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# Loma Linda University Health Offers New Speech-Language Pathology Doctorate

**A** new doctoral program in speech-language pathology (SLPD) at Loma Linda University Health will prepare the next generation of speech therapists to help patients better verbalize their thoughts, needs, feelings and desires.

Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions will kick off the new SLPD program this fall, offered largely online. Annual two-week on-campus intensives will take place during the two-plus years needed to complete the program.

The new degree will prepare students to work with patients like Sammy Ellis, who has already endured more medical procedures and treatments than most people experience in a lifetime. Yet, he faces life with an infectious enthusiasm.

Sammy, a bright 4-year-old, was born with Down syndrome. At less than a month old, he was already receiving developmental therapy from a teacher at a nearby center and has continued to receive therapy from specialists at that center ever since.

Respiratory and heart ailments, typical of many Down syndrome children, suddenly seemed rather insignificant this past September when Sammy was diagnosed with acute lymphoid leukemia. Following a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy, he is now in remission.

Sammy recently returned to the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital's hematology/oncology unit after he spiked a daylong fever. His doctors didn't want to take any chances.

## Sammy's Speech Therapy

Sammy enjoys lunch with his mother, Christy Ellis, who spends the majority of her day in his hospital room. Her husband, Micah Ellis, is caring for Sammy's little brother, Mark, at their home in Lucerne Valley, near Big Bear, Calif.

Lunch is over and Sammy is on to the next activity. At that moment, Christiana Smith, a

LARRY KIDDER



*From left to right, speech therapy student Christiana Smith holds the fruit basket while Gary Lucas, M.S., her clinical supervisor, asks Sammy to name the fruit in his hand, which Sammy easily identifies as a banana.*

communication sciences and disorders student nearly finished with her master's degree, arrives for Sammy's speech therapy session, accompanied by Gary Lucas, M.S., a speech pathologist and her clinical supervisor.

Sammy is overjoyed. He launches into an excited conversation with his two friends, sharing all that has happened since he last saw them. He describes lunch and what he had — including a banana. He shares his toys, including a basket of plastic fruit. As he hands out the fruit, he is prompted to name each type.

Then Smith sits on the edge of his bed and reads a book with Sammy. He points to the pictures and identifies the subjects while she reads the words. At this rate, he will soon be reading on his own.

Sammy may not realize it's therapy, but he is benefiting from the expertise of his speech

therapists, who know how to turn fun into learning. "He is such a joy to work with," says Smith. His verbal skills will continue to improve even while he is at LLU Children's Hospital, thanks to her efforts.

Sammy seems unfazed by it all. Fun with his speech therapists is over all too soon, so he goes back to "just hanging out with Mom." The next poke, prod, or procedure — he'll still be smiling when it's over.

Speech pathologists who would like more information about the new doctoral program may contact Darin Woolpert, Ph.D., program director, by calling 909-558-4998 or by emailing [dwoolpert@llu.edu](mailto:dwoolpert@llu.edu).

*Larry Kidder and Susan Onuma*

# Delegates Reelect Officers at Conference Constituency Session

**O**n Sunday, April 26, 2015, 207 delegates from 32 Hawaii Conference congregations (representing nearly 6,000 members) gathered at Honolulu Central church to elect conference leaders and to set mission directions for the next five years. They re-elected their three officers — Ralph S. Watts III, president; Gerald D. Christman, executive secretary; and Gary G. Johnson, treasurer — by large margins.

After a performance from the Hawaiian Mission Academy band, Watts' devotional introduced his 20/20 Vision for the next five years. "The next time we gather together, it will be 2020," said Watts. "Perhaps what we need as Seventh-day Adventists is a vision of where God wants us to go in the next five years. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish' (Proverbs 29:18). What if we were to grow 20 percent by 2020 — churches, schools, tithe, summer camps?" To accomplish that goal, Watts suggests, "We go to the Word. Go to our knees. And go to the lost."

Delegates also elected the Executive Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as presented by the Nominating Committee, and voted a motion from Jonathan Clark, a delegate from Central church, to refer to the Bylaws Committee a recommendation to increase the size of the 20-member Executive Committee.

In his treasurer's report, Johnson said that, "The conference is financially healthy. Liquidity and working capital reserves are in healthy

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Delegates reelected their current officers by wide margins. (L. to r.) Candice and Gary G. Johnson, treasurer; Ralph Watts III, president, and Sharon Watts; and Ellen and Gerald D. Christman, executive secretary.

ratios." He explained that the recession of 2008-2009 is still affecting giving. There were tithe losses in 2010-2011 and small gains 2012-2014.

Johnson also said that although operating expenses have not declined, terminating the Kahili Mountain Park agreement (as of July 1, 2014) will have a positive impact on the conference's financial risk. The overall cost of litigation and fees has been more than \$1.5 million in the past 15 years.

As for schools, Johnson reported that no elementary schools owe the conference any money beyond what is current. "That's a new day for us here in Hawaii Conference," he



President Ralph Watts III welcomes delegates and guests to the constituency session.

said. However, Hawaiian Mission Academy is struggling with an all-time low enrollment (currently 104 students), and their liquidity ratio is currently 45 percent of required levels. Enrollment is the priority in the next five years, Johnson said, and the HMA Board of Trustees is prioritizing finding solutions.



Jon Kono, a delegate-at-large, thanks the officers for their day-to-day work. "Being on the Executive Committee has been a blessing to my faith," says Kono.



**Delegates vote on a motion.**

Carlos Ferrando, General Conference Auditing Services regional manager, reported that for the period 2010-2014, Hawaii Conference received an “unqualified” opinion, which means all sections of the conference finances comply with generally accepted accounting principles. This is the highest rating GCAS offers.

In the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report, Christman presented the proposed changes to the delegates, and they were voted. One notable change was the move from Robert’s Rules of Order to the General Conference Rules of Order. “They are simple, to the point, to get the business of the church done,” he explained.

In other business, delegates welcomed two new churches: Kurtistown Samoan (Pastor Mustard Sinapi Pao) and Kona Hispanic (Pastor H. Nicholas Delima).

To close the session, the officers opened the floor to questions and comments, and one theme dominated. Carlos Molina, a delegate from the Oahu Hispanic church, suggested



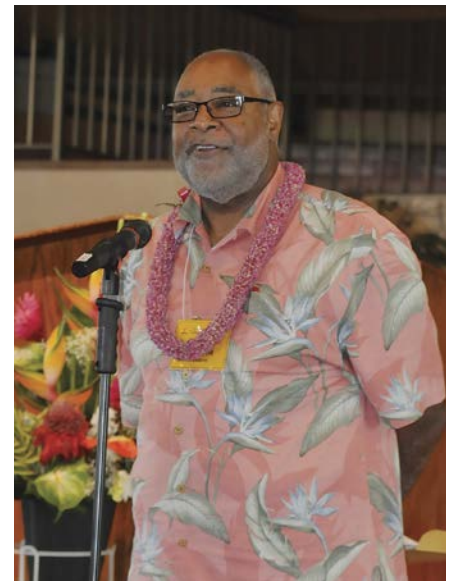
**Hawaii Conference President Ralph Watts III thanks Feryl Harris, director of children’s ministries and trust services, for her years of service. Harris is retiring soon.**



**The Hawaiian Mission Academy band performs. “Adventist education is the charge we were given and the foundation of our church,” said HMA Principal Roland Graham. “Thank you for giving us the resources that make it possible on the islands. The kids at HMA feel that.”**

the conference make an intentional effort to reach out to and serve members of the military as part of its mission. “We need to position ourselves as a military-friendly church,” he said. “Once they know that we’re here, we will be able to share with them who we are.”

Ken Rose, a delegate from the Kaneohe church, added that Hawaii’s large veteran community has a lot to offer and needs a special outreach.



**Pacific Union President Ricardo Graham answers questions during the Nominating Committee report.**



**Ivrys Duke, a delegate from Aiea, clarifies a point about the church’s mission to the military service members.**

“We need to change the way we relate to the military and those who want to join,” said Michael Lane, an Aiea delegate. Military service should be considered in the same vein as medical service, he explained, and the church should not shame members of the Armed Forces for serving on Sabbath. Lane referred to the story of God commanding Joshua and his army to march on Jericho for seven straight days without rest (Joshua 6:15).

After the session, the new Executive Committee met and reappointed all of the current Hawaii Conference departmental directors.

*Alicia J. Adams*

# Small Moments Add Significance to Large Events

Large meetings bless attendees through insightful speakers and programming, but small moments within these events can also touch hearts in significant ways. This was the case at three recent Northern California Conference events.

## Women's Ministries Conference – Outsiders Welcomed

The last weekend in February, NCC Women's Ministries presented "Turning Points: How We Serve" at the Orangevale church. The main speaker was Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministries director Dorothy Means. "She shared so openly about the heart of women — the calling that God has placed on our hearts to serve others," said Chico church member Theresa Clarke. "And to be able to lead others with grace into service is a true gift."

Before the conference, NCC Women's Ministries coordinator Mary Jo Lauderdale planned a surprise object lesson with the help of her friends Doug and Judy Froning. During a meeting on Sabbath, Doug came down a side aisle, wearing unkempt, dirty clothes and a long beard. At a different time, Judy came down the center aisle in a garish and inappropriate outfit. "A lot of heads turned," said Lauderdale. The attendees did not realize that Doug and Judy were acting out parts.

The women's reactions to these "outsiders" warmed Lauderdale's heart. Several approached Doug to welcome him. One gave him some nuts

and candy out of her purse, while another went to the church kitchen to find him something to eat. When Judy sat down, two women left their seats to come and sit beside her and welcome her. Later in the service, other women supported both of the "outsiders" by kneeling beside them in prayer.

Lauderdale was gratified by the reactions of the women. "The whole idea was for [the experience] to touch our hearts and help us to realize that God has people all over," she said. "We have the opportunity to be servant leaders."

## Prayer Retreat – Bitterness Released

The annual NCC Prayer Retreat took place at Leoni Meadows in mid-March. The speaker was David Levy, neurovascular surgeon and author of the book *Gray Matter*, which discusses the intersection of medicine and faith. NCC Prayer Ministries coordinator Naomi Parson said that she invited him to speak because of his emphasis on forgiveness. "He led us through a forgiveness prayer which really set the tone for the whole weekend," she said. Roseville church member Kathie Kordenbrock appreciated Levy's focus. "He explained the importance of forgiving others, as well as ourselves, and walked us through the forgiveness process step-by-step including recounting some interesting stories," she said.



Women at "Turning Points" join hands in prayer.



People gather for early-morning prayer in Leoni Meadows' Fireside Room.

The forgiveness theme spilled over into other activities at the conference, including small group prayers and anointing services. Ed Fargusson, NCC assistant to the president, has anointed many people at the prayer conference through the years. "Almost always when you have a dialogue with them, forgiveness comes into the story," he said.

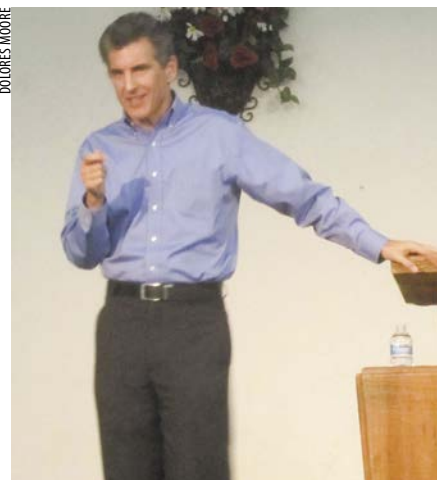
The good news about forgiveness resonated with many, including one woman who spoke with Parson on Sabbath. She explained that she had held bitterness toward someone for several decades. "Last night," said the woman through her tears, "I let it go."

## TEAM – Appreciation Displayed

NCC educators and pastors gathered together at the Lodi Fairmont church on Monday, April 6, for the T.E.A.M. (Together Educators and Ministers) event, sponsored by the Mark Blue Lecture series. The day's speaker was La Sierra University chaplain Sam Leonor. "He made me feel good about my profession," said Jim Beierle, Tracy SDA Christian Elementary School teaching principal. "I'm not just a cog in a wheel. I was called."



Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministries director Dorothy Means speaks on Friday evening.



David Levy, neurovascular surgeon and author of Gray Matter, speaks at the 2015 NCC Prayer Retreat.



**NCC Associate Education Superintendent Albert Miller (right) introduces La Sierra chaplain Sam Leonor at the TEAM event.**

The annual meeting is designed to inspire unity among educators and pastors. Part of the day's program included presentations by pastors paying tribute to the educators who influenced them as young people, and educators paying tribute to pastors who guided them. "It was affirming," said Beierle. "It made me want to do my job better and want to help out my pastor more."

In a morning ceremony, many participants received keepsake pins to commemorate milestone service anniversaries — all the way from



**NCC administrators congratulate retiring educators and pastors: Education Superintendent Bill Keresoma, teacher Candice Penno, teacher Sharon Miller, teacher Harlen Miller, teacher Tom Larsen, Ministerial director Walter Groff, Pastor Byron Hill Sr., teacher Harvey Borton, Principal Larry Ballew, President Jim Pedersen, Executive Secretary Marc Woodson, Treasurer John Rasmussen (not pictured: Pastor Jim Mamanua, teacher Ron Ritterskamp).**

five years (37 pastors and educators) to 55 years (received by Camino church Pastor Craig Klatt in absentia). Retiring pastors and educators were also honored.

José Díaz, pastor of the Chico Spanish company/Lincoln Spanish church/Live Oak Spanish company, received a 15-year pin. "For me, the


best moment was the recognition of pastors and teachers for the years of service," he said. "I think our conference hit a special mark by doing such a ceremony."

*Julie Lorenz*


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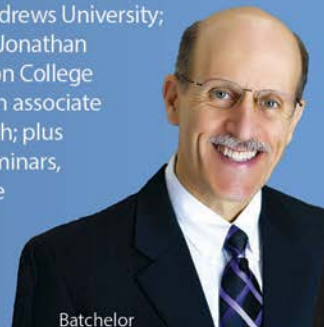
# REDWOOD CAMP MEETING

Don't miss this year's event, featuring: Doug Batchelor, senior pastor of the Granite Bay church and president/speaker for Amazing Facts; Ron Clouzet, director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) and professor of Christian ministry and pastoral theology at Andrews University; and in the Adult II tent, Jonathan Henderson, Pacific Union College campus chaplain and an associate pastor of the PUC church; plus many more exciting seminars, meetings for Campestre Hispano, and some programs for the deaf.




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# NCC Maranatha Team Serves in Dominican Republic

**M**ore than 50 energized volunteers returned from serving on the NCC Maranatha mission team in the Dominican Republic in March. Volunteers worked to build the Villa Linda Adventist church, hold free dental clinics and provide programs for local children.

One of the volunteers was Mary Johnson, an Antioch church member. "I love being able to work with fellow believers and serve other people," she said. "It is also wonderful being able to see the world, not just as a tourist, but to see how people really live there."

The NCC hosts a mission project almost every year. "The mission of the church is pretty important to us. We don't feel like that is just at home or just abroad," said Eddie Heinrich, NCC youth director. "Mission trips are a huge priority

for us because we feel that kids need to get out there and serve, see the bigger picture of the world and get involved."

Don Smith, co-executive coordinator for the NCC Pathfinders, helps coordinate the mission projects. "It's one of our major outreach programs," said Smith, a member of the Willits church, who has been going on projects for nearly 25 years. "Mission trips just have an incredible impact on our young people."

The conference office also places a high priority on mission service. "Not only do they support it with their lips," said Heinrich, "but they put action behind their words." Besides putting funding into sponsoring mission projects like this one, several conference officials have taken

time out of their schedules to participate in various projects.

This year NCC President Jim Pedersen was on the trip. "I love sitting down and talking with the kids and talking with the members; they're talking to me about issues back home," said Pedersen. "We're able to connect in a way that we couldn't back home because we just don't have the opportunity to get together. So I find it valuable, and I find it refreshing."

The NCC mission project used to be just for Pathfinders and support staff. But in the last few years, the project has been open to anyone who wants to join. Granite Bay church



REBECCA CHIN

*Dentist Debbie Chin, from the San Ramon Valley church, cleans a girl's teeth.*



DEBI PEDERSEN

*(Left to right) Pacific Union College student Rebecca Chin, Dentist Isaac Chin from the San Ramon Valley church, Andrea Navarro from the Antioch church, and Dentist Debbie Chin from the San Ramon Valley church check patients in the waiting area.*



DEBI PEDERSEN

*NCC President Jim Pedersen prays during a Sabbath visit to a Haitian village in the Dominican Republic.*



STEVE TILSON

*Physician Edward Clinite, Sonora Regional Medical Center chief medical officer, examines a young patient.*



KATHY KOCH

*Willits church member Don Smith lays block for the church wall.*



KATHY KOCH

*NCC Youth Director Eddie Heinrich washes his son Braeden's feet during the communion service celebrated by the volunteers.*





Granite Bay church member Char Novack (left) leads the singing, along with Carey McCulloch from Sonora.



Volunteers of all ages come together on the trip.

member Char Novack is an area Pathfinder coordinator, along with her husband, Rick. "Several of the mission projects I have been on have been with Pathfinders, or with families," she said. "There are things even the younger ones can pitch in and help with. I highly advise young people to go!"

Mission trips build camaraderie among church members, whatever their age. "I feel so much more connected with people within my conference — even with people who I knew of before, but I didn't actually know," said Johnson, who helped at the dental clinic and children's program each day. "Because it's a small Adventist world!"

For Johnson, mission trips provide multiple benefits. One of those is helping the trip participants understand what life is like outside their home country. "You can hear that people don't have water or shoes to wear, but you don't really get that concept until you go there. You can really look at your life and what your priorities are. Now I realize that there are kids who run around with no shoes on. I can think, 'What is one thing I can give up that I don't need?'"

"For the people there, it shows that we care about them, even though we don't know them," said Johnson. "But most importantly, sometimes we meet people who really don't know about God at all."

Johnson recalls telling a story to a group of children at the VBS program. "At the beginning of the story, I asked, 'How many here want to go



Antioch church member Mary Johnson (right) tells a story in Vacation Bible School.

to heaven with Jesus? Only half raised their hands!"

That is when she realized that she wasn't at her home church, where the kids have heard about heaven and Jesus all their lives. She told the children about heaven and Jesus, and how wonderful it will be. When she finished the story, she asked the children again who wanted to go to heaven with Jesus, and they all wanted to go!

"It all comes back to the whole mission of helping other people," said Heinrich.

### Volunteer

The NCC hasn't announced their next mission project yet, but watch for it in your church bulletin. Don't want to wait that long? Head to [www.maranatha.org](http://www.maranatha.org), and check out what upcoming mission project you might want to join! You can volunteer on a mission project with Maranatha almost any month of the year!



Chris Pappas, Leoni Meadows forestry supervisor (orange shirt) and Greg McCulloch, Sonora Regional Medical Center CFO, bolt roofing into trusses.



The volunteers end a communion service with a candlelighting ceremony, committing to spread the love of Jesus.

Carrie Purkepile

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# Carrillo Takes on Religious Liberty Leader Duties

The Campus Hill church hosted a religious liberty forum in early February titled “Faith and Freedom in the Age of Terrorism.”

At the event, Rudy Carrillo was introduced as the new religious liberty director of the Southeastern California Conference.

Carrillo, who continues to serve as conference youth director, has recently taken on this additional responsibility. He replaces Audray Johnson, who served in the position for many years.

Approximately 150 people attended the event, which was organized by Norman Farley, a member and former president of North American Religious Liberty Association – West. He worked with the conference to organize and promote the forum. The moderator was Michael Peabody, attorney and editor of ReligiousLiberty.TV.

The first presenter was John Graz, secretary-general of the International Religious Liberty Association. In 1995, he was elected director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and he has served as United Nations liaison. In 1995, he also became secretary-general of the International Religious Liberty Association. He is the executive producer of the TV show “Global Faith and Freedom.”

Graz spoke about the impact of religious persecution all around the world, and how Adventists fit into the picture. He said it is imperative that Adventists take note of what is happening, not just in their own area, but all around the world.

Farley has worked with Graz for the past four years. “Dr. Graz is the best thing in Adventism relating to religious liberty,” said Farley. “He is very knowledgeable and is loved everywhere he goes.”

The second speaker was David M. Brahms, a retired brigadier general and staff judge advocate, U.S. Marine Corps. He is a Harvard graduate with a long and distinguished career in the armed forces. His doctoral thesis was on conscientious objectors. He has also served as

an adviser to the United States president. Currently he is an attorney in military cases.

The topic of his talk was the sins of those who are in power. He related that all options must be exhausted before engaging in war. A lot of responsibility lies in people of leadership, but each individual has a role, too. Individuals must hold their leaders accountable for acts that are against their moral principles.

Carrillo says he hopes more can be done to promote religious liberty in SECC. “While I am

still getting situated in this position,” he said, “I’m going to see where we can take it. We are hoping to incorporate religious liberty into community outreach programs, and I am forming a committee as well, bringing in some of the young adults, to hopefully broaden our perspective. As General Brahms said in his presentation, our responsibility is worldwide.”

*Mario A. Munoz*



**Norman Farley, former president of NARLA West, poses with his wife, Alice, and John Graz, secretary-general of the International Religious Liberty Association.**



**Norman Farley, former president of NARLA West, introduces the panel as Rudy Carrillo, religious liberty director for the conference, looks on. Seated left to right are: John Graz, secretary-general of the International Religious Liberty Association, Richard Borg, attorney and moderator, and David M. Brahms, retired brigadier general, U.S. Marine Corps.**

# Emmanuel Spanish Church Hosts Men's Ministry Event

Members of the Emmanuel Spanish church affirmed the role of men in the family with a recent event held at Orangewood Academy in Garden Grove. The two-day event was dubbed the "Guayabera men's ministry weekend," because the men were encouraged to wear their guayabera shirts to the meetings. The leaders wore them throughout the weekend.

A guayabera shirt is typically worn in Latin and Caribbean regions. It has four pockets and two vertical rows of closely sewn pleats that run the length of the front and back of the shirt. The pockets are usually adorned with matching shirt buttons. This is considered formal attire in regions with hot climates.

Elias Blanco, director of the men's ministry at the church, and his team organized the event and invited members of other area churches in Orange County to attend. Although the program was planned for men, women and children were also invited to attend.

The main speaker was Sergio Rodriguez, leader of men's ministry for the Texas Conference.



*Men dedicate their lives to Jesus during prayer.*

"Men, your wife, your children, your church, and your friends want to see in you a spiritual man," he said.

The weekend had four spiritual themes. Rodriguez explained that he didn't want to just give the men information, but to allow them to have transformation. In order to facilitate that, he encouraged each man to make his own resolution after hearing each of the themes presented. The men wrote the resolutions on a card and placed each one in one of the four pockets of the guayabera.

The four themes were being men of integrity, finding their greatest need, imitating Christ, and being men of clean heart and hands. Rodriguez and his colleague Raul Reyes described the spiritual characteristics of godly men, the importance of having a relationship with God, and how to talk to others about God. They emphasized the privilege of being a priest in the family, as well as the huge responsibility that comes with that privilege.

As the final meeting ended on the Sabbath afternoon, the men and their families were challenged to commit themselves to God. All of those in attendance came together in a circle for a prayer of dedication by Rodriguez.



*The men's ministry event from the Emmanuel Spanish church focused on integrity, finding the greatest need, imitating Christ and being men of clean hearts and hands.*

Mario A. Munoz

# Chino Portuguese Outdoor Easter Program Touches the Community

Chino Portuguese Speaking church members presented for their community a live reenactment of Christ's life, death and resurrection. This is a continuation of the vision conceived by Chino members Isac and Jaidete Ribiero, who longed to use their ranch, Rancho Rio Grande, in Perris, for an Easter outreach event.

This is the second year this church has presented an Easter passion play. They decided to take it a few steps further than last year. With the help of members from the Glendale Brazilian church and the Portuguese Speaking Sabbath school at the Azure Hills church, they added scenes in English and Spanish as well as Portuguese. They also included additional scenes of Jesus' life that led up to His death on the cross, highlighting some of

them closer to our Savior, Jesus, so I prayed to be inspired through His Word and The Desire of Ages."

"It was a beautiful event," reflected Paulo Bechara, pastor of the Chino Portuguese Speaking

church. "It was interesting to see how different parts of the play affected different people. I could tell people were having very personal, spiritual experiences — even the actors. They would speak very loudly at the right parts, and the story would come to life."

More than 200 people attended, many of them shedding tears at the powerful portrayals of what Jesus had to endure to save the world from sin. "One lady said how emotional the program was," reported Bastos. "She said she felt motivated to maintain a better relationship with God."

Several guests requested Bible studies. Members took their addresses and have sent them thank-you cards and missionary magazines, "because the objective of this program was to reach out for Christ," said Bechara.



*Crucifixion scene of Jesus and the two thieves on their crosses moved some to tears.*



*Jesus heals a blind man.*



*Jesus rides a donkey for the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

His miracles and His interaction with the disciples.

This free community event started at 4:30 in the afternoon on April 4 after guests gathered for prayer and singing. Then the guests walked around the property to view the different scenes.

After viewing the powerful closing scenes of Jesus' life, guests watched a children's feature by Rebecca Reis of the Glendale Brazilian church. Refreshments afterward allowed for casual fellowship.

The play was written and directed by Chino member Maria Bastos, an educational counselor and homeschool teacher. "I felt the weight of responsibility, because I would have to write about the most important event in the history of this world," said Bastos. "I knew that what was spoken there could influence people and bring



*Simon the Cyrenian is forced to carry Jesus' cross.*

The program continued reaching people even after it occurred. A video clip of the production posted on Chino's Facebook page received more than 2,000 views and several shares.

"This was a union of efforts," added Bechara. "We appreciated our members inviting their family, friends and neighbors. We also appreciated the support and involvement from Glendale and Azure Hills churches, as well as help with setup and singing from La Sierra University students."

Chino Portuguese Speaking church members plan to continue this tradition at Rancho Rio Grande for Easter next year, hoping to translate even more scenes into Spanish and English.

*Amy Prindle*

# GLAR Convocation Focuses on Going “Back to the One”



Youth/young adult speaker Jaime Kowlessar titled his message, “I’m All the Way Turnt Up.”

The 48th Convocation of the Greater Los Angeles Region was held April 15-19, culminating on Sabbath at the White Memorial church. The Sabbath program featured music by a variety of artists and included stirring congregational singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (also known as the Black National Anthem).

“Before Elder Anthony Kelly, our former GLAR director, passed, he had a strategic plan for our region,” said Royal Harrison, current director. “Going forward, we want to implement that strategic plan in our churches and in the region as a whole. The key element — the plan’s ‘umbrella’ — is ‘Back to the One,’ Jesus Christ. We need to get back to The One in order to do the plan together.” The following are four “Back to the One” components Harrison shared with the convocation audience:

- Fixating on Jesus.
- Focusing on the family.
- Fired up for evangelism. (Even young adults ages 20-30 are getting involved. Everything stops for evangelism.)
- Faithful with all of God’s resources.

Recognition was given to those who had passed away in the previous year, with a special tribute in memory of Anthony Kelly. Marva Kelly expressed her gratitude to the GLAR family for their kindness to her since her husband’s passing in November 2014.

Gene Donaldson, pastor of the Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., spoke for the Sabbath morning service. His message focused on David’s willingness to face what needed to be finished and his need for a breakthrough that only God could provide. The theme resonated with attendees, as he linked it to the need for a breakthrough today in meeting the challenges ahead. Jaime Kowlessar was the youth and young adult worship speaker.

“The GLAR youth and young adult ministry embraces the Region initiatives of going Back to the One,” said Pastor Michael Jenkins, GLAR youth and young adult ministries director and pastor of the Breath of Life church. “A relationship with Jesus is first and foremost for every person who calls themselves a child of God. We are committed to modeling a Christ-reliant life for our young constituents. We stress the importance of being fixated on Jesus even as youth, blocking out all distractions in the periphery. Secondly, we minister to our youth in order to enhance the family dynamic. Thirdly, we also seek to build them up to be personal evangelists. People naturally go where their strongest



Pastor Royal Harrison (left) with Larry L. Caviness, retiring SCC president, explains how the gift of a door knocker will be used by his grandchildren in the Caviness’ retirement home in Ohio.



*(L. to r.) Pastors Marvin Hugley, Adolphus Garnett, Morris Barnes and Michael Johnson and other pastors stand with Marva Kelly in a tribute to her late husband, Anthony Kelly.*

relationships are, so we seek to build up GLAR youth and young adults so they can have a positive influence on their closest friends. Finally, as our youth come to understand God's blessings in their lives, we stress that they are to be good stewards with their time, temple, talents and treasure, with the Holy Spirit molding their hearts and guiding their lives. It is my belief that following these initiatives will greatly benefit their lives and enhance their spirituality."

"We are excited as a region about what God is going to do with us, through us and for us these next four years," reflected Harrison. "We believe that this convocation is just a beginning, a taste of what's to come. We are expecting God to do something amazing. By faith, we in the Greater Los Angeles Region are stepping up and stepping out into our new season, a season that promises to take us, our members and our churches to another level in Christ Jesus. We're looking forward to it!"

*Betty Cooney*



*About 200 people came forward for an altar call at the close of the worship service.*

ADIELL V. DIEI



Velino Salazar, SCC executive secretary (left), and other leaders and pastors pray for Mirna and Wilbert Diel during the ordination service.

# Wilbert Diel Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

**W**ilbert G. Diel, pastor of the Trinity Filipino Company, felt his call to the ministry in 1970 when his parents migrated to Manila in the Philippines from the northern tip of Iloilo, once called the Alaska of the Philippines.

While studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and theology at Philippine Union College, Diel worked as a literature evangelist. Wanting to improve, he registered for a minor in secondary school education, adding two years of study at Mountain View College in Mindanao. After graduating in March 1976, he was called to work as a pastor, chaplain, and district pastor in Negros Conference from 1976 to 1984.

At that time, Diel was offered a Minchin Scholarship to study for a Master of Arts in public health education and a Master of Arts in pastoral studies. He finished the master's in public health education and got half way through the master's in pastoral studies in 1986 at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies. After serving for three years at Adventist Medical Center in Manila as an assistant chaplain and pastor, his parents asked him to come to the

U.S. in 1990. That year, he was called to pastor Trinity Company, a new group in Covina, Calif., where he has served nearly 25 years.

In 1993, Diel married Myrna Villacorta after conducting an evangelistic series with her in the Philippines. Wilbert and Myrna are the parents of four children: John, who is married to Anchelle Gonzaga Diel; and Elinah, Shekinah, and Adiell Diel. Wilbert Diel takes pleasure in conducting Bible studies, evangelistic meetings, public health education seminars, continuing studies in nutriology (in relation to the degeneration and regeneration of cells) and seminars on how to be a self-supporting medical missionary in both the U.S. and the Philippines.

"During the 25 years of my ministry with the Trinity Company," reflected Diel, "I have been motivated to share the love of Christ for us and the joy of seeing miracles in the life of people changed by the gospel.

"In 1990, Trinity began with only 12 to 15 core members. It was tempting to want to be in a larger church that was already organized," said Diel. "I was challenged by the invitation of a good salary and benefits, but in my heart, I had

a passion for the larger challenge of seeing miracles in growing a small group. I wanted to see God's hand guiding a small group; to experience God's hand on a case-by-case basis in building the small group. In the Philippines, as a district pastor, we planted churches like mushrooms! But here in the U.S, it is a challenge.

"Alone, after church, I prayed by touching every empty pew, asking God, 'Fill up this church, Lord.' God's Spirit encouraged, 'Follow Isaiah 58: take the homeless, the fatherless, the widow, the heavy burdened, the jobless.' The Lord did it. He opened the way! Soon, we were almost 30 people in the house! As people came, following the Isaiah 58 guidelines, God gave us houses for the homeless, the wisdom to create jobs, job placements for the jobless. Those empty pews He filled with people. In the 25 years of growing this church, I was changed. I was humbled that God worked in us as we put self and selfishness aside.

*Betty Cooney*



# Chino Valley Chinese Church Hosts First Community Day

**M**ore than 30 eager Chino Valley Chinese church members arrived early Sunday, April 12, to open the gates of the ample courtyard. That day, the church conducted Spring Community Day, their very first outreach in the congregation's expanded location.

"We raised over \$1,000 in sales (but it came to \$2,000, with donations)," noted Amabel Tsao, "but we also raised our own spirits as we opened our church and hearts to the community to serve over 40 people in the medical and dental screenings with five dentists, one hygienist and two doctors."

The yard sale proved to be the draw, with donated items including everything from electronics to a dining room set. Piles of clothing and linens, household items, TV sets, etc., were on display. The stuffed animals were a huge hit. Many items were given away at the end of the day. Team leader Chervie Ku handled the yard sale with Mei Mei Cho, wife of Pastor Paul Cho. "I have seen God's wonderful guidance. He provided just enough people that we could handle," said Mrs. Cho. "He also sent the laborers. Two little girls, Angelina and Naomi, worked faithfully the whole day."

A food sale offered Chinese delicacies as well as lunch plates of noodles and crispy egg rolls. Team leader Windy Hwang led her small group of cooks who brought a variety of home-cooked, steamed buns. "After trying a bun at home in Roland Heights," said Hwang, "one customer drove all the way back to buy more!"

NANCY LO AND ERIC TSAO



*The yard sale drew community residents to the Chino Valley Chinese church's first outreach in their renovated large facility.*

NANCY LO AND ERIC TSAO



*Peter Young, D.D.S., treats a young patient.*

English-speaking members, led by Pastor Sterling Berry, gave away bags of toys to children who came.

Free basic health screenings were held in the church's spacious Sabbath school building. Visitors had blood pressure checks, weight and height measurement and then their Basic Metabolic Rate/Index checked. Retired dentist Stiew Tan conducted dental assessments and then five volunteer dentists provided cleaning and fillings according to need. The volunteer dentists included Lawrence Char and Adwen Yap from Loma Linda, Cherisse Loo from San Diego and Peter Young from Arcadia. About 30 people were treated and a collective value of more than \$4,000 in dental services given. The church's "in-house" cardiologist and urologist provided consultations.

"This is Christianity in action. It is the reason we follow Christ," said Bien Gothong,

team leader for facility management. "Without this mission outreach, our weekly worship is meaningless. May the Lord help us continue this line of work. It is not only important for the physical and spiritual well being of the community at large, but also to each and every one of us."

"I saw a lady a little younger than me named Yuk Lan Li," said volunteer Lucille Li. "She bought some clothing before coming to her health screening. I checked her blood pressure and she asked me, with a surprised look, 'What made you folks do all this?'"

"As Christians, we have lots of blessings from God and eternal life to look forward to, so we want to share these blessings with people," Li told her. "This is a good way to attract people to come, and then we invite them to church. We are here to worship every Saturday afternoon, then we eat dinner together. I would like to invite you to join us."

"I will come next Saturday," the visitor said, "but I can't stay for dinner because I have to work. If I leave at 4:30 p.m., I will have enough time to get ready for work."

*Amabel Tsao*

# Hispanic Region Inaugurates Radio Adventista Los Angeles

It took six years of planning by Oscar Garcia, a pastor in the Southern California Conference, to create an online radio station. On April 11, more than 1,800 church members came together at the White Memorial church in Los Angeles for an inauguration service for Radio Adventista Los Angeles (RALA), an online radio station.

Garcia and other leaders praised God that He had made it possible for this project to become a reality. RALA began in collaboration with the SCC Communication Department, led by Betty Cooney, director, and is supported by SCC Hispanic Region director, Pastor Luis Peña. "As a result," said Garcia, "the members that make up this region can have a radio station that will contribute to the preaching of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 24 hours a day. The station offers a variety of programming which will allow access for promotions of different programs for SCC Hispanic churches."

Adalberto Gomez, a pastor and former radio station manager from El Salvador, spoke during the inauguration. "In October 1998, I was notified that I would be the director of the Adventist radio station in El Salvador that was being installed at that very moment," he said. "Three days later, we began broadcasting with eight cassettes and seven CDs, for four hours a day only. It remained that way for several weeks, with very little equipment. A radio leader visited one day, wanting to know why we were among the most listened-to radio stations! He was very surprised to see our limited equipment. God said: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.' (Zech. 4: 6)

"With your help, Radio Adventista Los Angeles will be a powerful instrument in the hands of God."

A steering committee of 10 oversees the work and planning of RALA. Two dozen volunteers already share their messages and music with joy as they are training and working as online broadcasters, publishers and developers. These individuals devote their time to broadcasting online for several hours a day. (Access the



(L. to r.) Elizabeth Fuentes, Maritza Padilla, Sergio Cortez, Rafael Jimenez, Lito Zepeda, Pastor Luis Peña, Pastor Oscar Garcia, Erika Lazo, Pastor Saul Aispuro and Marcela Paniagua.

station through [www.radioadventistala.org](http://www.radioadventistala.org) and through the Adventist Radio Los Angeles app, which can be downloaded from iTunes (for iPhones) and Play Store (for Androids). "It is our prayer and vision that God will bless these efforts and that, in the near future, we can also establish a broadcast radio frequency for the glory of God and to continue spreading the gospel of salvation," said Garcia.

"To be a part of Radio Adventista Los Angeles is a great responsibility," said Gloria Huerta, one of the station presenters. "It is also a dream come true to have the opportunity to create your own niche and record programming not only for Adventist listeners, but for anyone tuning in to learn about healthy lifestyles, about the mercy and love of God and to reach out to anyone struggling with life's issues." Huerta's presentations focus on nutrition and health.



Marcela Paniagua is one of two dozen volunteers for Radio Adventista Los Angeles.

"Radio Adventista Los Angeles is a virtual radio station that was established with a dual purpose," said Garcia. "The first purpose is to reach out to the Southern California Hispanic community with the good news of the gospel. Secondly, though, it will serve as the voice and the means of communication between the Hispanic Region and the 54 Spanish-speaking congregations here in Southern California area."

Myrna Garcia

# Adventist Health News Notes

## Raffoul Appointed President of WMMC



*John Raffoul, White Memorial Medical Center President & CEO.*

John Raffoul, DPA, FACHE, was appointed president and CEO of White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles. Raffoul has been managing the day-to-day operations of WMMC as chief operating officer since March 2014 and assumed his new position on March 1. Raffoul has more than 26 years of experience and service at WMMC, starting his career as an accountant in the Finance Department. Through his determination and hard work, Raffoul eventually became the chief financial officer. He has continued to successfully lead and improve the hospital's financial standing, and is now ready to serve as the next president and CEO of WMMC. He holds a doctorate in public administration from the University of La Verne, a master's degree in finance from the University of California, San Bernardino, and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Loma Linda University.

## Teddy Bear Clinic Brightens Hospital Stays

White Memorial Adventist School youngsters learn coping through WMMC's annual Child Life Month Teddy Bear Clinic in its Pediatric

Playroom. WMMC has two Child Life Specialists who are trained professionals with expertise in helping children and their families overcome the challenges of hospitalization, illness and disability. Because children process information of the world around them much differently than adults, managing the effects of stress and trauma is also distinctly different. Without the assistance of a professional who understands their unique perspective, children of all ages may experience emotions such as fear, shame, confusion and loneliness, which can inhibit their natural development, and have lasting negative effects on their wellbeing.



*Students from White Memorial Adventist School visit White Memorial Medical Center.*

## Castle Receives Malcolm Baldrige Award

Castle Medical Center was recognized with the "Oihana Maika'i," the state-level Malcolm Baldrige award from the Hawaii Award of Excellence, Hawaii Section of the American Society for Quality. State-level awards such

as the Hawaii Award of Excellence use the same Baldrige criteria and methodology as the national award which is presented by the President of the United States each year to organizations that are judged to be outstanding in seven areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer service; knowledge management; human resources; process management and results. Applicants are required to submit a 50-page document outlining their efforts in these seven areas. Applicants who demonstrate clearly defined processes and superior results are selected for site visits.

*Jenni Glass*



*The leadership team at Castle Medical Center accepts the Oihana Maika'i award.*

*Ricardo Graham (right) pours oil into the hand of Debbie Moreno (left), CNO at Lodi Memorial Hospital.*



*Kevin Erich, president and CEO of Feather River Hospital, pours oil into the hand of Karen Scott, CNO at Howard Memorial Hospital.*

# Adventist Health Hosts Second Annual Mission Day



**A**dventist Health's mission focuses on whole-person care, which means "sharing God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing." To help promote care that includes a spiritual, mission-focus, Adventist Health hosted its second annual Mission Day in Roseville, Calif., for the system's leaders.

"One of the greatest deficiencies in the U.S. workforce today is that people are not finding meaning and purpose in what they do. Our mission environment, predicated on sharing God's love, fosters and nurtures one's search for meaning and purpose," says Paul Crampton, assistant vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care.

The more than 150 attendees included chief executive officers, chief financial officers, patient care executives, chaplain directors as well as representatives from Cerner and Jones Lang LaSalle, two companies which are strategic partners, gathered to discuss spirituality in the workplace and staying grounded.

Crampton kicked off the event with a devotional. During the presentation, he shared a video of Adventist Health employee Scott Thibault's weight loss journey. Thibault's story demonstrates the connection



**Paul Crampton welcomes the attendees to the second annual Mission Day.**



**Paul Crampton, Adventist Health assistant vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care, with Jody Fry, International Institute for Spiritual Leadership.**

between physical and spiritual health. Adventist Health supports the journey to a better life by encouraging employees to live the life God wants them to live by creating a culture of health.

The event featured many speakers from across the system and Louis (Jody) Fry, Ph.D., International Institute for Spiritual Leadership. Fry spoke to the group about maximizing the triple bottom line (people, planet and performance excellence) through spiritual leadership.

Fry shared his personal testimony and how a few major life events that led him to author two books and travel around the world sharing the research and work he had done in the field of spiritual leadership.

"Satisfying these spiritual needs in the work place have been shown to positively influence employee well being, organizational commitment and productivity, social responsibility,

and other relevant performance excellence outcomes," said Fry. "This is the spiritual triple bottom line."

Linda Hanratty, RN, WCC, from Tillamook Regional Medical Center gave a testimony about living the mission by carrying for the wounds of homebound patients. She shared how she and others are ambassadors of care. And that she is blessed to be able to visit and work in the patient's home. Linda presented photos that helped tell her story, and how together we work as a team to build what God has intended for each patient.

During her presentation, Hanratty summed up the Adventist Health mission in this way, "Our mission and values provide a commission and we are missionaries in our communities." She continued, "We value each person and sometimes we get to bring them to the throne of grace."

The day-long event culminated with a special recommitment ceremony and blessing of the hands by Adventist Health chaplains who anointed each attendees hands as Ricardo Graham, Adventist Health board chair, led prayer.

"A spiritual environment and providing spiritual care services are not the same," said Crampton. "Anyone can provide spiritual care services. We believe God dwells among us because we actively and intentionally invite Him to be here. Ours is truly a healing environment because it cares for the whole person: body, mind and spirit."

*Jenni Glass*

# Retired Pastor Shares Beliefs at Fresno State University

On March 6, the department of philosophy at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) held a panel discussion to help inform both students and community members about three American born denominations, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Church of Christian Science, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Fresno State offers several classes each semester educating students about different world religions and the affect they have on society. Dr. Veena Howard currently teaches a class entitled "Religions of the Margins" and interaction through these discussions is one way Fresno State is educating students about these religions. The class, along with panel discussions, allows college students and professors alike to look at specific religions — which have

in one way or another had an impact on society — in a critical fashion.

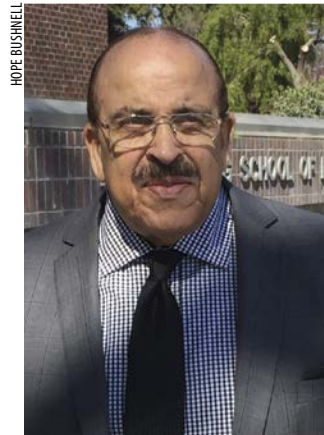
Each of the three churches were invited to have a guest sit on the panel. At the beginning of the event, each faith community was given 15 minutes to present its origins and basic beliefs. After opening remarks, the floor was opened for questions. "This allows the students to practice evaluating other beliefs," explains Howard.

Representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church was Art Bushnell, a former pastor and CCC conference evangelism director. "I talked about topics such as how we connect spirituality with our health message, the state of the dead, the rapture, and our belief in hell," says Bushnell. "They were quite interested in Adventist beliefs. Even when the event was over, several

people came up to me asking me different questions."

Both the members of the panel and event coordinators considered the event a success. "I thoroughly enjoyed it," concludes Bushnell. "I thought that the information was well taken."

Howard agrees. "Students appreciated being able to learn about these different views."



Pastor Art Bushnell represents the Seventh-day Adventist church for a panel discussion at Fresno State.

Gabriel Wiest

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# Vacation Bible School Recalls Last Year as It Prepares for Busy Season

Over the last year, at least 45 Central California churches have worked hard to develop effective Vacation Bible School programs in order to reach out to the children and adults in their communities. Organizers explain that VBS offers something for everyone in the church to do, making the annual program a very effective friendship ministry. In 2014, approximately 670 adults and 394 teens were able to share the love of Jesus with more than 2,500 children in Central. "This is a tremendous way to build friendships each summer," adds Rosa Gillham, director of children's ministry.

A number of churches take the program quite seriously. "VBS is no ordinary gathering of youngsters for one week in the summer," explains Sherry Pratt, children's ministry director at the Sonora church. The program starts with a weekend training event for the leaders, some of them as young as 12. Co-crew leaders are chosen from 10- or 11-year-old children, sometimes younger, and together they spend the weekend learning how to work together and are given instruction in leading their peers and younger children to Jesus. "Watching the youth grow into leaders is one of my greatest joys!" concludes Pratt.

The Caruthers church has a sizable outreach for neighborhood children. With an out-of-the-ordinary mission outreach project introduced during VBS, the neighborhood children bring offerings to provide prosthetics for those in need in Guatemala. "These kids are so poor, but they want to give to the mission project," says Pastor Victor Martinez. "They even go to their neighbors and collect nickels and dimes. We want to give them an experience that they could not have otherwise."

Other local churches host kick-off events, such as Mother's and Father's Day celebrations and children's health expos, inviting the



*There was no shortage of fun at the San Jose Hispanic church's VBS.*

community to experience a Christian environment and to learn about the teachings of Jesus. In one church, a little girl asked, "Are angels real?" Meanwhile, a father who had attended church irregularly said he was glad he had come.

Local church ministry leaders are also crucial to the event. Pastors take the opportunity to mix, mingle and lead; elders and their spouses team up to lead parenting discussions while the children attend VBS; and cooks help with feeding volunteers.

"Many lives have been changed," concludes Gillham. "Children are coming to church, as well as church school, and joining Pathfinders and Adventures as a result of VBS." Organizers encourage all Central members to pray for many more miracles during this coming VBS season and to get involved — one way or another — in ministering to people and leading them to Jesus.



*Fresno All Nations Korean church counts their first VBS a success.*

*Rosa Gillham*

# Japanese Camp Meeting Held at Camp Wawona

**O**n April 17-19, more than 200 attendees enjoyed spending time with old and new friends from all over California at the Japanese camp meeting amidst the majestic nature-scapes of Yosemite National Park at Camp Wawona. It had been six years since the last Japanese camp meeting was held in either Central or Northern California Conference.

Japanese camp meeting has an extensive history in the United States. "The first Seventh-day Adventist Japanese camp meeting was held in 1948," explains Phil Hiroshima, a participant from Northern California.

"Every other year, we have a combined Japanese camp meeting, reuniting Adventist Japanese churches mainly in California," continues Naofumi Nozawa, senior pastor at the Mountain View Japanese church. Because there is not a large percentage of Japanese or Japanese-American Adventists, this camp meeting is quite unique. It allows Japanese Adventists to unite together and address topics that are specifically needed in the Japanese community.

Two services were held during the camp meeting. Cesar DeLeon, ministerial director for



*Japanese camp meeting attendees spend time near Yosemite.*

Central California Conference, along with his wife, Carolann, spoke for the English service. Their theme, "Family in Jesus" was particularly

practical and relevant for the young people who attended, organizers said.

The guest speaker for the Japanese service was Tsutomu Inada, who serves as chaplain at Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin High School, an Adventist school in Japan. His presentations were based on the topic, "As An Adventist." He emphasized the need for believers to have love in their hearts, and to act on it as well.

Attendees came from the Adventist community of faith and beyond, including several people who had never participated in a church-based event. Andrew Watanabe, a CROSStrainer at the San Francisco Japanese church, was able to invite several people through a language community club in downtown San Francisco. One of them came and was able to learn a significant amount about what Adventists believe.

After breakfast on Sunday, participants embraced and prayed for each other, recommitting to their faith in Jesus as they departed Camp Wawona.

*Andrew Watanabe*



*More than 200 gather for the Japanese camp meeting.*



# Couple Reaches Out to Homeless Residents

It all started with a wedding where the vow “forsaking all others” was purposely omitted. Patrick and Linda Lampe had discussed this and actually wanted to “invite all others” (in need) to call them — day or night. The couple, currently members at the Hollister church, found that they had a similar desire to help the poor, homeless and addicted and began thinking of ways they could reach out to those in need. They passed out business cards with their name and phone number to encourage people to call, and then started serving meals at a nearby homeless camp. They ministered to the underserved, rain or shine.

Slowly, they won the trust of many who at first were skeptical. Linda Lampe is known as a good cook. She prepares more than 200 gourmet fellowship meals each week on her old van’s tailgate. She includes lots of love, prayers, GLOW tracts, and southern hospitality. Calling themselves “lostologists,” the Lampe’s say they go on “treasure hunts,” looking for people who need a friend.

They found one homeless woman laying face-down, suffering from alcoholism and severe sclerosis of the liver. They brought her home and provided for her physical needs. “Physicians were doubtful that she would survive,” recalls Lampe.



*Encouragement often means just as much as a hot meal to people living on the streets.*

“Today she is seven months sober and living permanently with us.” She works alongside the Lampes every day. Because of the genuine service and unconditional love the Lampes offer, the homeless community has given them a nickname — “True Life Christians.”

Though their income is limited to their Social Security checks, the couple says they trust God to provide through people who hear their appeals



*Linda Lampe believes God has called her to minister to homeless and underserved people.*

for sleeping bags, tents, tarps, clothes and hygiene items. Local law enforcement officials, who were also skeptical at first, now appreciate the Lampes, while physicians welcome Linda Lampe as an advocate.

Additionally, public defenders, probation officers and judges take seriously her appeals for a sentence of rehab rather than incarceration. The couple gives credit to the Holy Spirit. Thanks to their efforts, in less than a year, almost 30 people have been taken to drug and alcohol rehab facilities. The Lampes also work closely with the mayor’s office and the County Board of Supervisors, and are recognized as homeless advocates.

“It is so exciting when members move into ministry in which God opens amazing doors,” says Marlan Knittel, pastor of the Hollister church. “Not only have they made connections with the homeless, but with city leaders and other churches. I am thrilled they are following the example of Christ.”

In April, the Lampe’s stepped out in faith again. The couple rented a space in the basement of the town’s original hospital, located in the center of downtown. “My Father’s House,” as it will be called, will offer homeless residents a place to rest, get a shower and a change of clothing. The room is also large enough to facilitate Sabbath afternoon Bible studies, offering hope both for this world and for the world to come.

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# Charles White Remembers His Great-Grandparents, James and Ellen

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In June, Pastor Charles White will be leaving his post as senior pastor at the Camelback church in Phoenix, Ariz., to begin a new ministry telling the story of his great-grandparents, James and Ellen White.

The Arizona Conference has retained his services for six months so he can be available within the conference. Then he will continue taking appointments throughout the North American Division and beyond.

Arizona President Tony Anobile says, "Although we will miss the pastoral leadership of Charles and Dianne White at Camelback, we believe he has valuable truths to share about his family, especially his great-grandmother, who gave inspired directives to the Seventh-day Adventist Church from its beginnings. I have heard his presentations and know his audiences will gain a new love and respect for Ellen G. White as they learn how she was a real person,

called by God, who cared deeply for her growing family while leading the Adventist church."

White and his wife of 34 years, Dianne, have five grown children.

James and Ellen White had four boys. Henry died of pneumonia as a teenager. Little John Herbert

died at three months, leaving Edson and Willie.

Edson married but had no children. Willie married and had two daughters by his first wife, Mary Kelsey, who died after complications from an illness. His second wife, Ethel Mae Lacey White, who was nearly 20 years younger than him, had five more children with Willie.

Charles White's father, Francis, was the youngest of Willie and Mae's children. Charles has one younger sister, Elaine Garland.

During his lectures, White will share stories and personal family insights. His favorite story is about Willie and the lumber rafts, and provides a glimpse of the pioneers' practical missionary zeal.

"Willie was notorious for falling asleep when he was sitting on the platform during a meeting or church service," Charles White says. "I will share one of the most humorous incidents that centers on 'sleeping Willie' and my great-grandmother's explanation of why Willie was prone to sleeping in church.

"I will also talk about the three motivating forces behind Ellen White's broad-based ministry. It is my considered conviction that we as committed Adventists will greatly benefit from re-investing time in reading the writings of my great-grandmother, Ellen G. White."

Through the years, White has been invited to share his personal information regarding the



Pastor Charles White will retire from Camelback church in Phoenix, Ariz., in June to begin hosting Ellen G. White seminars.

White family. He has given Ellen G. White seminars at many camp meetings and has traveled to churches throughout North America and in other countries to talk about her ministry.

In 2013, Charles White was invited to be part of the Centennial Celebration at the White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles. In 2014, he was chosen to be the speaker for the 100th graduating class of Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

"It is my desire during the Ellen G. White seminars from my personal family history to be of benefit in making my great-grandmother's work more personal, better understood and accepted," says White.

The Arizona Conference is offering the opportunity during the last half of 2015 for Charles White to do this specialized ministry full-time. He will be available to churches, schools and other institutions within the Arizona Conference and beyond.

"My ministry has been, and continues to be, grace- and gospel-oriented," says White. "I am eternally thankful to God for His love, and the privilege He has given me in sharing the good news of salvation."

Phil Draper

CHARLES WHITE



Charles White's grandfather, Willie White, and his second wife, Ethel May Lacey White, had five children. Their youngest, Francis White, is front row left in the little chair. Francis is Charles' father.

# “By Beholding We Become” Celebrates 20 Years



*By Beholding We Become* volunteer staff includes (top, l. to r.) JoAnn Richmond, Sandy Smith, Ethel Shepherd; (bottom, l. to r.) Terry and Pauline Rogers.



Retired teacher Norman Severance volunteers for *By Beholding We Become* from his home.

As JoAnn and Jerry Richmond arrived for orientation classes at Eyman Complex in the Florence, Ariz., prison, attendees were asked to stand and state their name and ministry. When JoAnn's turn came, she gave her name and their ministry as 'By Beholding We Become.'

"I didn't know we had a ministry," said husband Jerry when she sat down.

"We do now," JoAnn replied.

Fellow Kingman church member Arnold Dyer had been praying for a woman volunteer to be a part of the local jail ministry — someone the incarcerated women could talk to — and he approached JoAnn.

"It was a big step for me," said Richmond. "I knew I wasn't chaplain material — couldn't quote text and didn't know much about jails and prisons. I soon realized that the incarcerated weren't just the 'bad people' I had thought, but were also God's children, and His hand was working in their lives. Yes, they needed to make restitution for wrongs done — sometimes very serious crimes. However, they needed to be assured they were not forsaken and forgotten."

A newsletter seemed like a good way to reach inmates, and in February 1995, the monthly newsletter, "By Beholding We Become," became a reality. With the help of many volunteers, more than 563,834 newsletters and pieces of Christian literature have been mailed as of March 2015 with 2,000 on the mailing list.

Inmates are able to request Bible study materials and books, including *Steps to Christ*, *Desire of Ages*, *Great Controversy*, *Signs*, the complete *Next Millennium* series, and other materials that will point them to Christ.

To have a free, monthly Christian newsletter sent to an inmate, send their name, inmate number and address to *By Beholding We Become*, P.O. Box 6095, Kingman, AZ 86402.

The only goal of this ministry is to let inmates know Jesus as a very real and special Friend, and thus becoming "Christlike" and inheriting eternal life with Him.

*Shirley Chipman*

# Summit Christian Academy Builds Future Scientists and Engineers

On April 12, 14 FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) teams from across the Pacific Northwest met at Walla Walla University to compete in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge. The Challenge was created by FIRST, a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders.

Preparation for the competition is intense. FIRST releases the details of the yearly challenge only three months prior to the competition, forcing the teams to learn to work well within a tight schedule. Starting shortly after Christmas vacation, the first-year Salt Lake City team had just 14 weeks to put everything together.

As “sport for the mind,” the FIRST Challenge changes yearly and has two major components: the project and the robot game. In addition, FIRST incorporates a set of core values, like gracious professionalism, cooperation and having fun, intended to help participants learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals.

Typical FLL teams typically consist of about 10 students, ages 9-14, several coaches/mentors and parents. The Summit Christian Academy team, SCA Utah LegoCy, had three coaches, eight students and several encouraging parents. The

team members came from three different schools in the Salt Lake City valley, including SCA.

This year’s project was to come up with an answer to the question: “What is a more innovative way to help someone learn to . . .” The team members settled democratically on a topic of helping people learn to “write code” better. Most of the team had never written computer code, so they needed to learn also.

As the team brainstormed about different solutions, they came up with a set of metrics to gauge them against, such as how interactive or convenient the solution would be. In the end, their solution was to create an artificial intelligence with an interface like Apple’s Siri that someone could ask in their native language to write the code for them, and the AI would create the code from existing libraries. The solution would allow someone to learn from what the AI created.

The robot game involves building a robot made from LEGO Mindstorms robotic components that

navigates a four-foot by eight-foot game board while performing various missions along the way. This year, the robot game had 14 missions for the robot to accomplish.

Once the team assembled the mission models and set up the board, they focused on building the robot and selecting and solving the individual missions. The coaches taught the team various skills and provided guidance when necessary but it was the team members themselves who built and designed the robot.

The team began by building several designs, but ultimately settled on a compact tank-tread design. One of the team members, Gavin Sherer, built an arm that converted rotary motion to linear motion and was used to open a door on the playing field. The programmer, Marissa Bergman, created a program for each mission the team solved.



Summit Christian Academy received a first place award for robot design.



Gavin Sherer and JC Griffon line up the robot during the robot game competition.

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**Team "LegoCy" of Summit Christian Academy participates in the FIRST competition at Walla Walla University.**

After 14 weeks of preparation, the team loaded their gear and headed to Walla Walla. The night before the competition, several professors and students gave the teams a tour of the engineering department. Former students, now team coaches, enjoyed watching their teams

scrambled to make sure they knew where the team needed to be during the busy competition schedule.

The team shared their project and demonstrated their core values in a team effort. The teams were instructed to all hold on to a stick and

learn a little about how engineers learn to be engineers.

At the competition, teams practiced with their robots on the competition tables. During the first practice session, the team learned that they could pick up a few more points with a quick build, so the team's builders, Tyler Sherer, Sean McBride and Joshua Case, got busy while the coaches

work together to guide a metal loop at the end of the stick along a bent booby trapped and tangled piece of wire, similar to Hasbro's Operation game. "We need to rotate the loop," or "Move toward Lance," JC Griffon, the team captain, would say as he guided the team over and around the bent wire. The team did well, but ultimately the buzzer sounded and it was done.

At the robot competition, the team operators, Griffon and Sherer, guided the robot through four of the 14 missions, resulting in a second place award. Between competitions, three judges evaluated the robot, earning the team the first place award for robot design.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team. They did a great job this year," said head coach McBride.

While the team did not move on to the next level, they all learned a little more about science, engineering and technology. They also learned how to have fun as a team.

*Lance McBride*

## Maranatha Pathfinders Shine at NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience



**Emmanuel Pathfinder Club team members Roberto Lopez, Carlos Rodriguez, Manuel Martinez, Erika Menchaca, Manuel Rodriguez (director), Leonardo Menchaca, Emerson Ventura, Josue Hernandez and Isamar Hernandez receive their first-place certificate at the NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience held in Keene, Texas, in April.**

Seven members of the Las Vegas Maranatha Spanish church Emmanuel Pathfinder Club studied the book of Matthew every Saturday for months in preparation for the 2015 NAD Pathfinder Bible Experience, April 17-18, in Keene, Texas. The team placed first.

"It was worth going to church every day to practice. God helped us remember everything that we had learned," said team member Erika Menchaca. "It was amazing to see how many people were involved in the Bible Experience and interested in reading the Word."

The team — Carlos Rodriguez, Manuel Martinez, Erika Menchaca, Leonardo Menchaca, Isamar Hernandez, Josue Hernandez, and Emerson Ventura — was successful at the Nevada-Utah Conference and Pacific Union levels, which landed them at the North American Division finals for the first time in the club's history.

Some of the team members flew to Texas, and others made the 2,500-mile round trip by car. Club director Jose Rodriguez and church youth leader Roberto Lopez coordinated the trip. Team members' families and church members in Las Vegas "attended" the competition via internet and large screen television.

When they returned from Texas, the church celebrated their hard work and success with a Sabbath fellowship meal, thanksgiving and congratulations.

*Mario Alvarado*

# La Sierra Enactus Team Finishes Second in Nation at U.S. Competition

La Sierra University's Enactus team finished second in the nation at the Enactus organization's United States National Championship, held in St. Louis, Mo., April 14-16. La Sierra's Enactus team reached the final four round after successfully completing three preliminary rounds of competition in this year's event. Nearly 200 colleges and universities sent Enactus teams to this year's national competition. The Brigham Young University-Hawaii team was named the 2015 Enactus U.S. champions.

"It's a tremendous honor to be compared in this way to the best business students from across the United States," said Johnny Thomas, dean of the Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business. "Finishing as the number two Enactus team in the nation is an incredible accomplishment for our students, who have worked so hard to do important things both in the Riverside community and internationally. They are truly showing the rest of the world how business can be a tool for making the world a better place.

"This outstanding finish is due in part to the efforts of John Razzouk, our Sam Walton Faculty Fellow," Thomas added. "John worked many hours with our students to put together an outstanding Enactus team and series of projects this year."

"We have been remembered throughout the global Enactus organization as the team that brought a computer to the competition when others were still using flip charts, the team that developed long-term, multi-phase legacy projects when others were implementing one-day events," said Razzouk. "But this year, our students set a goal for themselves far more important than their placement in the competition. Led by team President Nick Feldkamp, our members committed to working to win the hard way, pushing ourselves in working on our projects while ensuring that we would communicate the details and outcomes with 100

percent clarity and transparency.

"From that first meeting at the start of the year through all that followed, we prayed that God would give us the strength to show the world what students can do, to show other teams what is possible, and show the most powerful business leaders in the world that success and integrity can go hand in hand," Razzouk continued. "We did not pray for a first place win. We prayed that God would help us take our important message all the way into the final round of competition. And we did.

"I will never forget the moment when that audience rose to their feet to celebrate what our students and students everywhere are capable of, what happens when Christ is the center of our team and our work," Razzouk concluded.

"Our students represented La Sierra University in an incredible way," said Randal Wisbey, university president. "Through their efforts, our Enactus team beautifully demonstrated all that we as a university have learned about service, and our campus' determination to see the world transformed."

Thirteen Enactus team members represented La Sierra University in St. Louis, including a five-member presentation team. La Sierra's Enactus team's report focused on the projects that the team has developed to use business practices to enhance communities. The projects included:



*Serena Chapman presents part of La Sierra's final round report at the 2015 Enactus U.S. National competition.*



*Xavier Watson delivers part of the La Sierra final round presentation at the Enactus U.S. competition. Chief executive officers of dozens of major U.S. corporations served as the judges in the final round, and placed La Sierra's Enactus team as the second in the nation out of nearly 200 colleges and universities competing at the event.*



*Along with being part of La Sierra's Enactus presentation team, Andrew Razinger received three scholarship awards at the National competition.*

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*Monnize Sobrinho presents part of the La Sierra University report during the final round of the Enactus U.S. National Competition.*



*Dozens of top United States corporations take advantage of the Enactus event to recruit top business talent to their teams. Nick Feldkamp, La Sierra Enactus president, and Xavier Watson visit with one of the many recruiters there.*

- **Mobile Fresh:** Enactus student partnered with Riverside’s Family Service Association to launch “Mobile Fresh,” a refurbished bus that now serves as a mobile grocery store. The bus makes regular visits to underserved areas of Riverside, making fresh, healthy produce and other foods available to lower income area residents. Serving more than 1,000 customers per month, the project has also lowered those customer’s food costs by 30 percent.
- **Cow Bank:** As part of a strong focus on sustainable projects, La Sierra Enactus has been operating a field station in Denkanikottai, India. Women in that region typically make \$2 per day, barely enough for food. La Sierra Enactus has established a cow bank, which loans cows to women in four villages, and has developed agreements with local milk wholesalers to purchase all the milk the women bring for sale. Every woman who has participated in the program has seen her income at least double, and none have defaulted on a loan during the two years of the project.

La Sierra University’s Enactus efforts also won a number of special recognition awards during the St. Louis competition. Enactus team member Andrew Ranzinger, a junior accounting and Spanish major, received three scholarship awards at the national completion. They are:

- The Enactus Service Leadership Award — Ranzinger is one of five students to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
- The RILA/Unilever Retail Scholarship — “Sponsored by Unilever and the Retail Industry Leaders Association, the purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to consider career opportunities in the retail industry and recognize one outstanding Enactus student who is planning to pursue a career within the industry.” Ranzinger receives a \$5,000 scholarship and also be recognized at a RILA event this coming winter. Also, the La Sierra University Enactus team gets a \$1,000 award.
- The Julie and Gwen Knapp Scholarship — Ranzinger receives a \$2,500 scholarship award.

La Sierra Enactus team received two top national prizes — from Unilever Enhancing Livelihoods competition and the Bright Future Project Partnership. The team will be bringing home two trophies and a total of \$14,500 in prizes. Both awards were for the Mobile Fresh initiative.

La Sierra University has a history of excellence in Enactus/SIFE competition. Along with the six previous U.S. titles, La Sierra has won the organization’s World Cup in 2002 and 2007. They are the only university to ever win the national title four consecutive years, putting together a string of successful appearances from 1994 to 1997.

*Larry Becker*



*Nick Feldkamp, La Sierra Enactus president, accepts one of two awards the La Sierra team won during the competition. The two awards brought \$14,500 to the team to help with future project development.*



*La Sierra University’s Enactus team celebrates after learning they made the final four of the Enactus national competition.*

# Alumni Celebrate the Pioneer Spirit at PUC Homecoming

Pacific Union College's alumni family numbers more than 26,000 people, and each individual makes an important impact in their own community. Each year, Honored Alumni awards are given to graduates who demonstrate the best of this pioneer spirit. Though they finished their college experience in different generations, each Honored Alumnus had something central in common: a passion for answering God's call to be a light in the world.

From April 17 to 19, alumni and friends of Pacific Union College gathered at "Our College on the Mountain" in Angwin, Calif., for homecoming weekend, recognizing the trails of service blazed by the many dedicated PUC graduates. During a weekend full of special events, eight individuals were recognized for their exemplary service with Honored Alumni and Honored Pioneer awards at a Friday evening dinner in their honor.

Adu Worku, M.A., M.S.L.S. Worku received the 2015 Honored Pioneer award, which is given to a non-graduate for exceptional service to the college, in recognition of his exceptional dedication to the power and freedom of education. The director of library services at PUC since 1985, Worku's path to the Nelson Memorial Library began in northwest Ethiopia, where his parents taught him an agrarian life. It took a freak accident to break the cycle of illiteracy for Worku.

Determined to learn, he completed eighth grade at the age of 22 and high school at the age of 26. He now holds two master's degrees from Andrews University and a master of library science from the University of Southern California.

A community leader, gifted musician, poet and author, Worku appreciates Christian education and has gifted that transformational education to others. The Worku-Jenber School in his home village in Ethiopia now educates thousands of boys and girls, providing them access to brighter futures because of this pioneer's generosity and determination.

In addition to the Honored Pioneer award, PUC recognized seven alumni for their outstanding accomplishments and service.

The first recipient of this year's Pioneer award was recognized for authoritative understanding of history's challenges and intricacies. Stanley Payne, Ph.D., '55, is a respected historian, prolific author, and the leading scholar on the study of modern Spain and European fascism. Inspired by professor of history Walter C. Utt, Ph.D., Payne pursued the life of the academic and received his doctorate at Columbia University. He has published more than 30 books, written countless articles, and retired as professor emeritus at Wisconsin Madison in 2005.

Jerold Beeve, M.D., '61, and his wife Dorothy (Dunscombe) Beeve, R.N., '63 were honored together for bringing clear sight to those in darkness. "God works miracles," Jerry Beeve said as he accepted the award. "He puts the right people in the right places when you need them."

The Beeves have been the right people for tens of thousands of individuals living in Fiji who were unable to work, care for their families, or receive an education because of problems with their vision. Since 1990, this gifted ophthalmologist and first-class nurse and organizer have touched the lives of the residents of an island nation they first visited on their 25th wedding anniversary. They've performed more than 2,000 surgeries, provided 27,000 eye exams, and distributed more than 26,000 pairs of glasses. The Beeves have dedicated their time, resources, and expertise through the Beeve Foundation for World Eye and Health, an organization they founded in 1990. They'll next head to Fiji in August with a group of equally passionate volunteers they've recruited.

Judith (Olson) Aitken, R.N., '65, is another example of the gospel in action. The PUC nursing graduate is passionate about helping the people of Southeast Asia in all walks of life know God and experience His grace and love. She first worked as a nurse on the border of Thailand and Cambodia, and then with an evangelistic



VIPs break ground on the Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History and Research & Media Center.





**PUC Honored Pioneers (left to right): Norman Low, Carolyn (Lai) Low, Stanley Payne, Dorothy (Dunscombe) Beeve, Jerold Beeve, Judith (Olson) Aitken, James Appel, and Adugnaw Worku.**

and medical organization called Projects Asia. She later worked as the refugee coordinator for Adventist Frontier Missions. Judy credits the Lord's leading for the beginnings of Adventist Southeast Asia Projects Ministry, which she founded in 1995. ASAP continues to support the spread of the gospel in Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar.

Aitken accepted the award "on behalf of all who have dedicated their lives to honoring God," as PUC President Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., presented her with the award in recognition of passionate ministry to the mind and spirit.

As Norman Low, '76, and Carolyn (Lai) Low, R.N., '74, received their Honored Alumni awards, they shared how they were inspired by Christ's ministry to both the physical and spiritual needs of others, often around food or meals. The Lows follow Christ's example while caring for others in their community, Norman as a gynecologist and fertility specialist and Carolyn as a nurse and administrator.

While the care they provide as medical professionals changes lives daily, they take their service to others further through generosity, friendship,

and a home-cooked meal as the organizers of Home Lunches, a program of the PUC Church. The Lows open their St. Helena home at least once a month, welcoming as many as 100 PUC students. With taste, culinary talent and listening ears, they have fed and supported thousands of college students who are far from their own family table.

The final Honored Alumni recipient was James Appel, M.D., who also spoke later in the evening for vespers. Appel attended PUC in 1994-1995, later graduating from Southern Adventist University and Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Now, he serves the medical needs of people living in remote and dangerous areas of Africa, displaying remarkable courage and compassion as he provides healing to those in desperate need of care. Currently working on new healthcare projects in rural Chad with his family, Appel most recently served at Cooper Adventist Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia, in the midst of the Ebola outbreak, braving exposure to provide healthcare and hope.

A weekend full of more opportunities to recognize the spirit of service and compassion found in the PUC family followed the Honored

Alumni and Pioneer dinner. Sabbath morning, David Trim, director of archives, statistics, and research at the General Conference, led a Sabbath school program about the origins of Adventism in California, Pacific Union College's history, and the first missionaries to Asia. Jon Dybdahl, Ph.D., '65, who was the recipient of the Honored Alumnus award in 2005, preached the Sabbath sermon.

In the afternoon, alumni and guests attended the groundbreaking of the Library Phase II project, a multi-million dollar renovation that will include the Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History and Research & Media Center. By the end of 2016, the Center will provide a 21st century space for research by Adventist scholars and Pacific Union College students. Saturday evening was also full, with a concert by the Wedgwood Trio, a retirement party for longtime business professor Lary Taylor and many other events.

See photos of the 2015 Homecoming Weekend Celebration at [www.puc.edu/homecoming-2015](http://www.puc.edu/homecoming-2015).

*Cambria Wheeler*

# California Adopts “Elimination” Standard of Religious Accommodation

**W**ith fear and trembling, you go speak to your manager to ask for Sabbaths off from work. “You want every Saturday off?” he asks with surprise. “I tell you what,” he replies. “I’ll give you three Saturdays off a month. I’ll meet you more than half way. After all, I have to give you reasonable accommodation. Three Saturdays a month is more than reasonable, don’t you think?”

This fictional conversation has taken place countless times in recent years. After a recent action of the California Fair Employment and Housing Council, it will be less common in the future.

Both Federal and California law have long required employers to provide “reasonable accommodation” for the religious beliefs and practices of workers. But there has been some confusion about the meaning of the term “reasonable.” It is, after all, rather vague. In a case brought by the Church State Council, and decided by the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in 1996, the court adopted the “elimination” standard. This means that for an accommodation to be reasonable, it must eliminate the conflict between the job requirement and the religious belief. In our conversation, the manager eliminated the conflict three weeks out of four, but not entirely. It is now clear that under California law, this is not “reasonable.”

In early May, the California Fair Employment and Housing Council met to consider revisions

to state regulations addressing employment discrimination. At the urging of Alan Reinach, director of the Church State Council, the FEHC voted changes to the regulations to adopt the “elimination” test of reasonable accommodation. “This is huge!” exclaimed Reinach. “This will greatly help church members seeking Sabbath accommodations, as well as people of all faiths who need religious accommodation.”

The FEHC also agreed to revise regulations weakly addressing employment applications, or what’s known as “pre-employment inquiries.” As Reinach testified, job applications have become a tool to screen out all those who are not available to work seven days a week. This impacts all persons of faith who wish to participate in regular weekly congregational worship. The existing regulation is weak. Reinach urged the FEHC to take a page from the disability regulations, and have employers ask only whether applicants are unavailable for reasons other than their religious observances.

Cases of failure to hire Sabbath-observers who are screened out in the application process has become a top priority of the Church State Council. If you or anyone you know has had such a problem recently, urge them to contact the Council immediately. There are very short time limits for preserving these claims. “A full court press is needed to remedy this problem, so that people of faith are given equal employment opportunities,” urges Reinach. Contact the Church State Council at: [secretary@churchstate.org](mailto:secretary@churchstate.org) or by calling 805-413-7396. The CSC website is [www.churchstate.org](http://www.churchstate.org).

\*By the way, the 1996 case that established the “elimination” test was filed on behalf of a dedicated Seventh-day Adventist who has long served as a church elder, and missionary, Kwasi Opoku-Boateng. The Council honored Opoku-Boateng at its banquet celebrating its 50th anniversary in September 2014.

*Alan J. Reinach, Esq.*



## CALENDARS

### Arizona

**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, special music, Steve Darmody (June 19-20). RV and camping reservations; Angie Blake, 928-445-2162; cabin reservations, Sandra Leski, 480-991-6777, ext. 147.

**SONSHINE MEDICAL MISSION** opportunity (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.

**\$100 SUMMER CAMP** Camp Yavapines begins with Adventure Camp and Junior I Camp (June 28-July 5). Online registration is available at azsdayouth.com or call 928-237-4568.

**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.

**CHINLE/KINLICHEE DISTRICT** Campout (July 24-26) Fluted Rock. Info: Pastor Dale Wolcott, 928-589-7210.

### Central California

**CHURCH TREASURER** and Clerk Training (June 28) Central California Conference, Clovis. Register at auditas@cccsda.org.

**CONFERENCE-WIDE HAM** Radio Training Drill (June 14) on the air. For info: Wendell, 559-310-7546.

**PRE-CAMP MEETING PRAYER** Walk (June 13) Soquel Conference Center. For info: Joyce, 559-696-3692.

### La Sierra University

**COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND** (June 12 to 14) Consecration service, Friday, June 12, 8 p.m., La Sierra University church; Baccalaureate service, Sabbath, June 13, 12 noon., La Sierra University church; Educator dedication, Sabbath, June 13, 3:30 p.m., La Sierra University church; HMS Richards Divinity School Consecration service, Sabbath, June 13, 4:30 p.m., Matheson; Commencement Concert, featuring performances by

graduating seniors, Sabbath, June 13, 6 p.m., La Sierra University church; Conferring of Degrees, Sunday, June 14, 8 a.m., Founders' Green on campus.

**SUMMER SESSION** begins June 15. For info: www.lasierra.edu/summer/.

### Northern California

**VBS & ALL-DAY CAMP** (June 15-19) Pleasant Hill church, 800 Grayson Road. Free Vacation Bible School program: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; afternoon camp: 12:30-4 p.m. Info, registration and cost: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/phvb.

**YOUTH RALLY** "Tradition & Technology," (June 20) 5-10 p.m. Golden Gate Academy, 3800 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Speaker, Eric Holness. Dynamic speaking, angelic music. After sundown: fun social with free food. Info: African American Ministries/Youth Ministries Departments, 925-603-5097.

**LOCAL CHURCH TREASURER** Training (June 28) 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Lunch provided. Info and RSVP: NCC Treasurer's Office, 925-603-5009.

**REDWOOD CAMP MEETING** (July 23-Aug. 1) See ad in Northern California Conference section. Info and registration: www.nccsda.com/redwood.

### Pacific Union College

**GENERAL STUDENT RECITALS** (June 2-3) 6 p.m., Paulin Hall. Student musicians share selections from their repertoire over a course of two evening recitals. Info: music@puc.edu, 707-965-6201.

**GRADUATION WEEKEND** (June 12-14). PUC's graduating seniors, family, and friends enjoy a weekend of celebration culminating in a ceremony in Commencement Grove, June 14, 9 a.m. Info: www.puc.edu/graduation.

**ENGLISH TEACHER** Workshop (June 15-19) Albion Retreat & Learning Center. Junior high and secondary English teacher workshop on the Mendocino Coast (1 academic credit). Info: www.puc.edu/albion.

**ELLEN G. WHITE CENTENNIAL** Legacy Conference (July 16-18). Celebrate the significance of Ellen White 100 years after her death. Ted Wilson speaks for Sabbath services. Info: www.puc.edu/egwlegacy.

**PACIFICQUEST** (July 19-24). Motivated students entering grades 6-8 enjoy a week of learning and fun. Info: www.puc.edu/pacificquest.



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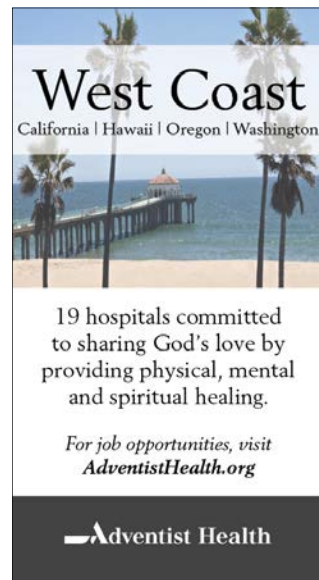


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**BAYBARZ, MYRON A.** – b. April 22, 1932, Williston, N.D.; d. Nov. 16, 2014, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: wife, “Del” Delphia; son, Daryl; daughter, Shauna Hall; three grandchildren.

*Correction:* **BESEL, HILMER WALTER** – b. July 2, 1915, Winnepig, Canada; d. Feb. 10, 2015, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Tanya Stotz, Sinka Michelle Razzouk, Radmila Bailey; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**BROWN, JAMES O.** – b. Oct. 19, 1931, Tomah, Wis.; d. Feb. 15, 2015, Oakhurst, Calif. Survivors: wife, Louise; step-son, Albert Shear; step-daughters, Christine and Katherine Shear; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**BRUMER, URS MARKUS** – b. May 7, 1946, Winterthur, Switzerland; d. Dec. 14, 2014, Yerka, Calif. Survivors: wife, Darlene; son, Marcus; daughter, Stephanie Davis, Carrie Valdes; five

grandchildren. Served as a surgeon in Mt. Shasta, Calif., Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital, Hangzhou, China.

**CARBALLO, BARBARA A.** – b. July 24, 1937, Bloomville, Ohio; d. Dec. 7, 2014, Reno, Nev. Survivors: daughter, Kelly Villa; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

*Correction:* **CHINN, STANLEY G.** – b. July 29, 1928, 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.

**COOK, MARSHA (NEY)** – b. July 31, 1950, Modesto, Calif.; d. March 28, 2015, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Charles; son, Curtis; daughter, Julie Smith; six grandchildren.

**COTTRELL, DALE** – b. March 28, 1917, Goldfield, Nev.; d. Feb. 10, 2015, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Janice M. Tomlinson, Patti J. Grant; grandchildren, Sherri Starr, Gary Starr, Gina M. Copeland, Contessa J. Tomlinson; two great-grandchildren. Served in Adventist and public schools in San Bernardino and Riverside, Calif.

**EDBERG, ELWIN** – b. Oct. 10, 1922, Jamestown, N.Y.; d. Dec. 23, 2014, Long Beach, Calif. Survivors: sons, Gary,

John; daughters, Linda Maguire, Kathy Schickle; seven grandchildren.

**ELSTON, JOHN GODFREY** – b. Oct. 1, 1914, Pocatello, Idaho; d. April 28, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, John Wayne; daughter, Debbie Helene Ewing; one grandchild; six great-grandchildren.

**ELTING, KATHRYN SARAH (BARNETT)** – b. Sept. 5, 1925, Grand Haven, Mich.; d. Feb. 5, 2015, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: sons, Bill and Fred Cash; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served with her husband, Robert, in South America, academy teacher, church organist, and Bible worker.

*Correction:* **FISCHER, ROBERT M.** – b. Nov. 16, 1932, Covina, Calif.; d. Nov. 22, 2014, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Sandra; sons, Randy, Steve; daughters, Linda, Cheryl; 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

**FRTZ, LEONA C.** – b. Jan. 30, 1915, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; d. March 20, 2015, Littleton, Colo. Survivors: sons, Donald, Ronald, Robert; daughters, Donna and Shirley; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

**FROST, ALAN BARNETT** – b. Oct. 19, 1942, Sacramento, Calif.; d. Jan. 9, 2015, Merlin, Ore. Survivors: wife, Ginny; daughter, Alana Murphy; one grandchild. Started auto mechanics program at Pioneer Valley Academy, assistant

boys’ dean, managed the boiler house; and served at Pacific Union College several years in various capacities.

**FRYER, BETTY A. HAGOOD** – b. Jan. 26, 1925, Hanging Langford, England; d. March 27, 2015, Fortuna, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ted; son, Fred Shoales; daughters, Elizabeth Gwin, Linda Shamblin; five grandchildren.

**GEARING, MARCELINE (SKEEN)** – b. June 23, 1928, Birmingham, Ala.; d. March 6, 2015, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Leroy; son, James; three grandchildren.

**HARDCASTLE, FRANCES GERTRUDE (GERATY)** – b. March 29, 1916, San Francisco, Calif.; d. Feb. 28, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Richard; daughter, Donna; sister, Jean Gard. Served as a missionary to Africa for five years as a nurse.

**HENKES, MARVIN D.** – b. May 28, 1934, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada; d. Feb. 18, 2015, San Bernardino, Calif. Survivors: grandchildren; great-grandchildren; cousin, Willard.

**HIEB, RUTH ANN (JOHNSON)** – b. Dec. 23, 1913, Hutchinson, Minn.; d. Dec. 15, 2014, Las Vegas, Nev. Survivors: son, David; two grandchildren; brother, David O. Johnson; sisters, Diane Vyskocil, Bernelda Barksdale, Evelyn Swanson. Served as a secretary in Loma Linda

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**KIGER, MICHELE SUSAN** — b. Aug. 23, 1953, Tokyo, Japan; d. Jan. 14, 2015, Richmond, Va. Survivors: sisters, Mary Ann Kiger, Martha Kiger-Nelson (Dick); niece, Mara Guillon. Served as a discharge planner at St. Helena Hospital.

**KULP, EVA BEULAH MAE FOSTER** — b. June 21, 1924, Merced, Calif.; d. April 14, 2015, Caldwell, Idaho. Survivors: sons, Dallas, Leslie; daughters, Peggy Bacon, Susan Mellinger, Maxine Sales; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; brother, Herber Foster; sister, Wilda Southerland.

**LEWIS-WEIS, JANET** — b. July 31, 1953, Abilene, Kan.; d. March 30, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Janette; grandson, Jeffrey; mother, Clara Roundy.

**LUONG, BOI** — b. Jan. 17, 1944, Nha Trang, Vietnam; d. Jan. 6, 2015, San Bernardino, Calif.; Survivors: wife, Thiep; sons, Hoai, Khanh, Phu, Ninh; six grandchildren.

**OVERTON-MCINTYRE, LUCILLE M. (WENDELL)** — b. July 21, 1925, South Lancaster, Mass.; d. Feb. 20, 2015, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert Overton, Walter Overton; stepsons, Lee McIntyre, Fred McIntyre, David McIntyre; daughters, Elaine Overton-Larsen, Jeanne Overton-Hudspeth; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Served for 70 years as church musician and choir director; blessed countless people with her music.

**POTTS, ROGER** — b. Oct. 31, 1956, Yuba City, Calif.; d. Jan. 18, 2015, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: wife, Robin; daughters, Starry, Autumn, Heather.

**REIBER, CLIFFORD D.** — b. Dec. 12, 1923, Penawawah, Wash.; d. March 24, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Gregory, Nicholas, Michael; daughter, Sandra Kay; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**RODACKER, DARLENE B. (ISAAK)** — b. Feb. 12, 1932, Forbes, N.D.; d. Jan. 10, 2015, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: husband, Virgil; son, Tom; daughters, Kristi, Beth, Edyth; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as

a teacher in the Adventist education system in Shafter, Escondido and Oakdale, Calif.

**SAMPLE, LAURA RUTH (KURTZ)** — b. Sept. 30, 1921, Spiritwood, N.D.; d. Jan. 7, 2015, Crescent City, Calif. Survivors: sons, Jerry, Larry, William; daughters, Linda Kirk, Laurie Jenson; six grandchildren; brother, Leon Kurtz.

**SMITH, PATRICIA MARILYN** — June 11, 1928, Oakland, Calif.; d. March 17, 2015, Redding, Calif. Survivors: husband, Lauren; son, Russ; daughters, Linda, Jan; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

**SELVARAJ, JOSEPH V.** — b. June 1, 1945, Pune, India; d. April 22, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Priscilla; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; brothers, Sam Vedamony, Elwyn Vedamony; sisters, Leela Job, Florence Pragasam. Served as Bible and history teacher at Spicer College and then became internal medicine physician.

**SHIDLOVSKY, SUE** — b. Feb. 12, 1920, Grand Prairie, Texas; d. March 3, 2015, Azaela, Ore. Survivors: son, Nick; daughter, Ann Shidlovsky Parker; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

**SONNENFELD, ANNE RUTH (FINK-BEINER)** — b. May 4, 1921, Rosco, S.D.; d. March 24, 2015, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Susan McCleary, Lori Bluestein; one grandchild.

**WEBER, IONE LAVELLE** — b. Sept. 26, 1933, National City, Calif.; d. March 6, 2015, Palm Desert, Calif. Survivors: husband, Rollin; sons, Barry, Kirk, Scott; daughter, Pama Lynn Broeckel; 10 grandchildren; brother, Jack Weber.

**WOODSON, SANDRA ANN** — b. Nov. 18, 1949, Minden, La.; d. March 31, 2015, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: husband, Henry; son, Shepard; daughter, Yvanna Wheeler; four grandchildren; mother, Ella Gorrell; sisters, Joyce Diggs, Iledia Hess.

**ZANE, THEODORA** — b. Oct. 31, 1915, Langden, Alberta, Canada; d. March 15, 2015, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

## SUNSETS

|                | June 5 | June 12 | June 19 | June 26 |
|----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Alturas        | 8:32   | 8:36    | 8:39    | 8:40    |
| Angwin         | 8:31   | 8:34    | 8:37    | 8:38    |
| Calexico       | 7:47   | 7:50    | 7:52    | 7:53    |
| Chico          | 8:32   | 8:36    | 8:38    | 8:39    |
| Eureka         | 8:45   | 8:48    | 8:51    | 8:52    |
| Fresno         | 8:15   | 8:18    | 8:20    | 8:21    |
| Hilo           | 6:58   | 7:00    | 7:02    | 7:03    |
| Honolulu       | 7:11   | 7:14    | 7:15    | 7:17    |
| Las Vegas      | 7:55   | 7:58    | 8:00    | 8:01    |
| Lodi           | 8:25   | 8:28    | 8:31    | 8:32    |
| Loma Linda     | 7:58   | 8:01    | 8:03    | 8:04    |
| Los Angeles    | 8:02   | 8:05    | 8:07    | 8:08    |
| Moab           | 8:38   | 8:42    | 8:44    | 8:45    |
| Oakland        | 8:27   | 8:31    | 8:33    | 8:34    |
| Phoenix        | 7:35   | 7:38    | 7:40    | 7:41    |
| Reno           | 8:23   | 8:27    | 8:29    | 8:30    |
| Riverside      | 7:58   | 8:01    | 8:03    | 8:04    |
| Sacramento     | 8:27   | 8:30    | 8:33    | 8:34    |
| Salt Lake City | 8:55   | 8:59    | 9:01    | 9:02    |
| San Diego      | 7:54   | 7:57    | 7:59    | 8:00    |
| San Francisco  | 8:28   | 8:32    | 8:34    | 8:35    |
| San Jose       | 8:25   | 8:28    | 8:31    | 8:32    |
| Tucson         | 7:27   | 7:30    | 7:33    | 7:34    |



# 10 WEEKS FOR **BOLD PRAYERS**

- ◀ **God honors bold prayers and bold prayers honor God.**
- ◀ **Pray for God's world church that His hand will be over all and His will made clear.**
- ◀ **Pray that we will be led to keep our focus on God's mission for His church.**



*Our Mission for these 10 weeks: First of all, I'm urging all our people to pray - that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made ... for all who are in authority. 1 Tim 2:1, 2*

## THE PLAN

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| April 19 - 25    | Atlantic Union                 |
| April 26 - May 2 | Columbia Union                 |
| May 3 - 9        | Lake Union                     |
| May 10 - 16      | Mid-America Union              |
| May 17 - 23      | North Pacific Union            |
| May 24 - 30      | Pacific Union                  |
| May 31 - June 6  | SDA Church in Canada           |
| June 7 - 13      | Southern Union                 |
| June 14 - 20     | Southwestern Union             |
| June 21 - 27     | All nine North American Unions |

In just a few weeks the leaders of our church will gather in Texas for two extraordinary events. First is the Pastors' Convention, June 28 - July 1, in Austin, where more than 3,500 North American Division pastors will gather, and that is followed by the General Conference Session in San Antonio, a gathering which meets only every five years. We believe God is calling us to intense intercession for these two historic conferences.

During the week that your Union is listed above please pray for our pastors, church administrators, and for the delegates who will be gathering from all around the world. Pray that our pastors will be re-ignited and re-equipped for effectiveness in ministry. Pray that God will have His way in the decisions that will be made and the work of the Nominating Committee during the General Conference Session which will follow.

Also, below there is a list of the world Divisions of our church plus the Israel Field and the General Conference. During your week please pray for those who will be attending from those areas, too, perhaps two or three fields each day.

*World Divisions - Focus for our prayers:*

North America  
Inter America  
South America  
Trans-European  
Inter-European

Middle East & North Africa  
Israel Field  
West-Central Africa  
East-Central Africa  
Southern Africa & Indian Ocean  
Euro-Asia

Northern Asia Pacific  
Southern Asia Pacific  
Southern Asia  
South Pacific  
General Conference Leadership  
& delegates