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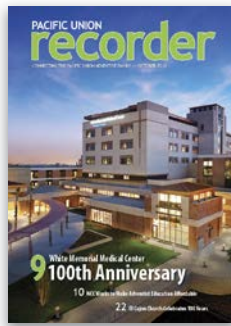
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Working together for a bright future

Health care is undergoing significant transformation. With those changes come opportunities to progress, grow services and enhance the vision for a bright future.

Adventist Health's mission motivates us to seek the best for our communities and to deliver the best value to our patients. It's Adventist Health's obligation to provide optimal and affordable health care to the communities we serve.

Throughout this period in health care, our leadership, physicians and devoted employees are working together to remain focused and dedicated to patient safety, quality, innovation and stewardship, as we each aim to be living examples of our mission.

Throughout this special issue of the Recorder, you will read stories from across our four-state system about how Adventist Health is working to make futures brighter for our community members. From one hospital's program to improve the quality of life for patients through lifestyle changes — to another's efforts aimed at partnering with churches to

provide health and spiritual services outside of the hospital. You'll also read about how one hospital is celebrating 100 years of dedicated service to the community.

I don't want to give anything away, so read the following pages for yourself. I hope you enjoy this spotlight on Adventist Health. If you wish to know more about us and how we are working toward a bright future, please visit AdventistHealth.org.



Robert G. Carmen,
*Adventist Health's
president and CEO*

Facts about Adventist Health

- 19 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- More than 150 rural health clinics, physician clinics and outpatient centers
- 14 home care agencies
- 6 hospice agencies
- Four joint-venture retirement centers
- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- A workforce of 28,700—including 21,000 employees; 4,500 physicians and 3,000 volunteers
- More than 2,800 beds

In 2011...

- 126,376 admissions
- 485,356 Emergency department visits
- 2,461,423 outpatient visits
- 226,637 home care visits
- 86,528 hospice days
- 800,447 rural health clinic visits
- Provided nearly \$400 million in free and low-cost services to our communities



Spiritual partnerships build collaboration in the community

A holistic approach to ministry has been the hallmark of the Seventh-day Adventist church since its very beginning. Since the fall of man, in order to minister to human need effectively, we must consider the whole person — mind, body and spirit. Adventist Health takes a great deal of pride in its Seventh-day Adventist heritage. For more than 150 years, this whole person approach has guided Adventist Health's growth and has been the staple of the mission to "Share God's Love."

Ellen White said: "We have an individual accountability to God, an individual work which no one else can do for us. It is to strive to make the world better" (*My Life Today*, 212). While each individual must be convicted of this responsibility, it is through collaboration that the world is truly changed. The system has been very intentional about combining individual passion and collective effort by deliberately developing ministries that focus on the person as a whole: education (mind), health care (body) and the local church (spirit).

Over the years, as these ministries have grown in complexity, a new challenge has emerged — how to work effectively together. More than any other time in history, local communities and the world are hungering for the message of wholeness. So Adventist Health is working to achieve the same goal: to reveal the love of Jesus, the source of salvation.

In the paragraphs that follow you will read about some pioneering efforts, creative approaches and innovations in health ministry. The Lord is moving in these communities. He is revealing his love, lives are being changed and people are seeing the Savior.

New program connects hospitals and congregations in the Central Valley

For most people, life happens outside of a medical facility until it becomes necessary to receive care. Many people don't even think about their health until it is called into question by a catastrophic event. In Adventist Health's Central Valley Network — including Adventist Medical Center — Hanford, Adventist Medical Center — Reedley, Adventist Medical Center — Selma and Central Valley General Hospital — a new program is working to change that mindset.

Faith and Health Connect was created by Charles Sandefur, vice president of Mission and Community Development, to create healthier communities by engaging church groups and pastors in the journey to wellbeing. It is a partnership between Adventist Health and local churches and congregations in the communities the Central Valley Network serves. According to Sandefur, 300 congregations in the area have been identified, and about 60 have expressed interest in participating in the program so far.

"It's important for two communities that are so committed to health and healing to blend skills and mission together to work towards a common goal," said Sandefur. "Through these intentional partnerships with pastors and their congregations, we will work to build health in the communities."

Faith and Health Connect aims to bring health fairs and health screenings to churches, form speaker bureaus, and encourage pastors to sign covenants committing themselves to their own health.

"With Faith and Health Connect, the frame work is to work more closely with congregations on the health journey of community members," said Sandefur. "If the hospital is healthy, but the community is not healthy, then the hospital has not fulfilled its mission."

Glendale Adventist Medical Center's "Churches Without Walls"

At Glendale Adventist Medical Center, "Churches Without Walls" brings local Seventh-day Adventist churches, the local conference office and the hospital together to better the community. The group meets once a month at the hospital to share information about upcoming events, ways to collaborate and how best to promote events, such as the Marathon clinic and other health and wellness programs.

"We aim to share God's love, and acknowledge that this is something we are all working toward," said Bruce Nelson, Community Services director at GAMC. "The collaboration formed from Churches Without Walls is a key resource to meet the need and responsibility we have in the community."

To inform Adventist church members in the community, each Sabbath, banners with the Churches Without Walls logo are posted in the



Jesus Shack's mobile medical unit sponsored by SJCH.



A new sculpture at GAMC shows the hospital's commitment to sharing God's love with the community.

church lobby to identify the connection between GAMC and the church. According to Nelson, this collaboration has resulted in many positive outcomes, including training for church members and pastors about the connection between spirituality and health.

"The pastors and church members are being trained on how to help people understand their own spiritual needs, challenges and growth," said Nelson. "The training provides an informed perspective on the connection between spirituality and health."

Hospital plays active role in Adventist community

Not only does San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield provide physical care for the sick and wounded; the hospital also provides spiritual care in the community. SJCH hosts or sponsors multiple events each year to bring Bakersfield's Adventist community together as well as invite people from outside the church.

"Sacred Work Sabbath" is an area-wide Sabbath church service at a large theater in Bakersfield — just one way the medical center has partnered with area churches. The hospital organizes the program, which has featured many notable speakers and musicians, including Mark Finley and the Heritage Singers. The event is meant to be a specific

"gift" to the local Adventist community — a time to share love for God and a shared healing ministry of Jesus.

Another way the hospital reaches out to the community is through a partnership with "Jesus Shack" Mobile Medical, a local Christian non-profit, to fund Bakersfield's first mobile medical unit. Each month, the unit hosts medical clinics to provide free or low cost medical care to families and individuals who are unable to pay for health care. Through the hospital's partnership, Hillcrest Adventist church is currently developing a plan to host monthly clinics in the church parking lot.

"The mission of SJCH is to share God's love with our community," said Sandy Wyman Johnson, executive director of Mission and Culture at the hospital. "By partnering with local Adventist churches and creating an environment of love within our walls, we are simply fulfilling the sacred calling that God has set on our organization and each of us as individuals."

Stay tuned for more about these programs in future issues of the *Recorder*. Contact Adventist Health's Ministry department at 916-781-4760 for more information.

Brittany Dobbs and Paul Crampton

Communities reflect the spirit of Adventist Health

Adventist Health works to make a positive difference every day in the communities it serves through its 19 hospitals and 150+ clinics. In 2011, the organization gave back more than \$370 million in community benefits and services. Because making an impact is important, Adventist Health recognizes others outside the organization who also help to further the mission and share God's love.

Award honors residents who reflect mission

Sitting in his office on a sunny May afternoon, Simi Valley Hospital Spiritual Care Services Director Ron Hyrchuk received a surprising and heartwarming call that has led to a new recognition award at the hospital.

The call came from California Department of Motor Vehicles employee Susan King. King explained that she had just helped an elderly woman



Susan King (center), the first recipient of Simi Valley Hospital's Community Partner Award, with Caroline Esparza, SVH's senior VP and patient care executive, and Ron Hyrchuk.

with her driver's license renewal process, and during that time, had learned that the woman had recently lost her husband of 55 years.

"Susan told me that it was clear to her that the death of the lady's husband was still taking a terrible toll," Hyrchuk recalled. "Susan felt

like this lady needed some help with grief support, and she had located Simi Valley Hospital through Internet research."

The call — and the caller — impressed Hyrchuk deeply. "I was delighted to know that somebody at the DMV would step outside the boundaries of their job description to help someone that was in need," he said. With King's further assistance, Hyrchuk connected with the grieving widow. She now attends SVH's grief support group, which Hyrchuk leads every Thursday.

This incident got hospital officials thinking that there may be other people in the community who reflect Simi Valley Hospital's mission — thus the Simi Valley Hospital Community Partner Award was born, with King being the first recipient.

Sharing Adventist Health's spirit afar

For the third time in two years, a team from Castle Medical Center in Hawaii went to Papua New Guinea to support the Porgera Hospital and village people on the remote island. The five-person team focused on continuing efforts to deliver care, repair equipment, perform ophthalmologic



Porgera village children display the blankets they received from CMC's medical mission team.

cases, assist with rehabilitation and nursing education, perform vision checks and reach out to the broader community.

After several long flights and a bumpy six-hour drive from the airport to the hospital, the team was greeted by a welcome party — complete with tribal dress and dance. Once the team arrived inside the hospital, an impromptu choir broke into a song specially written for the team about their visit to share God's love.

"As we drove through the hospital gate, those we have come to know and love over the past few years welcomed us with hugs," said Kathy Raethel, president and CEO at CMC. "We felt at home immediately, and were energized for the days ahead."

Upon rounding with the hospital staff, the team from CMC witnessed sick babies with aspiration pneumonia, gastroenteritis and rheumatic fever; and adults with cancers, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence injuries and many other conditions unique to the area. In addition to helping staff treat patients, the team saw more than 250 adults and children for eye screenings and exams. The team also unloaded and set up equipment that was sent from Hawaii ahead of them.

The hearts of CMC's staff are with the people of Porgera. CMC plans to continue to support and spread Adventist Health's spirit to tiny Porgera Hospital in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.



Brittany Dobbs

While in Porgera, the team saw more than 250 adults and children for eye screenings and exams. Ophthalmologist George Nardin, M.D., MPH, and the entire team worked tirelessly to see as many people as possible.

Lifestyle program makes health a reality for many

Tom Osborn hadn't been feeling his best. His health was at risk — with type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea and high blood pressure — the number of pills he was taking daily were a sign that something had to change. Tom didn't know what to do or where to turn — all he knew

is that he couldn't do it on his own. After consulting with medical friends and doing his own research, Tom discovered TakeTEN at the St. Helena Center for Health — a program of Adventist Health's St. Helena Hospital Napa Valley.

The 10-day retreat combines medicine, lifestyle, fitness and nutrition — designed around each person's needs. TakeTEN follows a holistic approach and aims to encourage weight loss and lifestyle change by balancing participants' physical

needs with their social, emotional and spiritual needs. The medically-based program is backed by proven results from hundreds of thankful participants. The program is also a health benefit for Adventist Health employees, demonstrating the organization's commitment to employee wellness.

When Osborn arrived at the St. Helena Center for Health, he was shown to a beautiful room with sweeping views of Napa Valley. This would be his home for the duration of the program. According to Osborn, this view was therapeutic and helped him process the changes that were taking place at the program.

"At the end of the day, I loved to sit on the porch and feast on the view," he recalls. "I had lots to contemplate and the beauty of the

scenery was very impactful, as I was going through some important issues. It was the ultimate vacation of the soul."

The view isn't all the program has to offer, however. Probably the most valuable aspect of TakeTEN is time spent with the physicians and staff. According to Osborn, Dr. James Peters — the Medical Director of the Center for Health and board certified prevention medical physician, spent two hours with him during one session alone. He went through Osborn's test results and laid out for him where he was and where he needed to be.

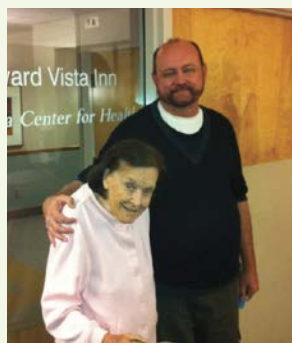
The program is packed with informative lectures about nutrition, exercise, wellbeing and how to implement the gained knowledge at home. There are even cooking classes, taught by TakeTEN chefs from the Culinary Institute of America. One of Osborn's favorite parts of TakeTEN were the personalized meals that meet each person's specific health needs.

"I came away feeling like it was the beginning of the rest of my life," said Osborn. "I now have a complete understanding of what it means to be healthy — and what it means for *me* to be healthy."

This life-changing program is open to anyone who would like to experience a 10-day retreat for the whole person. For more information about TakeTEN and the St. Helena Center for Health, visit www.sthelena-centerforhealth.org or call 800-920-3438.



Dr. James and Cheryl Peters lead the TakeTEN program.



Tom Osborn and his mother visit the St. Helena Center for Health.



Tom Osborn enjoyed the mountain view from his room's balcony.



Peaceful vistas surround the St. Helena Center for Health.

Brittany Dobbs

Adventist Health hospices light up lives

Lighting a candle in honor of those who have passed is an old tradition that allows people to express what they often cannot communicate with words. Lighting a candle can help people remember and honor their lives and memory. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord," (Proverbs 20:27, KJV).

Each patient is special to Adventist Health's hospice care teams. When a patient passes, a candle is lit on the hallway wall sconce at Adventist Health Home Care and Hospice of Mendocino County. This gives the staff and volunteers an opportunity to stop, remember, and pray for a very special patient and their loved ones. During the weekly group meeting, a small candle is lit and each team member is given time to share memories of the patient they cared for and reflect on the life that they had shared with the patient families.

Hospice is a distinctive service, designed to provide sensitive and supportive care for those with life-limiting illnesses. Hospice care seeks to enable the patient to carry on an alert, pain-free life and to manage other symptoms so that their end of life may be spent with dignity and quality at home.

Adventist Health has six hospices in California and Oregon. In California, there are four sites serving eight counties — Mendocino, Lake, Butte, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Fresno, Kings and Tulare. Hospice patients receive care from a multi-disciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, clergy and volunteers. The hospice team provides guidance and encouragement to the patient, family and friends in order that they can handle situations or problems while caring for the patient at home.

Hospice services are often covered by insurance; however, such payments rarely cover the full cost of care. Adventist Health Hospice is able to care for all who need and seek care, regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay. Hospices must therefore rely on donations and community support. Donations are used to provide treatments, medical supplies,

comfort medications, grief support and respite relief for family members caring for loved ones. Some patients find their financial resources exhausted by a long illness. Adventist Health Hospice may assist with rent, phone and utility bills, and food when necessary.

The Paradise Hospice House, a state-of-the-art facility with six private rooms, is the only one of its kind in Butte and surrounding counties. Hospice House provides around-the-clock inpatient services in a homelike setting to individuals needing hospice care. A patient's family member recently shared her experience at the Hospice House: "I have spent the last two weeks with my Boompa here and have never felt such love and compassion from medical staff in all my life. I feel like they made me a part of their family, and I know they will forever be a part of my family and heart."

Each candle tells the story of the light that glows from loving and being loved. For a family in hospice, the journey includes watching a loved one's journey toward death — with dignity, compassion, and love.

Adventist Health Hospice Locations

- Adventist Health Home Care and Hospice Services Mendocino County: serving Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, Calif. and Ukiah Valley Medical Center in Ukiah, Calif.
- Feather River Home Health & Hospice: serving Feather River Hospital in Paradise, Calif.
- Sonora Regional Home Health and Hospice: serving Sonora Regional Medical Center in Sonora, Calif.
- Adventist Health Home Care and Hospice Services: serving Adventist Health Medical Center — Hanford in Hanford, Calif., Adventist Health Medical Center — Reedley, in Reedley, Calif., Adventist Health Medical Center — Selma in Selma, Calif. and Central Valley General Hospital in Hanford, Calif.
- Adventist Health Home Care Services: serving Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore.
- Adventist Health Home Care Services: serving Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook, Ore.



Peggy Martin



White Memorial Medical Center prepares for centennial: a time to reflect on God's leading

As White Memorial Medical Center, named after Ellen G. White, prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2013, one thing is clear: even the casual observer can trace the finger of God in the hospital's history.

Its journey from fledgling clinic to block-spanning, life-saving, award-winning academic medical center is one of heaves and yaws, ups and downs — and tales of heartbreak, miracles, faith and resolve. Their rich, faith-building stories — like those that follow — will be told in detail in WMMC's centennial history book:

1913: A small clinic, equipped with second-hand medical instruments that the clinic's director brought in a wheelbarrow, opens next to a tannery in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights.

1915: The talented Dr. Percy Magan is offered \$23 a week to be the new director of medical education at the clinic. But there is one small problem: he will have to raise his own salary. Remarkably, he accepts, leaving a prestigious teaching post and practice. He ends up working with WMMC for 40 years.

1920s: Students take on physical labor to pay for their tuition, performing janitorial work and cooking in a cafeteria they established. The students donate the cafeteria's profits to the surgical department to buy sterilizers.

1937: In danger of losing government contracts for the care of local police and firemen, Magan hires famed Rose Bowl architect Myron Hunt to design a new hospital. The building is twice the size of the old, meets the city's safety concerns, and is the first fireproof hospital in California.

1968: Construction is completed on a new \$4.2 million Diagnostic and Treatment Center, later called the North Tower, which ushers in a new era of advanced technology.

1980s: Through a series of events precipitated by a single and unlikely phone call, WMMC receives critical state funding that rescues it from a time of financial crisis and near-closure.

1994: The Northridge earthquake demonstrates the need to fortify its region's hospitals. As the recipient of more than \$89 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding and \$30 million from its community, WMMC works to rebuild a modern, earthquake-resistant, state-of-the-art campus.

2012: The 353-bed hospital is nationally recognized for excellence as *U.S. News and World Report* ranks WMMC #12 of the 32 top-rated hospitals in the Los Angeles metro area and #20 of the 41 strong-performing hospitals in California.



WMMC's emergency room at work in 1972.



WMMC began in 1913 as a humble clinic that provided free care to patients.



WMMC Arrhythmia Center Procedure Room.

Order the centennial history book

To order a copy of WMMC's centennial history book or learn more about the 2013 Centennial Celebration Week (below), visit www.WhiteMemorial.com/centennial.

You're Invited – WMMC's 2013 Centennial Celebration Week

Friday, Oct. 25, 2013

- *Continuing Medical Education Event*
(Dr. Rachel Remen, speaker)

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013

- *Hospital Sabbath*
(Elders Charles White and Gordon Bietz, speakers)

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013

- *Centennial Gala*



WMMC nurses caring for a young patient in the children's ward in the 1950s.

Adventist Health — working together for a bright future

Recently, I attended a week of meetings with the Adventist Health leadership team. This meeting included vision casting, strategic planning, Christ-centered worship and more. I came away from the meetings reconfirmed in something that I have been aware of for a long, long time; that while the challenges to health care are gargantuan, God is able to provide the inspiration, motivation and determination to meet the challenge.

While it is an understatement to say that health care is seeing hard times, it is true that Adventist Health is working diligently as ever to meet these challenges and to provide the needs of the communities where our hospitals and clinics are situated.

And with the mission of AH in mind — sharing God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing — we are being a positive influence on the lives of others; not only those who are being served, but on the lives of the health care providers, too.

While some of our hospitals have been around for a long time — White Memorial Medical Center celebrates its 100th anniversary this year — our approach to health care is ever changing to better serve our communities.

Adventist Health continues to extend the healing hands of Jesus, who, according to Scripture, is the Divine Doctor or the Heavenly Healer.

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their

synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them” (Matthew 4:23-24).

What joy must have attended these healings of Jesus! According to this, Jesus was involved in whole person care, providing the healing arts to all manner of sickness in the entire human frame. What a wonderful Savior he is. Ellen White wrote: “Though now He has ascended to the presence of God, and shares the throne of the universe, Jesus has lost none of His compassionate nature” (*Our Father Cares*, p. 203).

Adventist Health by design and intent seeks to reflect, in modern health care, the same compassion that motivated Jesus to heal the sick. Though the challenges are huge, the God who inspires is more than capable of guiding the affairs of Adventist Health to heal physical, mental and spiritual ailments. And with Divine assistance, the future of Adventist Health is bright!



Ricardo Graham,
Adventist Health's
Board Chair



NCC launches a plan to make Adventist school tuition more affordable

The Northern California Conference has launched a campaign to fund a new education endowment to reduce tuition at its K-12 schools. Called 10+10, the fundraising effort invites every NCC church member to be a partner in making Adventist education affordable for children throughout the conference.

Seventh-day Adventists strongly believe in the importance of Christian education, but many church members have a hard time affording the tuition. "I hear too many stories where families have said, 'I would put my kids in your schools in a heartbeat, but I just can't afford it,'" said Bill Keresoma, NCC superintendent of schools.

The recent recession has made it even tougher for those who want their children in an Adventist school or academy. "I'm going into my fourth year as principal here, and during that time, worthy student requests have quadrupled," said Pacific Union College Preparatory School Principal Peter Fackenthal. "Families are scrambling to find any way they can to fund their portion."



Roger Keaton speaks to Gracepoint church member John Truscott at the 10+10 booth.

Operating expenses have also increased. "We raised our tuition by two percent to keep our heads above water. That two percent translated

into a monthly cost that parents are really feeling," said Brad Ludwig, teaching principal at Adventist Christian School of Yuba City. "Our school wouldn't be open without the generous and kind-hearted individuals in our community who give to financial aid."

Unfortunately, the traditional modes of financial aid often don't meet the tuition needs. "Our churches continue to support education through subsidies, worthy student scholarships and fund raising, but it's just not enough," said NCC Associate Superintendent Lynal Ingham. One of her responsibilities is awarding NCC and Pacific Union Conference scholarships to worthy students. For the 2012-13 school year, she was only able to grant money to a little more than half of the students who applied. "The need to financially assist our families is greater than ever," said Ingham.

Responding to this problem requires a solution that is outside the traditional approach, and thus 10+10 was created. Introduced at Redwood camp meeting in July by NCC Associate Treasurer for Planned Giving Roger Keaton, the campaign has generated positive feedback.



Gracepoint church Senior Pastor Walter Groff holds up a 10+10 pledge card during a presentation at the church by Roger Keaton, NCC associate treasurer for planned giving.

"The response was amazing," said Keaton. "People seem to understand that we cannot continue to operate our schools with such heavy burdens upon the families and churches that support them."

The money generated by the endowment will be used to help pay the largest cost of Adventist education: salaries and benefits for faculty and staff. These expenses account for about 70 percent of each school's operating budget. The more money that is in the endowment, the more operating expenses the conference can cover — and the schools can pass the savings on to the families through lower tuition rates. "For every 10 percent that we can reduce payroll expenses, we can reduce tuition by approximately seven percent," said Keaton.

A new endowment for education has been a conference goal since the Education Summit, held at the 2008 NCC mid-term constituency session. The fourth action item developed by constituents at that meeting reads: "Develop an active conference-wide fundraising plan to produce a significant endowment for education within seven years."

Four years later, the plan has been launched. At the heart of the 10+10 campaign is a reminder that finances are a gift from God to be returned to Him. The first 10 in the title represents the 10 percent tithe that each church member owes to God. "We want to renew the call for stewardship," said Keaton. The second 10 represents \$10, the amount that the NCC

invites members to give every month toward the education endowment.

That \$10 per month may be a small amount of money, but when combined with gifts from church members throughout the conference, it can make a significant difference. "We're stronger together than we are apart," said Fackenthall. "If the church can come together, and if everybody shoulders a small portion, then it's an easy load for everyone."

"When someone tells me that \$10 is not much, my response is to remember the blessed promise of the widow's mite," said Keresoma. "I believe that God will bless and multiply in an extreme fashion."

The first goal for Phase One of the campaign is for 20,000 members to commit to giving \$10 a month — which would add up to \$2.4 million per year. Keaton hopes to raise additional money through donors who can contribute larger monthly gifts. There is also a 10+50 and 10+100 program, for those members who give an extra \$50 or \$100 a month. Additionally, he is inviting people to join the new Committee of 100, for donors who give \$5,000 a year. The final goal for Phase One is \$24 million, which will cover 10 percent of all school salary and benefits expenses. The ultimate goal for 10+10 will cover 100 percent of salaries and benefits.

Those involved in 10+10 feel the call to urgent action. Many children are currently leaving NCC schools because their families and churches don't have enough money to help them. "Adventist education should not be a luxury," said Ingham. "Through the 10+10 program, Adventist schools will continue to be available to our students."

As she reviews scholarship applications, Ingham reads essays from students of all ages. In one letter, an eleventh grader expressed thankfulness for the gift of Christian education: "I am especially grateful to God that I have been



Pacific Union College Preparatory School Principal Peter Fackenthall appreciates the conference-wide approach to funding Adventist education through 10+10. "If a family moves from Pleasant Hill to Paradise to Angwin, they still will have financial support for their children to come to school," he said.

able to attend an Adventist school that nurtures academic and spiritual growth. My Christian education has been made possible through the financial aid I have received."

In another essay, a college student remembered her experience in Adventist education and how she feels an obligation to pass on the blessing: "Growing up in an Adventist school, I have always received close attention from my teachers, and I have always known that they care about me. When my father died . . . my teachers really stepped up and became a very positive influence in my life. Now it is time to return the favor."

Anyone who has experienced the benefits of Adventist education has the opportunity to return the favor and help make that blessing affordable to others. Keresoma wants potential givers to remember that the rewards from a small gift today will be unknown on this earth, but will be revealed in the light of eternity. "We won't know until heaven when children will come and say, 'It's because of you that I'm here. Let me tell you what God has done because of your gift!'"

For more information about 10+10, visit www.adventistendowment.com, e-mail endowment@nccsda.com or call 925-603-5058.

Julie Lorenz

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Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy students help orphans in Belize

Hard work, teamwork, God's work — all three characterized Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy's mission trip to Belize earlier this year. Along with four sponsors, 16 academy students spent their spring vacation with the kids at the King's Children's Home, an Adventist institution which cares for about 50 children and teens.

Located in Belmopan, the capital city, the orphanage building and property are too small for the children's needs, and a bigger facility with more room inside and out is under construction. The PHAA group stayed at a guesthouse at the new site in order to help the hired construction workers.

The trip was no vacation; the academy kids worked hard. In the mornings, the students

In the evenings, the students went to the current orphanage site to hold a Vacation Bible School for the younger children, complete with songs and crafts. They also led fun Bible study activities for the older kids. The children enjoyed all the time and attention that the PHAA students gave them. One day, the academy group prepared lunch for all the kids and then took them to a local zoo. "My favorite part of the trip was being with the children," said Ysabella Paredes, then a PHAA senior. "Seeing them every day and just playing with them made it worthwhile."

Natalie Taylor, then a junior, was impressed with the family atmosphere of the orphanage. "My favorite memory is from the first night when we walked into the living room and all the children were reciting memory verses from the Bible," she said.

The group was able to minister to a variety of people in an unexpected way. Without any advance planning, the team discovered that all of them were current or former PHAA choir members. Since they knew the same songs, they formed a choir, which became very popular. They sang for a talent show, a fundraising event, a retirement home and an Adventist church. "We even got invited to sing on the radio, and we were recorded so that they could play our songs in the future," said Armando Camacho, then a PHAA junior. "God opened so many doors for us and gave us multiple opportunities to show and share Him with others through our actions."

The students practiced their singing on the bus as they traveled between the new and old orphanage sites. "There were so many beautiful moments sitting on the bus with windows down in the evenings, listening to their singing," said Wallace.

One person who was touched by the music was the group's bus driver who stayed with them for the entire time they worked at the orphanage. When they left, the PHAA students presented him with a Bible. "He gave us a tearful goodbye and told us how much he



Elyana Martinez hauls cinder blocks at the new orphanage building site.

appreciated us, that we had made an impact on his life," said Wallace.

As they prepared to go home, the group left a surprise gift for their new friends. Since they had prepared all their own meals and received a discount on their transportation, they had money left over: \$8,000 — which they gave to the shocked and grateful orphanage director.

Although their time in Belize was focused on ministry to others, the students left feeling blessed. "God has so many wonderful ways of doing things, especially when on a mission trip," said Paredes. "And when you come back and reminisce on the trip, you come to find that you have been changed, maybe even more than the people you went to help."

Julie Lorenz



Many of the students relied on donations from family, friends and church members to sponsor their mission experience. "We appreciated all those who contributed prayers and finances to make the trip possible," said trip organizer George Wallace. "It was the best investment they could have made."



PHAA student Tyler van Iderstein and a child from the orphanage became friends.

hailed cinderblock for the bricklayers and cleaned away debris. They also fenced a cow pasture. Using a post-hole digger in clay soil, they put in heavy wood posts and packed mud around them. "I was very proud of all of them for what they were able to do," said George Wallace, then PHAA athletic director and Bible teacher, who planned the trip with his wife, Larissa House.

NCC Youth Rush impacts Lodi and Oakland

This summer, 21 students formed a team of colporteurs eager to share the Word of God through the door-to-door ministry of the Northern California Conference Youth Rush program. Held in all the conferences of the Pacific Union (and several others), Youth Rush enables high school and college students to share their faith, earn money for school, and experience God in a powerful way. During the 10-week experience, the NCC group canvassed the Lodi and Oakland areas.

The students came from a variety of schools, including Pacific Union College, Pine Hills Adventist Academy, Weimar Academy and Weimar College. Several came from Samoa and one from Hawaii. The summer was both a challenge and a blessing to the students, most of whom had never before knocked on a stranger's door to witness. Those new to this summer's team had the benefit of five group leaders who trained them in effective witnessing. "With God's help they were able to learn the basic principles of the canvassing work," said NCC Youth Rush



Jonathan Sanchez and Chandly Johnson share Youth Rush experiences during the worship service at the Concord International church.



Youth Rush team members Jessica Minton and Hope Vitaliano relax on a Sabbath afternoon.



The 2012 NCC Youth Rush team canvassed in the Lodi and Oakland areas.

director Jonathan Sanchez. "It was clear to see that God was guiding the program."

Every Youth Rush participant has stories to tell of their work this summer. "The best part was seeing prayers answered immediately," said Caleb Pudewell, a Pacific Union College student. "Every day there were many answers to prayer." The Youth Rush team believes that God's hand was at work in the following stories:

Weimar Academy student Joshua Supit knocked on the door of a young man who met his appeal with indifference and turned him away. Supit went on to the next street, and then he heard a man calling out to him from a passing

car. He discovered that the young man had been looking for him in order to give him a donation in exchange for a book. When Supit asked the man why he changed his mind, he replied, "I just love Jesus."

Tui Silafau, a student at California State University,

Sacramento, talked to a woman who had been an Adventist, but had not attended church for years. Not knowing what to say, Silafau felt inspired to sing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." "God surely worked in this experience because while I sang to her, tears were pouring down her face," said Silafau. "It was so encouraging to be able to minister to her in song."

Ashley Supit, also from Weimar Academy, met a woman whose daughter had just passed away. In tears, the woman kept repeating how she needed peace in her life. Instantly, Supit handed her the book *Peace Above the Storm*, and the woman quickly grabbed it and held it close to her chest. Later, Supit discovered that the woman's daughter was also named Ashley.

Experiences like these made walking door-to-door in the hot sun worth it because the team knew that there were people that needed to hear about the refreshing love of Christ. "The most rewarding part is when you actually find someone who you know you made a difference in their life," said Sanchez. "You know that God had you there for a reason."

Mitzy Romero

Youth Rush students experience a summer of ministry

Doors. Behind them are people; people in need of hope, love and light. Southern California Conference Youth Rush academy and college students spent their summer knocking on those doors, striving to give that hope, love and light to each person they met.

Hector Ventura met a woman trying to be strong for a husband dying of cancer and a son who had lost his wife. She could no longer hold back her tears. Julie Meier met a lady whose son was in jail, accused of killing his own grandmother.

Students come to do ministry; at the same time, Jesus ministers to their own hearts. "At the beginning of the summer, my body was in the church," Seyi Oyefeso said, "but my mind was in the world."

Stephanie Yin shared her experience: "I knew of Jesus, but I didn't know Him."

The Youth Rush summer emphasis focuses on ministry to the communities of the Southern California Conference through Christ-centered literature and developing every team member's relationship with Jesus. "For 10 weeks," said a leader, "we serve God without distraction and seek to understand Him, connecting with Him in His Word. This brings revival to students and is a dynamic avenue of ministering."

Youth Rush students believe they have "divine appointments" every day. Angelica

Perez walked into a business, only to have the owner immediately begin talking about his spiritual life. According to the man, he knew Perez was an Adventist because an angel had come in before her to tell him Adventists were coming. "Your angel is an angel of light," he said. "There is light all over you."

Christine Pham shared books with a Vietnamese Buddhist lady who said *Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy* would be wonderful for her son, who says he wants to be a Christian when he grows up.

"I had doubts," acknowledged Victoria Bonilla, "but I learned to trust God." Students experienced a participation-focused series called Grounded, in which they learned how to study their Bibles for themselves. Every topic had Jesus at the center, deepening their understanding of His character of love.

JENNIFER CACERES



Jessy Suero enjoys his conversation with a couple in the community.

For 10 weeks, 45 students and leaders were involved in spreading light house-to-house. Their efforts netted \$222,000 in donations, making it possible for the majority of the students to attend Adventist academies, colleges and universities. For more information about the Youth Rush literature ministries program, call 818-546-8435 or visit sccyouthrush.org.

Heidi Bryant

JENNIFER CACERES



SCC Youth Rush participants placed more than 28,000 books in homes by knocking on more than 261,000 doors.

“Our greatest need: the Holy Spirit now” meetings sharpen listening skills

Weekend meetings held recently in SCC featured speaker Ron Clouzet, director of the NAD Evangelism Institute (NADEI).

Pastor Simeon Rosete greeted opening night attendees with a note of anticipation. “God’s wind is going to blow upon us. Someone has said we need to set our sails so we’ll be going in the direction He wants us to go.”

“God wants to affect people,” said James G. Lee Jr., evangelism director. “Los Angeles is about 70 cities in one. We need the Holy Spirit to help us reach them.”

Clouzet’s presentations focused on the need for the Holy Spirit’s empowerment to move forward with the mission of the church. “A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs,” he said. “God wants Exhibit D’s — God making the worst to be the best.”

Daughma Osborne attended the meetings after reading and rereading Clouzet’s book on the Holy Spirit. “I didn’t know Ellen White had written so much about the Holy Spirit, so the book opened doors for me,” she acknowledged. “I see so many more who are hungry for the Holy Spirit; that is how I read the Scriptures now.” Osborne’s excitement grew as she obtained the You-version Bible App for her iPhone and began listening during her morning walks.

“Dr. Clouzet’s presentations were heart reaching,” said Janet Lui, chair of SCC’s Prayer, Spirituality and Renewal Team. “I especially appreciated the opportunity to respond to the Holy Spirit’s teaching through the seasons of prayer.”

“Ellen White says that ‘we are leaky vessels,’” Clouzet noted. “Pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, to the point that we ‘leak out.’”

“One thing Dr. Clouzet said especially spoke to me,” said Mary Lou Perry. “Are the things you’re living for, worth Christ’s dying for? I think about that question as I look at what I am doing. I am trying to be more tuned in to

what the Holy Spirit might be telling me. Now, when things come into my mind that I might be tempted to set aside, I try to listen and act on them.”

Alberto also had read the speaker’s book. “I wanted to tell him personally that I had greatly enjoyed his research,” he said. “For me, it was invigorating to see information printed that is basically available to us. It was a turning point in my life; I learned to be more at peace, to listen to God.”

“Going to the meetings raised the bar for me,” Alberto’s wife Hafdis affirmed. “I felt convicted and empowered to make some changes that I had been putting off. I gave the book to my mom, who lives in Iceland. Last weekend

she called and said that she had taken the book to an older lady in her church. The lady called to thank her, and said that the books were wonderful and need to get out to the people. My mom agreed, but said that translating takes so much time.”

“Time is exactly what I have!” the lady responded. She planned to share the books in Icelandic, on the church’s radio station that reaches every home in the country.

“If all were willing, all would be filled with the Holy Spirit,” Clouzet had noted. Filled to the leaking point, to bless and share with others, wherever.

Betty Cooney



“The weekend reminded me of my greatest need: the Holy Spirit’s power to live for Christ,” said Heidi Bryant, SCC student literature evangelism director. “It’s a freeing thought, recognizing His power, not my own, to live a life for Christ.”

SCC churches gather children for Vacation Bible Schools

This summer, Vacation Bible School leaders and volunteers in more than 50 churches in the Southern California Conference engaged the minds and hearts of children for five or six nights in a row — and made it fun for kids and adults alike.

Oxnard VBS a link with year round evangelism

About 110 children attended the Oxnard All Nations church VBS, 70 percent of them coming from the community. Julia Santos directed the school. “The most important part of VBS or any outreach is follow up,” said Pastor Manuel Avitia, who taught the class for 4- to 6-year-olds. “We are currently visiting the homes of the children, inviting parents to bring their children and enjoy Sabbath school classes for the whole family and stay for the worship service.

“On the Sabbath right after VBS, from six to 10 kids came for Sabbath school. Their parents dropped them off. Our visitation is to invite parents to come, too; to befriend them and ask for their input.”

A food giveaway program the church had started six months before VBS is held in a large church building in the community. The Oxnard

church receives food from other organizations and nearly 200 people come to receive it. “We are just doing it as an aspect of Christianity,” said Avitia. “At the same time, Santos handed out VBS invitations.”

During the Friday food giveaways, Santos taught children ages 4 to 10. Avitia also conducted a religious program there. When nearly 200 attended the meeting, the fire department had to step in, because the fire code only allows 100 inside the building. People stood outside to listen.

Van Nuys VBS attracts attendance and volunteers

In the Van Nuys church, VBS director Sandra Guzman used the “Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity” program. “I was very impressed with the willingness of our members to help,” she said. More than 30 people assisted with

teaching, crafts, games and preparing snacks. Senior Pastor John Aitken scripted a puppet show, performed flawlessly by child puppeteers. Attendance grew as children invited neighbors and friends, including brothers Jeremy and Joshua Smith, who invited two friends from their apartment complex to ride the bus with them each evening. Excited by the VBS results, Guzman is already planning for next year.

West Covina VBS nurtures while reaching out

“VBS at West Covina Hills church was a trip back in time to visit Daniel in Babylon,” said Melissa Gibson. “We had an enthusiastic group of 60 children all five nights. They had fun visiting the marketplace to do crafts and visit the food court, playing games in the palace playground, and listening to part of Daniel’s story each night. On Sabbath, we watched a fun video summarizing our week-long experience. A large number of church members’ children and a sprinkling of community children attended.

“We had an amazing response from the church family in helping with our VBS program by volunteering time and donating supplies and money; lots of work and lots of fun.” Gibson added, “We are continuing to reach out to children with our Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs, Kingdom Kidz children’s church once a month, and creative Sabbath school programs.”

MARK AZALI



Van Nuys Babylon praise team members (l. to r.) Audry Guzman, Beverly Abellanosa, Michelle Niua, Jeremy Smith and Zachary Barrientos led lively singing each evening at the Van Nuys VBS.

JEREMY ANG



Children listen as Pastor Glenn Gibson (as Ashpenaz, the king’s servant) tells a story about Daniel. Senior Pastor Lew Gray appeared as Daniel, who also told stories to the children each night.

MICHAEL ROLAND



VBS staff, elders, prayer leaders and parents pray for the children who attended VBS at Northridge church.

Children learn to pray at Northridge VBS

A prayer room was one of the “rotations” or stations at which the 40 children attending the Northridge church Vacation Bible School participated. “We learned that the Loma Linda

University church had included prayer in their VBS, so we decided we wanted to add it to ours,” reported Michael Roland, a member of SCC’s Prayer, Spirituality and Renewal Ministry.

“During the Sabbath graduation program,” Roland reported, “We invited all the children to come forward. Then we invited their parents and family to

come and surround their children, laying their hands on them. Then we asked the VBS staff and church elders to come forward and to lay hands on the parents. Following that, the three people who had led out in the prayer room all week — Pastor Daniel Vaughn, Danielle de Asis

and Michael Roland — each prayed for the children and their parents.”

A parade draws more than 250 children to Central Spanish VBS

“Our attendance was roughly 250, with 150 coming from the community,” said Danny Reyes, Central Spanish church. “We advertised the VBS with a parade through the busy neighborhood surrounding the church. Since then, we have seen an increase in community children joining the Pathfinder club.”

“During the parade, some parents in the community said they wanted to bring their children to VBS, and they asked, ‘Can we bring some friends, too?’” noted senior pastor Enoc Calderon. “Throughout VBS, we gave presentations about the family, for which 40 to 60 parents stayed each evening.”

Betty Cooney

DANNY REYES



Church leaders, Pathfinders and Adventurers paraded, announcing the VBS.

NAD president urges Pacific Union to share iShare

According to Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, the Adventist church is losing approximately 40 percent of its young people. At an iShare conference for the first time, Jackson realized the impact it could have to help stem the outflow of young people. "It's one way to be more deliberate in saving them," he said.

iShare (I Seek to Help Advance Revival and Reformation) held its second annual conference at the Visalia, Calif., Convention Center on Aug. 17-18.

"I must admit that I was ignorant of iShare," Jackson told the congregation of nearly 750 youth and young adults. "But what I see here is beautiful." He also suggested that it might be time for the Pacific Union to share the iShare ministry, and invited iShare young adult leaders to present the ministry at the NAD's Annual Council this fall.



Bible Worker Donato Candia, age 20, now finds joy in service. He met Jesus through two young colporteurs and was rescued from his life of drugs and burglary.

iShare aims at connecting young people with Christ, inspiring spiritual awakening and a desire to do evangelism. The weekend of practical workshops provides a forum for youth and young adults to work with their local conference in a lifestyle of evangelism.

"We want young people to love and work with their church," said Michael Tuazon, iShare director. "We want them to see evangelism as a

lifestyle, not an event. Don't just start your own thing — work with our leaders to do evange-living."

The idea for an "Evange-living" institute was born in 2009 when Tuazon talked with Nelson Ernst, director of GLOW (Giving Light to Our World), about the burden they shared for evangelism. An institute "without walls" would be committed to inspiring, equipping and mobilizing young adults and others in the Pacific Union to fulfill the Great Commission.

Leaders of SOULS West, a two-year school of evangelism sponsored by the Pacific Union, and literature ministries directors of several union conferences eagerly got involved. The institute was named iShare a few months later. Financial support comes from contributions and offerings.

The Pacific Union approved the ministry in March 2010 and the first conference was held in the fall of 2011.

People traveled to Visalia from as far away as Texas, Idaho and Washington. Speakers included Ricardo Graham, Pacific Union president; David Solomon Hall, director of youth and young adult ministries for the Nevada-Utah Conference; and Taj Pacleb, Central California Conference evangelist.

Participants had a choice of seminars in the areas of biblical studies, practical health ministry, discipleship, and leadership. The Sabbath day closed with the baptism of 11 new members.

Twenty-year-old Donato Candia from Yuma, Ariz., describes the iShare conference as "a really great opportunity to see everyone — colporteurs, Bible workers, medical missionaries — come together with one purpose: to make a difference in the world."



NAD President Dan Jackson (right) chats with young adults between sessions at iShare 2012. Jackson also invited the ministry leaders to attend the division's Annual Council and present iShare to the members.

"I wouldn't be here if someone hadn't picked up a canvassing bag, stocked it with books and knocked on my door," he adds. "Now the only joy I have is in service."

The next day, Sunday, Aug. 19, Jackson shared his experience with delegates at the Pacific Union's special constituency session in Woodland Hills, Calif.

"I have never been in such a place, ever, in any convocation, where I saw the look of anticipation and the praise of God so rich, full and present. I pray that the fire that I saw burning yesterday will explode throughout the North American Division."

TaneShia Kerr



Sixteen-year-old Omar Sandoval (left) and 20-year-old Calvin Gardener express their excitement about their baptisms. A total of 11 youth and young adults joined the Adventist church at sunset on Sabbath.

Fresno Spanish church members pool together to renovate outdated facility



The Fresno Hispanic church on the corner of Olive Avenue and First Street.

Three years ago Pastor Antonio Huerta walked across the street to one of the neighborhood's small businesses and asked the owners a question. "What does our church look like?" The answers came swiftly. "Like a rundown hotel. It looks like a jail." Huerta heard what he already knew. The Fresno, Calif., Hispanic church did not look like a place of worship.

Located in a high crime area, the bars on the windows served a necessary purpose. But over the years, the neighborhood slowly changed. Built in 1942 and purchased by an Adventist congregation in 1985, the aging house of worship desperately needed remodeling, both inside and out.

"I let the members know the need," Huerta says. "They didn't notice it before. But when we knew what other people thought, it brought us together." He reminded the members that the carpet and windows in their own homes were better than in God's house.

The bids for the job were between \$900,000 and \$1.2 million. "We didn't have the money," Huerta explains. Very few of the members were in a position to give significant contributions. "You know what you make, how little money is in your family," Huerta told the congregation. "Don't give if you can't."

Tithe was the first priority. Building fund contributions were in addition to God's 10 percent.

As the spirit of generosity grew, so did the pledges. Members began to give what resources they had. "We are blessed with a large number of skilled construction workers," Huerta explains. "We calculated the cost of materials and purchased them at very low prices." With most of the labor donated, costs remained low as well.

Resources

Cruz and Catalina Flores raise animals on their five acres and decided to donate a cow to the building project. They dedicated a calf and watched her grow. When finally ready for auction, the cow died. "Maybe God doesn't want us to give," Cruz said. But Catalina didn't agree.

They chose another calf and nine months later they took her to auction. As people were bidding on the animal, it collapsed and died. Cruz was so embarrassed. And he had to pay money to have the animal removed. Cruz left very discouraged that he couldn't give a contribution.

Catalina was persistent. She wanted to dedicate another calf. Nine months later they sold it for \$750!

Other members also gave what they had — horses, goats, jet skies, boats, bicycles, and cars. One man sold his 10 piñatas. The sacrificial spirit grew greater as the months went by.

"When it comes to giving, the pastor has to model it," Huerta says. "The windows are

\$30,000. I don't have the money, but I am pledging and asking you to match it," he told the congregation.

Recognition

The remodel was completed for \$350,000. The newly remodeled church caught the eye of Fresno's Mayor Ashley Swearingin. Though her schedule prevented attending the dedication service, Swearingin presented her message by DVD.

Thanking the congregation for making a difference in the city, Swearingin said, "When I viewed the photos of your newly remodeled church, I am absolutely overwhelmed. Your church is stunningly beautiful. Not just for the way it looks, but it reflects the heart and soul of your church and your love for the surrounding community. As your neighbors drive by, what they see is a congregation that is optimistic and hopeful, that has a heart for the city and a love for families."

"We like to finish each year with 60-70 baptisms," said Huerta. "One member told me, 'Pastor, now I don't feel embarrassed anymore.'"

"It is amazing how God responds," Huerta continues. "One family does not have the resources. But together, with increasing faith, it was a wonderful experience."

Caron Oswald



Pastor Antonio Huerta visits with Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin to share photos of the newly remodeled Hispanic church.

Central California literature evangelists reach cities and small towns

Ninety-three students braved the summer heat and spent 10 weeks going door-to-door in cities and towns in Central California Conference selling Adventist books.

"These aggressive front-line programs supercharge their spiritual experiences," says Bill Krick, literature ministries director. "In my 14 years of leading the summer programs in Central, this has been our best summer. We received the highest number of Bible study requests."

For youth and young adults, the summer literature evangelism program provides first-hand experience in outreach evangelism as students learn to depend on prayer, trust in God, step through fear and rejection, and see God at work.

And, at the same time, students earn scholarships for Adventist academies and colleges, which are matched by the schools.

San Francisco

Ricky Camacho prepared for the summer ministry by praying and studying God's Word. As a team leader, he prayed for God's leading and safety. Evangelism for big cities kept surfacing in his thoughts. It had been 10 years since student LEs had worked in San Francisco. Access to homes and safety topped the list of challenges.

The team was working in San Jose. San Francisco was only one hour away.

"We chose the mission district, because it was the area with the most people," Camacho explains. Working for just two days and commuting from San Jose, a team of five students and two leaders canvassed people on the street and in small businesses. "It went very well," Camacho says.

Around 7 p.m. on the second night, Christy Aguirre noticed people going into a church, so

she went inside. There were about 100 people attending prayer meeting. When an elder welcomed her, he saw the "Final Events" DVD she was holding. "We really love Doug Batchelor, especially his material on end time events," he told her. "We've started keeping the Sabbath in this church."

It was getting dark and the team had to leave, but not before calling two Adventist pastors with the amazing discovery. "I know that God has people in San Francisco," Camacho shares. "God was telling us to go."

Porterville

Jessica*, a middle-aged woman with sparkling blue eyes, swung open the door. "Come in!" she invited. "It is so good to see you!"

Surprised, Sheela Nadarajan went inside. As they talked, the student LE asked Jessica which

church she attended. "Actually, I have been thinking about attending the local Seventh-day Adventist church."

"I'm a Seventh-day Adventist," Nadarajan said.

"Wow, that's great," Jessica responded.

"I thought only Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses go door-to-door. I have to tell you something. Just before I opened the door, I saw your face was lighted up and shining. I knew there was something different about you."

Jessica purchased five books, including *The Great Controversy*



Ninety-three students went door-to-door this summer in Central California Conference. Pictured here is the the San Jose/Salinas team.

CCC 2012 Youth Rush Report

Areas Worked: San Jose/Peninsula, Salinas, Santa Maria, Bakersfield, Tulare, Fresno, Merced, Modesto, and surrounding towns up to 45 minutes away

Homes Visited: 373,000

Literature Distributed:

- 69,200 books & DVDs (79% message books, nearly 4,000 *The Great Controversy*)
- Over 7,500 DVDs, including volumes from Anchor Point Films' Scripture Mysteries series
- Over 35,000 Steps to Christ
- Plus 170,000 Bible study interest cards

Literature Evangelists: 93

Total Received: \$495,601

- \$121,000 more than 2011
- All funds received at first visit (no installments)
- Earnings before schools' match: \$337,009

Spiritual Interests: 872 people requested Bible studies

- Bible study interests in 68 different cities/towns
- Several people who have read the books are now coming to church.



Christy Aguirre (left) and Mike Lombart stand on a San Francisco street corner ready to begin their afternoon of canvassing. Aguirre discovered a church whose members were already keeping the Sabbath.

and *The Desire of Ages*. In addition, she signed up for personal Bible studies.

"I just can't believe that a Seventh-day Adventist came to my door," Jessica said. "You are an answer to my prayer. I was praying that someone would talk to me about religious things." After they prayed together, Nadarajan continued her door-to-door canvassing.

When her team leader heard the story, she thought, "It would be fun to sing for her at the end of the night." The group of seven returned to Jessica's house to sing "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus."

That Sabbath, Jessica attended the Porterville church, and told people how amazed she was that young people could be so vibrant and on fire for the Lord. Since then, she has been faithfully attending church and taking Bible studies.

Salinas

The moment Craig* arrived home, Laura* started waving to her husband announcing, "The students are here, the students are here!"

Jumping out of the car, Craig exclaimed, "We've been waiting for you!"

Confused, student LE Raeann Leal looked from one to the other, hoping for an explanation. The story unfolded. "Four years ago, a student knocked on my door. I turned him down," said Laura.

"The next year, I turned down another student. The third year, I bought the 'Final Events' DVD by Doug Batchelor. I absolutely loved it!" Laura's eyes sparkled. "Last year, I bought *The Great Controversy* for my husband."

Craig began reading the book in January of this year. When Raeann knocked on their door, he was reading it for the third time. "Why don't you guys come every six months instead of only once a year?" they pleaded.

Raeann offered them Bible studies, and invited them to attend the local Adventist church. The next Sabbath, Laura attended the Salinas church. After the service, she talked with the group of 15 young colporteurs.

"You all should never stop doing what you are doing," she said. "Look at me — I rejected students two years in a row. I recently talked with my [Baptist] pastor about the Sabbath, and he told me to leave. The Bible has become more alive to me this year more than any year in the last 20 years."

With students gathered around, the pastor prayed for her. "This is how heaven is going to be like with all these kind of people around you," she said. Now, her husband comes to church, too.

**Pseudonyms*

Sheela Nadarajan and Raeann Leal

*Laura stands between Raeann Leal and Lisa Manzanres in the Salinas church. Her husband purchased *The Great Controversy* in 2011 and has read it three times.*



El Cajon church celebrates 100-year anniversary

Members of the El Cajon church celebrated the church's 100-year anniversary on Aug. 4. A variety of events planned by the centennial committee marked the occasion.

The worship hour featured a sermon by Gerald Penick, Southeastern California Conference president. Bob McClellan, City Council member, read a proclamation. Connie Dominguez, Arlene McDaniel, Yolanda Taylor, the Sanctuary Chorus, Ben Roberson and Don Vollmer presented musical testimonies.



Pictured is the original El Cajon church, built in 1923.

Irene Priester told of the church's history. Congratulatory messages included those from former pastors and their spouses, Dale Barizo, Don Vollmer, Philip and Judy Lizzi, Dwight Lehnholz and Gary Ford.

In the afternoon, Luis Ortiz, a youth growing up in the El Cajon church, was the master of ceremonies and played the piano and harmonica for vespers, as in the days of the church's pioneers.

Following that was an "I Remember" program with longtime members of the church sharing experiences that highlighted the church's strengths: faith, community and mission outreach, youth and hard work.

The El Cajon church was organized in 1912, about a month before the city of El Cajon was incorporated.

Charles Knox, a physician, became a Christian and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church after his mother invited him to a revival series held by W. M. Healy in the San Diego G Street church. Knox's father, Amaziah, was

instrumental in the development of El Cajon. In fact, the present-day intersection of Main Street and Magnolia Avenue was known as "Knox Corners" and was an important and busy intersection in its day. "Knox Corners" grew into what became the city of El Cajon in September of 1912; the church there was organized on Aug. 3.

Church meetings were first held in Knox's home, then at the Hillsdale School and later at the Library Hall.

Eventually this group of believers felt they needed a suitable place to meet, so they decided in September 1923 to build a church. A large corner lot on Prescott and Lexington avenues was purchased, pledges were made and one ton of hay was sold and donated to the building fund. Just four months later, on Dec. 29, 1923, the church was dedicated debt-free.

The lot cost \$505; the building materials, \$1,630; and the fixtures, \$400. At the time of the dedication service, the church had \$1.05 left in its bank account. The *San Diego Evening Tribune* stated: "The two preachers helping with the manual labor on the building is an unusual thing at the present time and reminiscent of pioneer days in its spirit."

By 1950, church attendance made it necessary to put chairs in the aisles and in the



Church members and visitors celebrate the El Cajon church's 100-year anniversary.

lobby — and even out on the porch. Some left because there was no place to sit.

So in the fall of 1951, church members started making plans to build a new church. They had only \$238 in the building fund, but unity was strong and everyone went to work. The original church building was moved to the back of the church property to be used for Sabbath school classes, elementary school classes and Pathfinder meetings.

The new church, with a seating capacity of 450, was built at a cost of \$60,000. It was dedicated debt-free on May 1, 1954.

The Pathfinder program in El Cajon began in the early 1950s, soon after the General Conference officially approved the Pathfinder program.

By the mid- to late-1950s the school had outgrown the building on Prescott Avenue. The church purchased property on Madison Avenue — the same property on which the newest church is situated.

Members moved into their new sanctuary and conducted their first worship service in May 2007. A grand opening and 95th anniversary celebration was held on Sept. 15, 2007.

The church building loan was paid off from a generous trust fund in the fall of 2010. On Jan. 20, 2011, the church held a ceremony during which Emma Berdan, church treasurer, and Thomas Staples, conference treasurer, burned the mortgage.



The centennial committee planned a variety of events to mark the occasion, including a special church service featuring Gerald Penick Sr., president of the Southeastern California Conference, as speaker for the worship hour.

John Luppens

LLA English teacher empowers students with real-world writing assignments

Loma Linda Academy junior high English teacher Arlene Arthur wants her students to experience real-world applications for writing. One on-going assignment has resulted in more than 300 stories for *Guide* magazine. "I was published when I was in college," says Arthur. "It was a great feeling, and I wanted my students to feel that, too. They can share what they have learned with others and be a blessing through their writing."

Arthur has a four-inch stack of magazines with the students' stories in them. "It is fun to see my students catch the writing bug," she says.

"When I got the news that my piece had been chosen, I was exhilarated," recalls former student Daniel Skoretz, 2008. "My older sister, Kassie, was a little jealous since I was published before she was. The overall experience is one that I will always treasure. It helped me believe in myself as a creative individual and as a storyteller."

"I hope that at least some of the LLA students whose stories were published in *Guide* will use the experience as a stepping stone toward further writing accomplishments," says *Guide* editor Randy Fishell.

According to Gordon Day, LLA junior high principal, helping students see significance and relevance in their coursework, and how it might apply to their future career choices, is one of the

most important jobs of the teacher at this age level.

"Arlene's success is a testament to her classroom writing emphasis and the effort she puts into editing the students' *Guide* articles, following them through to completion, submission and in some cases publication," says Day. "This benefits not just the students

who participate, but is a glowing example to the other students of what they might also accomplish if they focus and apply their energies toward a goal."

Students receive recognition for their efforts at the annual junior high awards assembly. Fishell once made the presentations himself. "It was great to be able to meet Arlene's students, and thank her and them for playing such an important role in the *Guide* ministry each year," he says.

"Arlene obviously takes the time to help students understand the first rule toward getting published — become familiar with the magazine," Fishell says. "So, we provide the class with *Guide* magazines, and Arlene takes it from there."

"My students follow the usual writing process, coming up with ideas, details, plot, writing, adding conversation and adding adjectives and adverbs," Arthur explains. "When they turn the stories in,

I grade them. They get them back and make revisions. Then those who hope to get published revise again. After I get them back, I make more suggestions, and the students make more revisions. This happens about five or six times."

Skoretz also remembers the revision process: "Several massive overhauls were required."

Arthur then submits to *Guide* "all who hope to be published and whose revisions result in stories that have strong moral or religious themes."

"When they are thinking about answered prayers or life lessons they have learned, it helps them focus on God in their lives," Arthur adds. "As they write, read, rewrite, it hammers the lessons home in a way it wouldn't otherwise."

Danelle Taylor Johnston, Arthur's LLA teaching colleague, urged Arthur to share her successes with the community at large. "It is so important to empower student writers at a young age," says Johnston. "I love how Arlene has inspired so many students to realize they can have an audience, and that their words can impact others. Teachers dedicate their lives to students, but the specifics of what teachers do is often unknown by the general public."

Pam Dietrich

SCOTT GUPTILL



After 25 years, Arlene Arthur continues to help students get published in *Guide* magazine.

SCOTT GUPTILL



Arlene Arthur mentored students Lauren Ankrum and Sarah Cho, whose stories were accepted for publication in *Guide* magazine.

Pine Springs Ranch camp attendance continues to grow

More than 1,100 children attended summer camp this year at Pine Springs Ranch, near the beautiful mountains of Mount San Jacinto State Park.

During the past four years, the number of youth attending the camp has been rising steadily. In spite of the gloomy economic climate, more campers have been able to share this experience, with many attending for the first time.

Richard Harrison, assistant camp director, said one reason for this is that camp staff members believe that no child should miss out on this valuable experience. They have established a three-way matching scholarship program in which the camp matches equal contributions made by the camper and their local Adventist church.

In addition, the camp has developed a program with the Department of Human Services in San Bernardino, in which the county sponsors foster children to attend summer camp. More than 150 of the campers this year attended because of this program.

"It is great that they can come to camp and really experience the Christian life, many for the first time," said Harrison.

Several of these county-sponsored campers were baptized. Others filled out cards expressing their desire to give their lives to Christ. Camp staff members are following up with these children.

"This is how our camp really stands out from other camps," said Harrison. Like other camping programs, Pine Springs Ranch includes horseback

riding, crafts, archery, water sports and other activities. However, it differs by focusing on Christian principles.

One of this year's activities was "D-ship," short for "Discipleship." Roy Rantung, associate pastor for youth and family at the Palm Springs church, led this activity.

One day this group of campers went off-site to the beach.

They were instructed to write their sins on the sand, but as the waves came, they erased the sins before the campers could finish writing them.

Some of the children who attend summer camp go the whole remainder of the year without any spiritual instruction. Even some who attend church every week may be exposed to mentoring and ministry for only those one or two hours a week.

But at summer camp, the children are in constant contact with ministry all day for seven days at Pine Springs Ranch.

"I want to be prepared to be baptized, and for a life where I can be happy following Jesus,"



Several girls express their excitement with their counselor at summer camp.

said Junior Camp attendee Summer Boulais, a member of the Laguna Niguel church.

"I want God to be my best friend," said Leilani Morauske, who attends the Campus Hill church. "And also that my whole family grows closer to Him!"

Through the years, the camp has yielded an array of conversion stories. One such story involves a boy who attended camp through the foster child program.

Early in the week, as the campers were bonding in their cabins, some of them began to complain that one kid was bullying the others. When he was confronted, the boy, who had spent some time in jail and had been involved with gangs, reacted angrily and was visibly upset.

As the days went on, this boy told his counselors that he no longer wanted to act like he did earlier in the week. He didn't want to be that way anymore, but was afraid of facing the gang he was involved with.

By the end of the week he had decided to give his heart to the Lord, and that no matter where life took him, he would do right by God.

"That's what we like to do here," explained Harrison, "plant a seed that, given time, may change campers' lives in the long run."



Fidi Mwero, youth pastor at Calimesa church, connects with some of the boys during summer camp.

Mario Munoz



During a "D-ship" activity, a girl writes her sins in the sand as the waves wash out the text.

SECC schools achieve a high college-going rate by focusing on whole-person education

According to a study by the California Department of Education that was released late last year, fewer than 75 percent of students who graduate from high school end up enrolling in a college or university somewhere in the United States.*

In contrast, Don Dudley, superintendent of schools for the Southeastern California Conference, says that “over 90 percent of the seniors graduating from our academies go on to higher education or vocational schools.”

The college-going rate for Adventist academies is well above the state average, and SECC’s commitment to providing the best education has yielded great results for students.

The following are examples of academic highlights for the 2011–2012 school year:

Loma Linda Academy had one student who was a National Merit Scholar Commended, one National Achievement Outstanding Participant, and one National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar. The academy also had a student who received the Pacific Union College Maxwell Scholarship.

Redlands Adventist Academy had one National Merit Finalist and one National Achievement Finalist.

Mesa Grande Academy had two National Merit Scholars and two National Merit Scholars Commended.

But academic excellence is only part of the picture, Dudley says.

“Our goal is to see holistic growth in our students,” he says, “the harmonious development of our students academically, physically and spiritually.”

While students are encouraged to do their best with their studies, SECC schools also provide them with outlets to remain active and to grow physically.

Each of the academies offers physical education and/or sports programs that allow students to acquire important skills. In addition to training and developing their bodies, they also learn

sportsmanship, how to work together as a team and how to persevere under pressure.

Loma Linda Academy has a variety of sports being played throughout the year. Two teams from the academy have advanced to California Interscholastic Federation finals, which include boys’ varsity basketball and girls’ varsity softball; and the Loma Linda Junior High coed soccer team has also reached the CIF playoffs.

Several of the other schools have cross-country teams, and Redlands Adventist Academy featured a mountain biking team that went to the state CIF finals.

But what really sets SECC schools apart is the emphasis on spiritual growth.

“In Adventist education, what is most important is to see our students grow spiritually,” says Dudley. “Ultimately, our goal is to see our students baptized as Seventh-day Adventist Christians.”

Several examples illustrate how schools across SECC are benefiting from this emphasis.

Needles is a small, one-teacher school with 14 students. In spite of its size, students serve a Christmas dinner to members of the service community in their city. Police officers, firefighters, physicians, nurses and EMT personnel all gather for a dinner of appreciation and thanks prepared by the students and their families.

After Calexico Mission School held a week of prayer, six students were baptized. Students walked to the home of a faculty member and were baptized while those who accompanied them looked on in support.

Six students from Laguna Niguel Junior Academy were baptized at Fisherman’s Cove, Laguna

Beach, on a Sabbath in June. The pastor of the local church and the school principal baptized the students. More than 100 friends and church members supported them as the sun set in the distance.

Forty Loma Linda Junior High students were baptized during the school year. Thirteen students were baptized at their eighth-grade graduation; 20 more students planned to be baptized during the summer after completing studies with their Bible teacher.



Students from Calexico Adventist Mission school stand with Mark Tatam, on the left, and Cameron Danie'r, on right — both are Bible teachers and spiritual mentors to the students.

SECC operates 19 K-12 schools and four early childhood education centers. It is only through the efforts of the committed team of educators that all this is possible. But these schools also thrive because of the partnerships that have been formed with local churches and with the families that support them.

“Our goal is to see continued growth in each area as we work together to prepare our students for service in this world and to be ready to meet Jesus when He comes again,” says Dudley.

*Source: www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr11/yr-11rel77.asp

Mario Munoz

Arizona youth makeover mobile home park

Eighty young people descended on Dells View Mobile Home Park with rakes, shovels, mowers — and a plan to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the residents who lived there. The 50-year-old mobile home park, overgrown and burdened with piles of broken furniture and debris, was the target of an extreme makeover project sponsored by youth attending the Arizona camp meeting in Prescott, Ariz.

Pastor Benjamin Lundquist explained, “My wife and I first watched Extreme Home Makeover on ABC about seven years ago. At the end we’d both be crying, astounded at the impact a team could make in the life of a family in a community. I began to wonder why couldn’t we do something like this with the young people who attend Arizona youth camp meeting.”

Lundquist and his team have completed three successful home makeover projects. Then came the vision to impact an entire community of neighbors — and Dells was chosen for the physical transformation that would also result in bringing residents together for the first time in years.

Park Manager Wayne Altman explained most Dells residents were seniors and unable to care for their properties. Other younger residents were either handicapped or single moms who worked two jobs just to survive.

“We’ve lived here the better part of our lives,” said sisters Naomi Wilson and Loretta Fleming. “This place has been in the family since the very beginning. But when you get old, it takes so long to get anything done.”

Neighbors Ron and Debbie confessed they had not sat on their front porch for the past five years because of their embarrassment at having no money to keep up their home. They just stayed inside and out of sight.

June 10, 2012, with dumpsters in place throughout the park, vans and buses filled with teen workers came barreling in. Curious residents watched as mowers hummed, chain saws buzzed, and rakes and trimmers flew into action. Residents piled unwanted furniture and other

debris out front for the youth to transport to awaiting dumpsters.

“This was one of the most impacting weeks of my entire life,” said Cody Breyer, a student recruiter from La Sierra University. “I would not have missed it for anything in the world. I have been changed!”

“We found broken cabinets, doors, even some animal bones,” said TAA student Mareno Bledsoe. “I was really surprised how nice it looked when all the trash was taken out. It looked clean.”

“The more the students served,” Lundquist observed, “the more it opened their eyes to the joy of service. And as we would roll away from the project each day, we began to see homeowners coming out and continuing yard work and clean up, encouraged by the hard work of the students.”

North American Division President Dan Jackson and his wife, Donna, drove out to see the work in progress. Grabbing shovels and rakes, they joined the youth in cleanup efforts. “What I’ve seen out here today is a lot of sweating, working, raking, clipping, and digging by a lot of really committed young people,” said Jackson.

“I was so impressed that our NAD president (and his wife) gave an entire morning sweating and working alongside high school students as they made a difference in this community,” Lundquist gushed. “He showed how to be the hands and feet of Jesus with his shovel and rake!”

Residents began coming to the aid of the workers with bottles of water and words of gratitude. One resident, Sheila, who had attempted suicide just two weeks earlier, shared that because of her interaction with the students, she has hope again and life for her is getting better. She was eager to pose for photos with her new friends and was grateful for the



Jordan Jacques became an expert weeder during the mobile home park makeover.



After NAD President Dan Jackson and his wife, Donna, greeted student workers, they worked side-by-side with them, rake and shovel in hand.

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Daniel Kennedy swings an axe as he works to remove debris from the mobile home property.

prayers they offered for her. Neighbors who had never talked or spent time together started a new journey to becoming friends.

Even UPS and FedEx drivers commented on the park's transformation. They said it didn't look like the same place.

Brenda, a single mother of five children, was glad for the help. "It makes me feel really great knowing there are a lot of good people out there," she said. As a bonus, her children were sponsored to attend Camp Yavapines for summer camp free.

The group created a community gathering area near the entrance, complete with new landscaping and a gazebo. A community veggie barbeque was planned for the final day of the project.

When Lundquist went to Wal-Mart to purchase 500 hot dog buns to go with the Big Franks, he met a very helpful employee, Leonard, who was naturally curious about the huge quantities of buns. He was invited to the celebration and attended with his daughter, Jaelin.

The youth learned Jaelin was scheduled for open-heart surgery the following week. They surrounded her for a special prayer for healing. The emotional moment impacted the students. Jordan Branham, who worked at the Scottsdale hospital where the surgery was performed, found Jaelin and her dad prior to surgery and had another prayer on her behalf. Although the complicated surgery lasted three hours longer than anticipated, it was a success.

"This week you've touched a lot of people who previously never talked to any of their neighbors," said Altman. "Now they're meeting out in the streets, looking at things you've done and talking together about this makeover. It's amazing the sense of community that's happening around here!"

"Our theme for youth camp meeting was 'I'm Not Home Yet,'" explained Lundquist. "It's a message to today's generation to invest their time and energy in the life to come with Jesus, saying no to the shallow substitutes of this world, not settling for substitutes when they can experience true fulfillment in Jesus."

Phil Draper



Eighty Arizona Conference camp meeting youth worked to renovate a run-down mobile home park in Prescott, Ariz.



Brooke Navarette hoists part of a broken gate to an awaiting dumpster during the mobile home park makeover.

New location of Tahoe camp meeting and Reno-area convocation boosts attendance

This year's new location for Tahoe camp meeting and the Nevada-Utah Conference Reno-area convocation saw increased attendance as planners navigated through a sea of changes and last minute challenges for the July 30 through Aug. 4 events.

In spite of the changes and challenges, camp meeting and convocation attendance increased significantly in 2012, breaking all records for previous years. In short, the move was a very good thing.

For the 2012 annual events, the decades-long Camp Richardson location near the shores of Lake Tahoe gave way to the more modern Tahoe Valley Campground venue just south of the "Y" intersection on the west side of South Lake Tahoe.

RV and tent campers, along with attendees who drove in for the day, discovered enhanced facilities for the week-long camp meeting and weekend convocation events.



Kindergarten children listen to a Bible story in their own camp meeting tent.

Upon entering the campground, guests experienced the convenience of paved roads, less dust, and lots of parking near the "big" tents.

For those in RVs and tents, streamlined reservation procedures made planning for the events easier than ever before. New physical amenities included more and larger RV sites, complete RV hookups, and increased tent spaces. Campers also appreciated the opportunity to bring their pets and liked the

convenience of a general store at the entrance of the campground.

Often, many are unwilling or unable to camp, but still wish to enjoy the events in a beautiful, natural setting. This year, those were able to be accommodated in a number of smaller, local motels — many within a very short walking distance of the campgrounds.

On site recreational facilities for children and youth, including a pool and playground, offered hours of physical activity for young people in attendance.

As has been the case in recent years, complete daily vegetarian and vegan food service is available to all campers and attendees.

Logistics (mainly trees) did not allow the "main" tent to be fully extended in the area allocated by the campground management, and therefore made for a smaller seating capacity. Next year, however, the campground management is willing to accommodate a larger "main" tent in a different location.

On a programming note, this year's featured guest speaker was Dick Duerksen, assistant to the president of Maranatha Volunteers International. Also serving as storyteller for the organization, Duerksen spoke at all evening meetings and for the Sabbath worship service, weaving a rich tapestry of exciting mission stories about how God works in foreign lands. Another feature that Duerksen highlighted was Maranatha's One-Day School (and Church) Project — a sample was erected right on the campground.

Various speakers and seminars were



The Tahoe Express vegetarian/vegan food service area prepares for the Sabbath lunch crowd.

offered each day during the week. Children and youth had their own meetings and activities by age group every morning, afternoon and evening.

Because the large, brightly colored, camp meeting tents were a prominent feature on the very large Tahoe Valley Campground, a number non-Adventists attended the various adult and children's meetings during the course of camp meeting. Many gave rave reviews of the Adventist events, and vowed to take their vacations at the same spot during the 2013 Tahoe camp meeting and convocation.



An overflow crowd for Sabbath worship services listens to Dick Duerksen's captivating sermon.



Dick Duerksen drives home a point in his Sabbath morning message.

Reflecting on this year's events, Virginia Rose, Tahoe camp meeting volunteer and member of the planning committee, said, "This year's Tahoe camp meeting was amazing. Attendance was the highest ever. Donations were up. Our new location was superb. The fellowship was heaven-like. But most of all, so many people commented on the rich blessings they received. We are so looking forward to more and more of our members from all over the Pacific Union Conference receiving a blessing in the future."

The Tahoe camp meeting is a self-supporting, lay-sponsored event, organized and planned by lay members and pastors from a large geographical area surrounding Lake Tahoe, utilizing large tents, chairs, and various equipment provided by the Nevada-Utah Conference. The annual Nevada-Utah Conference Reno-area convocation Friday night and Sabbath cooperates with and piggybacks on the weeklong camp meeting.

For general information or questions, e-mail tahocampmeeting@gmail.com, or call Virginia Rose at 916-967-5932 or visit www.tahocampmeeting.adventistfaith.org.

For Tahoe Valley Campground information and reservations, call 530-541-2222 or visit www.RVontheGo.com. Early reservations are recommended to insure RV and tent space is available near the camp meeting section of the campground.

Denny Krause

Teachers' convention inspires educators

Nevada-Utah Conference administrators and teachers attended the North American Division Teachers' Convention Aug. 5-8 at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tenn.

All of the 6,000+ attendees, including 29 from Nevada-Utah, were there to renew, celebrate and rededicate their commitment to the uplifting of Christian education as a redemptive and soul-saving ministry.

More than 500 workshops enabled all attendees access to a plethora of educational and spiritual topics. Nationally known educational speakers and publishers Dr. Alan November and Dr. Todd Whitaker shared their education expertise and knowledge to huge audiences as they presented cutting edge research and insight into educational practices and trends.

The Nevada-Utah contingency especially enjoyed the opening keynote address by Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, senior pastor at the Oakwood University church. Byrd preached the salvation message found in Adventist educational institutions.

Dr. Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University, provided morning worship presentations. His talks ignited a new passion for re-reading the gospels and learning how the work of redemption and salvation are the work of education.

On the lighter side, Ken Davis, a Christian comedian, kept everyone laughing for the better part of an hour as he related his life story of how a teacher changed his life and how God kept His hand over his entire life.

Closing four days of inspiration, exceptional workshops, renewed friendships, and spiritual blessings was Elder Daniel R. Jackson, North American Division president. Jackson led in a commitment and anointing ceremony celebrating Christian educators' spiritual commitment to Christian education.

"It was so much fun reuniting with old friends and swapping ideas," said Connie Wade, third grade teacher at Las Vegas Junior Academy. "We'd go to classes together and glean everything we could to enhance our teaching skills. It is like Home Depot's slogan, 'Never Stop Improving.'"

Arlyn Sundsted



Administrators and teaching staff from the Nevada-Utah Conference, representing the 10 schools in the conference.

Hawaii holds first summer Youth Rush program in seven years

For the first time in several years, 22 Hawaii Youth Rush literature evangelism students spent 10 weeks strategizing, mapping out the territory, learning via training and drills, knocking on doors, and sharing truth-filled literature on the island of Oahu.

The students slept on floors in spare rooms and experienced short nights and long days. Yet students were encouraged, inspired and taught through daily worships and trainings. In the afternoons, they hit the streets, knocking on doors.

The students believe they experienced many divine appointments during those weeks. On one occasion, a student was working in an affluent neighborhood and found himself face to face with Mufi Hannemann, the 12th mayor of Honolulu. The student and former mayor had a conversation about education and spiritual topics. The conversation ended with Hannemann getting *The Great Controversy*. "It felt really good to have the privilege to meet Mufi, and to get the three angels messages into his hands," said the student.

One afternoon, Marc Pasion turned down an alley in the Waianae area where the majority of houses were fenced off. He was unsure where to start. At that moment, Pasion says he heard a voice call, "Come out." On his way out of the alley, he saw a girl that looked like one of the students in his literature evangelist program. She was wearing a white dress and a blue belt with a canvassing bag on her shoulders and a

walkie-talkie in her hand. Pointing with the walkie-talkie antenna, she motioned to one of the fenced-in houses. Marc took note and headed to the house she was pointing to.

He went up to the gate and began knocking and calling out. A woman came out and said, "I don't want anything!" With the assurance it would be a quick visit, the woman, who Pasion noticed was bald, came out. They began to talk, and he learned that she had cancer and was dying.

Pasion introduced her to the books *Steps to Christ*, *Desire of Ages*, and *Christ Object Lessons* and explained that the books were on how to find peace. The woman asked, "How did you know to come to my door? No one ever comes to my house, not even my priest who knows that I'm dying. And how did you know that peace is exactly what I need right now?" He told her that the Lord had ordained that he meet her that day. The woman bought the books and expressed how grateful she was that Pasion had come to her gate.

"I have never met someone at the door who was on the brink of death," said Pasion. "I almost passed that house by, but I thank God that He



Marc Pasion, Caleb White and Elijah Mahaulu memorize the day's plan.

pointed me to someone in desperate need." As it turned out, the other student with the white dress and blue belt wasn't a member of the team that day, and no one is sure who she was. Some suspect an angel was guiding the way.

Westney White



Twenty-two students participated in the first Hawaii Youth Rush team in seven years.



CondraSheera Joao meets someone at the door.



The Hawaii Youth Rush team prepares for a day on the streets.

Slavery in America?

As I was researching the topic of human trafficking recently, I saw an article about Vivienne Harr, an 8-year-old girl who raised \$30,000 to help stop human trafficking and slavery by selling lemonade. (You can read the full story at www.churchstate.org.) I was struck by how little most of us are willing to do for something we believe in. We will all have an opportunity to do something about human trafficking in November, when Proposition 35 will be on the ballot. Human trafficking is the social justice issue of our time.

Church State Council executive director Alan J. Reinach, Esq., explained: “Adventists have a long history of opposing slavery and defending the rights of conscience. Today, slavery is big business, and plays a major role in both the sex and drug trades. If we value human freedom, we can’t ignore the problem of human trafficking.”



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Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries, and California is a top destination. The state's extensive international border, major harbors and airports, large economy, growing

population, large immigrant population and industries make it a prime target for traffickers.

Surprisingly, Sacramento ranks as high as second with respect to child sex trafficking. It has become a hot spot for child prostitution, competing with cities like Las Vegas, Chicago, Oakland and New York. The FBI identifies three California cities — San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego — as high intensity child sex trafficking areas. Sadly, California earned an “F” grade for its weak laws addressing child sex trafficking, according to a recent national study by a victims’ rights group.

Human trafficking harms victims, but also harms communities. It is linked to a variety of criminal activities that impact the entire community, including drug trafficking, money laundering, organized crime and the attendant violence.

Human trafficking statistics vary widely, but it is estimated that tens of millions are held in slavery conditions worldwide, and many thousands are victims of human trafficking here in California each year. Of course, victims are afraid to cooperate with authorities because they are brought to this country without documentation. Traffickers know this, and often escape prosecution because the victims won't testify against them.

Proposition 35 attempts to address this problem by protecting victims from prosecution. Evidence of the crimes committed as a result of being

enslaved will not be admissible in court. Even law enforcement supports this.

Proposition 35, a partnership of California Against Slavery and the Safer California Foundation, will protect children in California by:

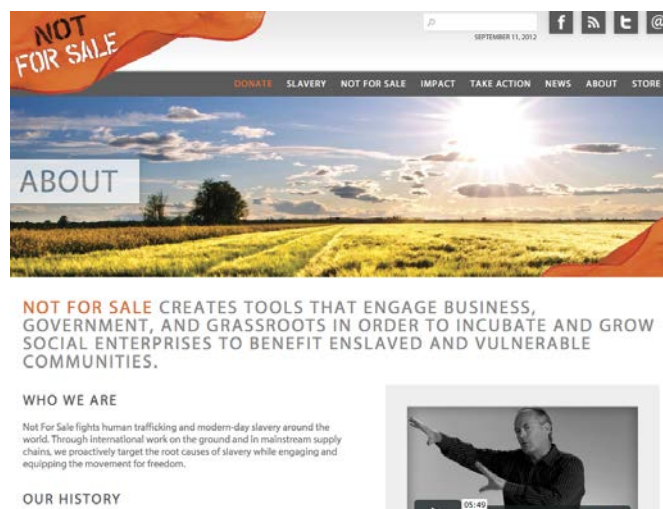
- Increasing prison terms for human traffickers.
- Requiring convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders.
- Requiring all registered sex offenders to disclose their Internet accounts.
- Requiring criminal fines from convicted human traffickers to pay for services to help victims.

Did you know?

- The average age that a victim is first trafficked for sex in the U.S. is just 12-14 years.
- Many victims are runaway girls who have already suffered sexual abuse as children.
- Traffickers or pimps are master manipulators who gain a victim's trust before forcing them into commercial sex acts and keeping them compliant through violence and drugs.
- California harbors three of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.
- The prevalence and anonymity of the Internet has fueled the rapid growth of sex trafficking, making the trade of women and children easier than ever before.

We may not have the time to raise money like Vivienne Harr, but all of us can do something to combat human trafficking in November. How much would you pay for a glass of Vivienne Harr's lemonade?

Natalie Eva



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OUR HISTORY

La Sierra rolls out bullying prevention effort to serve the Adventist education system

Name calling, hitting, ostracizing, abusive text messages — when aggressively repeated within a power imbalance, such behavior is called bullying and can lead to disastrous consequences including debilitating low self esteem and suicide.

In early August, the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Office of Education took a stand as well and, through a partnership with La Sierra University's Center for Conflict Resolution, began offering free of charge to all K-12 schools within the division a survey from the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. The instrument will "collect data on bullying and create a common-language framework for the discussion of bullying and violence prevention among educators," according to the NAD. The CCR will also help a limited number of schools install a pilot of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, or OBPP, selected on the basis of readiness to implement the program, and is making available an online training course for principals and head teachers.

"This isn't just some marketing campaign with a slogan and some posters. It is a systems change that takes into account all of the factors that lead to bullying/violence surfacing in the school or youth program environment," said Richard Pershing, a Riverside-based attorney and director of the CCR. The NAD announced the program during the NAD's 2012 Teachers' Convention in early August in Nashville,

Tenn. A team from the Center, including a trainer certified by the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, held workshops and presented an exhibit of information.

"As a result of it being a systems change, it can take two to three years to see results. Even though that is a long time, it is the only approach proven to be effective and sustainable," Pershing said. "We believe that Adventist education is particularly suited to this approach because the approach is about community, the very thing that makes Adventist education possible."

The Center for Conflict Resolution, tasked with a Versafund Bullying Prevention Grant Initiative from nonprofit Adventist foundation Versacare Inc. in Corona, chose the Olweus program as it proved to be the only effective, evidence-based bullying and violence prevention initiative available, Pershing said. "We also saw that it was a good fit for the Adventist church because the OBPP focuses on creating a culture that

reinforces the positive behaviors that prevent bullying/violence from occurring in the first place," he said.

News of the Center's NAD partnership and bullying prevention initiative has spread throughout the division. Schools and conference leaders in Canada, Texas, Colorado, Indiana, Florida and California have contacted the CCR seeking information, said Pershing. Schools outside of North America are also expressing interest. Attorney Dulce Peña, a La Sierra business school and CCR faculty member, traveled to Brazil in August to teach conflict resolution and to vet questions about ways to implement the Olweus program in the Brazilian Adventist school system of 60,000 students.

For additional information, contact the Center for Conflict Resolution at www.lasierra.edu/index.php?id=conflict.

Darla Martin Tucker



La Sierra's Center for Conflict Resolution, in partnership with NAD, rolls out the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program during the NAD 2012 Teachers' Convention. (Left to right) Bob Christensen of Hazelden Publishing, publisher of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program materials; educator and Olweus certified trainer Debra Pershing; and Richard Pershing, director of the Center for Conflict Resolution at La Sierra University.

Literature evangelism helps PUC students finance education, build faith

Since the earliest days of Healdsburg College, the forerunner of Pacific Union College, students have worked as literature evangelists, or canvassers. This summer, PUC students carried that tradition forward by participating in outreach programs like Pacific Union Youth Rush and others across the western United States. To support the efforts, PUC matches 50 percent of students' earnings toward their tuition.

Sam Smith, a senior theology major, says that when the idea of canvassing first came up, he was not interested. He felt he could make far more money doing something else. After prayer, however, he remembers feeling that God was leading him to the ministry, and he saw how God had used canvassing to change people's lives in the past.

He's gone on to participate in both full summer programs like Youth Rush and in a number of canvassing "blitzes," where students canvass a specific community for just a week at a time. He also helps coordinate a monthly group of PUC students that canvass in the Napa Valley during the school year.

Smith recounts a recent experience of a particularly unsuccessful day canvassing. "I got on my knees, and I was praying," he says. "I probably looked rather silly in that neighborhood while I was praying, but I got up and knocked on the next door."

At the door was a well-dressed man. Smith began talking with him, and when he showed the man *The Desire of Ages*, the man told Smith that he was an atheist. Smith then showed him *The Great Controversy*, telling him how it emphasized the importance of separation of church and state. This interested the man and he let Smith show him some of his other books. The man went on to buy all of Sam's books.

"I didn't know what to say. I was dumbfounded. I was shocked that he had done that," Smith says. "We had a very good conversation about faith and about atheism, and then I left. I



PUC students canvassing this summer in Southern California.

left from that experience praising God because even though there may be hard times, He will provide for us and take care of us. It showed me God was still on my side, even though I was having those hard times."

"We like to see PUC students really involved in serving and helping others — that's why we're glad to offer these students some special help," says PUC student finance director Laurie Wheeler. PUC's Summer Ministries scholarship matches 50 percent of what students make at summer canvassing programs, as well as Adventist summer camps and other ministry opportunities. But while the added financial incentives are undeniably beneficial, most students who

participate discover that the spiritual impact of a summer of ministry is far greater.

Tawnia Holland, who just finished her freshman year at PUC, canvassed for the first time the summer after high school. She returned to Youth Rush this summer. Although she first joined the program to raise money for school with the help of PUC's matching program, it is now something much bigger for her.

"[Canvassing] really causes you to be more spiritually minded," she says. "When you're canvassing, it not only affects the people that you're meeting, but it affects you, as well."

Giovanni Hashimoto



LLU nutrition congress to consider plant-based diets

Loma Linda University will cut through the opinions and present the latest scientific facts about the health implications of plant-based diets when the School of Public Health hosts the 6th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition from Feb. 24 to 26, 2013. The event takes place every five years and delves into vegetarian research through expert presentations that consider plant-based diets from all angles.

“We are preparing a compelling program to share the most recent findings and explore the most stimulating topics related to vegetarian research,” says congress chair Joan Sabaté, M.D., Dr.P.H., professor of nutrition. “The congress offers an outstanding opportunity for researchers, health professionals, and students to learn from each other.”

The congress will include plenary sessions, workshops, poster presentations, and social gatherings. These are designed to review accumulated research findings and introduce theoretical concepts, practical applications, and implications of vegetarian dietary practices, both for the prevention of disease and the promotion of health, as well as for furthering research endeavors.

The lineup of speakers is growing and will include keynote speaker Neal Barnard, M.D., founder and president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. Barnard is the author of dozens of publications in scientific and medical journals as well as numerous nutrition books for lay readers. He frequently appears in news programs to discuss issues related to diet and health.

Another speaker brings the expertise of decades of research right at Loma Linda University. Gary Fraser, M.D., Ph.D., has led the federally-funded Adventist Health Studies showing that vegetarians enjoy benefits such as lower body weight, blood lipids, blood pressure, incidence of diabetes, and cases of fatal heart attacks. There is also evidence that vegetarians may have a lower risk of certain cancers.

More results will be forthcoming as research continues. The National Institutes of Health devoted its July issue of *News in Health* to rewards

NEAL BARNARD



Neal Barnard, M.D., founder and president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is the keynote speaker for the congress.

of plant-based eating, and it gave significant mention to Fraser and his research. He has also recently been featured by CBS News.

Topical highlights of the congress include longevity and healthy aging, myths and controversies surrounding soy, the debate over omega-3s from different sources, the healthfulness of dairy foods, and even the environmental implications of vegetarian diets.

Congress planners are now accepting abstract submissions for posters and short oral presentations; the deadline is Nov. 16. Additionally, registration to attend the congress is now open, and discounted early prices are available through Dec. 1. Visit the event website at www.vegetarian-nutrition.org to learn more.



Heather Reifsnnyder, M.A.

Union executive committee approves 14 women and two men for ordination

After three months of speeches, debates, articles, blogs and comments regarding ordination without regard to gender, the first vote to officially ordain women to the gospel ministry in the Pacific Union could not have been less dramatic.

The Sept. 5, 2012, union executive committee meeting was a teleconference, though most of the local conference presidents met with union personnel at the union office much of the day, and several presidents were still together during the executive committee meeting that evening. Most of the 48 members were on speakerphone.

The meeting started with Brad Newton, union executive secretary, presenting the recommendations from the presidents council. The second item was labeled simply "Ordinations," not "Ordinations/Commissionings" as it was called before the Aug. 19 special session.

"The presidents council recommends the list of people before you for ordination," said Newton.

Ricardo Graham, union president and chair of the executive committee, continued: "Thank you, Brad. This will be a historic vote. Is there a motion that we approve these requests?"

"I move it."

"Is there a second?"

"Second."

"Is there any discussion?"

There was no discussion: silence.

"Well, if there is no discussion, we will go to the vote. All in favor say yes [many affirmations]. Any opposed [silence]. Well, this was a historic vote. Thank you."

Though all 16 names were voted in one list, the names fell into three groups:

Previously commissioned women, from Northern California Conference

- Marit Case, assoc. pastor, Carmichael church since 2001. She began her ministry as chaplain at LLU Medical Center. Joined the pastoral staff at Pacific Union College church in 1991.
- Mary Maxson, associate pastor, Paradise church since 2005. Was NAD Women's Ministries director for 10 years, and ministry spouse (shepherdess) director in two conferences for 10 years.
- Norma Osborn, associate pastor, Pacific Union College church since 2001. Began ministry in Sligo church, Takoma Park, Md. Before that was elementary school teacher in Potomac Conference. After 25 years of pastoral ministry, she will retire on Oct. 1, 2012.
- Jessica Richmond, pastor, Tracy church since 2009. Graduated with B.A. in theology from PUC in 2001, and earned Master of Divinity at Andrews University Theological Seminary in 2005.

Previously commissioned women, from Southeastern California Conference

- Raewyn Hankins, senior pastor, Victorville church since 2011. Began pastoral ministry in Chula Vista church in 2004, then attended seminary and served as associate pastor at Yucaipa.
- Andrea Trusty King, senior pastor, Imani Praise Fellowship, Moreno Valley. Graduate of Oakwood University, SDA Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary. Has served as associate pastor in Benton Harbor, Mich., associate and interim pastor at San Diego 31st Street, and co-pastor (with her husband) at San Diego Maranatha church.



Union President Ricardo Graham, right, listens as Executive Secretary Brad Newton reports during the executive committee meeting.

- Jacqueline Lynch, associate pastor, Chula Vista church since 2011. Graduate of Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minn. Graduate degree from SDA Theological Seminary. Has served as associate pastor at LLU church and was first female college chaplain at Oakwood University.
- Chris Oberg, senior pastor, La Sierra University church, where she started as associate in 2000. Previously served at Redlands church and was senior pastor at Calimesa church. Graduate of Walla Walla University and La Sierra University.
- Halcyon Wilson, associate pastor for Diverse Ministries, La Sierra University

church, where she has served in pastoral ministry since 1980. Has served as assistant to the SECC president for women pastors. Began ministry as chaplain at White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles. Graduate of La Sierra University.

- Maria Carmen Ibañez, director of operations, Pine Springs Ranch. Graduate of Pacific Union College and the SDA Theological Seminary. Has served as associate pastor at Riverside Spanish, Inland Spanish, Fontana Spanish and Azure Hills churches.
- Audray Johnson, director of family ministries, women's ministries, health ministries and religious liberty, SECC. Graduate of Atlantic Union College. Did graduate studies in marriage and family counseling at University of California-Riverside and at Loma Linda University.
- Sandra Roberts, executive secretary, SECC, since 2004. Was associate director for SECC senior youth ministry 2000-2004. Was associate and co-pastor at Corona church, chaplain at Loma Linda Elementary and Junior High, manager and director at Pine Springs Ranch. Graduate of Loma Linda University, Andrews University and Claremont School of Theology.



Several members of the Pacific Union presidents council discuss requests for ordination shortly before the executive committee meeting on Sept. 5. Other members participated by phone. Clockwise from near left: Larry Unterseher, Randal Wisbey, Jim Pedersen, Gerald Penick, Bobby Mitchell, Larry Caviness, Brad Newton, Ricardo Graham, Arnold Trujillo (mostly hidden), Carol Lowe, VicLouis Arreola III and Ralph S. Watts III.

Women and men who have newly completed the qualifications for ordination and will be ordained in next few weeks.

- Marlene Ferreras (female), SECC, associate pastor, Azure Hills church
- Cristian Iordan (male), SECC, associate pastor Campus Hill church, Loma Linda
- Genevieve Koh Isidro (female), SECC, associate pastor, Loma Linda University church
- Alvin Maragh (male), SCC, associate pastor, Central Filipino church

After other items of business were concluded (see below), the group returned to the subject of the special session and the ordination of women. "To me, it was a blessed day," said Graham. "It seemed that God led and the church followed."

Though Chris Oberg, senior pastor of the La Sierra University church, participated by phone, she spoke with obvious tears: "As one of the 14 women clergy in the Pacific Union immediately impacted by this vote tonight, I want to thank you for acting. You mention, Elder Graham, that you sensed God is prompting you as a leader to champion the cause of women. For more than a dozen years, I have sensed God prompting me to do the work; just do the work, and someone else will champion the cause. So you will understand that this moment is too full for words. Thank you, all of you, for acting. I reflect to this committee the joy of my colleagues all around our union as we settle into this new reality of equality in ministry."

"I would like to thank all of you for the parts you played in making this a reality," added Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez, senior pastor of the All Nations church in Monrovia, Calif.

Conference presidents Jim Pedersen, from NCC, and Gerald Penick, from SECC, commented that they don't expect to conduct new services for

the previously commissioned pastors, but are expecting to present their new credentials during worship services at their respective churches.

Marlene Ferreras, Cristian Iordan and Genevieve Koh Isidro will be ordained on Oct. 6 in a combined service at the Loma Linda University church.

Several presidents commented that they will no doubt request approvals for more women to be ordained at the next executive committee meeting. Most of the conferences and the two schools of higher education have not held their executive committee meetings since the Aug. 19 special session, so they have not had a chance to formally vote names for approval.

In other actions, the committee voted to approve ministerial scholarships for William John Wheeler, from the NCC, and Kyle Dever, Benjamin Martin and Jeff Tatarchuk, all from the SECC. They also voted to approve Fred Toailoa, from NCC, for completion of a Doctor of Ministry degree.

The committee voted to pass on to the North American Division a request made by the SECC executive committee to add an additional designation for church classifications — "multi-cultural" — for churches that cannot accurately be described as ministering primarily to one particular ethnic or cultural group. And they voted to include Pakistani and Asian Indian language groups to in the Asian/Pacific Ministries groups in the Pacific Union and its conferences.

In what he said would be the shortest membership report ever, Newton reported that, "We obviously long for more growth in the Pacific Union. So far this year our rate of growth is about one percent. We are working in some very difficult areas. Pray that God will bless."

Ted Benson, union treasurer, reported that tithes in the union is almost exactly what it was last year, down about one half of one percent. Overall, income and expenses are on budget.

Berit von Pohle, union education director, reported that K-12 enrollment totals 12,400 this fall, down about 1.5 percent from last year. Three conferences show small gains in enrollment. The committee voted to approve the addition of 10th grade for the current school year at Murrieta Springs Christian School, which will operate in affiliation with Escondido Academy.

The executive committee will meet next on Nov. 15 at the union office.

Gerry Chudleigh

CALENDARS

Arizona

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP (Oct. 5-6) "Growing Your Church Through Sabbath School." 7 p.m. Thunderbird Adventist Academy, 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Includes a general session on how to grow your church through Sabbath School and seminars for every leader in Sabbath School. Info: 480-281-3522.

24TH ANNUAL ARIZONA Women's Ministry Retreat, "Be Found in Him," (Oct. 12-14) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. Guest speaker, Rita Hoshino, freelance artist who portrays Ellen G. White at various historical Adventist events. Info and application: Shelli Marti, 18545 W. Bethany Home Rd., Litchfield Park, Ariz., or 623-935-6010.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK (Oct. 13) 6:30 p.m. 2nd Saturday of each month. Central church, 777 W Montecito, Phoenix. Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. For recipe ideas, visit www.hacres.com. Info: stanhower@yaho.com or call 480-430-5492.

"GLOW IN THE DARK" (Oct. 31) Special fun event for distributing GLOW

materials. Info: Jason Carlson, 480-991-6777, ext. 107.

Central California

HISPANIC SABBATH SCHOOL & Church Officers Training (Oct. 6) Fresno Spanish church. Info: Florina Morales, 559-347-3144, fmorales@cccsda.org.

PARENTING SEMINAR (Oct. 13) Valley Area. Info: Marlyn Novielli, 559-347-3142, ministries@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC SABBATH SCHOOL & Church Officers Training (Oct. 13) Bakersfield Spanish church. Info: Florina Morales, 559-347-3144, or fmorales@cccsda.org.

MEN'S RETREAT (Oct. 19-21) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Marlyn Novielli, 559-347-3142, ministries@cccsda.org.

PATHFINDER CAMPOREE (Oct. 26-28) Info: Sandra Pasillas, 559-347-3174, nvillarreal@cccsda.org.

La Sierra University

SOCIETY OF DRAMATIC ARTS presents "Theater Sports" (Oct. 6) 8 p.m., Matheson Hall.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT "A Piano Extravaganza: Four Pianos, Eight Pianists"

(Oct. 7) 6 p.m., Riverside's Fox Performing Arts Center. Info: 951-785-2036.

THE HMS RICHARDS Divinity School's Inaugural Weekend (Oct. 11-13) Address by Niels-Erik Andreasen, Thursday, 11 a.m.; First Service, Divinity School students (Oct. 12) 8 p.m.; and a program celebrating the life and ministry of HMS Richards (Oct. 13) 4 p.m. LSU church.

VESPERS CONCERT (Oct. 19) Features students participating in the Invitational Choral Festival. 7 p.m. in Hole Memorial Auditorium. Choral Festival Concert (Oct. 20) 4 p.m., LSU church. Info: 951-785-2036.

FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP Fridays at 8 p.m. LSU church. Info: 951-785-2090.

Northern California Conference

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT (Oct. 5-7, 12-14) Leoni Meadows. Guest speaker Sandi Colón, guest musician Leah Shafer. Info and registration at ncc.adventist.org, under "Links" heading; click on "Other Christian Resources."

34TH ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN Convocation (Oct. 12-13) Friday, 7 p.m. Sacramento Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave. Sabbath, 8 a.m. Trinity Life Center, 5225 Hillsdale Blvd., Sacramento. Adult speaker,

Pastor Darriel Hoy; youth speaker, Chaplain Dilys Brooks; special music, Lawrence Beamen. Children's church for ages 5-12. Info: ncc.adventist.org/africanamericanministries.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (Oct. 19-21) Sacramento area. You CAN have a better marriage! Info: Rob and Debbie Purvis, 530-622-4798.

JUNIOR/SENIOR RETREAT (Oct. 19-21) Leoni Meadows. For academy, high school and home-schooled juniors and seniors. Info: 925-603-5080.

28TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S Spiritual Koinonia (Nov. 2-4) Leoni Meadows. Theme: Rising Above the Storms of Life. Keynote speaker: Dr. Andrea Trusty-King, senior pastor, Imani Praise Fellowship. Info: womenskoinonia.com, 707-552-2278.

2012 MEN'S CHORUS Festival (Nov. 3) 5 p.m. Carmichael church (4600 Winding Way, Sacramento). Featuring six men's choruses: Bakersfield, Bay Area, Carmichael, Modesto Praise, Sonora and Christian Edition. Free! Info: 916-487-8684, www.carmsda.org.

TEEN PATHFINDER CAVING (Nov. 9-11) Lava Beds National Monument. Info: Youth Ministries Department, 925-603-5080.

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VESPERS: "The Jesus Painter" (Oct. 5) 8 p.m. Artist Mike Lewis paints the "Life of Christ" in a series of three paintings. PUC church. Info: 707-965-7190.

RASMUSSEN ART GALLERY (Oct. 6) Opening reception for Monterey artist Larry Frazier. His exhibit, "Theme and Variations," features bronze, stone, and wood sculpture, and runs through Oct. 27. Reception 7 p.m. Info: 707-965-6303.

24-HOUR THEATER (Oct. 7) 8 p.m. PUC's Dramatic Arts Society's annual festival challenges students to write, produce, and perform original dramas in just one day. Alice Holst Theater. Info: 707-965-6303.

FALL REVIVAL (Oct. 10-12) Maryland pastor Paul Graham presents PUC's fall Week of Prayer series. Info: 707-965-7190.

FINE ARTS SERIES (Oct. 24) 7 p.m. Organist Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer-Choplin, one of the best improvisational organists of her generation, presents a recital on the PUC church's world-famous Rieger pipe organ.

ACADEMY WOMEN'S Volleyball Tournament (Oct. 25-27) Adventist senior academy teams from around the western U.S. come together for a friendly competition at PUC Pacific Auditorium. Game schedule and info: 707-965-6349.

FINE ARTS SERIES (Nov. 3) 7 p.m. The Quo Vadis Brass Quintet, featuring current and recent students from New York's Juilliard School of Music. Paulin Hall Auditorium. Info: 707-965-6201.

Southern California Conference

BEST OF NATURE Plant-based Cooking School (Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23) 7-9 p.m. Free. Instructor, Susan Jenson, RD. South Bay church, 401 S. Prospect

Ave., Redondo Beach 90277. Info: 310-214-3123.

THE GREAT CONTROVERSY Countdown series (Oct. 6-27) Pastor Homer Hart, presenter. 7 p.m. University church, 1135 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles 90037. Info: 323-766-9889.

A CALL TO NATIONAL Repentance Seminar (Oct. 12-13) 7 p.m. Fri., all day Sabbath. Presenter, Scott Christiansen, author of *Planet In Distress* and CFO, Northern New England. Sunland-Tujunga church, 7156 Valmont St., Tujunga 91042. Info: 818-352-3575.

JOURNEY OF FAITH Women's Conference (Oct. 13) 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Presenter Linda Penick focuses on spiritual, physical, emotional transformation. Adventist Media Center, 101 W. Cochran St., Simi Valley. Music, drama, spoken word, creative applications, fellowship, mini-concert. Registration/info: 805-526-0141.

UNÁNIMES EN ORACIÓN Retiro Espiritual de Oración (Oct. 19-21) Oradores: Pr. Rubén Arroyo; Dr. Hoguer De La Rocha; Pr. Luis Peña. Camp Cedar Falls, 39850 State Highway 38, Angelus Oaks 92305. Música, oraciones intercesoras, programa para niños. Organizado por Ministerio de Oración, Región Hispana de la Asociación. Info: 818-546-8448.

L.A. FORUM (Oct. 27) 3 p.m. Presenter, Smuts van Rooyen, Ph.D., recently retired Glendale City church pastor. "The Development of Adventist Doctrine and the Implications for the Denomination." Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Glendale City Adventist church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: 818-244-7241.

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BENSON, RODNEY ARTHUR JOHN – b. May 27, 1934, Tacoma, Wash.; d. Nov. 8, 2011, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: wife, Barbara. Served as executive committee member and delegate for Central California Conference.

GALE, CLYDE ELTON – b. May 7, 1914, Shell Lake, Wis.; d. July 9, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Karen Rigby, Beverly Farley; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. Served as dean of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

HADLEY, G. GORDON – b. May 3, 1921, Wash., D.C.; d. June 29, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Alphonse; son, Walter; daughters, Patty Aitchison, Bonnie Fandrich; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

HAYMAN, MARY ZELDORA – b. May 8, 1916, Parkersburg, W.Va.; d. Aug. 14, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Gary; daughter, Cheryl Metter; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

HOAG, MARIANNE U. (UNDERWOOD) – b. June 15, 1937, Beach, N.D.; d. April 23, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif.

HOYT, FREDRICK G. – b. June 11, 1920, Wasco, Calif.; d. June 27, 2012, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Corinne Cook; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

JOSLIN, ALEEN – b. Sept. 29, 1939, Merced, Calif.; d. July 7, 2012, Porterville, Calif. Survivors: sons, David, Charles Cantwell; daughter, Theresa Motty; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

KESSLER, THOMAS C. – b. June 18, 1921, Columbia City, Ind.; d. May 14, 2012, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marilyn; son, Thomas; daughter, Vickie; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

MORFORD, ERNIE – b. Dec. 7, 1930, Pasadena, Calif.; d. June 15, 2012, Acton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Irene; sons, Bruce, Paul, Dean, Tommy; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

OSBORNE, VIRGINIA MAXINE (JEYS) – b. Jan. 20, 1923, Nevada, Iowa; d. Aug. 7, 2012, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ellsworth; sons, Charles "Chuck", John, Edward; sisters, Joan Revel, Jeanette (Golly) Gilbert, Flossie Hancock.

REUER, ROSE – b. Sept. 14, 1910, Edmunds County, S.D.; d. July 5, 2012, Covina, Calif. Served as a missionary in Ethiopia; worked as a nurse at Hawaii, Loma Linda and St. Helena Adventist hospitals.

ROBERTS, KENNETH – b. Aug. 26, 1963, Anaheim, Calif.; d. Jan. 14, 2012, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Kimberly Myers, Heather Hughes; four grandchildren.

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WARNER, THEODORE LUTHER – Sept. 29, 1923, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. June 17, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Charlyne (Jenkins-Wertz); son, Wesley; daughters, Cher, Marlena; stepsons, Larry, Rodney; stepdaughters, Joyce, Suzan; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as a teacher and as principal in Northern, Central and Southern California conferences; as a Pathfinder leader, summer camp director, La Sierra maintenance plant.

WELLS, IVAN DALE – b. May 28, 1926, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Aug. 24, 2012, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Joyce; son, Rick; three grandchildren.

WICAL, KENNETH EDWARD – b. May 9, 1930, St. Helena, Calif.; d. July 9, 2012, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Virginia; sons, Scott C., Kenneth W.; daughters, Susan Baughman, Carol L. Johns; brother, Charles; sister, Phyllis.

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Lodi	6:39	6:29	6:19	6:10
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