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Simona Georgescu and Moses Kisaka, a fifth-grader at Oceanside Adventist Elementary, share a laugh..

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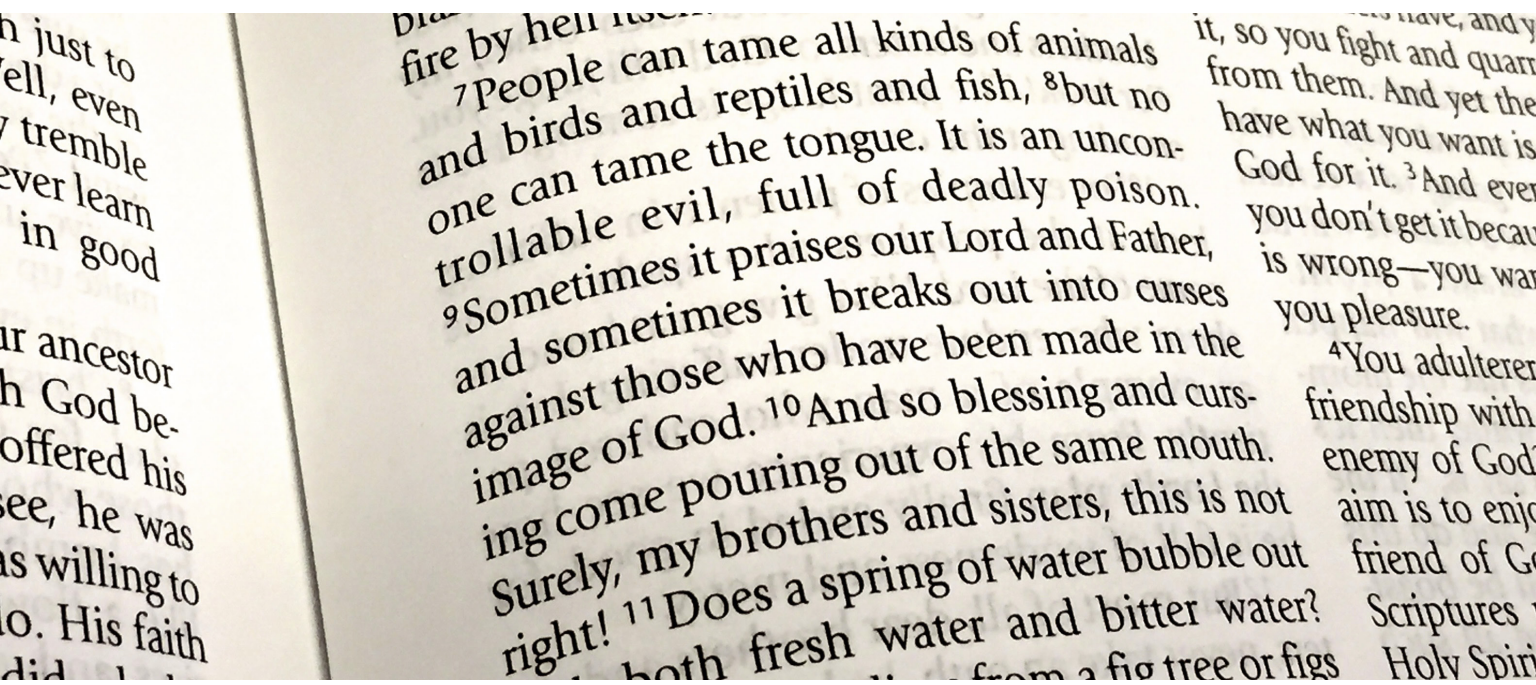


"Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."
— Exodus 20:8

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If Any Little Word of Mine

Bradford Newton, Executive Secretary

A popular network talk show has created a YouTube sensation by asking celebrity guests to recite the cruel tweets posted about them on Twitter. Viewers watch in high-definition clarity as crude, painful and insulting taunts elicit a grimace, nervous laugh, or dismissive eye roll on the faces of Hollywood royalty. When every part of your humanity is attacked, even savvy celebrities hurt. Just in case the television is muted, the punishing words are flashed on the screen to insure all can join in the “fun.” A commercial ends the torment. Here is yet another bit of evidence that our world is tragically broken.

This scene holds no surprises to the Bible-reading Christian. How quickly we recall Jesus’ teaching about the disposition of humanity before His return: “Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will *grow cold*” (Matthew 24:12, emphasis supplied). Couple this with a solemn warning about the duplicitous nature of our words, “But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so” (James 3:8-10).

Scripture provides a template for the sanctified and redemptive use of words beginning with that foundational principle of speaking the truth in love, in order that we may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ (Ephesians 4:15). Both hearer and speaker grow from the careful use of our speech. Inspiration also advises, “let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (James 1:19). In the era of hasty communication — email, blogs, Twitter, and Facebook — these words

remain golden. Finally, Proverbs 16:13 extols that, “Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and they love him who speaks what is right.” Even in those bluntly honest dialogues on disputed subjects, Christians are called by Christ to imitate His loving and gracious manner as we converse.

Jesus presented a vivid contrast between Himself and Satan when He said, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” The words prompted by the enemy steal hope, kill joy and destroy the soul. The words inspired by Jesus restore life, instill hope, and lead to transformation. With whom do we want our words to align at this hour in human history? “The voice and tongue are gifts from God, and if rightly used, they are a power for God. Words mean very much” (*SDA Bible Commentary*, volume 3, 1159).



Oceanside Church-School Teamwork Leads to Baptisms

It's not hard to tell that Oceanside Adventist Elementary shares a close bond with its constituent Oceanside church. After all, they meet on the same grounds — Sabbath school rooms serve as classrooms during the week.

But this bond is not purely physical. This powerful, inspiring link between church and school has brought about baptisms and heart-warming stories of faith, nurture and a growing congregation.

One such story began during registration for the 2014-2015 school year. A non-Adventist family asked about transferring their daughter, Abigail Beloiu, from another Christian school. On the first day of classes, the whole family stopped by the office with a niece, Simona Georgescu, a 23-year-old resident of Romania who was visiting the United States for six months.

"Simona walked right up and asked if she could volunteer at our school," said Julia Payaban, the high school principal. While a bit surprised by the sudden request, Payaban gratefully accepted, and Simona became her assistant. "Talk about a gift from God," Payaban said.

Testimonies from the faculty and several students verified that Simona was indeed an ideal fit for the school. The children trusted her, and she did everything she could to make sure they behaved properly and felt safe. She often took over lunchtime supervision, giving teachers a chance to have a normal lunch break.



Simona Georgescu helps keep a fifth-grader warm during a field trip.

During classes, she helped Payaban in the office with secretarial work.

But the story doesn't stop there.

Simona explained that she grew up within the Orthodox Church in Romania, and the Christians she encountered there "weren't sincere, and many of them acted like hypocrites." She decided she wanted nothing to do with Christianity.

But she noticed something different about Christianity at school. She started asking Payaban questions about the Oceanside Adventist church.

"We would end up talking while she worked with me in the office," Payaban said. "She was curious what church was like here in America, and what Adventism was like."

It wasn't long until Simona visited church with her cousin, Abigail. When she arrived that first Sabbath, almost everyone recognized her and was happy to see her.

She was invited to join the young adult Sabbath school class, where she asked several questions and became deeply involved in discussions. She was also invited to the young adults' Tuesday night Bible study.

She faithfully attended, even though she didn't have her own transportation. Young adults and other church members all pitched in to coordinate a ride for her every week for Bible study, church or whatever event was scheduled.

Eventually Simona asked the senior pastor, Eddie Dopp, if she could study with him. In late October, Simona was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

While remarkable in many circumstances, Simona's story is not the only one that tells of a baptism resulting from the supportive efforts



Simona Georgescu shares a laugh with fifth-grader Hailey and Aren Rennacker, youth pastor of Oceanside church.

of the Oceanside Adventist church and its elementary school.

Six other people (four students and two parents) have been baptized as a direct result of introductions by the school during the past year alone. Since the church considers the school its number-one outreach to the community, students and their families easily become intimately acquainted with the goings-on of the congregation and are welcomed as part of the church family.

"Pastor and principal work as a team here," said Payaban. "The programs of the school often involve the church, and vice versa. The volunteers from our church help keep us going. We work hard to create an affordable, inviting, Christian environment that parents feel is safe and students can't wait to come to. And word has spread."

"I'm impressed that we never know how God will work," she continued. "We never could have predicted this miracle. He brought Simona here, she helped us, and we were given the opportunity to nurture her into her own relationship with God."

Amy Prindle

Pine Springs Ranch Hosts Annual Bible Conference for High School Juniors and Seniors

Students from La Sierra Academy, Loma Linda Academy, Redlands Adventist Academy, Glendale Adventist Academy and a couple of public schools gathered Jan. 29 in the Ponderosa room at Pine Springs Ranch for the annual Junior/Senior Bible Conference.

“Momentum” was this year’s theme. Students were guided through the different aspects that affect spiritual momentum with God and discussed the different ways they had kept or started this momentum. Group leaders, students who led discussions with approximately 15 other students, explained that spiritual momentum means maintaining a relationship with God that grows as time passes.

The conference events followed an itinerary put together by adult leaders Jason Calvert, campus chaplain at LLA, Craig Hadley, associate pastor at Redlands church, and Brandon Herrmann, teacher from LLA. According to Hadley, it takes approximately 50 weeks to a year to plan these events. Auditions were held in December for the praise and drama groups, while student volunteers were recruited as prayer warriors, who volunteer to pray with others at the conference, and group leaders.

Four singers, three guitarists (one for bass, electric and acoustic), two violinists, two cellists, a pianist, a drummer and a choir of eight led the praise during each worship session. Brandon Shin, junior at LLA, played the cello for the praise band. He and many in the praise

team felt nervous but excited to be on stage. Even though many of the songs were not traditional worship songs, it didn’t matter. Herrmann explained that it created an environment of worship for everyone there. “Everyone was experiencing a moment [with God],” said Shin.

During the planning of the conference, all registered students were placed into one of 25 groups with two leaders. There were ice-breaker games, group bonding experiences, a communion with a lunch feast and many discussions based around the conference’s theme. Conversations within the groups usually started with general topic questions before tackling questions that were unique to each group. This introduced personal testimonies from group members and different viewpoints that may not have been raised from the sermon. Sam Leonor, chaplain at La Sierra University, preached the conference’s sermons. They covered challenging obstacles, the reality of what Jesus did at the cross and keeping a continuous relationship with God.

Jake Tsai, junior at LLA, noticed the impact the experience had on him and his friends. He said that momentum “took a life of its own” and was able to touch everyone there in one way



Kids and sponsors participate in a group bonding experience.



Jessica Williams, religion teacher at Loma Linda Academy, engages with a group during the Bible conference.



Sam Leonor, chaplain at La Sierra University, speaks to a room full of high schoolers.

or another. Michala Medema, junior at RAA, thought the experience made God “tangible” to the students. Nico Hutabarat, senior at Redlands High School, was happy to attend. He said it was a “new experience for a public school kid.”

Even though the conference has long gone, the message and challenge of that weekend lingers on. Students have to juggle many things in their lives, and keeping a relationship with God is one of the harder tasks. However, the topics discussed at the conference will help keep their momentum going at their own pace.

Victoria Ico and Kendrah Adams

NCC Band Festival Delights and Inspires

The conductor wore cowboy boots. And that wasn't the only surprising part of the concert that concluded the Northern California Conference Band Festival. The March 7 concert featured the debut performance of two new pieces for band, written especially for NCC students — and the performance was held in a professional theater.

More than 430 students from 13 NCC schools participated in the biannual band festival, which included rehearsals at Pacific Union College and the final concert in Walnut Creek. "I liked getting to meet new people from all the different schools," said flutist Sofia Lindgren, an eighth-grader from Sacramento Adventist Academy. "The director was also really cool."

Two mass bands — one for junior high students and one for high school students — performed under the direction of the festival's clinician, Asher Raboy, resident artist in the PUC Music Department and a professional conductor for more than 30 years. "He was amazing," said Pine Hills Adventist Academy music teacher Jill Genobaga. "He had such a connection with the kids — so animated and interesting. He totally kept their attention."

A prolific composer, Raboy wrote two new band pieces especially for the festival: "Majesty" for the junior high band and "Romp," for the high school band. Both published pieces display the following inscription: "Dedicated with respect and affection to the students and faculty of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."

For many months, the students had worked with their school music teachers to learn all the festival pieces before traveling to PUC to rehearse with Raboy, who practiced with each mass band for an entire day. "My favorite part of the experience was watching the progress the bands made in a very short time," said Raboy. "Students were so focused and attentive, but still joyful, and achieved what could only be described as a miracle."

In previous years, the band festival concert was held in a school gymnasium or church, but this year's program took place in a real concert

hall — the Hofmann Theatre in the Leshher Center for the Arts. "The music teachers got together and decided they really wanted to make a great musical experience for the kids," said Genobaga, who served as the band festival coordinator.

The musicians and audience enjoyed the theater's excellent acoustics and beautiful architecture. "Being a part of this band festival made me feel like a professional musician playing at this theater," said trumpet player Nephtali Marin, a Pacific Union College Preparatory School senior.

Raboy provided a number of fun moments during the concert. When he stepped up to conduct "Pirates of the Caribbean," he donned a pirate hat and held up a toy sword (which he soon switched for a baton). Before directing "John Williams in Concert," he brought out a lightsaber. Appreciative of the students' hard work and talent, Raboy enjoyed the concert as much as the audience. "I felt like a privileged observer," he said, "with the best seat in the house, watching something fantastic."



JILL GENOBAGA

Clinician Asher Raboy conducts a student band during the NCC Band Festival concert at the Hofmann Theatre.

Donations are needed to help fund the NCC Band Festival in 2017. Please mail donations to the NCC Education Department, P.O. Box 23165, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. (Make the check out to Northern California Conference and write "Band Festival" on the memo line.)

Julie Lorenz



The junior high mass band performs.



The high school mass band performs.

REDWOOD CAMP MEETING

JULY 23 - AUGUST 1, 2015



Don't miss this year's event, with the exciting start to a 5-year theme focusing on Christ's method of evangelism as described in *The Ministry of Healing*.



Batchelor

Clouzet

Pedersen



Chew



Lindsay



Pefley

PEPPERWOOD PAVILION

Doug Batchelor, Amazing Facts Ministries president/speaker; **Ron Clouzet**, Andrews University professor of Christian ministry; **Jim Pedersen**, Northern California Conference president; **Chef Chew**, The Veg Hub general manager; **Allan Lindsay**, Ellen G. White/SDA Research Centre director (*also presenting a seminar*); **Jack Pefley**, Northern California Conference evangelist

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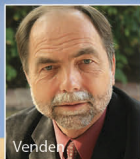


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Jonathan Henderson, Pacific Union College chaplain; **Del Dunavant**, Northern California Conference evangelism/church



Dunavant



Venden



Williams

growth director; **Gary Venden**, Glendale (Arizona) church pastor; **Eric Williams**, Ukiah church pastor

SEMINARS

Kathy Batchelor, Northern California Conference human resources director; **Alfred Griffith**, Northern California Conference retired pastor for the deaf; **Alice Merrill**, Northern California Conference children's/family/Adventurer ministries associate director; **and many more**



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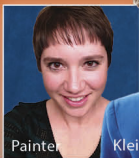


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Ruth DePaiva, Southwestern Adventist University profesora; **Abraham Guerrero**, la Universidad Andrews, la Universidad Peruana Unión, y el Seminario Teológico Adventista Interamericano profesor adjunto; **Jose Marin**, Conferencia del Norte de California coordinador de ministerios Hispanos; **Oscar Santana**, nutricionista y entrenador personal

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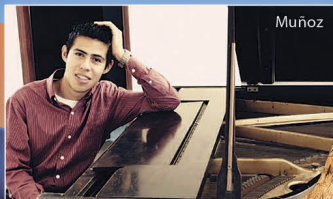
Lindsey Painter, singer; **Dona Klein**, keyboardist/organist and recording artist; **Ismir Muñoz**, cantante invitado para Campestre Hispano



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SM Feels God Called Her to Ebeye

On a mile-long strip of land called Ebeye in the Marshall Islands of the Pacific Ocean, a student missionary's students call her each morning, "Missaaaaah! I need your help!" Rotating through her three middle-school classrooms totaling 58 students, she finds her character, patience and energy constantly tested.

A year earlier, during vespers at Southern Adventist University, "God began to call me to serve Him," recalled Melissa Salazar, a 2012 alumna of Glendale Adventist Academy. "I had no idea what He wanted me to do, nor did I know the reason He had picked me in the middle of my college career. I had recently found a spiritual and supportive group of friends, and I knew God was directing my life, so I was willing to go anywhere. Furthermore, God was answering my prayers so quickly that I knew the calling to become a student missionary was crystal clear. I was thrilled to finally be able to serve God full-time, but soon found the reality different from my expectations."

Her middle schoolers are nothing like she had imagined. Many of them are unable to spell or perform simple multiplication; most would rather "jumbo jumbo" around the island with their friends. Salazar fills her classroom with pictures and quotations to inspire good behavior and a desire to discover, and does her best to help them learn. "Missah! Pick me! I want to write it on the board!" "Missah! Why can't you hear me?"

Before arriving on Ebeye, Salazar, like many student missionaries, had imagined herself calmly imparting wisdom to 20 eager sixth-graders



Melissa Salazar poses with a few of her students.

who would love learning. They would take turns playing interactive educational games. Her imagination had not accounted for the culture of her mission field.

On Ebeye, most of the population is under 25, which allows children to have free run on the island. "Although I realize that I will directly influence only a few of the children," Salazar acknowledged, "I am burdened by the many children who do not attend school due to classroom overcrowding and lack of volunteer teachers."

Struggling to motivate her students, she has begun to realize that she is no different from most of them. Faced with daily challenges, she, too, struggles. "My journey with God is similar to the way my students call on me," Salazar said. "God, I need Your help! God, I don't get it! I don't understand the answer. I can't hear You, Lord. God! Pick me! Pick me! I want to serve You."

"Melissa, why don't you talk with Me? Let's begin our mornings together," she senses is God's answer. "Let's do it now, not tomorrow."

"I may not witness leaps of improvement every day," Salazar says, finally. "But God has called me here. That is reason enough to do my best every moment for every student. He has blessed me with a supportive family and great friends. Every day, I awake to see His love letter to me on my nightstand. He showers my day with blessings that I too often overlook. Similarly, my students may not see the amount of effort and care I invest in them, but God will bless them. A promise close to my heart this year is found in Colossians 3:23: 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.'"

*Article adapted from the Jan. 2015 issue of the *Cougar Prints* newsletter, a Glendale Adventist Academy publication.

Notice of Constituency Session

Please take notice that the 64th regular Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

- Place: White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, 401 North State Street, Los Angeles, Calif., 90033
- Date: Sunday, May 17, 2015
- Time: 7:55 a.m. – 1 p.m., or until business is completed.

The purpose of this session is to receive reports, to elect conference officers, the Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Committee, and the Bylaws Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Delegates are invited to join with the SCC Prayer Team for prayer from 7:00 – 7:50 a.m.

Larry L. Caviness, President

Velino A. Salazar, Executive Secretary

Melissa Salazar and Betty Cooney*

Two Dozen Teams Participate in 2015 Robotics Challenge

The gymnasium of Glendale Adventist Academy was bustling with activity on March 8 as the annual Robotics League Challenge got underway. Two dozen teams from Southern and Southeastern California conferences — double the number participating in previous years — practiced their programs in the morning, spoke with judges and then were intent on the Championship Table Rounds in the afternoon. SCC Associate Superintendent James P. Willis was the conference host and coordinator of volunteers for the event.

“It was very crowded and tables were very close together,” said Michele Cortner, grade 7-8 teacher at the White Memorial School. “It was difficult to walk between them, but everyone was polite and patient. There was a lot of sharing of ideas and friendships started among the teams. Even though the teams were competing against each other, many teams helped each other during practice rounds. They gave suggestions about what worked well for them. I also saw teams congratulating each other when things went well, even when the other team did better than they did. Everyone did a great job of displaying the core values of cooperation and gracious professionalism.

“I am so proud of how my team kept working hard together on trying to get their cranky robot to perform — they never gave up. I think the lessons and values that all of the students (and coaches) learn from this program are more important than how you place in a competition. Although, it does feel really good when you do well, too!” Cortner added.

“Learning Unleashed: How students will learn and gather information in the 21st Century” was the focus of the event. Students and coaches gathered information for their projects for months before the challenge. Even volunteer referees had some preparation to do. “When J.P. [Willis, SCC associate superintendent] finally told me I’d be a referee,” said Vanessa Fernandez, an SCC accountant, “I wondered what I would be doing. When he started sending us materials to read, I wondered what I had gotten myself into! On Sunday morning, I was fortunate enough to be able to ask other referees questions. It was a relief to learn that we would be refereeing practice rounds in the morning and later on the real competition.”

In the months leading up to the Robotics League Challenge, students worked together with their coaches, gathering and learning what they needed to produce solutions to real-world

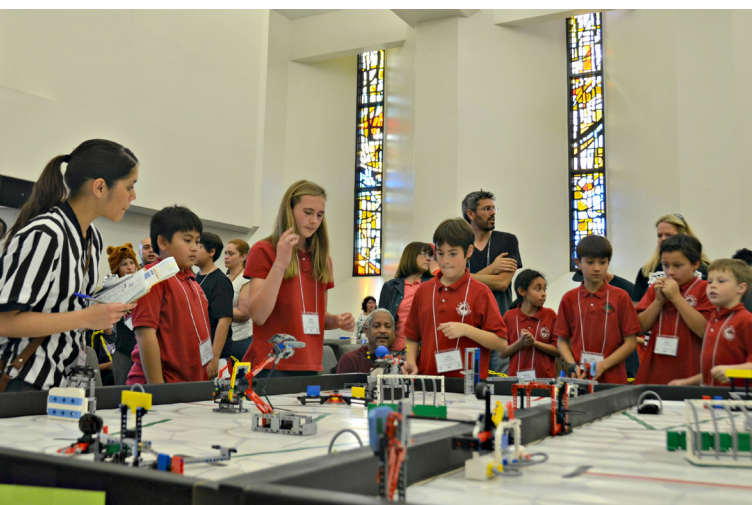
problems. Teams considered ways of preventing illness, improving how children with autism learn to play kickball, how to help students in math and geometry, how to use the popular game Minecraft to teach about faster mining. They even talked about dealing with pollution and protecting people from Ebola.

Students used their creativity to develop solutions to the problems they researched. Some created board games to make learning about music and other subjects fun. They gave their robots whimsical names: Sparty, Mallmart, RU and JAK (initials of the boys on the team), to name a few. One Glendale Adventist Academy team made special hats for the challenge.

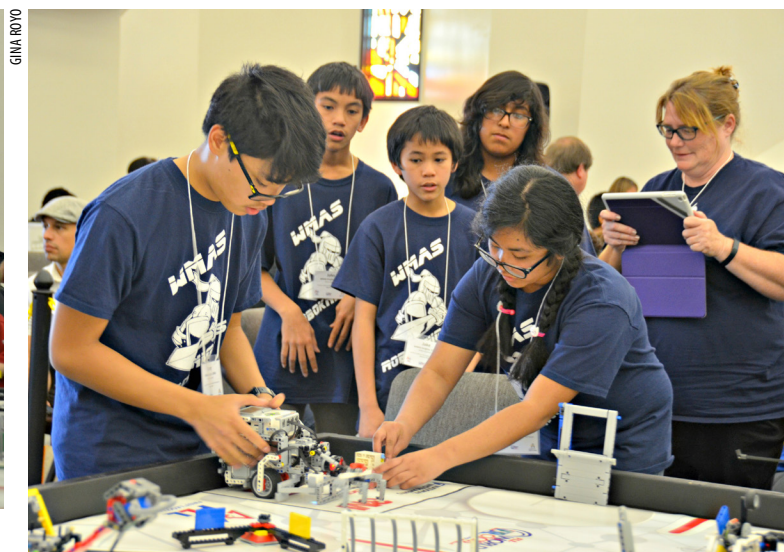
“Even though robotics looks like children playing with Legos,” said Dennis Imai, SCC human resources director and a referee, “it’s a personal experience for young people who could very well make a difference in the lives of others. They learn that their ingenuity makes a difference in their area or world.”

Roadrunner Robotics from Loma Linda Academy and the OAE2 team from Oceanside Adventist Elementary each received the top awards for the 2015 Robotics League Challenge.

Betty Cooney



Referee Vanessa Fernandez (left) checks out the robotics display table created by the Cougars2, one of two teams from Conejo Adventist Elementary School. Students (l. to r.) R. J. Hernandez, Kaitlyn Stubbert, Felix Galavis, Isabella Campos, Miles Rhoe, Justin Gomez, Gabe Gebu.



Team RoboKnights from the White Memorial School: (front) Ronn Agustin, Alheli Royo; (back) John Ampong, Jake Ampong, Genesis Villaseñor, Michele Cortner.

Pastors and Educators Meet for Historic Summit

The Central California Conference held a milestone meeting Feb. 9-11, bringing together all CCC pastors and educators for several days of inspiration, collaboration and strategic thinking at Mount Hermon Conference Center, a Christian retreat center near Santa Cruz, Calif.



VICTOR CARREIRO

Bailey Gillespie prepared the room for meaningful breakouts.

The idea for the summit came out of discussions among CCC administrators and department leaders seeking to create greater synergy and integration between the pastoral and educational areas of ministry. "The 2015 summit launched a conversation within Central about how pastoral and educational teams can most effectively work together to increase both the influence and the size of the kingdom of heaven in our territory and, more specifically, within each of our local communities," explains Ramiro Cano, Central's president.

The event involved a variety of relational, educational, spiritual and recreational experiences. "Our goal was to provide an environment in which pastors and educators could be inspired, while playing, learning, collaborating, worshiping and getting to know each other," says Leah Jordache, CCC discipleship director and member of the planning team.

To accomplish that, attendees were offered corporate worship services, small group planning sessions, many opportunities for prayer, and time for recreation and personal reflection. "We have never fostered an atmosphere or context where educators and pastors could come

together to dialogue as coworkers, individuals, and friends," says Cesar De Leon, CCC ministerial director and planning team member. "This summit provided that context. Pastors and educators showed eagerness as they embraced the opportunity, engaging in exciting and relevant conversations for the first time in the ministerial experience of this conference."

Both pastors and educators agreed. "The summit gave us a great opportunity to play and relax with the educators and pastors while getting to know each other," offers Erik Borges, principal of Armona Union Academy.

"I love the collaboration between pastors and educators," adds Jerry Nelson, pastor of the Monterey Bay Academy church. "It makes sense to pull in the same direction with a common mission."

A highlight of the week involved guest presenters who offered academic research on the value of Adventist education, church growth and pastor-educator collaboration. Both Bailey Gillespie, dean of the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University, along with Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, director and associate directors of family ministries in the North American Division, provided memorable messages throughout the event. Meanwhile, Curtis Fox, department chair and professor of counseling and family services at Loma Linda University as well as an associate pastor at the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church, provided various devotionals. "We were truly blessed and challenged by the content that all our speakers brought to the summit," recalls Ken Bullington, CCC associate director of education and planning team member. "The material gave us excellent insight for discussion and collaboration."



VICTOR CARREIRO

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"This summit has helped and will continue to help the working relationship among pastors and educators," concludes David Gillham, CCC vice president for education. "When fellow colleagues have a common purpose and work together, a lot can be accomplished. We're looking forward to that."

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Growing with the Community: Simi Valley Hospital Celebrates 50 Years

Comfortably situated between protective walls of hills and low-lying mountains, the people of Simi Valley lived in a tranquil atmosphere until less than a decade ago. Thirty-eight miles from downtown Los Angeles, the area's primary involvement was agriculture. Citrus and walnut groves and cattle ranches, still present, once dominated the scene."

These are the words of William H. Gosse, the first administrator of Simi Valley Hospital, as he introduced the construction of a new Adventist hospital in a church publication in the mid-1960s. "Based on the valid motive of extending the influence of the gospel by making Christ

known through ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people, your Conference Committee voted to build a hospital in Simi," Gosse continued. "The first 50-bed phase of a projected 150-bed hospital is now under construction."

Today, the hospital would be unrecognizable to someone from that era—and even the practice of medicine itself has undergone nothing short of a revolution. Yet the mission of Simi Valley Hospital remains the same: To demonstrate God's love by providing exceptional service and quality care to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our community.



Former first lady Nancy Reagan attended the Nancy Reagan Breast Center grand opening.



The hospital groundbreaking ceremony on April 26, 1964, included the first SVH administrator, William Gosse, and Honorary Mayor Mrs. Lou Wright.



THE 50-BED Simi Valley Community Hospital which will hold its open house, dedication and formal opening on Sunday, August 15, at 2 p.m. Located at 2975 North Sycamore Drive, Simi, the hospital is the first to be built in the Simi Valley.

The original hospital opened Aug. 3, 1965.

The Seed of a Vision

Simi Valley Hospital started with a vision a country doctor and a handful of forward-thinking residents had for their small towns of Simi and Santa Susana: They would create a special place of healing in the valley they called home.

Together, John Owsley Jones — the country doctor known affectionately as J.O. — and the community members presented a proposal to the Southern California Conference in the early 1960s to build a health care facility in their community.

The conference took up their proposal, and plans went into play immediately to

build a 32,000-square-foot hospital with 50 beds. The price tag for the new facility would reach \$850,000, with a community-sponsored fund-raising effort targeted to raise \$300,000 of the cost.

The new hospital might not have come to fruition without the help of Lorena Montgomery Paul, a local resident who was exceptionally pleased with the care Jones provided to her mother and other family members. In honor of Jones' commitment to his patients, Paul donated property valued at \$55,000 to help build the new hospital. Jones himself donated the land on which the main campus of Simi Valley Hospital currently stands.

The Dream Arises

On April 26, 1964, groundbreaking ceremonies for Simi Valley Community Hospital were held on the corner of Avenida Simi and Sycamore Drive, which remains the location of Simi Valley Hospital.

Less than 16 months later, on Aug. 3, 1965, a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the hospital's official opening. The first patient was admitted that day for a tonsillectomy. Eight days later, on Aug. 11, the first baby was delivered at the hospital.

In 1967, the facility was renamed Simi Valley Adventist Hospital to emphasize its Christian

heritage and to connect it more directly with its parent denomination.

An expansion project for the hospital's maternity unit in 1968 and 1969 prepared the organization for a population boom as new residents poured into the recently founded city of Simi Valley, which incorporated on Oct. 10, 1969, and encompassed the former towns of Simi and Santa Susana. As a new hospital in a vibrant and growing community, Simi Valley Adventist Hospital had a bright future ahead.

Significant Growth and a New Name

The hospital continued growing into the 1970s, adding 95 beds in a variety of services and purchasing a former convalescent hospital adjacent to the main campus. In 1979, the hospital launched its Child Development Center, which continues to provide specialized therapy services for children with physical and cognitive challenges.

Of critical importance to the community was the 64,000-square-foot, three-story addition to the hospital's Emergency, Radiology, Laboratory and Surgery services in 1985. The community was invited to tour the \$21-million building, which included a new \$600,000 X-ray room.

In 1987, the hospital dramatically increased its size and scope when it became a general partner in the Aspen Center, a full-service outpatient facility with three surgical suites and an extensive diagnostic imaging department, including an MRI unit.

The hospital purchased the facility in 1990, and today, the Aspen Outpatient Center continues to play a vital role in the health of our community. Among the facility's services was a mammography and breast health program,

which changed its name in 1994 from Aspen Breast Center to Nancy Reagan Breast Center in honor of the former First Lady, who is a breast cancer survivor.

Spurred by the important changes in the hospital's services over the previous decades, Simi Valley Adventist Hospital changed its name to Simi Valley Hospital & Health Care Services on March 4, 1992. The new name reflected the organization's steady growth in both the scope and volume of its inpatient and outpatient services. On February 24, 2003, the hospital streamlined its name to Simi Valley Hospital.

Campus-wide Renewal

A little more than a decade ago — as its 40th anniversary approached — Simi Valley Hospital embarked on the most ambitious campus improvement project in its history, assisted by Adventist Health and generous donors in the community.

Leading off the \$120 million project was the construction of a four-story patient care tower. When it opened in 2008, the \$35-million facility featured private-care rooms, a state-of-the-art maternity center, the city's first-ever neonatal intensive care unit and space to add more services in the future.

Among the new services that grew out of that facility was another first: Ventura County's first hybrid cardiac catheterization laboratory. The unique quality of this facility is its ability to be converted quickly and immediately into a fully functional open-heart surgery suite whenever the situation warrants.

A new main lobby building followed the construction of the patient care tower. Later, the hospital launched its \$41-million Emergency

Services and Hospital Expansion Project — the first major expansion of emergency services since 1985, when patient volume was almost half of what it is today. The new facility opened in March of this year, featuring phase one of the Thakkar Family Emergency Pavilion and a state-of-the-art surgical suite, with room to add two more suites in the future.

Going Places

Someone familiar with Simi Valley Hospital's history recently called the hospital "brand new at 50." This is a spot-on observation as the hospital continues to develop into one of the premiere health care facilities in the region.

Today, the 144-bed Simi Valley Hospital is a certified primary stroke center with the shortest ER wait times in the county. Last year, the Joint Commission conferred a Top Performer award for heart attack and pneumonia. Among its many nationally recognized programs are the Nancy Reagan Breast Center and Adventist Health/Home Care Services.

The one constant amidst a half-century of change is Simi Valley Hospital's tenacious commitment to the Adventist philosophy of health and wellness, providing whole-person care for the body, mind and spirit. It is this combination of high-quality, local medical services and compassionate care that J.O. Jones, William Gosse and the other Simi Valley Hospital pioneers would no doubt greet with approval.

To learn more about Simi Valley Hospital and the hospital's 50th anniversary, go online to simivalleyhospital.com.

Steve Willis



The new Emergency Services and Hospital Expansion Project meets a need in the community.

Love Is All Concert and Clinic Offers Hope and Healing

Tad Worku's dream was a familiar one for aspiring musicians: fame, fortune, success. The talented vocalist and composer was on the verge of his big break when he truly felt the power of the words of Mark 8:36: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Worku's song "Me" tells the story of that realization, with a chorus that builds on the refrain, "When I lost the world, what I found was me." (Watch the video at tadworku.com.) Worku has found new purpose by using his talents as a musician and a nurse to organize a concert and a clinic that are the beginning of an exciting journey sparked by the question "What would it look like if we could truly live out the gospel?"

On Feb. 28, the Love Is All Concert and Clinic answered this query through a medical and dental clinic for the clients of a Richmond, Calif., homeless shelter. More than 150 volunteers organized by the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) began setting up areas to provide medical exams, dental care and vision testing in Craneway Pavilion. Among the volunteers in the large space on the San Francisco Bay were Pacific Union College students, staff, faculty and alumni, all working together to bring care to those in need.



Bianca Tolan, a PUC business, pre-dentistry student, assists another volunteer as they serve a patient during the Love Is All clinic.

"After they registered, a nurse took their vital signs, checked their blood sugar, and assessed whether there were any health conditions or medications that could complicate a dental procedure," PUC professor of nursing Susan Allen explained. "This day was about their needs and cost was not a factor. They were able to get fillings, extractions and crowns for their teeth and cost would not prevent it." In addition to the dental services provided by volunteers, including Loma Linda University School of Dentistry students and faculty, the shelter residents were able to get eye exams. If the patient needed glasses, a mobile truck was able to make the correct lenses on the spot.

After a full day of health care, the equipment provided by AMEN was packed away and the Craneway Pavilion was transformed into a concert space for 900 attendees of the Love Is All concert. The concert featured Worku's original songs about faith, service, community and Christ. Backing the talented singer and songwriter were the professional musicians of the Oakland East Bay Symphony Strings under the direction of conductor Michael Morgan and accompanied by Worku's talented band led by Dave Jackson, current musical director and keyboardist for Grammy and Golden Globe Award winner Jennifer Hudson.

Proceeds from the concert supported the earlier efforts of the morning's clinic and future Love Is All events. With a driving organizational effort from PUC's office of alumni relations, Worku and the volunteers from PUC and beyond created a mission-driven day that merged musical and medical callings.

Worku, who already completed degrees in business administration and nursing at PUC, will complete his bachelor's in nursing and march in Commencement Grove for the third time this June. His career in music had similar twists and turns as his academic journey, with times of intense dedication and then the realization that the path he had chosen was not where God was leading him. "It was later down the line where I started meeting people and experiencing situations where I realized there was something more,"



Musician Tad Worku shared original songs inspired by Christ's enduring love to the audience of 900.

Worku shares. He gave up the possibility of a touring contract and chose to let God lead.

Faith drives Worku's future now, and is what motivated him to organize the concert and clinic. "I want to know what the power of the Kingdom looks like, and how we can be a beacon of the gospel to a dying world," he says.

"I saw the Kingdom of God in our little corner of the world," Allen says of her day of service. "I walked away with a burning desire to follow the Jesus that focused on alleviating the pain and suffering of all He came in contact with." Of her student in the nursing program, Allen says, "On this day the student taught his teacher."

Wherever the Love Is All journey leads, Worku is making sure he continues to be led by faith. "There are so many people who have internalized this and said, 'Hey, let's see how far this can go,'" he says. "I think I'm just a catalyst for a bigger picture. . . . My dream would be that this is just the first tiny seed of something so much bigger." The fall of 2015 will see the second Love Is All event in San Bernadino, Calif. Those interested in learning more, supporting the vision, or volunteering can email tadworkuloveisall@gmail.com.

Cambria Wheeler

June Camp Meeting Lineup Includes Something for Everyone



Opening weekend will feature Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference.



Dick and Brenda Duerksen



Shawn Boonstra, Voice of Prophecy speaker/director, will be featured the closing weekend.

"I can hardly believe this will be my 12th Arizona camp meeting," says Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile. "As I watched my kids go through the various departments learning songs, doing crafts, getting to know Jesus, I realize just how important camp meeting is — especially to our children. Of course, there are faith-building, soul-stirring events for every age. Camp meeting provides a time to become renewed, energized and filled with new hope in the soon coming of Jesus."

Arizona constituents have a long tradition of camp meetings at Camp Yavapines in the mountains near Prescott. English and Hispanic camp meetings will bring more than 2,000 together to worship, praise and learn. The English camp meeting runs from June 12-20; Hispanic camp meeting from July 27 to Aug. 1.

Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference, will be the opening weekend speaker June 12-13. His sermons include "Shake Arizona for Christ," "Christ and His Righteousness," and "Proclaiming Truth with No Limits." Stephanie Dawn will provide music.

Shawn Boonstra, Voice of Prophecy speaker/director, will conclude the meetings June 19-20. His sermons are titled "Believe," "Seizing Canaan," and "Three Angels in the Eternal City." Steve Darmody will provide special music that weekend.

Dick Duerksen, a storyteller, will be featured during the mid-week evening meetings with the topic "Lighting the World for His Return."

Jonathan Duffy and Ralph Watts from ADRA will present a morning devotional series entitled "Become the Salt and Light of your Community."

Jim Park, professor at the Asia Adventist Theological Seminary, will host a daily seminar focused on discipleship and mission.

Alan Reinach, Pacific Union Religious Liberty director, will present "The Prophetic Mission of Seventh-day Adventists."

Dr. David DeRose will present the 4 p.m. health seminars with his topic, "Jesus' Love Illuminates the Path to Optimal Health."

Children's meetings include cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, earliteens and juniors.

Jerrold Thompson from Southeastern California Conference will speak to the youth. "Our young people will experience prayer, Bible study, community service, and lots of fun with the theme 'The Joshua Generation: LIVING. LISTENING. LEADING,'" says Manny Cruz, youth director. Music will feature Carmen Cruz.

Benjamin Lundquist will direct the young adults, ages 18-30, under the big tent.

Mark Witas from Pacific Union College church will be the featured speaker at "Adults 2" in the Alaska Annex under the direction of Gary Venden.

The ever-popular Adventist Book Center will feature books and other literature, Bibles, music and food.

Omar Grieve, director/speaker of La Voz de la Esperanza, and Carlos Craig, president of the Texas Conference, will be the featured speakers at the Hispanic camp meeting.

Anobile concludes, "We invite our friends from throughout the Pacific Union to come experience Arizona camp meeting to receive a blessing and be inspired to 'Light the world with Jesus' love!'"

Phil Draper



Stephanie Dawn and Dann Thornton



Steve Darmody

School of Nursing Alumnus Dexter Emoto Honored by Patient

CHRISTINA HOUSE



Dexter Emoto, a recovery room nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center, has received recognition for patient care he provided. He is shown here completing the 2015 Los Angeles marathon.

At Loma Linda University Health, patients and their families who are grateful for the care they or a loved one received are invited to honor their caregivers through the Healing Hands program. Recently Dexter Emoto, a post-anesthesia care unit/recovery room nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center, was honored by Kathryn Bernardo, a former patient.

"Dexter was the kindest, most loving, most compassionate individual," writes Bernardo. "Through my many procedures, he was there for me. He comforted and prayed for me. I was thankful to have someone to talk to, as my husband was ill and not able to be there with me. Thank you for allowing him to work for your organization!"

A 1977 graduate of the School of Nursing, Emoto views his work as much more than just a career.

"This is my 38th year as a nurse," he says, noting that he worked as a volunteer nurse in the operating room of Kobe Adventist Hospital in Japan before joining the Loma Linda team in 1984. "I don't look at my work as a job. I look at it as a ministry for Jesus Christ. I'm grateful to the medical center for giving me the opportunity to serve."

Aside from nursing, Emoto cherishes three passions in life. The first is his family. He met Hiroko, his wife of 34 years, while volunteering in Japan. The couple has two grown daughters: Naomi, a licensed vocational nurse at Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Offices; and Esther, who works as an IT technician for the United States government in Tampa, Fla.

His second passion is running. Emoto ran his first marathon in 2003. Since then he has completed 116 marathons, 115 half marathons, two

ultra marathons and two relay races. Emoto's third passion is photography. He works as a professional photographer, specializing in sports, portraits, nature, social events and weddings.

Emoto gives God the credit for the enjoyment he finds in life. "The success of what I do in nursing, running and photography all goes hand in hand," he concludes. "Perseverance and endurance are two important words that apply to everyday life. Finishing the race is the most important thing. It's not how fast you run. Don't give up! The Christian life is a marathon. We can't lose with Christ running with us."

More information on the Healing Hands program is available at advancement.lluhealth.org/giving/healing-hands.

James Ponder

Research Findings Link Vegetarian Diet to Lower Risk of Colorectal Cancers

Researchers at Loma Linda University Health have found that eating a vegetarian diet was associated with a lower risk of colorectal cancers compared with non-vegetarians in a study of Seventh-day Adventist men and women. The findings are described in a *Journal of the American Medical Association* Internal Medicine online article.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. The report notes that although great attention has been paid to screening, primary prevention through lowering risk factors remains an important objective. Dietary factors have been identified as a modifiable risk factor for colorectal cancer. This includes red meat, which is linked to increased risk, while food rich in dietary fiber is linked to reduced risk.

Michael J. Orlich, M.D., Ph.D., served as lead author for the study, which found that compared with non-vegetarians, vegetarians had a 22 percent lower risk for all colorectal cancers, 19 percent lower risk for colon cancer and 29 percent lower risk for rectal cancer. Compared with non-vegetarians, vegans had a 16 percent lower risk of colorectal cancer, 18 percent less for lacto-ovo (eat milk and eggs) vegetarians, 43 percent less in vegetarians who eat fish and 8 percent less in semi-vegetarians.

This is the first report to come out of Loma Linda University Health's Adventist Health Study-2 investigation. The Adventist Health Study-2 began in 2002 with funding from the National Cancer Institute, which is part of the National Institutes of Health.

"If such associations are causal, they may be important for primary prevention of colorectal cancers," says Orlich. "Prior studies have linked a vegetarian diet with the potential reduced risk of obesity, hypertension, diabetes, and mortality.

"We are climbing the stairway to greater knowledge and insights," says Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of Loma Linda University Health. "This online JAMA Internal Medicine report takes us another step upward. More Adventist Health Study-2 reports will be published in the months ahead. The Loma Linda University Health team continues to research issues that aim to make a difference in people's lives. We continue our commitment to lead people toward greater wholeness — an integrated health lifestyle that includes mind, body, and spirit."

Calvin Naito



Michael J. Orlich, M.D., Ph.D.

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Kyle Paulsen, School of Dentistry class of 2015 (left), with classmate and fellow award recipient Jayson Joo. Both students have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the American Dental Association Foundation to assist with their continuing efforts to deliver oral health care to the underserved.

School of Dentistry Recognized for Student Outreach Programs

Dental student outreach programs organized by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry have been chosen to receive 2014 American Dental Association Foundation's E. "Bud" Tarrson Dental School Student Community Leadership Award and the 2014 Dr. Thomas J. Zwemer Award — a first for any school.

Both Joo and Poulsen have been especially active in the School's service learning programs. Poulsen was granted the Tarrson Dental School Student Community Leadership Award and Joo was chosen to receive the Zwemer Award. It is the first time that students from the same dental school received both of these ADA Foundation awards in the same year. Both students have been awarded a \$5,000 grant to assist with their continuing efforts to deliver oral healthcare to the underserved.

The awards recognize excellence in providing oral health care services to underserved populations. The Tarrson Award recognizes programs that take place within the United States while the Zwemer Award recognizes programs outside of the United States.

"We are pleased and proud to have students whose activities have earned the respect of the American Dental Association and these two very prestigious awards," says Ronald Dailey, Ph.D., dean, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

"The school, since its opening in 1953, has first and foremost answered its calling to share its resources and expertise to those who were unable to offer any compensation for services provided."

Loma Linda University School of Dentistry won the 2014 Tarrson Award for its Compassion Clinic and its service learning project in Valle de Angeles, Honduras, earned the school the 2014 Zwemer Award.

Doug Hackleman and Susan Onuma

Kona Church on Fire for Outreach

Last year, Kona church members came together with a plan to make a difference in their community. While the state of Hawaii ranks very well in national health statistics, native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders face significant health challenges, with rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and tobacco and alcohol abuse well above national averages.

Jodi Mastuo and her health ministry committee wanted to reach out to and partner with their community. Through prayer and planning, they launched Ho`opōmaika`i, which means, "to prosper." Ho`opōmaika`i promotes itself as a non-profit community health movement, established by a group of community members passionate about promoting total health (physical, mental and spiritual) to the people of Hawaii so they can live life abundantly. The project has five components to health: plant-based diet, physical activity, ohana (family), community service, and spiritual growth.

The Pacific Union approved an evangelism endowment project request from Kona church, which based its project on the "Blue Zone" study. This study inspired a National Geographic special that featured Loma Linda, Calif., as one of five places in the world — the only place in the U.S. — where people in a specific region tend to live considerably longer than the rest of

the world. With the support of the Pacific Union and Hawaii Conference, the Ho`opōmaika`i committee began meeting weekly in November and planned a kickoff event for their project on March 6.

On March 4, two days before the kickoff, tragedy struck. At approximately 6 a.m., fire fighters arrived to find the north side of the church building engulfed in flames. While the fire did not damage the sanctuary, the children's Sabbath school rooms were destroyed. Security video showed an arsonist was responsible.

For a small town like Kona, this was big news. Local and state news reporters descended on the church, asking why a small church would be targeted for such a crime.

"The fire began at 3 a.m., and the fire department arrived after 6 a.m.," said Pastor Nick De Lima. "There was more than enough time for the entire church to be consumed. We believe God held back the fire, and we have been given an opportunity to be relevant in this community. Our focus could not be on the fire nor the damages, but rather on the mission that God has commissioned us with."

On March 6, 350 community guests attended the Ho`opōmaika`i kick-off event to eat healthy, vegan Hawaiian food, enjoy expressions of Polynesian culture in dance and song, and learn about holistic living from various health booths.

The church is planning more events, each live-broadcasted and focused on one of the five components of the project. The next focus is ohana, and will feature a family fair with giant inflatables, veggie hotdogs and chili, sumo suits, healthy shave ice, and educational talks on family topics for parents.



Guests to the inaugural Ho`opōmaika`i event dined on a healthy Hawaiian meal.

Between these larger events, smaller activities, such as seminars, workshops, ohana groups, and classes are planned throughout each month.

"I'm grateful for Mark Oskins," said De Lima, "who has taken the lead on the fire damage and repairs, as well other church members who are assisting him."

For more information on Ho`opōmaika`i, visit www.hoopomaikai.com.

Jesse Seibel



On Feb. 27, a fire destroyed the north entrance to the Kona church and damaged the children's rooms.



During the evening, a Samoan fire dancer entertains more than 350 guests.

The church is planning a monthly health event, such as its Ohana Country Fair.

La Sierra to Host International Music Festival

La Sierra University's music department has exponentially increased its programming over the past few years and this summer will host a pinnacle event that features some of the world's foremost musicians.

Montecito International Music Festival will be held July 12 to July 31 on La Sierra's campus. The music festival, held annually in Santa Barbara since 2006, this year moved to La Sierra to accommodate the festival's growth. Last year's festival attracted 200 students from 15 countries.

The educational and performance event features five eminent guest artists who serve as concertmasters, soloists and performers with the world's top orchestras. The 45-member festival faculty will include La Sierra's orchestra conductor Dean Anderson as a guest conductor, La Sierra collaborating faculty members cellist

Marek Szpakiewicz and flutist Martin Glicklich, vocalists Javier Gonzalez and Raejin Lee, director of vocal studies. La Sierra pianist Sergio Leiva and student pianist Jonathan Mamora will serve as festival accompanists. Montecito festival will conclude with musical performances for the public.

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"Montecito music festival will bring some of the top teachers and performers in classical music to work with students who want to perfect their art," said Elvin Rodriguez, music department chair pianist and professor of music. "I feel this music festival will enrich our local culture in ways typically found only in large cities, while bringing national and international attention to La Sierra University."

Paulette Jumalon, a senior vocal performance major at La Sierra University, plans to participate in the festival, a first such experience for the soprano, and a major steppingstone toward her goal of earning master's degrees in performance and theatrical production. She aims to create a musical theater program for Seventh-day Adventist students. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me to increase my repertoire and hone my skill set

to arm myself with when I march into the real world," Jumalon said. "Working with the staff and the world-class presenters will give me a rare opportunity to see into that world."

Further information about Montecito International Music Festival is available at www.montecitomusicfestival.com.

Darla Martin Tucker

Divinity School Offers Specialized Ministry Focus Concentrations

La Sierra University's HMS Richards Divinity School is introducing a number of concentrations in four ministerial focuses to enhance the current Master of Divinity degree program.

"The Richards Divinity School has as a primary focus the development of effective leaders and spokespeople for the gospel," says V. Bailey Gillespie, Divinity School dean. "These new concentrations will allow our graduates to receive excellent preparation in areas where they have specific interests, along with the development of their general ministerial leadership skills our M.Div. already cultivates."

The Richards Divinity School's M.Div. has always provided strong preparation for students who desire to serve as pastors in a local Adventist church. New concentrations include:

Parachurch Leadership: a program that allows students to choose elective classes in areas such as church finance, non-profits, church innovation, biblical languages, theology, missions or history.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry: With this area of ministry increasingly important to the Adventist Church, Divinity School students in this concentration take classes that will provide a foundation for leading future generations to mature relationships in Christ. The program also includes specialized fieldwork alongside experts in this age-focused ministry.

Worship Arts and Leadership: Increasingly churches are seeking qualified, trained worship leaders to enhance a congregation's experience. Classes in the concentration emphasize religion and the arts, liturgy, and preaching.

Religious Education: This concentration is designed for those being called to a career in teaching in Christian schools. The La Sierra University School of Education is a partner in this concentration, which includes an option to study one extra year for those wishing to earn Seventh-day Adventist teaching credentials.

For more information on the HMS Richards Divinity School, its M.Div. program and these new concentrations in specialized ministry, contact divinity@lasierra.edu or call 951-785-2041, or visit the graduate program website at www.lasierra.edu/graduate-programs/divinity.

Larry Becker

Pastors Fill Long-Term Vacancies in Nevada and Utah

The Moab, Castle Valley and Price, Utah, church district is a very diverse community. The total population of the area is just under 30,000, but covers 9,641 square miles, with the Price and Castle Valley churches 135 miles apart.

The Price area is noted for its history as a mining town, and its Greek Orthodox, Catholic and Mormon split population. It is also home to Utah State College of Eastern Utah and its Eastern Prehistoric Museum.

The Moab area is recognized as a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts with the nearby Arches and Canyonlands national parks, the Colorado River and the abundant red rock mesas. Although Moab has a population of only about 5,100

RON DRAKE



Fire fall above DayStar Adventist Academy in Castle Valley, Utah.

residents, tourism brings in an additional 1,000,000 people a year. The Castle Valley community boasts a population of 319 people, and is the location of the world-renowned climbing rock known as Castleton Tower — Castle Rock, to the locals.

Dennis Berlin

To this area, Pastor Dennis Berlin, his wife, Lori, and his two daughters, Kara, 12, and Carmel, 9, have recently come to minister after Ryan Hablitzel, who transferred to Ogden, Utah, in September 2013.

Local church members are thrilled to have a pastor after more than a year on their own. Berlin is not new to this area. He was raised in adjacent Colorado, and attended Castle Valley Academy (now DayStar Adventist Academy) during his high school years.

“I am still pinching myself to see if its real that God just brought me back to the place where the early foundations of my friendship with Him were just forming, not to mention the beautiful location that enchanted me so when I was just 15,” says Berlin. “It was here that I first started discovering God’s undeserved, unmerited, grace, which was a profound transformation for me, so in a way this is a holy land for me, where I have mental ebenezers,” (rocks of remembrance).

Benjamin Carballo

Pastor Benjamin Carballo also recently joined the pastoral staff of the Nevada-Utah Conference, filling the vacancy left by Pastor Jose Garcia in December. Carballo comes from Veracruz, Mexico. He accepted Jesus at age 11. Always longing to be a part of the ministry, he attended



Benjamin Carballo joins the Maranatha church in Las Vegas from Veracruz, Mexico.

the University of Montemorelos, graduating in 1993 with a degree in theology.

The summer following his graduation, he married Veronica Zuniga and the new couple began pastoral ministry together. He served both as associate and district pastor until 1997, when he became director of youth and served as an evangelist in the South Veracruzana Association. In June of 2001, he was called to the Hidalgo-Veracruzana Association serving again as director of youth and as an evangelist for five months.

He went on to serve as director of youth and family life in the South Mexican Union for nine years. During that time, he earned a master’s degree in family relations at the University of Montemorelos. He served as youth director for the Inter-American Division from July 2010 until joining the congregation of the Maranatha Spanish church in Las Vegas, Nev., as their senior pastor in January.

Maranatha Associate Pastor Mario Alvarado breathed a sigh of relief at Carballo’s arrival, as he has been serving without a senior pastor for about two of the last three years.

Michelle Ward



Dennis and Lori Berlin with daughters Carmel and Kara will be serving the Castle Valley/Moab/Price district in southeastern Utah.

Executive Committee Hears Year End Reports, Votes Day of Prayer

On March 19, the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee voted to support a special day of prayer for the upcoming world business session, reviewed year-end financial and membership reports and voted initiatives for the new year.

The Special Day of Fasting and Prayer, June 27, had been called for by the college and university pastors in the North American Division. The purpose of the day is to pray and fast for unity during and after the General Conference business session in San Antonio, Texas, July 2-11.

The committee approved seven pastors for ordination: Gilberto Del Vecchio and Jerrold Thompson, from Southeastern California; Wilbert Diel, from Southern California; Jounghan “Justin” Kim, Victor Martiniz Ortega and Naofumi Nozawa, from Central California; and Maxim Safonov, from Northern California.

Two ministers were approved to pursue doctoral degrees in ministry: Chin Kim, from Southeastern California, and Courtney Straub, from Northern California.

Three women from the Southeastern California Conference were approved for participation in the NAD-sponsored “Women in Pastoral Ministry Internship” program: Sara-May Julia Colon, Somer Lynn (Pennington) Knight, and Christine Susan Wallington.

The Evangelism Endowment Committee, which considers requests over \$10,000 for evangelistic projects, recommended the following projects, totaling over \$250,000. All were approved by the executive committee: Eternal Life LPFM Radio, Stockton, \$11,000; The Stockton Project, \$25,000; Churches Without Walls – South Bay (Los Angeles), \$50,000; Community Food Pantry Thrift Store and Family/Youth Development program (Nevada-Utah), \$25,000; Crossfit (Hawaii), \$20,000; Greater Modesto Area Evangelism Series, \$20,000; Discipleship Miracles (San Francisco Latin American), \$11,000; Lovely Girls Conference (San Bernardino), \$35,000; Operation Rescue Education (O.R.E) (SECC), \$30,000; Abundant Life SDA Church Summer Camp (Nevada-Utah),

\$15,000; and Life of Victory Evangelism Campaign, (Nevada-Utah) \$15,000.

Bradford Newton, union executive secretary, reported that at the end of 2014, the union included 225,129 members, 802 churches and 710 pastors. Churches in the union rejoiced at 10,688 new members and transfers in, and mourned the loss of 11,487, through transfers out, death, and other causes, for a net decrease in membership of 649.

In spite of that small decrease in membership, Ted Benson, union treasurer, reported that in 2014, tithe increased by 2.31 percent.

La Sierra University and Pacific Union College, the Pacific Union’s two schools of higher education, presented a joint report. Randal Wisbey, president of LSU, described three significant museums on campus: the Center for Near Easter Archeology, one of the largest museums of biblical artifacts in North America; the Stahl Center, with artifacts from around the world; and the World Museum of Natural History, which features a large collection of animals and gems.

Heather Knight, president of Pacific Union College, mentioned that PUC’s student retention rate of 68 percent is far higher than industry standards, but that they are aiming for a rate of 85 percent in the future. She also reported that with a current enrollment of 1,674 students, the college is basically “full” now. They are currently studying the question of whether they want to increase classrooms, dormitories and faculty in order to accommodate higher enrollment, or to accept their current enrollment as optimal and work to increase the quality of the educational experience rather than to increase the number of students.

Knight also gave a statistical snapshot of the students: 28 percent of students are Caucasian, 27 percent Hispanic, 20 percent Asian, 9 percent African-American, 1 percent American Indian, plus other and mixed. Eighty-five percent are Seventh-day Adventist. Family income, she said, is spread evenly across all income levels. Thirty-one percent are first-generation college students, meaning that neither parent has a college education.

Ted Benson reported that a new couple has begun serving at Elmshaven, the former home and office of Ellen White, near Pacific Union College. The new resident caretakers are Jack and Esther DuBosque. Jack has served many years as an evangelist, and Esther is the great-great-granddaughter of Ellen White. They will join Patricia and Steven Aitchison, with whom they have worked previously in the mission field.

The next executive committee meeting is scheduled for May 13 at Pacific Union College.

Gerry Chudleigh

EVANGELISM ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE APPROVED PROJECTS

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CALENDARS

Arizona

ADVENTURER FAMILY RETREAT (May 1-3) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. Info: Lisa Anderson, 480-991-6777, ext. 125.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK SUPPER (May 9) held the 2nd Sat. of each month, Central SDA church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix (6:30 p.m.) Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. Info: 480-430-5492.

TAA SPRING CONCERT (May 16) 7:30 p.m. 7410 E. Sutton Dr. Scottsdale.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATIONS (May 28) Info: Kelly Sue Blake, 480-991-6777, ext. 122.

TAA GRADUATION WEEKEND (May 29-30) 7410 E. Sutton Dr., Scottsdale. Info: 480-948-3300.

FROM THE GARDEN TO THE TABLE (May 31) Last Sunday of every month 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn to grow and harvest your own food and prepare delicious healthy meals. Community of Hope Center, 1320 N 15th St, Phoenix. Info: Denise Sanderson, 602-258-9951, denisesanderson@msn.com or Louise Harlan, wezlouise@me.com or 314-255-8027.

CAMP MEETING (June 12-20) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. GC President Ted Wilson; special music, Stephanie Dawn (June 12-13); Dick Duerksen (June 14-18); VOP speaker/director Shawn Boonstra, Steve Darmody, special music (June 19-20). RV and camping reservations: Angie Blake, 928-445-2162; cabin reservations, Sandra Leski, 480-991-6777, ext. 147.

SONSHINE MEDICAL MISSION (June 17-18) in conjunction with camp meeting. Volunteers are reaching out to provide free limited medical services to the indigent, underserved, college students and homeless population. Dentists, medical personnel and volunteers in many areas needed. See arizonasonshine.com for detailed information.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING (July 27-Aug. 1) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. Pastor Omar Grieve, director, La Voz de la Esperanza and Pastor Carlos Craig, president, Texas Conference. Info: Gabby Corelia, 480-991-6777, ext. 117.

Central California

FEJA—HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT (May 1-3) 13-17 years; Soquel Conference Center. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174 or spasilas@cccsda.org.

MR. & MRS. RETREAT (May 1-3) Camp Wawona. Info: Wanda, 559-347-3169 or wflowlers@cccsda.org.

GOD'S GIRLS GETAWAY (May 1-3) Discover Life church, Sonora. Info: Rosa, 559-347-3181 or rgillham@cccsda.org.

GLOW LEADERSHIP TRAINING (May 2) CCC, Clovis. Info: Joel, 559-906-6460 or jmoutray@cccsda.org.

AREA 5-8 HAM RADIO TRAINING DRILL (May 3) CCC, Clovis. Info: Wendell, 559-310-7546.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 15-17) Central Valley Christian Academy, Ceres. Info: Sandra, 559-347-3174 or pathfinders@cccsda.org.

AREA 1-4 HAM RADIO TRAINING DRILL (May 17) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Wendell, 559-310-7546.

DISASTER RELIEF / Donations Operation Training (May 31) Soquel Conference Center. Info: Steve, 559-347-3142.

La Sierra University

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC: Spring Wind Ensemble Concert (May 2) 8:15 p.m.; a Faculty Recital Series concert (May 3) 7 p.m.; the annual Wind and Percussion recital (May 26) 5 p.m., in the Zapara School

of Business. All programs are free, and all programs except May 26 will be in Hole Memorial Auditorium.

STUDENT RECITAL SERIES (May 12) Xavier Wilson, cello, 5 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium; Paulette Jumalon, soprano (May 17) 7 p.m., HMA; Zeming Lu, cello, Zapara School of Business (May 26) 7 p.m.; Zoe Godfrey, harp (May 27) 7 p.m., ZSB; Marc Robles, tenor (May 31) 5:30 p.m., ZSB; and Marco Villacura, tenor (May 31) 7 p.m., ZSB. All recitals are free.

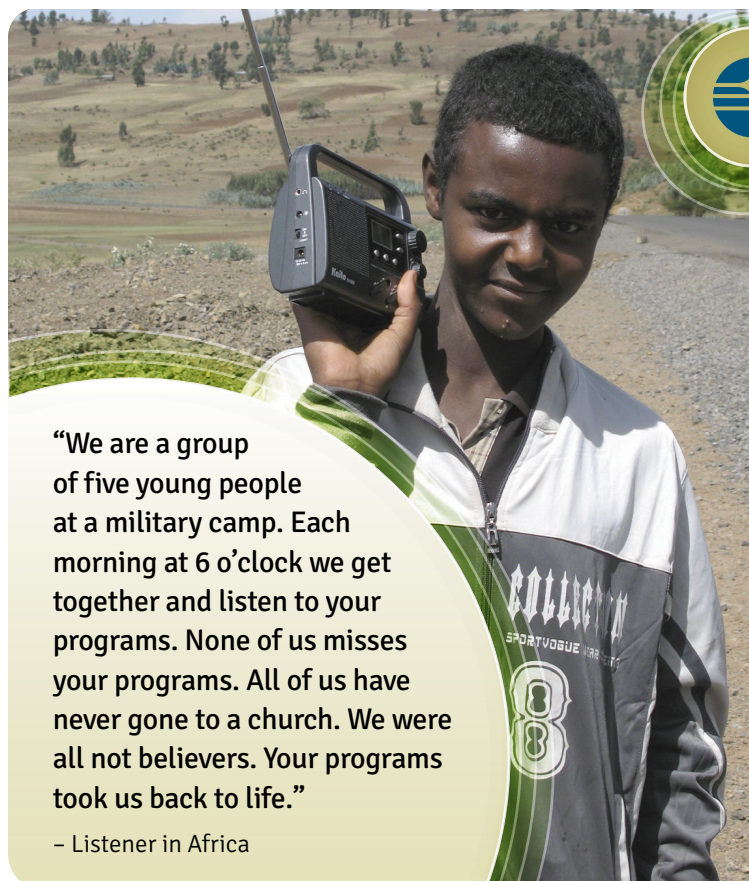
"MRS. SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH" (May 17-21) Presented by LSU Drama. 7:30 each evening, Matheson Hall. Info: 951-785-2274 or drama@lasierra.edu.

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

Northern California

ALUMNI WEEKEND (May 1-3) Golden Gate Academy, 3800 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Celebrate GGA's 80th anniversary with life-long friends. Friday night vespers, church service, Sabbath dinner, Saturday evening banquet, golf tournament, pancake breakfast, basketball and volleyball tournaments. Tickets required for some events. Info: Erin@goldengateacademy.org.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT (May 1-3) Leoni Meadows. Speaker, Ricardo Graham,



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MAY MONTH OF PRAISE. Fairfield Community church, 1101 East Tabor Avenue. Festival of Sabbaths: May 2 - "Caribbean Sabbath," Rudolph Peters; May 9 - "Women's Day," Rita Barnes, Karen White; May 16 - "Armed Forces Day," Willie Johnson, Theron Smith, Desmond Taylor; May 23 - "International/ Homecoming Day," Siotame Pahula; May 30 - "Youth/Education Day," Moises Ramirez. Info: 707-426-6720.

RICH AGUILERA, "The Mud Guy" (May 15, 16) Healdsburg church, 429 Terrace Blvd. Friday, 7 p.m., Sabbath 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. This exciting event, full of special effects, will deal with subjects that often confuse kids and adults: Creation, evolution, the Flood, dinosaurs, the Ice Age, fossils. Info: 707-433-1737.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (May 15-17) Applications being accepted through May 5. Info and applications: Rob & Debbie Purvis, 916-599-5560, e-purvis4@comcast.net.

Pacific Union College

CONSTITUENCY SESSION (May 13) Fireside Room. Meeting of the college's constituency and Board of Trustees. Info: 707-965-6222.

CHORAL CONCERT (May 16) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall. The PUC Chorale and I Cantori will perform a concert conducted by Professor Bruce Rasmussen. Info: 707-965-6201.

VISUAL ARTS MAJORS THESIS EXHIBITION (May 16) Opening Reception 7 p.m., Rasmussen Art Gallery. Students from PUC's department of visual arts display their thesis work in this art exhibition. The show runs through June 14. Info: 707-965-7362.

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT (May 17) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall. PUC's Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform a concert under the direction of Asher Raboy. Info: 707-965-6201 or music@puc.edu.

MAXWELL CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT (May 18) Silverado Resort and Country Club. Participants and sponsors in this golf tournament will carry on Dr. Malcolm Maxwell's legacy by helping worthy students attend PUC. Info: 707-965-7500 or www.maxwellcup.com.

HEUBACH LECTURE (May 30) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall Auditorium. Dr. Haloviak-Valentine, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies at La Sierra University, presents the Heubach Lecture, a series that examines Christianity's central truths and themes. Info: puc.edu/calendar.

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE CONCERT (May 30) 9 p.m., Paulin Hall. VAE presents an

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NAPA VALLEY OFF-ROAD TRIATHLON (May 31) Off-road triathlon features a run, mountain bike, and pool swim on PUC's campus. Relay, 5k, 15k, and Kid's Triathlon events make this an adventure for all ages. Sponsored by St. Helena Hospital and benefiting Clinica Verde. Info: www.napavalleyoffroadtriathlon.com

PUC ORCHESTRA CONCERT (May 31) 4 p.m., Paulin Hall. The orchestra will perform its spring concert under the direction of Rachelle Berthelson Davis. Info: 707-965-6201 or music@puc.edu.

FALL QUARTER REGISTRATION (Ongoing) Incoming and returning students can register for the ideal Fall quarter schedule as they prepare for career or graduate school. Info: 707-965-6336 or puc.edu/admissions.

Southeastern California

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL SEMINAR (May 2) 4-5:30 p.m., SECC office, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. Delbert Dunavant, director of church growth and evangelism from Northern California Conference, will be the guest speaker. Spanish interpretation will be available. Info: Call Janelle Muthiah, 951-509-2330, Janelle.muthiah@seccsda.org.

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 17) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SECC office, 11330 Pierce St., Riverside. The fair is a time for parents and friends to see what the Pathfinders have done throughout the year. Different events will be taking place during the day. Info: Call Judi Jeffreys, 951-509-2265, judi.jeffreys@seccsda.org.

RETIRES RETREAT (May 18-20) Pine Springs Ranch, 58000 Apple Canyon Rd., Mountain Center. SECC will host the annual retirees retreat. Info: Mario Perez, 951-509-2236.

Southern California

MAY FESTIVAL at Glendale Adventist Academy (May 3) Join us from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for a day of games, food, prizes and fun! Info: 818-244-8671.

THREE 4 ONE (May 16) 6 p.m. West Covina Hills church, 3536 E. Temple Way, West Covina 91791. An evening of musical reflection and testimony featuring Chester Hickman, Cesar Cerna & Donnie Shelton. Please join us after for refreshments and fellowship. Info: 626-915-7819.

LA ADVENTIST FORUM (May 30) 3 p.m. Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Speaker, Chris Blake, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof., English, Union College. Topic, "Canoe or Kayak?" from Dr. Blake's current book. Info: 818-244-7241.

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OAK PARK ACADEMY Alumni Weekend (Sept. 18-19), Nevada, Iowa. Honor classes '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75 and '80. Gates Hall, 825 15th Street, Nevada, Iowa. Make plans to attend. Info: Allayne Petersen Martsching, 402-312-7368 or email: allaynemartsching@gmail.com.

REDWOOD ADVENTIST ACADEMY, Redwood Junior Academy, Redwood Christian School Alumni Day (May 16). Honoring principal Rob Fenderson and the end of his 29 years of service. 9:30 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. program, 12 noon potluck lunch, 1:30 p.m. Redwoodstock music program. 385 Mark West Springs Rd. Santa Rosa, CA. Info: RedwoodAdventist@gmail.com, 707-545.1697, or www.RedwoodAA.com.

SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY (June 20) 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the old campus: 17701 San Pasqual Valley Rd. Escondido, 92025. Honor classes: '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95. Info: www.SanPasqualAcademy.com.

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ANDERSON, CHARLINE – b. Feb. 7, 1931, Gilroy, Calif.; d. Jan. 24, 2015, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: son, Danny; daughters, Donna Creamer, Dlorah Beath; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

ANDERSON, HAROLD – b. June 1, 1928, Fresno, Calif.; d. Nov. 29, 2014, Hanford, Calif. Survivors: son, Danny; daughters, Donna Creamer, Dlorah Beath; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

ARENDT, GLADYS ELIZABETH – b. July 16, 1925, Zion, Ill.; d. Feb. 19, 2015, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: son, Doug; daughter, Cheryl; two grandchildren.

BAIRD, KAY RUTH (THOMPSON) – b. Feb. 15, 1930, Inola, Okla.; d. March 10, 2015, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: stepson, Rick Thompson.

BALDWIN, ALAN – b. April 23, 1943, St. Helena, Calif.; d. Feb. 13, 2015, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sharon; son, Kerry; daughter, Lori; four grandsons. Developed, owned and operated Silverado Orchards Retirement Community in St. Helena and Valley Orchards Retirement Community in Petaluma.

BARKHURST, LILA MARGUERITE – b. June 13, 1920, Huron, S.D.; d. Feb. 12, 2015, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: one grandchild, one great-grandchild; sisters, Lillian Guild, Illene Bolander.

BERNIER, HOWARD – b. Aug. 13, 1933, Watersmeet, Mich.; d. Feb. 28, 2015, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Janice; sons, Mark, David, Steven, Thomas; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

BROWN, BERTHA MAY (MCDONALD) CHRISTIANSON – b. Feb. 3, 1927, Minneapolis, Minn.; d. Feb. 24, 2015, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Desire Bergman; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

BUTCHER, VIRGINIA (MACGLASHAN) – Nov. 19, 1925, Pittsburgh, Calif.; d. May 20, 2014, Prineville, Ore. Survivors: son, Larry; daughter, Cheryl Gratreaks; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Served as data entry operator for Voice of Prophecy in Glendale and Quiet Hour in Redlands, Calif.

CHINN, STANLEY G. – b. July 29, 1916, Latham, Kan.; d. March 5, 2015, Chico, Calif. Survivors: wife, Nancy; son, Steve; daughters, Pamela Warda, Bonnie Edwards; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

COUTTS, IRENE – b. June 21, 1924, El Modena, Calif.; d. March 6, 2015, Oroville,

Calif. Survivors: son, Richard Stowers; daughter, Margaret; seven grandchildren.

DUGE, MILDRED E. – b. Aug. 19, 1915, Nashville, Tenn.; d. Feb. 15, 2015, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: sons, John, William; daughters, Milli Stelling, Karen Gee; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren. Started the first Adventurer Club in Santa Monica, Calif., in 1966.

EISENHOWER, VESTA (WASEMILLER) – b. Nov. 2, 1918, Lehigh, Kan.; d. Feb. 8, 2015, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Rita Duncan; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

FISCHER, CARLENE RAE (EBEL) – b. Nov. 25, 1938, French Camp, Calif.; d. Feb. 17, 2015, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: husband, Leonard; daughters, Lisa Barcellos, Lenette Million, Michelle Golladay; brother, Ron Ebel; three grandchildren.

FRTZ, LEONA CLARA – b. Jan. 30, 1915, Thousand Lakes, Minn.; d. March 20, 2015, Littleton, Colo. Survivors: sons, Ronald, Robert, Don; daughters, Donna, Shirley Fritz King; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

FUNKHOUSER, ILA MAE – b. Dec. 18, 1926, Reno, Nev.; d. Oct. 4, 2014, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jeffrey, Jonathan; daughter, Jennifer; three grandchildren.

HALVORSEN, RALPH S. – b. Jan. 9, 1914, Osceola, Iowa; d. Jan. 9, 2015, Willits, Calif. Survivors: sons, Elwin, Morval; daughters, Loyce Bowen, Anita Hansen; 12 grandchildren; 23 grandchildren.

HIRSCH, SUSAN KATHRYN – b. July 27, 1960, Brunswick, Maine; d. March 22, 2015, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: husband, Rodney Adams; son, Michael Ayala; stepsons: Jonathan, Timothy; two grandchildren; sister, Cyndie Hirsch-Bryant; stepmother Lorraine Olson.

HOLMES, FLORENCE – b. Feb. 25, 1918, Fresno, Calif.; d. Jan. 14, 2015, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Sharlene; brother, Vernon; sister, Barbara Mae.

HUTTON, MELBA JEANNE – b. Dec. 27, 1928, Wellington, Kan.; d. Jan. 28, 2015, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: sons, William, Steven, Leland; daughters, Linda, Sharon; nine grandchildren.

IRWIN, RUBY ISABEL (TRIPP) – b. Feb. 25, 1919, La Grange, N.C.; d. Feb. 20, 2015, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: sons, J. Charles, James; four grandchildren.

JUAREZ SR., DON CAYETANO – b. Dec. 6, 1936, Napa, Calif.; d. Feb. 27, 2015, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Elaine; son, Don Jr.; daughter, Victoria; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Darryl House.

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LOUIS, RUTH L. — b. March 25, 1926, Vadakankulam, Tamil Nadu, India; d. March 13, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, S. Joseph; sons, Leslie, Lester; daughter, Lorraine; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

MANTZ, FREDERICK — b. May 18, 1943, San Mateo, Calif.; d. Dec. 6, 2014, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Beverly; sons, Kevin, Brian; daughter, Kristin Dorchuk.

MARTIN JR., WILLIAM — b. Sept. 6, 1924, Dallas, Texas; d. Jan. 27, 2015, Lakeport, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ernestine. Worked as a teacher.

RICE, EVELYN LEAH (ROLL) — b. Nov. 6, 1916, North Little Rock, Ark.; d. Feb. 27, 2015, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: sons, Steve, Geoffrey; daughter, Lilli; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ROSS, KAREN ANN — b. Oct. 8, 1944, Montavista, Colo.; d. Nov. 17, 2014, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: husband, Delmer; son, Richard; daughter, Michelle Carroll; brothers, Paul Gibson, George Gibson, James Gibson.

SAKATA, WALLACE MASAKI — b. June 1, 1937, Haiku, Maui, Hawaii; d. March 9, 2015, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: sons, Derek, Ross; four grandchildren; brother, Stanley; sister, Nancy Sakata-Yamanaka.

SMITH, MILDRED (RICE) — b. Jan. 9, 1933, Fairfield, Iowa; d. March 2, 2015, Chico, Calif. Survivors: husband, Don; son, Danny; daughters, Jeanne, Laura, Allison, Paula, Becky. Taught in several Adventist schools.

STANLEY, DOROTHY (HOILAND) — b. April 21, 1921, Colon, Panama; d. March 3, 2015, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: husband, Jim; son, Scot Hoiland; daughters, Deanne Hoehn, Julie Kiraly; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Served as a nurse and board member of Feather River Hospital Foundation.

STAUFFER, SANDRA JOLEEN (MILL-SPAUGH) RICE — b. Aug. 23, 1937, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Jan. 11, 2015, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: husband, Paul; sons, Herbert Rice, Michael Rice; daughters, Margaret Rice, Caroline Rice; stepsons, James, Thomas; stepdaughter, Margaret. Served as manager of the Pacific Union College Bookstore.

WILSON, ERNEST — b. July 2, 1940, Glendale, Ariz.; d. Dec. 23, 2014, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sue; son, Michael; daughter, Kimberly Baker, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

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