Christ's life; and in the assurance of Jesus living in them. We believe!



Berit von Pohle
director



Thambi Thomas
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BELIEVE

A Ministry of the Pacific Union Conference

Adventist schools provide a **B**ible-based curriculum.
The Office of Education coordinates **E**arly childhood centers.
Schools where students build **L**oving, lasting relationships.
Teachers strive to meet **I**ndividual learner needs.
Adventist schools are **E**vangelistic centers.
Adventist schools provide **V**alue-added education.
We believe in and **E**ducate for Eternity.

Bible-based Curriculum

The curricula offered in K-12 schools in the Pacific Union are Bible-based. To ensure this, all textbooks are selected with great care so that what students learn does not conflict with Adventist beliefs.

The K-12 Bible curriculum is designed to help students understand the great truths and teachings in Scripture and to recognize God's claim on their lives.

Recently, the Pacific Union has supported the production of four new programs that emphasize a responsive teaching approach within the spiritual classroom environment:

Pathways: A Journey to Excellence through Literacy, which is an all encompassing language arts program for grades 1-8, along with the *Pathways Resources for Easy*



Students from EAA that have just finished pouring the slab for the foundation of a much-needed house for a family in Baja, Mexico. The framing is in process. The house was completed in four days of concentrated effort by the group of students. From left: Sammy Martinez, Kacey Hawkins and Kalani Berry.

Adventist Education

Planning (PREP) correlation guide; *ByDesign: A Journal to Excellence through Science*, a creation-based science program for grades 1-8; *Stepping Stones*, a total program for kindergarten which will emphasize “Making the Invisible God Visible” while covering every academic subject; and *Forte* (For Talents in Education) provides differentiated activities for mathematics, language arts and social studies in a variety of modalities for grades 1-9.

Early Childhood Centers

The Early Childhood Division works collaboratively with the local conference offices of education, Pacific Union College, Adventist Child Care Network, Adventist Risk Management and the North American Division in an effort to provide a consistent structure for Adventist early childhood education and care (ECEC) programs located within the Pacific Union territory. As a result, several key documents and initiatives have been developed to be more in line with the established K-12 education system and assist local ECEC programs to run effectively, efficiently and consistently.

This is where developmentally appropriate, Christ-centered early childhood education and care begins. Adventist early childhood programs located within church or school settings have a very special role to play in the education and training of young children. The opportunity to care for another’s child provides a sacred opportunity to build strong bonds of trust and confidence between teacher, child and parent. Truly, Adventist early childhood programs are evangelistic efforts aimed at supporting the family, the family structure and promoting the development of the whole child.



Preschool is much more than child daycare. The curriculum-based education lays groundwork for math skills, reading readiness and social development.

Loving and Lasting Relationships

Leadership development is a key component in Adventist education. The Pacific Union Conference Office of Education sponsors a student leadership conference each year. Almost 300 student leaders, convene for spiritual renewal, leadership training and fellowship.

Small schools, small classroom sizes, and co-curricular offerings provide opportunities for many students to experience leadership. Class officers, hall monitors, ASB officers, sports, and mission service are examples of options for students to develop leadership and cooperation skills.

Small schools and small class sizes provide a family atmosphere that fosters lifelong friendships.



A student at Discoveryland Preschool in Crescent City, Calif., explores her creative side.

Individual Learning Needs

A number of our teachers and administrators received specialized training in student-centered school environment and delivery methods. “Quality Schools” and “Differentiated Instruction” training assisted our teachers to meet the individual learning needs of students. The Lead Management vs. Boss Management in-services demonstrated a non-coercive method of classroom and school management. The emphasis on Differentiated Instruction continues as training and in-services show teachers a wide variety of strategies to make learning personal and enjoyable for each student.

Evangelistic Centers

Teachers interact with and influence students 5 days of the week, 10 months of the year and hence play an important role in helping students understand who God is, of His love and His claim on their lives. Under the influence of Godly teachers and the Holy Spirit more than 500 students in the



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secretary



Cheryl Dickerson
secretary

Pacific Union each year accept Jesus as their Savior and are baptized. As a prominent educator once stated “Seventh-day Adventist education provides the most sustained, comprehensive type of evangelism the church can provide.”

Students in academies participate in community service and in witnessing around the globe on mission trips.

Value-added Education

In an effort to understand the needs of the whole child and to provide the best environment to share the Seventh-day Adventist world view, we have conducted several research studies of our students over the past 30 years. Valuegenesis, now in its third iteration, has provided insights into the values held by our students and indicates the importance of Seventh-day Adventist Education in the retention of students in the church.

Recently, CognitiveGenesis research used the ITBS/ITED standardized achievement inventories combined with the COGAT cognitive abilities inventory to assess the changes in achievement and ability for our students in grades 3-12. This data has verified the following: (1) Students in Adventist schools score above the national norms in all subject areas and in all grade levels; (2) The longer students remain in Adventist Education schools of any size, the higher their abilities and achievement progress beyond grade level expectations.

We can be assured, from current research, that our students are exposed to the finest in Adventist Christian educational environments leading to productive church membership and service.



Monterey Bay Academy students traveled to the village of Progress in Belize, Central America, to help build a four classroom building (30'x100'), student bathrooms, and some slabs for an existing One Day Church to be used as a classroom.



Newbury Park Academy students went on a mission trip to Vieques, Puerto Rico, in March 2011. They painted fences and prepared the foundation for the fellowship hall.

Educate for Eternity

All that happens in Adventist Education is planned and implemented through the lens of drawing children into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

While we must provide each student with the skills and abilities necessary to be capable citizens of this world, this is only a part of why we exist.

More importantly, we celebrate when we see young people come to believe in their eternal salvation, when they believe in the transforming power of God’s love, when they believe that their experience in Adventist education has prepared them not only for service on this earth, but for an eternity.

A Full-Circle Faith

During the past five years, Holbrook Seventh-day Adventist Indian School has been richly blessed. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been felt and seen as students have responded in giving their hearts to Jesus. We have experienced 53 baptisms from 2008 to present with four more planned. Rejoice with us — for while we are an educational institution — sharing and bringing these precious children to an understanding of the love of Jesus is the most important work we have been given to do.

Following the completion of Colson Hall, the boys' dormitory, in 2006, the HIS Board approved a proposal to remodel the old boys' dormitory rather than demolishing the building. Work would progress as monies and workers became available. Since then, numerous mission groups from across the United States have helped to deconstruct and begin rebuilding the interior spaces. The building is now called the New Education Center and plans include four classrooms, a working museum for the history classes displaying HIS history and memorabilia, a large conference meeting room, administrative offices, and a student center.

The summer of 2007 saw a change in leadership for the HIS campus. Dr. Janet Claymore-Ross arrived to become the 16th principal. Her cultural heritage is of Lakota descent, and she is the first enrolled Native American to lead the faculty and staff in dealing with our Native students.

Arriving on campus in January 2010, Fred and Pam Bruce brought with them their love of horses. They proposed and developed a horsemanship program. The old red barn has been refurbished and a new arena and paddock are in place. Students are enjoying this additional outlet for outdoor activity.

A renewed interest in building alumni relationships resulted in the development of an alumni newsletter and an alumni garden. There have been three editions of the newsletter, and the pipes for the watering system have been installed for the alumni garden. In addition, Sharon Dedman Vecchiarelli, the pastor's wife and a graduate of HIS, is maintaining a Facebook page for alumni.

With 12 members, the class of 2011 is the largest class of graduates in the 65 years of HIS. Our students represent different tribes — Navajo, Apache, Hopi, Havasupai, Hualapai — all come to HIS for different reasons. Yet they all find friendship and a purpose as a result of coming to our campus. May God continue to pour out His blessings on Holbrook Seventh-day Adventist Indian School.



The largest graduating class in the Holbrook Indian School's history includes: (front, l. to r.) K.C. King, Richard Dedman, Manual Tishie, Ernie Upshaw, Arnell Singer, Antoinette Hardy, Amber Holiday, Roshawnda Jackson and Samantha Gorman; (back, l. to r.) Jackson Sandoval and Reggie Chee; (not pictured) Krystal Smith.



Dr. Janet Claymore-Ross, HIS principal, explains the class schedule to Alice Yellowhair and her children, Leigh and Lyle Nez, during registration.



K.C. King and Richard Dedman practice skills they learned in horsemanship class.

The Soft Touch of Technology



Rich DuBose
director



Sharon Edwards
secretary

Many are drowning in a sea of information, yet longing for words of hope. Sometimes theology isn't enough. Sometimes people need more than evidence. They need love and assurance!

People may argue with our theology, but they can't argue with our stories. From birth onward, we individually encounter a mix of people, circumstances and challenges that make our stories unique. And when they intersect with God, they become powerful tools for good.

Reaching the diverse population centers within the Pacific Union requires creative approaches that Ellen White must have envisioned when she said:

"Let every worker in the Master's vineyard, study, plan, devise methods, to reach the people where they are. We must do something out of the common course of things. We must arrest the attention. We must be deadly in earnest. We are on the very verge of times of trouble and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of." —*Letter 20, 1893 (Ev 122.4)*

"In the cities of today, where there is so much to attract and please, the people can be interested by no ordinary efforts. Ministers of God's appointment will find it necessary to put forth extraordinary efforts in order to arrest the attention of the multitudes. And when they succeed in bringing together a large number of people, they must bear messages of a character so out of the usual order that the people will be aroused and warned. They must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly." —*Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 109. (1909) (Ev 122.3)*

CSS Websites

- » AnswersForMe.org - Covers a broad range of topics, including spiritual growth and family life
- » BibleBay.org - Covers a full set of interactive study guides and Bible study resources
- » ChurchSupportServices.org - Resources for churches and individual members
- » SpiritFlash.org - Ministry video archives
- » SpiritRenew.org - iPhone, iPad and Android devotional app
- » StoryHarvest.org - Features personal conversion stories and more
- » vimeo.com/churchapplied - ChurchApplied video series about people involved in ministry

It's one thing to have a important message to share, but it's quite another to be able to share it effectively. I use the term "soft tech" to describe the process of using technology to touch people softly with transformational content.

Through video, photography and text, we can share messages of healing and hope through our church websites, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Church Support Services is the research and development arm of the Pacific Union for

church ministries. Services provided include the creation of inspirational web content, a quarterly newsletter (ChurchApplied), the management of several outreach websites, the creation of new sharing tools (brochures and mailers), video production, and the development of networking opportunities.



A Work with Great Power

The distribution of Adventist literature is a unique ministry. Adventists are less than one percent of the American population. To make an impact on 300-plus million people is difficult, but every time a tract or book is left with someone, sermons will be preached without a pastor or church member present. This is the reason literature distribution is a ministry.

The Pacific Union Literature Ministries Department is currently providing three evangelistic outreach programs:

1. The Youth Rush summer program is well known across the union, and hundreds of youth have participated. In the last three years, \$3,392,359 in donations were collected, \$2,205,033 worth of scholarships were provided for Adventist schools, and 1,329,551 books were distributed, each preaching the Adventist message.
2. SOULS West is now one decade old. Several hundred students have graduated and are working for the church as paid workers or as church laymen. SOULS graduates are teaching, pastoring, Bible working, GLOW-ing and running literature ministries programs across the North American Division. The SOULS 2011 Bible work practicum produced more than 100 baptisms.
3. GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) is our newest project. The distribution of small literature (tracts) is touching millions. Bible studies, church attendance and baptisms are the results of people reading this truth filled literature. To date, Pacific Union has passed out over 10 million GLOW tracts. The goal is to involve every church and church member in giving their neighbors, friends and strangers GLOW literature that will inspire them to know the beautiful messages of Scripture. The GLOW ministry is preparing tracts for current day events and holidays and to meet the personal and emotional needs of our society. For example, in the Fall of 2010, a special tract was developed to help people understand the true meaning of Halloween. Thousands of these were distributed by church members.



Larry Carter
director



Carol Lowe
secretary



Life is About Transitions



Yvonne Navarro
director



Carol Lowe
secretary

Life is about transitions. It's about growing from a child through adulthood to a senior. It's about extending God's kingdom from generation to generation. Our faith in the Lord may be constant, but our personal, family and financial challenges change almost daily.

Planned Giving and Trust Services is a unique mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, providing useful financial, estate and gift planning information — with special sensitivity to our faith.

Planned Giving and Trust Services is not just for the wealthy, and it isn't just for seniors. It is for all of us. The program is there to assist you in the midst of your changing needs to help provide financial security, protect your loved ones and provide meaningful support for your favorite Adventist charities.

Working with our donors is a very special privilege, one we do not take lightly. In order to serve in the Planned Giving and Trust Services Department, personnel must attend a certification course given by the General Conference Trust Services Department and complete a week long internship.

The need for continuing education never stops. Tax laws change, the economic environment in which we exist is constantly changing and the information available is continually being updated. An important part of my duties is to provide a bi-annual continuing education

course for all union trust services personnel, as well as to serve as a resource person for inquiries.

Prior to 1997, the Pacific Union offered trust administration services. Recognizing a growing need for expertise that would be available to all Adventist entities within the Pacific Union, the Western Adventist Foundation was incorporated in April 1997 in order to provide excellent trust management for any Pacific Union organization that wished to utilize those services. In the years since then, WAF's client base has greatly increased and includes Seventh-day Adventist organizations both inside and outside of the Pacific Union.

An advertising campaign was implemented in 1998 and continues today. Its primary goal is to raise donor awareness of the many options available to them to provide support to Adventist charities.

We are humbled by the trust placed in us by our donors, awed by their commitment and dedication and privileged to be a part of implementing plans which provide funds for our donors, their loved ones and also provide meaningful support to God's work.



Minding the Storehouse



Your team at Western Adventist Foundation is dedicated to serving you and God's work through the many ministries and areas of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have been blessed over the last 14 years in serving both individual trustors as well as multiple denominational organizations.

We relocated from the campus of the Pacific Union office complex in 2005 to the Phoenix area. Our client base, as well as the monies we manage for our Church entities, has continued to grow each year. Our clients include unions, conferences, educational institutions, media ministries, and many smaller ministries which focus on delivering the message of the soon return of our Lord and Savior.

Every organization we serve can be confident that the expertise available to them and their donors will be equal, no matter how large or small the ministry may be. Each one of our administrators and many of our staff have 20 or more years experience in gift development and administration.

Through the end of 2010, we have distributed more than \$72 million dollars in maturities with more than \$52 million dollars going to support the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are currently managing close to 3,000 active gift and trust files. Every trust and gift we manage benefits organizations other than Western Adventist Foundation.

Our focus is to continue to be a center of excellence in the development and management of revocable and irrevocable gifts. We often assist in the development of more complicated gifts, creating a solution which benefits the donors as well as providing a meaningful benefit to our church organizations.

While we serve our clients with revocable trust administration, we continue to specialize in Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Gift Annuities. In conjunction with Pacific Union, Western Adventist Foundation is licensed in almost all 50 states to provide Charitable Gift Annuities.

Foundation Administration

James H. Brown
president

Larry "Bo" Fuller
CFO/vice president

Yvonne "Bonnie" Navarro
*general counsel
corporate secretary*

Claudine Robinson
treasurer

A Journey from Good to Great



Heather J. Knight
president

The past two years have been a period of incredible growth and change at Pacific Union College. Under the visionary leadership of President Heather Knight, the college has embarked on a journey from good to great, and together the campus is working towards building "The New PUC."

New Leadership

In June of 2009, PUC's board of trustees installed Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., as the new president of the college. Knight's career includes two decades of leadership experience at Andrews University and the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. Within the first year of her presidency, Knight began laying out an ambitious strategic plan to guide the college's development for the next five years.

In September 2010, the board confirmed Dave Lawrence, Ed.D., as the college's new chief financial officer and vice president for financial administration. Lawrence was previously the controller at Loma Linda University. Lawrence replaces John Collins, Ed.D., who transitioned into the role of vice president for asset management in the summer of 2010.

Becoming the College of Choice

PUC continues its tradition of landing in the top tier of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges list: in 2011, it ranked in the top ten for Best Baccalaureate Colleges, western region. PUC also scored high for diversity, international students, and value.

As students become more aware of PUC's outstanding academic program, enrollment has been on the rise, with an 11.1 percent increase in fall 2009 with 1,511 students. In fall 2010, 1,527 students enrolled with the greatest gains coming from a 15 percent growth in new students.

Innovative Scholarship Plan

In an effort to extend a quality Adventist education to more students, PUC has unveiled a new program for distributing scholarships to worthy students. Beginning in fall 2011, new students who qualify for tuition assistance will have their scholarship level guaranteed for all four years of college. Amounts range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 annually. Furthermore, the college is advancing new or increased scholarships for outstanding artists, musicians and athletes, as well as future teachers and pastors.

Creating a Destination Campus

As more and more students take an interest in PUC, Knight is pursuing a campaign of renovations to transform the already beautiful campus into a true destination. Last summer PUC completed major updates to the Dining Commons and Campus Center. This summer construction crews will break ground on the first phase of an overhaul of Nelson Memorial Library.

In June, PUC will complete a campus master plan outlining the vision for growth on campus, including the possibility of new and renovated residence halls, a new administration building, new Wellness Center, the renovation of Irwin Hall, and a bold new entrance to campus.

A Campus of Faith

PUC's Campus Ministries office coordinates a variety of spiritual opportunities for students throughout the year, including foreign mission service, several Bible study and worship groups each week, and a Week of Prayer program each quarter. At this year's fall revival, 240 students made a decision for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ — including 13 who requested baptism.

In July, Pastor Laffit Cortes, formerly the youth director for the New Jersey Conference, will join PUC as the new campus chaplain. He replaces Roy Ice, who accepted a call to serve as executive pastor of the Napa Community Seventh-day Adventist Church earlier this year.

PUC at a Glance

- » 85 percent of students Seventh-day Adventist
- » 15:1 student to faculty ratio
- » 73 academic programs—35 majors, 38 emphases
- » 21 pre-professional programs
- » Largest majors: nursing, biology, business administration, chemistry, psychology and social work, and visual arts
- » Newest majors: film and theater studies, environmental studies
- » 6 student honor societies
- » 24 student clubs



Onward and Upward

Presidential transition signaled the start of an eventful five years at La Sierra University. Randal Wisbey came to La Sierra in 2007 from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). He succeeded Lawrence Geraty, who retired after serving 14 years as president.

La Sierra's enrollment has shown significant growth, reaching an all-time high of 2,098 for the Fall 2010 quarter. While many factors contributed to this increase, two keys to La Sierra's growth have been The Center for Student Academic Success (C-SAS) and the La Sierra Performance Grant program.

When C-SAS was launched as a pilot program in 2007, the university's retention rate between freshman and sophomore years was about 60 percent. The C-SAS program has helped raise that rate to more than 90 percent over the past three years. C-SAS assigns each incoming freshman an academic coach. Each coach provides academic advising and serves as important mentor and problem solver to first-year students as they adjust to the rigors of college life.

In 2008, La Sierra revamped its process of awarding financial aid by implementing the LSU Performance Grant program. The grant consolidated a number of different scholarship funds into a single renewable four-year award, allowing for better financial planning for the university and parents. Students receive annual aid based on income, test scores and GPA.

La Sierra continues to invest in instructional and support facilities across the campus. The 48,000 square-foot Thaine B. Price Science Complex welcomed its first mathematics/computer science and biology students in the fall of 2006. The student center and dining commons were upgraded through a three-phase renovation effort. And plans are in place for construction of a new School of Business building.

The university added several new majors and programs in the past five years, including Bachelor of Science degrees in criminal justice and neuroscience, an Integrated MBA in the School of Business, and a Master of Ministry degree in the School of Religion.

Service is a key part of each La Sierra University student's experience. Students are required to take several classes with service learning components within the coursework. Nearly 40 community organizations in the Inland Empire partner with La Sierra to provide students classroom-connected service opportunities. The prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching listed La Sierra University as one of 200 U.S. colleges and universities deemed exemplary in their efforts to work with communities.

Service is not limited to the classroom. During the past five years, 76 students have taken year-long student missionary appointments. La Sierra celebrates 50 years of student missionary service this year. Nearly 400 students have completed a variety of short-term projects during vacations and quarter breaks. Students continue to respond to world events, contributing aid following the earthquakes in Haiti and Japan. And a new student group, REVO, has raised more than \$40,000 for two projects — a Rwandan orphanage and an organization fighting against human trafficking.

La Sierra's Students in Enterprise Team won the 2007 SIFE World Cup. La Sierra's SIFE team competed against teams representing the national champion universities from more than 30 countries. La Sierra's SIFE team also finished in the top four in United States National SIFE competitions in 2008 and 2009.

"La Sierra University has been blessed in so many ways over the past five years," says Wisbey. "The young people of this campus are remarkable. They are not only the leaders of tomorrow, they are leaders today, and their future is as bright as is the hope in their eyes. Each of us as faculty and staff who work with these students find our lives deeply enriched and profoundly affected. We know that this work matters, because we know these young people."



Randal Wisbey
president



A Misunderstood Mission



Alan Reinach
director



Loritha McDuffie
secretary

*There is a widespread misconception about religious liberty in the Adventist church. For more than 100 years, the church has published the nation's foremost magazine on religious liberty, *Liberty: A Magazine of Religious Freedom*; vigorously advocated the separation of church and state, and liberty of conscience; filed briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court; worked in Congress and the states; and defended the rights of workers to observe the Sabbath.*

For nearly a decade, your church has sponsored the only annual event in our nation's capitol devoted to religious freedom, the Liberty Banquet. Yet, after all these years, too many believe that religious liberty ministry is simply a means to an end: giving us more time to preach the gospel.

The Gospel

Religious liberty is the gospel. Human freedom is not a side issue. You really must choose this day whom you will serve. It is not an illusory choice. It is a choice secured by the death of Jesus on Calvary's cross. If God could have used force to fix the sin problem, He could have rearranged our brain chemistry to make us perfectly healthy, happy, holy and obedient. I have been known to pray that he would do just that for my teenagers! We are free because God is love, and love cannot be commanded or coerced. When we defend religious liberty, we become the gospel in shoes. We live it and breathe it.

Evangelism

Our traditional method of reaching out has been through our media. In addition to *Liberty* magazine, Freedom's Ring radio, hosted by Church State Council executive director Alan J. Reinach, has been broadcasting weekly and syndicated internationally to more than 750,000 listeners in some 39 states and a dozen foreign countries. There are also websites, such as www.churchstate.org, where you can find current news, legal resources for those facing religious discrimination in the workplace, ministry resources, sermon ideas, book reviews, and a speaker's bureau with dynamic and inspiring content to share.

The Hope Channel runs "Global Faith and Freedom," while "Liberty Insider" is seen on 3ABN. Other websites include www.libertymagazine.org, which now has a new roundtable discussing current issues, and the

North American Religious Liberty Association's www.religiousliberty.info, which hosts a stimulating blog site.

But religious liberty is also evangelism in a more traditional way. Alan Reinach has begun preaching an evangelistic mini-series throughout the Pacific Union: "The Coming Economic Collapse? A Biblical Perspective." With his background as a third generation member of an old Wall Street Jewish family, Reinach brings a unique approach to this compelling subject. The series is designed to interest the secular and general publics, and to build bridges.

Love in Action

Religious liberty is not a theory. When Abdel Rahman returned to Afghanistan as a Christian after 19 years in exile, and was promptly arrested, charged with blasphemy and threatened with death, he did not need a theory. American Christians, including Adventists, came to his aid, and largely because we cared, Rahman is alive and a free man today. Dr. John Graz, General Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director, reports that more than 200 million Christians are persecuted or suffer severe discrimination every year. Do you care? Enough to be informed and get involved?

Here in the Pacific Union, the Church State Council, our religious liberty organization, helps literally hundreds of church members each year who suffer discrimination at work. We help many keep their jobs and their families intact.

The Council monitors legislation in five states and actively promotes the values of liberty of conscience and religion. Each year, the Council conducts a "government relations day" in Sacramento, where you can personally advocate for religious freedom.

Religious liberty is a vital part of the ministry and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are working to revitalize this ministry in every church and community. Won't you help us?

Serving the Servants

In the body of His church, the Lord gives a singular work to men and women practicing the call of pastor-teacher.

Each day, these equippers of the saints artfully unfurl an unparalleled skill-set. The Pacific Union Ministerial Department exists as a servant to these servants of Christ. Our objective is to inspire, encourage and support pastors serving in local churches. Several union-wide events, coordinated with the local conference ministerial departments, are designed to realize this goal:

- » **The Pacific Union Ministerial Council** gathers pastors, evangelists, chaplains, conference leaders and religion faculty each quinquennium for several days of worship, prayer, learning and fellowship. The Ministerial Council will gather in 2011 at the Ontario Convention Center, Aug. 29-31.
- » **WestPoint** sharpens the skills of pastors and members to lead with greater impact in their local churches and communities. Participants enjoy seminars on evangelism, preaching, cultural trends, leadership and nurturing the local church. WestPoint 2012 is scheduled for April 8-11.
- » **Senior Theology Major Annual Interviews** bring conference leaders to La Sierra University and Pacific Union College to recruit aspiring pastoral leaders.
- » **Pastoral Symposiums** are occasional, single-day pastoral gatherings for prayer, focused study on practical and theological issues, and professional fellowship.

Pastoral ministry today is a demanding, rewarding and often daunting task. We thank each man and woman in this special cadre for their faithfulness in the King's service.



Bradford C. Newton, director



Vivienne Lansdown, secretary

Stewardship

The Balanced Steward

The Protestant reformer Martin Luther declared Christians needed to baptize the mind, the heart and the purse.

Luther understood the mind as the intellectual and practical aspect, the *heart* as the emotional and spiritual dimension of selfless giving, and the *purse* of time, talent and treasure as only valued when used to advance God's kingdom. When these three — *mind, heart* and *purse* — are in alignment, you have a wholly dedicated steward.

The last quinquennium, we have devoted our resources to the emerging balanced steward by:

1. Developing the Faith & Finance small group curriculum so members understand biblical principles and how to apply the practical applications.
2. Sending the quarterly *Dynamic Steward* magazine, filled with various sermons, testimonies, and book reviews, to each church within our union.
3. Gordon Botting continues to accept church and camp meeting speaking appointments, preaching biblical sermons and sharing Godly financial principles, together with numerous seminars about the important steps toward financial freedom.

During the next quinquennium, we plan to increase stewardship awareness through:

4. The new logo for the stewardship ministry is "Committed to Generosity." Jesus' gift of salvation was so generously given, that we in turn will be bountiful as total stewards of our environment, time, health, relationships, and spiritual lifestyle.
5. Each conference stewardship ministry will incorporate an action group assisting churches to develop stewardship strategies for each culture and generation.



Gordon Botting, director



Julie Masterson, secretary

Healing Mind, Body and Spirit



Adventist Health is a not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system headquartered in Roseville, Calif., with operations in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Our mission is to share God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing.

Adventist Health Fast Facts

- » 17 hospitals with approximately 2,500 beds
- » More than 150 medical clinics, outpatient centers, home care agencies and retirement centers
- » Nearly 20,000 employees
- » Provided more than \$285 million in community benefits (based on 2010 data)

For more info, visit AdventistHealth.org.

Adventist Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI)

Supporting Creative Evangelism

Adventist Layman's Services & Industries exists to empower its members to become better equipped to share Christ in the marketplace where they work and interact.

At its annual meeting, members and visitors learn methods of witnessing that are not only unique, but easily incorporated into their businesses or personal ministry. In addition, they learn how to support their local churches and become acquainted with the opportunities from the various Adventist ministries. ASI is like "camp meeting on steroids," described one member.

ASI welcomes large and small ministries. Large organizations, such as Maranatha Volunteers International and The Quiet Hour, have many employees and lots of volunteer opportunities. Small personal ministries and individuals working in their business or ministries to share Christ where they work or interact with their friends and colleagues are the heart of ASI.

Over the past five years, the Pacific Union ASI has been active in sharing the gospel through its nearly 200 members and member organizations. Approximately 40 ministry projects in the union territory and around the world have been supported through the offerings taken for projects at the conventions each April.

Project highlights include: supporting a Pacific Union youth evangelism team called "Finish the Work" in doing outreach to youth; participating in evangelism with churches including some that produced more than 100 baptisms in 2009-2010; training Las Vegas area church members how to use the New Beginnings DVD evangelism series to give home Bible studies in preparation for the major evangelistic plans for that area in 2011 and 2012; assisting Calexico Mission School; supporting a ministry called Diné Outreach that drills wells in the Navajo Nation in Arizona; supporting the worthy student project at Souls West; providing *Creation Illustrated* magazine to schools in the Pacific Union; training Adventist pastors in India and training youth to work in India's large cities; and supporting "Living Waters International" projects in Africa, including providing a feeding center for orphan children, as well as school uniforms, a garden, and a well, and joining Maranatha in erecting more than 70 One-Day churches and schools.

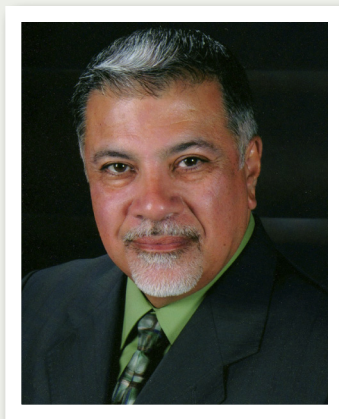
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Conference Presidents



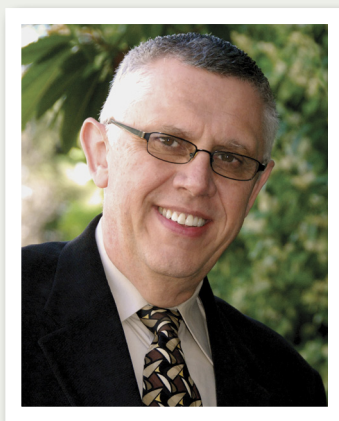
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Ramiro Cano
Central California



Ralph Watts
Hawaii



Jim Pedersen
Northern California



Larry Unterseher
Nevada-Utah



Gerald Penick
Southeastern California



Larry Caviness
Southern California

Arizona

Church Employees

Arties, Walter
Escalante, Abimael
Escalante, Ruben
Hastings, Robert
Haycock, Bud Joe
Hernandez, Isaias
Keyes, Edward
Lawson, Robert
Lundquist, Benjamin
Marin, Jose
Moore, David
Morehouse, Myckal
Valenzuela, Renato

Lay Delegates

Acord, Sharon
Beagles, Jonathan (Jeb)
Brown, Eduardo
Claymore-Ross, Janet
Eaton, Matthew
Fass, Vern
Fields, Cathy
Fritzler, Hugo
Johnson, Debbie
Karr, Mercedes
Long, Aaron
Marsollier, Claudia
Martinez, Pedro
Mendoza, Jose
Mora, Jesus
Norman, Mary Ann
Robbins, Susan
Sta Ana, Glenn

Central

Church Employees

Anderson, Fred
Biloff, Jan
Botabara, Daniel
Bullington, Ken
Cano, Mary Ellen
Canson, Jr., Earl
Colon, Rob
De Leon, Cesar
Escamilla, Daniel
Espinosa, Ileana
Fraser, Kenny
García, Gilbert
Garner, Thomas
Gillham, David
Hamilton, Steve
Haylock, Irving

Horton, Steve
Hudgens, David
Huerta, Antonio
Johnson, George
Knittle, Marlan
Leamon, Dale
Mauiá, Manuao
Mitchell, Grant
Nichols, Ezequiel
Oswald, Caron
Rasmussen, Marla
Rendon, Luis
Scarborough, James
Seaton, Dennis
Steenberg, Pierre
Stuart, Chad
Tabingo, Nelson

Lay Delegates

Anderson, Marla
Baze, Shelli
Beehler, Bob
Bishop, Robert
Brink, Tom
Cathcart, Douglas
Dale, Elmer
De La Cruz, Vivian
Eller, Jeff
Escamilla, Nohemi
Esposito, Carel
García, Felipa
Huerta, Leticia
Lockwood, Kathryn
McConnehey, Lorry
Montes, Maria Helena
Nichols, Angelica
Perla, Gerson Raul
Pote, Wayne
Rawson, Rick
Ray, William
Rendon, Esther
Robertson, Forrest
Seagraves, Jerry
Toews, Daniel
Torres, Linda
Urbina, Edward
Vargas, Norma
Walker, Ed
Watkins, Debra
Wendt, Sherrie
Wiggin, Nathan

Hawaii

Church Employees

Abbott, John

Christman, Gerry
Graterol, Eliezer
Lloyd, Robert
Rivera, Juan

Lay Delegates

Cowan, Robert
Lauama, Denise
Escobar, David
Lonnstrom, Karla
Quick, Sharon
Trefz, Patsy

Nevada-Utah

Church Employees

Barlow, Randy
Bergmann, Jason
Losey, Tammy
Romero, Sergio
Tilstra, Al
Wait, Jeff
Whitehorse, Charley

Lay Delegates

Brown, Clarence
Cordova, Robyn
Genobaga, Chris
Karry, Jose
Meade, Cheri
Peterson, Annie
Pottinger, Lahney
Spratt, Darlene
Vasquez, Hector

Northern

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Aguilera, Ron
Allred, Stephen
Arreola, VicLouis
Ballew, Larry
Batchelor, Doug
Botting, Gordon
Brown, Leon
Childs, Virgil
Dalton, Marilee
Dena, Richard
Dick, James
Dunavant, Del
Guevara, Paul
Hawks, Paul
Heinrich, Craig
Heinrich, Eddie
Heinrich, Tammy
Henderson, Loyd
Hicks, Coreen

Horton, Reginald
Ingham, Lynam
Jacobson, Keith
Leal, Stephanie
Lim, James
Magnusson, Rich
Mason, Robert
Maxson, Ben
Maxson, Mary
Merrill, Alice
Miller, Albert
Mitchell, Tim
Nelson, Ken
Pedersen, Debi
Rasmussen, John
Schmidt, Doug
Thoreson, Jim
Woodson, Marc
Worley, Mark
Wray, Marvin

Lay Delegates

Ahn, Sylvia
Arreola, Imelda
Blackman, Anna
Botting, Margaret
Childs, Pat
Christensen, Debbie
Christensen, Glenn
Dena, Eneida
Dower, Ed
Genobaga, Jill
Guthrie, Todd
Heinrich, Tina
Hicks, Larry
Hodges, Brian
Ingham, Rob
Iversen, Judy
Janzen, Kathy
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The Next Quinquennium

At the Pacific Union Constituency meeting Aug. 28-29, 2011, delegates will choose a leadership group for the next five years, including the four union officers, three ethnic ministry coordinators and an executive committee of 42 additional people. This group will be responsible for giving overall direction to churches, schools and institutions.

Conference leaders, departmental directors, pastors, teachers and members form the front-line team to move the church forward in the Pacific Union. But behind them is a support system — the Executive Committee — to assist and look at the larger picture.

The first question any new committee needs to ask is, "What are the issues and priorities that should be addressed? What are our goals?"

You can help answer these questions by sharing suggestions from your front-line perspective. What do you, the members, see as the highest

priorities for the next five years? How do you, and people around you in the church, complete the phrase: "Regarding the Adventist Church in the Pacific Union, I wish _____."

We want to hear from you. This is the time when your voice can really make a difference. So share with us the three things you would like to see the Pacific Union address during the next quinquennium.

Go to the Pacific Union website (www.puonline.org) and fill out the survey form (PUC Mission Priorities 2011) or tear off this page or use your own paper and send it to:

President's Office
Attn: Goals for the Next Quinquennium
P.O. Box 5005, Westlake Village, CA 91359

The Pacific Union should focus on these three areas during the next five years:

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I'm a member in:

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SHARING YOUR Pastor

by Rich DuBose

Churches provide relational support and spiritual nurture to the people who live in their communities. But there are times when a church may be asked to minister in ways it never anticipated — as with the Colton/Fontana church district in Southeastern California Conference.

During the Iraq war, Pastor Ulisese Mataafa, senior pastor of the Colton/Fontana Seventh-day Adventist churches, also a reserve chaplain with the U.S. Army, was asked to do a rotation in Baghdad. Mataafa prayed that God would help the military choose someone else to go in his place. He had not been in his new church district very long and had a number of new members who had recently been baptized. So, he wanted to stay home to nurture his new members and grow his churches.

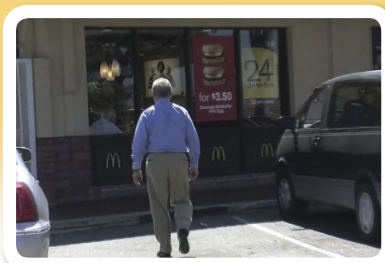
Although Pastor Mataafa didn't want to leave his churches and tried to get out of having to go, it eventually became clear that he needed to serve his country, and he was happy to do so. But this created a challenge for his churches. What impact would his absence have on his members and upon their ability to minister to their communities?

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PUTTING *God First*

by *Melissa M. Birkey*

*M*y husband and I discussed tithing before we married and had similar ideas. The only trouble there was going to be was which church to send the tithe to. My husband is a member of an American Baptist church and I am a member of a Seventh-day Adventist church. With little compromise needed we decided to take the 10% off the top of our earnings and split it in half. This was the only way we could see fit to do our tithing.

I was unemployed for several months. As a result, our bills were falling behind. We were surviving on my husband's salary with bills created from a dual salaried household. It was very tough. Not nearly enough needed



to get by. I would faithfully write the checks to each of our churches, but kept them in my wallet. I was fearful of having a check not clear the bank. I truly wondered what was worse, holding our tithing but keeping track of it in this manner; or taking the chance and going ahead and putting the check in the offering plate. God knew my heart and knew my intentions. I felt as though it was somewhat of a loan. I truly had every intention of paying God's share to him just as soon as I had the ability.

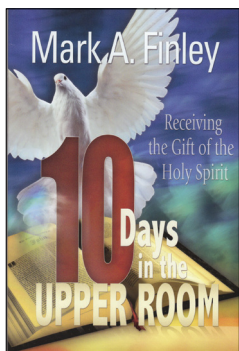
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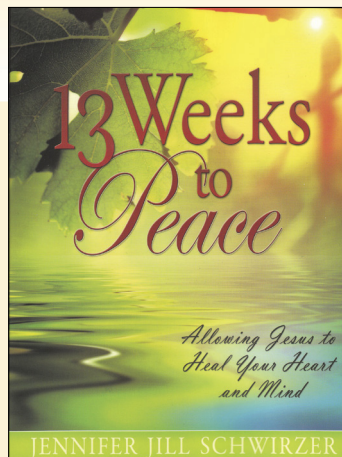
Getting On Radio

An interview with Dr. Daniel Forbes – Families by Design is a radio program in central Florida that is hosted by Dr. Daniel Forbes and Dr. Oliver Edwards. Dr. Forbes also serves as senior pastor of the South Orlando and Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist churches in Orlando. Recently, we invited Dr. Forbes to share some of what it has taken for him to realize his dream to have his own radio program. Read full interview: www.churchsupportservices.org/radio.



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Drive-by Sharing

by Joe Garza



"Mommy, we need to get another decal so we can tell others about Jesus," 5-year-old Daniel reminded his mom, Lyudmyla, from the Granite Bay church. Their family cars are part of the more than 1,500 vehicles advertising Adventist websites with window decals on the rear window of their cars within the Pacific Union.

It's not just advertising with vehicles, but evangelism that brings hope to a hopeless world. When one looks around and sees the current events, it's evident that Jesus' return

is near. Nevertheless, His return is also contingent upon us finishing the work of proclaiming the Three Angels' messages to the whole world. However, some of us in this part of the world might ask if it is ever going to be possible. Is there really a way that we, about 217,000 Adventists, are going to be able to reach the 42 million individuals living within the Pacific Union territory?

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Health Assurance

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. LINDA TIGNER-WEEKES

It takes a special person to be able to see some of the complex health needs in a given community and then marshal the resources and people to do something about it. Dr. Linda Tigner-Weekes, M.D. has demonstrated these qualities in the Pacoima area. Recently when I contacted the Valley Crossroads Adventist church in San Fernando Valley to learn what they were doing with their health ministries outreach, I was given Linda's name and contact information. Linda works with children as medical director at St. John's Well Child and Family Center, in East Los Angeles, Calif. Recently, we were able to pull her away from her busy schedule for a short interview.



Editor – Linda, tell us a little about yourself. You live near LA. You attend Valley Crossroads, and you are heavily involved in helping other people. Has this

always been true? When you wake up each day, what motivates Dr. Linda Tigner-Weekes to do what she does?

Weekes – Simi Valley has been by home for over 34 years. I was not heavily involved in helping people outside of my job until the death of my mother and the strong encouragement of my late Pastor Reginald Robinson. Each new day is a gift from God, and service to others is true Christianity. This is what motivates me on a daily basis.

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Everything's

OK

by Katie Wittlake

"He's going to be OK. Do you have a phone? Ok. Ok. He's going to be OK."

The funny thing is, I really don't remember anxiety. I don't remember what thoughts were running through my head at all. All I remember is the crumpled, mangled body lying in front of me, quivering and gasping, face down in the gravel. His clothes were ripped, exposing the bloody mass of his calf, his limbs skewed at awkward angles. He was obviously unresponsive, but alive. As he slipped into deeper states of unconsciousness, his shaking slowed. While his dazed brother called the family, I knelt beside the road and told him that he would make it, desperately hoping I was telling the truth.

Read full article: www.storyharvest.org/ok



Students' Discoveries on Display for Research Week

Darla Martin Tucker

Catalysts are all the rage in industry, where scientists are using them to improve a huge variety of products including biofuel, fuel cells for electric vehicles, aerospace materials and even baby food. Three La Sierra University students are hoping their research with catalysts, guided by a former California Institute of Technology fellow, will reach fruition next year with a new aluminum catalyst for improving industrial production. The invention may attract the interests of business.

Biochemistry seniors Aubrey Ferguson, DaeSun Lee and John Hernandez displayed their two-year catalyst research project during La Sierra University's Research Emphasis Week held May 31 through June 2. The annual research event showcases a plethora of intriguing discoveries made by students across disciplines, and includes presentations and lectures. The week's activities are anchored by the traditional poster session and awards ceremony which took place on June 1. All told, 97 graduate and undergraduate students displayed 56 research posters at La Sierra's Price Science Complex and Cossentine Hall.

"We're trying to form a catalyst that is effective and cheap," Ferguson said while standing in a crowded hallway near the poster she and her classmates created. The laminated document depicted their experimentation processes involving

combinations of atoms. "Basically, it's a race to find the best magical compound" for a more environmentally friendly and cheaper production process, she said, referencing industry's intense focus on catalyst research.

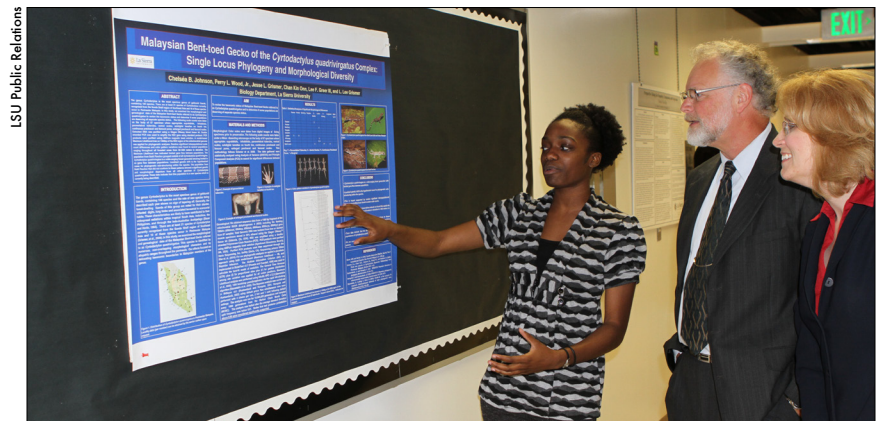
A catalyst accelerates the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed in the process. This helps speed production of materials at a cheaper cost and with less toxic waste. The students are working under the direction of organometallic chemistry professor and former Cal Tech fellow Michael Malarek. Their work was recognized with a first place award in a ceremony following the poster session.

Down the hall, student Genevieve Garcia displayed a poster detailing a topic perhaps more commonly the concern of students' parents on how their children can succeed in college. On the whole, she discovered

that time management was a greater predictor of academic success than motivation. College success was determined by grade point average and social connectedness, she said.

Senior psychobiology major Alphonso Smith investigated "how the position of false information about the beginning, middle and end of a video stimulus increases the vulnerability of individuals' memories to error over the course of time about that video stimulus," he explained in an e-mail. "I chose this research project because I was always interested in the malleability of memory and its vulnerability to the 'misinformation effect' and the 'primacy and recency effect,'" he said.

Poster awards were announced following the viewing session with winners recognized in three categories. For a list of winners, view this story at pacificunionrecorder.com.



Student researcher Chelséa Johnson explains her biology research to Steve Pawluk, provost, and Lora Geriguís, research week coordinator. Johnson was one of 97 La Sierra University students who displayed poster reports during the school's Research Emphasis Week.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Camporee Heats Things Up

Denny Krause

According to the dictionary, the verb “heat” has two definitions. The first definition is “to become hot or warm.” The second definition is “to become excited emotionally.”

The June 16-19 Nevada-Utah Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer camporee filled the grassy grounds of the Clark County Fairgrounds in Logandale, Nev., about 60 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

As soon as the 400 Pathfinders and 350 Adventurers (including staff) began rolling into the camporee venue, things began to heat up. Temperatures reached 100+, and cold water was in high demand.

More importantly, from a spiritual perspective, things heated up as everyone on the grounds became

Photos by Denny Krause



Pathfinders and Adventurers filled the air-cooled buildings for the worship services.

excited emotionally as each spiritual meeting brought them closer to Jesus.

Known as “the ghetto preacher,” guest speaker Pastor Willy Ramos from Orlando, Fla., emphasized the love of Jesus for all his children, no matter how saintly or how much Satan has drawn them through the wiles of the world.

Ramos, in his own inimitable style, touched the hearts of everyone in hearing distance. Thirteen young people were baptized at the camporee and 23 more came to the front during a call, signifying their desire to be baptized in the near future.

The Pathfinder theme was “Conquering Giants,” and the Adventurer theme was “Stand Up for Jesus.”

In addition to spiritual meetings, many other activities filled the days of the campers. The Las Vegas Abundant Life and Maranatha Spanish churches prepared food for hungry campers.

“While there were many concerns about the [restrooms], showers, and just having a camporee in the Las Vegas vicinity, we saw God move to assuage those doubts,” said Pastor David Hall, youth director for the Nevada-Utah Conference. “There were no injuries to anyone except the devil, who lost a few more to Jesus through baptisms. This camporee was powerful!”



The “ghetto preacher,” Pastor Willy Ramos captivates the crowd.



Hundreds of tents filled the fairgrounds, with each club having its own creative entrance to their club area.



Sixteen Baptized in Henderson

Denny Krause

Concerned about high school and college-aged youth, a Henderson, Nev., church has taken some bold steps to minister to this important group — both inside the church family and outside in the community.

Living Water Fellowship began Youth 4 Christ as a way to strengthen the targeted age group within the church, but more importantly, to use this group to minister to their own peer group in the community.

While some adults discounted the possibility of working with community youth, especially those who were members of gangs or who had been in jail, the youth were determined.

Efforts were made to reach community youth through various types

of contacts. Friendships developed, Bible studies ensued, and assimilation into the larger church family became a reality. Ultimately, decisions for Christ began to take place.

On April 2, as a result of a concerted church family effort, 16 people surrendered their hearts to Jesus through baptism.

Members celebrated as they listened to testimonies of deliverance from gangs, freedom from jail, a mother baptized through her son's transformed heart, a former member's return, and young people with no parental support becoming integral in the life of the church.



Kaisa Fiamme, moments from baptism, holds on to Pastor Ken Losey.

themselves," he said. "You know it's real because they are concerned about their classmates, their friends, and their family."

Another one of the adult leaders and spiritual mentor is Burnside Faulafo. "They have the great commission in their hearts," said Faulafo.



Yareli Martinez acknowledges his faith in preparation for baptism as Eloy Zamudio looks on.



Pastor Ken Losey (right) prepares to baptize (from left) Santos Mariscal, Yareli Martinez and Eloy Zamudio.

One of the adult leaders of Youth 4 Christ, Santos Mariscal, expresses how grateful he is to be a part of what the young people are going through, and vicariously experiencing it with them. "I am so encouraged and excited to see that the kids are not only concerned about



Burnside Faulafo (left) and Pastor Ken Losey (right) baptize MaryAnn Ta'ase.

Family Bonds Strengthened at Camp Meeting

Phil Draper

Great-grandmothers Dorothy Aycock and Ellen Hardin have a great deal in common. They have a deep love for the Lord and for their families, both are avid workers in their local churches, and both love going to camp meeting at Camp Yavapines every year.

Their living quarters during camp meeting were just a few feet from each other. It was this close proximity which led their great-grandchildren to play together. Aycock's granddaughter, Nicole Garza, along with her sister, Kendra Burkett, stopped by camp meeting to visit their grandmother. Garza's young children, 5-year-old Mason and 3-year-old Bradley, quickly formed a bond with their neighbors, 5-year-old Elise and 3-year-old Alton, the great-grandchildren of Hardin.

This year marked a 55-year milestone, as Hardin has attended camp meeting at Camp Yavapines since 1956. Her parents, Dr. Ernest and Myrtle Pohle, were some of the first individuals invited to donate money to help purchase the 170-acre camp.

"I can recall many a discussion or time of prayer our family has had under these trees," she says. "Camp Yavapines is one of the altars that is talked about in the Old Testament. It is a place where I came as a young girl, and where my husband, Elder Jim Hardin, worked as a camp counselor long before he become a pastor. In fact, it was on his way home from summer camp here in Prescott when he felt impressed to follow the call God had placed on his heart to go to Pacific Union College and take theology."

This year, four generations of the Hardin family came from as far as Arlington, Texas, where granddaughter Aimee Murray and her two great-grandchildren live. Daughters Sheryl Parfitt from Phoenix and Dorothy Valcàrcel from Sedona joined in the week of spiritual and personal refreshment.



Mason Garza, Elise Murray, Bradley Garza and Alton Murray play during camp meeting.



Hardin and Aycock families share a rich camp meeting heritage. Back row, from left: Aimee Murray, Ellen Hardin, Dorothy Aycock, Nicole Garza, Hailey Garza and Kendra Burkett. Front row: Elise Murray, Alton Murray, Mason Garza and Bradley Garza.

Aycock's roots at Camp Yavapines are also deep. She first came to camp meeting in 1958. A few years later, she began to lead out in the cradle roll and the primary divisions.

In 1988, Aycock co-founded the Arizona Conference Women's Retreat. After 23 years of service, she continues to be a conference mentor for women.

"We are already planning to come to camp meeting next year," says Garza, whose husband is currently deployed to Afghanistan. "We're hoping my husband will be able to get his leave during June so he can come, too. Bradley and Mason want us to stay in the same place so they can play with their new friends, Elise and Alton."



GLOW Students Assisted by Angels

Phil Draper

Recruiting young people to work in the blazing Arizona sun is a challenge for literature evangelism director Jason Carlson. However, history has taught him that many will experience life-changing stories as they present opportunities for people to get to know Jesus through personal witness and via the books they sell.

The GLOW Arizona program trains students to go from house to house delivering the gospel message through the printed page.

“This is really a mission trip,” explains Carlson. “We sleep on church or classroom floors for the summer. Then we go from house to house and leave books like *The Great Controversy*, *Desire of Ages* and *Steps to Christ* for a donation. We pray with the people and invite them to sign up for Bible studies and to visit our church.”

Praying together before they leave their quarters for the day, GLOW participants ask for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they go into the neighborhoods.

Taylor Hinkle had an experience she views as a direct answer to prayer. “The day seemed to be taking

a long time to pass by because I wasn’t selling many books,” she said. “I prayed to God and asked Him for a miracle to encourage me. As soon as I finished the street that I was working on, I called my leader to be picked up. When my leader drove by, I saw someone sitting in the front passenger seat of the van. This person was sitting up straight and had long hair blowing in the wind. When my leader finished turning around, I saw that nobody was in the front seat. I asked him who was sitting there — he insisted that there was nobody. We were in

quiet awe for several seconds as we realized that possibly an angel was working with us that day!”

Carlson encourages the GLOW students with this quotation: “In working for perishing souls you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ” (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 129).

Jason Carlson



GLOW workers endure the hot Arizona summers as they present gospel literature and offer Bible studies to their contacts.

Geyrozaga Ordained to Gospel Ministry

Anale Agazo

Roland O. Geyrozaga II was baptized at age 13 into the Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church after a series of evangelistic meetings in 1993. He and his father were the first from their immediate family to convert from the Roman Catholic Church. Geyrozaga attended William McKinley High School, graduated in 1997, joined the Army Reserves and began attending the University of Hawaii. Geyrozaga slowly drifted from the Lord and the church.

While attending the University of Hawaii, Geyrozaga began dating Elana, who had a positive influence in his life and eventually became his wife. Around that same time, Pastor Walter Nelson started an Ohana (family) group with Geyrozaga's family. A year later, nine of them were baptized, including his mother, siblings and extended family members.

While sitting in an Army staff meeting one Sabbath, Geyrozaga was struck with the realization that he should be in church with his family, worshiping and serving the Lord. "How can I follow the Lord and uphold His teachings but still fulfill my obligations to the Army?" he wondered. He began researching chaplaincy, but all the doors seemed closed.

Pastors Burton Maxwell and Nelson began mentoring Geyrozaga, suggesting he look into pastoral ministry. They provided ministry opportunities for him and groomed

him to serve God's people. After graduating with a degree in speech communication and getting married in 2003, Geyrozaga decided to attend Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich.

He began the process of being discharged from the Army. As he was turning in the paperwork to his commanders, Geyrozaga was told that his Army Reserve unit had just received orders to deploy to Iraq. He would have to go, they said. However, officials from the Army and the Hawaii Conference met and decided that, instead, Geyrozaga would attend the seminary, and after graduating, attend the Army Chaplain School.

After completing his Master of Divinity degree in December 2006, Geyrozaga attended chaplain school and returned to Hawaii in April 2007. There he pastored the Kohala church on the Big Island and served as chaplain of the 411th Engineer Battalion, 9th MSC, U.S. Army Reserves.

In March 2010, the Geyrozagas moved to Oahu, where he continues to serve as a Battalion Chaplain and 9th MSC's Strong Bonds



Roland and Elana Geyrozaga with their children, Nathan and Alison.

Program manager, conducting family and marriage retreats and ministering to soldiers and their families throughout the Pacific Rim.

"Geyrozaga is a gifted minister who, I believe, will be used by God in a mighty way as he ministers in the military as a chaplain. Our prayers go with Geyrozaga as he faithfully serves God and country," states Hawaii Conference President Ralph S. Watts III.

"My ordination was among the most meaningful and memorable experiences I've ever been through," he says. "What a wonderful affirmation of my calling as one of God's servants!"

The Geyrozagas have two children, Nathan, 3, and Alison, eight months.

Loma Linda Wins Emmy Awards

Dustin R. Jones

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences named “Loma Linda 360” the best health/sciences program and the best magazine program in the region at the 37th Annual Pacific Southwest Emmy Awards. This past weekend, the LLU office of university relations won Emmys in four categories.

According to Patricia Thio, associate director of PR video, “Loma Linda 360” highlights Loma Linda’s unique stories of transforming lives. “We tell these stories so that the community can experience what Loma Linda is all about,” she says, “and to inspire viewers to help make a positive difference.”

“Loma Linda 360,” episode three, won the Emmy Award in the health/science program category. It featured the documentary “Stephanie’s Heart” about Baby Fae who made national headlines in 1984. Directed by Michael Wolcott, video production specialist, and produced by Larry Kidder, special projects editor, this story unveils the point of view of Baby Fae’s mother for the first time. Episode three showcased part two of the film, where viewers see the public outcry, the heartbreak of a mother, and the astonishing beginning of successful infant heart transplant surgery.

First-time-nominated winner, Wolcott will always remember that moment he stepped onto the stage to receive his first Emmy Award. “I’m not quite sure exactly what I

said in my acceptance speech,” he says, “all I really remember is just staring at the Emmy the whole time.”

In the human interest category, the Academy awarded “Crossing Out Fear” about a teenage boy, Alex, whose life was drastically changed by a train accident, and the Schumacher family, who fear the future of their disabled children. Directed by Thio and filmed by Cosmin Cosma, video production specialist, the film shows how Possibilities members still overcome and thrive with their disabilities.

First-time-nominated winner, Cosma is grateful for the people who share their lives and stories with him. Prior to working at Loma Linda, he worked in the broadcast news industry, so he enjoys the change to in-depth storytelling.

“Producing a documentary television show is a rewarding

experience,” Cosma says. “It let’s you get to know and share an experience with our subjects at a time of great importance in their life.”

“Baby Blue,” directed by Maranatha Hay, former video production specialist, won the Emmy Award in the category of Documentary – Topical. “Baby Blue” tells the story of Roukaia, a 2-year-old-girl from Alexandria, Egypt, who received her death sentence the day she was born. Each year in Egypt alone, 20,000 children are diagnosed with a congenital heart disease, like Roukaia. The film follows the doctors from opposite sides of the globe as they work together to save thousands of cyanotic children who are waiting in a line that is ultimately longer than their lifetimes.

“Loma Linda 360,” episode five, won the Emmy Award in the magazine program category, featuring “Baby Blue” and “Crossing Out Fear,” naming it the best magazine TV program in the region.

This is the show’s second year to win Emmy Awards. Last year, the office of university relations swept its categories by bringing home three Emmys. Season three of “Loma Linda 360” aired last year on the PBS affiliate KVCR and KVCR-DC. It also airs on Hope Channel and Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, and can be viewed online at llu.edu/360, youtube.com/lomalinda360, and vimeo.com/channels/l1360. The next season is set to air this fall.



Loma Linda’s office of university relations won Emmys in four categories. Pictured from left: Michael Wolcott, video production specialist; Maranatha Hay, former video production specialist; Patricia Thio, associate director of PR video; and Cosmin Cosma, video production specialist. Not pictured is Larry Kidder, special projects editor.



Rural Health Clinics: Adventist Health Reaches Out

Brittany Russell Dobbs

Many people live in places so remote that potentially life-saving health care is not readily available. They may go untreated or put off receiving health care because getting needed care is too much of a burden. Adventist Health has a special remedy for this problem — rural health clinics.

RHCs provide services to the publicly insured and others in

medically underserved communities. Thirty-two of Adventist Health’s clinics (there are more than 130 of them) are RHCs. This is the largest network of RHCs in California and one of the largest in the country. These clinics vary from small, one- or two-provider offices to large facilities with primary care, dental, behavioral health, perinatal and other services.

But these clinics are not just places for patients to receive much needed physical care. Here are several stories about patients who received more than just a prescription.

“I take care of my mom,” he replied. “We’re living out of a van.” Nate shared that his father died when he was 12. He said he asked people for money so he could keep the van running and have food to eat. He told Judy how people cursed at him and made fun of him. When Judy told Nate she would pray for him, he gave her an odd look. She told him that God could change things for him and his mom.

When he returned a few days later, she again told him about Jesus and how things could turn around for him and his mother. He accepted Christ at that time, and Judy gave him encouragement and suggested he get his GED and seek work as a mechanic. As Nate continued coming for his appointments, clinic staff noticed that he was cleaner. One day he told them that he and his mom had found an apartment and that he was thinking about joining the Army.

Two months later, Judy saw Nate walking down the street, and stopped to talk to him. He had lost 30 pounds, had gotten his GED and had joined the Army. While she hasn’t heard from him recently, Judy believes his experience at the dental clinic helped to play a role in changing his and his mother’s lives.



Pointing to a Better Way

One day, a young man and his mother came to the Forest Road Health and Wellness Center, the RHC in Sonora, Calif., for their first dental appointments. When Judy called Nate* back, she recognized him as someone she had often seen asking people for money in the Wal-Mart parking lot. He was covered in grease and looked frustrated and stressed. As she prepared Nate for his dental exam, Judy asked him what kind of work he did.

Determination Helps Meet Urgent Patient Need

Having been diagnosed with cancer and in desperate need of



Clinic staff do what they can to help patients receive the special care they need.

surgery, Debra* was visiting the Feather River Health Center in Paradise, Calif., for the first time when clinic staff noticed she had no insurance coverage. The treating physician knew that Debra needed to undergo an operation immediately and offered to perform the surgery without insurance at a hugely discounted rate. Feather River Hospital also was willing to work with Debra, offering charity assistance and flexible payment options.

However, the arrangement was not good enough for Kathy, a clinic staff member who knew that Debra's diagnosis would require a host of follow-up treatments. It was imperative that Debra, who would be facing years of medical bills, obtain some sort of medical coverage. Thanks to the determination of Kathy and other clinic staff, Debra's insurance application was eventually accepted. Debra went into surgery with the peace of mind that her medical expenses were covered — all she had to do was focus on recovering from her operation.

Patients Inspire Caretakers

Bob*, a long-time wheelchair bound patient, watched Clear Lake Family Health Center greeters as they processed patients waiting to check in at the Clear Lake, Calif., RHC. Some individuals did not have their \$1 co-pay and said that they could not afford to pay.

Noticing how ashamed the impoverished patients looked, Bob slipped a \$100 dollar bill to the greeter. "I want this to go to the next 100 patients who cannot pay their \$1 co-pay," he said.

Shocked and humbled by the man's generosity, the clinic staff created 100 small cards that said, "Your dollar has been donated by a fellow patient."

For many days afterwards, when a patient could not pay the \$1, the greeter gave them the card, and then applied the donation to their account. This little token of love not only

brightened the days of patients receiving the gift, but also of the staff, who were able to witness how far something as simple as a \$100 bill could go in sharing God's love.

**Names have been changed to protect patient privacy.*

Future Plans

- Adding several clinics in the Reedley, Calif., area
- Considering a new clinic in the redesignated Health Professional Shortage Area near Willits, Calif.
- Considering new clinics in the Walla Walla, Wash., area
- Expanding access to health care with the addition of specialty services in more locations
- Implementing Electronic Health Records in our clinics
- Embracing Health Care Reform by seeking certification as Patient Centered Medical Homes models in our clinics
- Increasing our clinics' quality care with population health management
- Developing telemedicine capabilities at several locations

CALENDARS

Arizona Conference

PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP (Aug. 5) 7:30 p.m. Beacon Light church, 2602 N 51st Ave., Phoenix. Info: Florence Darby, 480-991-6777, ext. 114.

HISPANIC PRAYER CONVOCATION (Aug. 6) Phoenix. Info: Pastor Adelfo Huerta, 480-452-5115.

PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP (Aug. 12) 7:30 p.m. Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus Rd., Phoenix. Info: Florence Darby, 480-991-6777, ext. 114.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK SUPPER (Aug. 13) Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. Newcomers: Please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. For recipe ideas, visit www.hacres.com. Info: Stanhowerton@yahoo.com or call 480-430-5492.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Aug. 15) Thunderbird Adventist Academy and all Adventist schools in Arizona. See www.azconference.org for the individual school websites and more info.

HISPANIC YOUTH CONVENTION (Aug. 19-21) La Sierra University. Info: Cynthia Riffel, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

Central California

YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE (May 28-Sept. 3, except July 16) Lower River Amphitheater. Sponsored by the CCC. Info: Edie and Ray DeFehr, 209-586-4325 or rayandiedie@mlode.com.

HISPANIC MARRIAGE RETREAT (Aug. 26-28) Leoni Meadows. Featured speakers: Hector Ramal, D.Min., and Edelweis Ramal, Ph.D. Info: Florina Morales, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

CERES CHURCH 50TH REUNION (Sept. 3) Morning worship message from Pastor Bob Mason, afternoon concert by the men's choral group, 'Praise', evening reception for sharing and visiting. Info: 209-538-1024.

La Sierra University

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION. New freshmen are required to attend an orientation session over the summer. Two-day sessions are 8/10-11 and 8/17,19. One-day sessions are 8/3 and 8/4. Additional dates in September. Info: 951-785-2452, orientation@

lasierra.edu, or lasierra.edu/index.php?id_2751.

Nevada-Utah

PRAYER & DEDICATION SERVICE (July 30) Reno area married couples. 4-6 p.m. NV-UT Conference Office, 10475 Double RR Blvd., Reno. Presenters: David & Connie Hall. Info: PastorHallSDA30@yahoo.com or 775-322-6929.

LAKE TAHOE CAMP MEETING (Aug. 1-6) Camp Richardson. Main speaker is Bill Kilgore. Info: www.tahoecampmeeting.adventistfaith.org; tahoecampmeeting@gmail.com; or call Virginia Rose at 916-967-5932.

RENO AREA CONVOCATION (Aug. 6) Camp Richardson. Info: 775-322-6929.

WEDGEWOOD TRIO CONCERT (Aug. 6) 4 p.m. Camp Richardson. Info: tahoecampmeeting@gmail.com; or call Virginia Rose at 916-967-5932.

SALT LAKE CITY AREA Convocation/ Camp Meeting (Sept. 17) Salt Palace Convention Center. Salt Lake City. Info: pastor@wasatchhills.org or 801-484-4331.

Northern California

ASI CONVENSION (Aug. 3-6) Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street. Info: www.asiministries.org.

HISPANIC AREA CONVOCATION (Aug. 5-6, 19-20) Various locations. Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 925-603-5092.

INSPIRATIONAL GOSPEL CHOIR "Reunion" Concert (Aug. 6) 6 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave. Info: Teddie Brazelton, 916-381-5353.

SUNDOWN PRAISES (Sabbaths) 7 p.m. Lodi-English Oaks church, 1260 W. Century Blvd. (Aug. 6) Jaime Jorge violin concert; (Aug. 13) "Stories I Love to Tell," George Webster, Tammie Rich, Dann Dodd, Jack Gorton; (Aug. 20) "The Majesty and Glory of our Creator in Regards to Canada," Edward Foreman; (Aug. 27) "The Summer Adventures of our Youth," Scott Ward and Tracy Baerg. Info: 209-369-1021.

TRANSFORMING LIFE CONFERENCE (Aug. 11-14, 18-21, 25-27) 7-9 p.m. (except Sabbaths at 11 a.m.). Guest speaker: Laurent Grosvenor. Topics: Is There Anything Too Hard for the Lord? What and Where in the World is the Sabbath? The Truth about Divorce. What

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HISPANIC YOUTH FEDERATION RETREAT (Sept. 2-4) Leoni Meadows. Info: Hispanic Ministries Department, 925-603-5092.

NCC ADVENTURER AND PATH-FINDER Leadership Convention (Sept. 9-11) Leoni Meadows. Info: Children's Ministries Department, 925-603-5082, or Youth Ministries Department, 925-603-5080.

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Southeastern California

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SAMOAN EVANGELISTIC SERIES (July 30-Aug. 20) 7 p.m. every evening, Vista Samoan church, 1175 Melrose Way, Vista. Info: 760-224-3229 or 760-420-6386.

PINE SPRINGS RANCH Camp Staff Alumni 50th Anniversary Reunion (Aug. 5-7) Pine Springs Ranch. Info: 951-659-4131.

BEACH VESPERS (Aug. 12) Coronado Island. Info: www.seccyouth.com, 951-509-2260, or liz.adams@seccsda.org.

HISPANIC FAMILY RETREAT (Aug. 19-21) Pine Springs Ranch. Speakers: Edwin and Mary Mendoza. Info: www.ministriodelafamilia.com or, 951-324-9672.

EMPOWER MINISTRY Leadership Conference (Sept. 3-5) Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel. Speakers: Michael Kelly, Andrea King, Sam Leonor, Iki Taimi. Info: em.adventistfaith.org, 951-509-2337.

RETIREE RETREAT (Sept. 19-21) Pine Springs Ranch. Info: 951-509-2287.

Southern California

ANNUAL EDUCATION DAY (Aug. 13) All day, including speaker Pastor Michael B. Kelly II; 5 p.m. Benefit Concert for Christian education featuring Berean Youth Reunion Choir. Berean church, 4211 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90018. Info: 323-735-0228.

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Events

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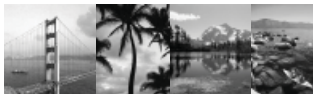
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BEST, CLYDE H. — b. May 15, 1920, Dover, Kan.; d. April 30, 2011, Yountville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Wendelyn; sons, Clyde Jr., Lloyd; daughters, Elizabeth (Bette) Mallinson, Linda Piatt; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Worked for many years for Pacific Press; also served in the Greater New York, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois and Northern California conferences.

Correction: **BRANCH, ZENOBIA (KEMP)** — b. April 27, 1926, Ark.; d. March 14, 2011, Fairfield, Calif. Survivors: son, Stevie Stennis; daughters, Effie Brown, Aleen, Barbara Ramey-Clark, Lena Watford; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

COLEMAN, LEE E. — b. Sept. 20, 1929, Oakland, Calif.; d. March 12, 2011, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: husband, Frank; son, Scot Gardner; daughters, Karen Hunt, Lorraine Howard.

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LANE, ESMOND FRANK — b. Aug. 3, 1920, Boulder, Colo.; d. March 31, 2011, Reno, Nev. Survivors: wife, Arline; son, John.

LAVADO-RUSSELL (CHRISTENSEN), JEANETTE — b. May 26, 1932, Turlock, Calif.; d. June 9, 2011, Placerville,

Calif. Survivors: son, Chuck; daughters, Nancy Gilmore, Toni Jacobi, Debbie Archuleta; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

ROMERO, FREDIS — b. Dec. 29, 1975, El Salvador; d. June 3, 2011, San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sandra Carolina; son, Freddy.

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SCHANDER, HARLEY L. — b. April 26, 1918, Heaton, N.D.; d. June 6, 2011, Miamisburg, Ohio. Survivors: sons, Quentin, Kenneth; daughters, Mary Kaye Manchur, Alice Merrill; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Served as a pastor in a number of areas, including the Midwest, New England, the South and Canada.

SILER, JOHN L. — b. March 24, 1945, San Diego, Calif.; d. May, 23, 2011, Payson, Ariz. Survivors wife, Kathy; daughter, Candice, five grandchildren.

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