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Vietnamese girls from the community who attend the El Monte Vietnamese church language school, performed a folk dance at the translators' meeting.

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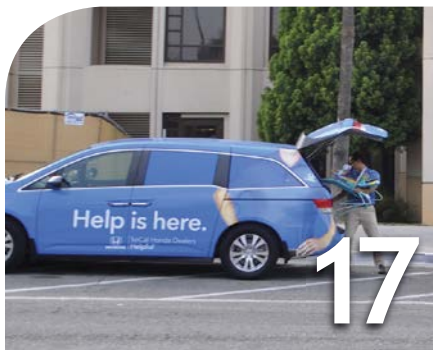
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Four Words

Recently, Audrey and I were on a trip when we saw a teenager wearing a T-shirt that had the words "Dedication, Discipline, Determination, Desire" printed on the back. It was inspiration on the spot.

We engaged the young man in a brief conversation and found that the words underlined the athletic aspirations of his high school sports program.

As we walked away from the encounter, Audrey and I discussed how those word concepts could be viewed and applied to a Christian worldview.

As Christians, we desire to please the Lord, who has provided everything for our eternal salvation. This desire arises from the realization that He first loved us (1 John 4:19). "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so" is true and is based on the consistent revelation of the Bible. It reflects the powerful truth of John 3:16, perhaps the most recognized passage in all the Bible: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God's love for us is presented in the gift of Jesus, the Savior of the world (John 4:42), who lived, died, rose from the grave and ministers for us today in the heavenly sanctuary. His ministry includes character transformation: changing our characters misshapen by sin to reflect His pure and holy character. This is salvation.

Ellen White tells us: "To those who thus yield themselves to God, having an honest desire to know and to do His will, the truth is revealed as the power of God for their salvation" (*Desire of Ages*, p. 456).

As we daily surrender to God, He accepts our imperfect obedience as a token of our love in return to Him, sanctifying it by His sacrifice.

Love is the basis for Christianity. Loving God and loving each other is significant to our salvation. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35, NIV). This is also true in our soul winning work.

As Christians, our highest and most complete dedication or devotion is to the Lord. This dedication results in the prioritization of our lives. As Jesus recommended in Matthew 6:33, we are directed to seek the kingdom of the Lord as our priority.

In seeking the kingdom, we are actually seeking the King of the kingdom, Christ Himself. It is this dedication that God accepts. And our dedication leads us to accept the task of Jesus, which He spelled out in broad terms: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV).

Discipline is training and teaching. Being focused on Jesus, we seek His discipline or His teaching and training as superior to any ideals or ideology of purely human origin. This comes in following His example, learning His principles and intentionally attempting to reflect His righteousness by the indwelling of His Spirit.

I have found that becoming a disciple of Jesus is a continuous process, including justification and sanctification that results in glorification when He comes and changes us physically to match our inward change of character (see 1 Corinthians 15:5-57).

Then there is determination, a steadfast decision or resolve to follow a predetermined course. Our Savior was determined to be victorious in His battle with the evil one. He will give us a determination to overcome the evil one in these last hours of earth's history.

"Therefore, since the Messiah suffered in a mortal body, you, too, must arm yourselves with the same determination, because the person who has suffered in a mortal body has stopped sinning, so that he can live the rest of his mortal life guided, not by human desires, but by the will of God (1 Peter 4:1-2, ISV).

To arrive at a determination regarding anything can be a multifaceted experience that reaps a multitude of rewards. I believe that to make a decided determination to live for Jesus is the most powerful experience of all, and it is an exercise of choice. Not only does it marshal the powers of the human will, it allies human beings with God.

This the devil will not only resist but he will fight against mightily, knowing that those who fully surrender to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit become invincible. And remember: our victory is assured, because Jesus, the Captain of the Lord's hosts, has already vanquished our enemy. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28, KJV).

God gifts us with desire, dedication, discipline and determination. These words are inspirational to high school athletes and to growing, overcoming Christians. As we surrender our wills to Him, He builds us up with these characteristics that result in salvation, total and complete. Letting Him have His way is the only way to salvation. We cannot earn it; it is a full and complete gift. Let's receive the gift and live in the power of Jesus today. He is coming soon to take the victorious home forever. Stay close to Him.



Ricardo Graham

Union Executive Committee Takes Care of Business

The Pacific Union Executive Committee met Thursday, March 17, and opened with a devotional message from Berit von Pohle, director of education, in which the committee considered some of the important questions posed by Jesus to his disciples — and their relevance to our mission and ministry. Dr. von Pohle then led the committee in a season of prayer, after which the committee turned to the agenda of reports and new business.

New Members

The first item of business was a vote to add two new members to the Executive Committee: Bob Moskiman to replace Shannon Skelton from the Nevada-Utah Conference and Robin Park to replace Dean Horinouchi from the Southeastern California Conference.

Credentials and Studies

An early and important item of business concerned the granting of credentials, licenses, and participation in academic programs. The committee approved two ministers for ordination: Lee Junseok and William Sellers, both from the Southern California Conference. Lauren Armstrong received an affirmative vote as a communication intern for the Southern California Conference, and Christiana Parris was promoted from senior accountant to assistant treasurer of the Pacific Union.

Ministerial credentials were approved for Reim Vetne and Stephane Beaulieu from Pacific Union College and for Tony Anobile, Virgil Childs and Ray Tetz from Pacific Union. A ministerial license was voted for Andrew B. Dormus from La Sierra University, and a missionary credential was voted for Dana Pottle, Western Adventist Foundation.

The committee voted that five individuals could be working on Doctor of Ministry degrees: Carlos Garcia and Jerry Nelson from the Central California Conference; Rudolph Peters from the Northern California Conference; and Vinh Nguyen and John Strehle from the Southern California Conference. In addition, Elina Camarena, Miguel Mendez and Pedro

Rascon, all from the Southeastern California Conference, were approved for the Andrews MAP MIN program, and Rochelle Webster, also from Southeastern California, was approved for the La Sierra MTS program.

Four candidates received emeritus ministerial credentials: Charles White, Arizona Conference; Duane H. Anderson, Southeastern California Conference; and Eliseo Briseno and Shirley Ponder, Southeastern California Conference.

The recommendation from the Southern California Conference to approve the annulment of the ordination of Sung Min Lee was also affirmed. In light of his resignation from the Nevada-Utah Conference, Charlie Whitehorse was released from the assignment of Native American Ministries coordinator for the Pacific Union.

Evangelism Endowment

The committee then acted on recommendations from the Evangelism Endowment Committee for eight distinctive and innovative outreach projects: Community of Refuge, \$15,000; THRIVE Las Vegas, \$35,000; UC Berkeley Campus Outreach, \$20,800; Bridges Initiative 2016, \$65,000; House of Hope in Santa Ana, \$15,000; OC Lighthouse Revival, \$15,000; the WHOLE Conference, \$12,000; and an initiative on Adventist Fundamental Beliefs in the Muslim Context, \$12,000.



Treasurer Ted Benson

Financial Report

Ted Benson, treasurer, presented the financial report. Benson noted with gratitude, “God is at work in the Pacific Union, and we can see his blessing in the fact that our Creative Evangelism budget for 2015 was about \$600,000 and yet we were able to fund over \$1.2 million for evangelism projects without impacting other programs.”



Vice President Tony Anobile

Reports

During the course of the meeting, the committee received and accepted a number of summary reports, including those from the president, executive secretary, vice president, treasurer, La Sierra University, Church Support Services, education and Hispanic Ministries. In other business, Capital Reversion Fund requests were approved for Regional Ministries, Asian/Pacific Ministries and Hispanic Ministries, and the delegates for the La Sierra University constituency session were approved.

Three subcommittees presented reports and generated passionate and animated discussion. Tony Anobile, vice president, reported on the work of the Evangelism and Retention Committee saying, “One of the most important things that we learned in our discussion is that we need to be willing to allow for new and creative

ways of reaching people with the good news of the gospel. The days of 'one size fits all' are gone. When the methods we employ don't yield satisfactory results, there needs to be a real sense that it's OK to try something different."



Executive Secretary Brad Newton

Executive Secretary Brad Newton led the Spiritual Renewal Committee. "The Spiritual

Renewal Committee focused on renewing our love of reading of the Bible and prayerfully responding to the message in our own lives. It is the intention of this committee to share this experience with those in our circle of influence in our churches and conferences."

President Ricardo Graham worked with the Leadership Committee and presented their report. "If the building is on fire, you listen to the one sounding the alarm. Leadership doesn't always come from the top. Our sacred task is to identify and affirm those that God is calling and using to build up the church — and to actively and prayerfully cooperate with His purposes."

In the final business of the day, the Executive Committee members were advised of the process to evaluate the four union officers and the three ethnic coordinators of the Pacific Union, according to Article VII – Section 1-B of the Pacific Union Conference Bylaws. After assisting the selection of a chairperson to coordinate the process, the four union officers and three ethnic coordinators retired from the room so that this evaluation assessment could be discussed, and a process for evaluation and assessment was affirmed. Once this work was completed, the



President Ricardo Graham

seven returned, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee will be held May 18 at La Sierra University.

Ray Tetz

Ministry Training Event Draws 200+

Adventist WestPoint, an annual Pacific Union-sponsored ministry training event for pastors and leaders, drew 230-some attendees this year. Pastors, chaplains, evangelists, departmental leaders, students



Fylvia Kline presents a Tuesday morning seminar called, "Become Everyone's Favorite Church."

and others gathered March 27-30 in Ventura, Calif., for the three-day event, which offered inspiration, networking and training for ministry.

WestPoint "was wonderful and inspiring," writes Cynthia Williams, a member of the San Francisco Philadelphian church and the Central California Conference Executive Committee. "I appreciate how well organized this conference always is. Thanks to the sponsors for their support and picking up the expense of the meals, which were delicious. I will be encouraging members in Area 1 of CCC to begin planning now to attend 2017."

Video from plenary sessions and seminars will be available online soon. Visit adventist-westpoint.org for more information.

The next Adventist WestPoint is scheduled for April 16-19, 2017, at the Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center in Sacramento, Calif.

Alicia Adams



Seth Yelorda, executive pastor of the Mt. Rubidoux church, teaches attendees how to create systems that support discipleship.

Calexico Student Experiences Growth, Observes Results After Just Claim It Event in Ontario

Fermin Morales was one of more than 800 teenagers who attended the North American Division's Just Claim It World Youth Prayer Congress Feb. 17-20. The weekend event, hosted by the Southeastern California Conference and the Pacific Union, was held at the Ontario Convention Center.



Fermin Morales

Morales, a senior at Calexico Mission School, and 38 other Calexico students joined teens from all across the country, along with teens from India and Mexico, to learn more about prayer and return home changed, as better leaders and better Christians.

While this was a high-energy youth event, there was clearly a dedicated intent to engage

teens in effective prayer techniques. Prayer stations were set up throughout the convention center that guided in different facets of a healthy prayer life, such as a gratitude graffiti wall, a world map with information on mission projects to pray for, a place to exchange notes for intercessory prayer, a multisensory prayer room for profound, one-on-one time with God and a station dedicated to praying for families of the victims of the San Bernardino shooting, which happened not many miles from the convention center.

General sessions were presented each day by speakers such as Shantel Smith, assistant chaplain at Pacific Union College; Kumar Dixit, Oakridge church pastor in Vancouver, British Columbia; Manny Arteaga, Kaléo church pastor in Monrovia, Calif.; Garret Speyer, youth motivational speaker; and Gilbert Cangy, General Conference youth director. After each session, teens divided into small groups to discuss in depth the topics that were presented.

Morales had held leadership positions at Calexico Mission School, such as class pastor, secretary and treasurer, as well as Student Association president for two years. So when he was encouraged to attend JCI with his fellow leaders and classmates, he readily agreed.

"I was excited right away. I'd been to leadership camps and other events that were a lot of fun, but I heard JCI was



Meshach Soli, associate pastor at the Beaumont church, speaks Sabbath afternoon for JCIS in Ontario.

going to be much bigger with people from around the world," said Morales.

Little did he know the magnitude of spiritual growth he was about to experience.

The Friday before JCI, Steve Case of Involve Youth contacted Teresa Alvarez-Diaz, Calexico Mission School's ESL, art and computer teacher and SA sponsor. Case was looking for attendees who might be interested in arriving a day early to train as small group leaders for their peers during the breakouts after the general sessions. Morales was one of the first people she approached with this opportunity.

"The training was fun, and it wasn't intimidating, but I did wonder: Do I really want to do this? Do I want to be the one who helps



PHOTO BY TENNO MULLER



Gilbert Cangy, General Conference youth director, spoke on Saturday at the Just Claim It prayer conference.

communicate the word of God or will I get distracted with other things?" asked Morales. "But I got more relaxed when we basically did a mock-up of what was going to happen in the small groups, and we went through an actual Bible study as part of the training."

By Thursday morning, the beginning of the event, Morales and one other peer leader took charge of their 10-15 randomly grouped teens who would stay together for the duration of the conference, ensuring that they built new friendships rather than seeing only the people they came with.

"The tricky part was trying to connect all these individuals who were so different. They didn't really know each other yet, and that was the first thing that concerned us," said Morales. "How do we get a group of teenagers to get comfortable sharing things you wouldn't ordinarily share with strangers?"

"I'll admit that the first session was a little bit awkward as we tried to get icebreaker activities going. We moved into the discussion part, but it was mostly just my co-leader and me talking."

By the second session it became easier for Morales and his co-leader, and by Friday they felt renewed. "I didn't hesitate to participate," Morales said. "We made adjustments with our icebreakers and did

Watch a recap of the experiences of teens that attended JCI's by scanning the QR code.



activities that involved trust, working toward a common goal.

"Then we transitioned into the religious aspect, and people had more questions and thoughts to share. Four more from our group started sharing what they felt about the world and about God."

By now it was clear to Morales that the small group method of developing friendships was working. "I would see our group talking out in the halls between sessions. Some were even praying together."

And the growth didn't stop there. "The next morning I felt a big weight off my shoulders. I felt God was listening the whole time, and it was definitely a new sense of calmness."

Upon returning home, Morales noticed little differences on the campus at Calexico Mission School that made it evident this experience had a lasting effect.

"I'm noticing people being nicer, treating others with more respect, especially at school programs," he said. "And in the hallways, I can hear people singing the songs we learned at JCI."

"And I've changed, myself," he continued. "I pray more throughout the day, even if it's just little thoughts. I'm trying to be more spiritually connected."

"At JCI, there was so much diversity, not just in ethnicity but in what everyone had been through. It was powerful because we were all there for the same purpose. So I hope we continue to push the boundaries to spread the word of God. And we have to keep doing [JCI events] to keep this movement going. Just one event doesn't keep it going forever."

As a mentor for Morales, Alvarez-Diaz agrees. "This kind of depth in spiritual growth isn't always possible in weekly

PHOTO BY MELODY GEORGE



Daniel Jackson, president of the North American Division, thanks the students who served as leaders of the small groups held during the Just Claim It prayer conference.



Youth gathered in the prayer room after Friday night's last session.



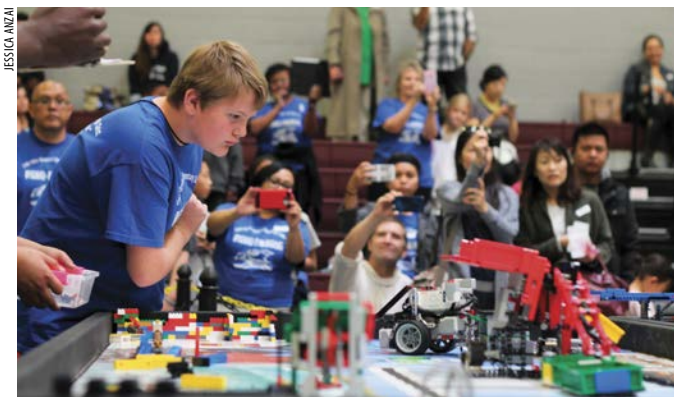
Packets are put together for outdoor ministry. This included toiletries and other items that are not always easily accessible for the homeless.

Bible classes or youth groups. That's why we need special events like JCI."

And for hundreds of teenagers like Morales, reaching that depth has unearthed a spring of renewal and confidence in Christian identity.

The next Just Claim It Prayer Conference will be in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in early 2018.

Amy Prindle



Joseph Pennock (5th grade) from Linda Vista Elementary concentrates as the team's robot, B.U.D., completes a recycling mission. B.U.D. has to be preprogrammed just right; otherwise it will stray off course and lose the team points.



Team Masterminds from Loma Linda Academy watches as their robot completes a mission successfully.

LEGO Robots Take Over School Campus for Robotics League

Students programmed LEGO robots to move on their own, using light and color sensors on March 14 at the Adventist Robotics League at Loma Linda Academy, hosted by the Southeastern California Conference. There were 22 teams from 12 schools in the Southeastern and Southern California conferences that gathered for the event, themed “Trash Trek Trash to Treasure.”

Teams programmed their robots to maneuver LEGO “trash” around an obstacle course on the table, showing the process of how methane, plastic bags and food are recycled or disposed. Then they had creatures, such as a LEGO octopus and chicken, return to their respective places on the table. It’s not a simple task — building and training robots started in early September of last year.

Each team was tested in the morning on three categories: robot design (how they erected their robot and why they designed it in the way they did); core values (how the team worked together); and project (what they would do with trash).

Clean Machines, Thunder Muffins and Black Eyed Pandas were just some of the creative team names. Members of each team learned they had to depend on one another to accomplish their goals.

“We know our coaches don’t always know the answers, so we have to learn to work together,” said 11-year-old Joseph Pennock, a fifth-grade

student at Linda Vista Adventist Elementary School. His team, Robo Falcons, created a trash horse sculpture vacuum meant to make picking up trash at the beach and park more fun.

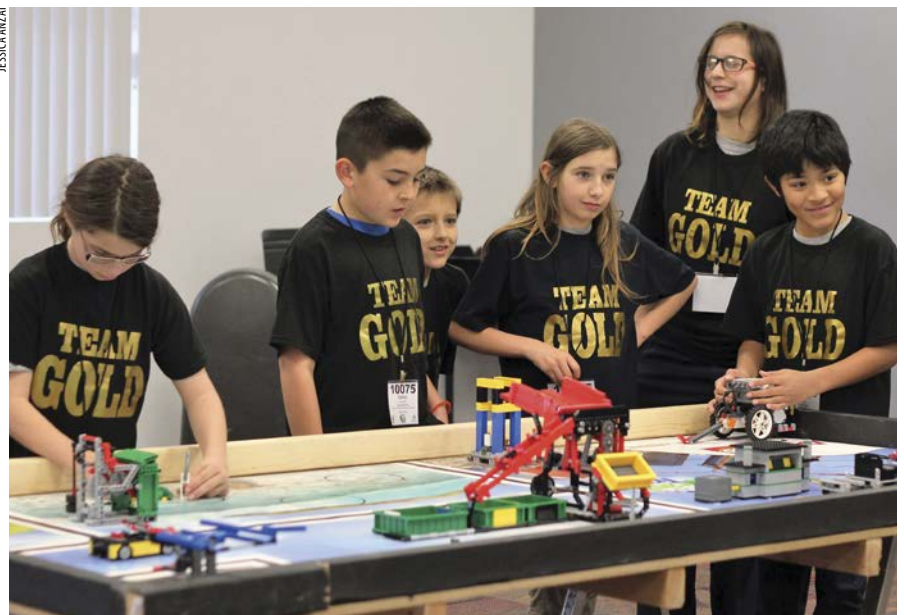
The competition was based on a concept called core values and gracious professionalism. Students competed to solve a problem, but at the same time were expected to treat each other with respect.

Charles McKinstry, volunteer judge and former property trust and services

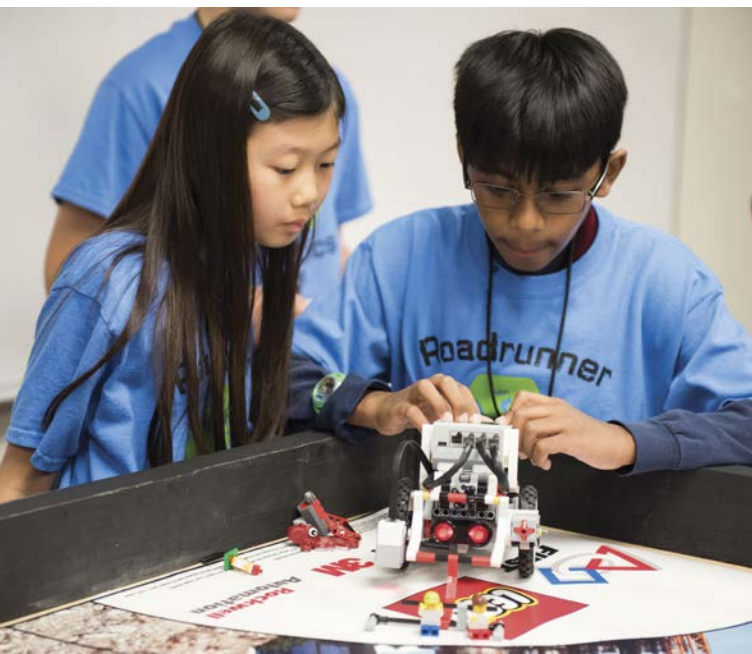
director at SECC, asked each team, “How is good sportsmanship different from gracious professionalism?”

“Good sportsmanship is not booing another team,” 12-year-old Joshua Zavala, a seventh-grade student from Linda Vista Adventist Elementary School, answered, “and gracious professionalism is ‘at least we tried and did our best.’”

Judges evaluated creative design, presentation and how well the team



Team Gold, from Adventist Christian School in Ridgecrest, listens to their critique during a morning presentation. The team had to demonstrate the different things their robot could do in front of three judges.



Roadrunner Robotics from Loma Linda Academy prepare to show what their robot can do during one of the morning presentations.

(From left) Carlos Campos and Chad Fikstad from Mesa Grande Academy program their robot for its next mission. Their team, Robogears, was one of the four teams that won a trophy.

worked together. Teri Boyatt, retired SECC associate superintendent of education, was a judge for robot design.

“So much work goes into the design sensors,” Boyatt said, “and one robot had five detachments — very impressive.”

The afternoon was filled with suspense as the championships started. Four teams competed at the same time against the clock. During each round, the teams’ robots had to complete missions as accurately as possible. After three

rounds, the team with the highest overall score won. Each team member contributed to making the robot perform at its best.

“I planned the demolition mission,” said 10-year-old Carlos Campos, a fourth-grade student at Mesa Grande Academy. His team, Robogears, met every Thursday after school. Carlos and his 9-year-old teammate Chad Fikstad, both experienced in the LEGO world, executed one round, scoring the team 386 points.

“I’ve been building LEGO sets since I was very young,” Chad said. “I have a police set at home.”

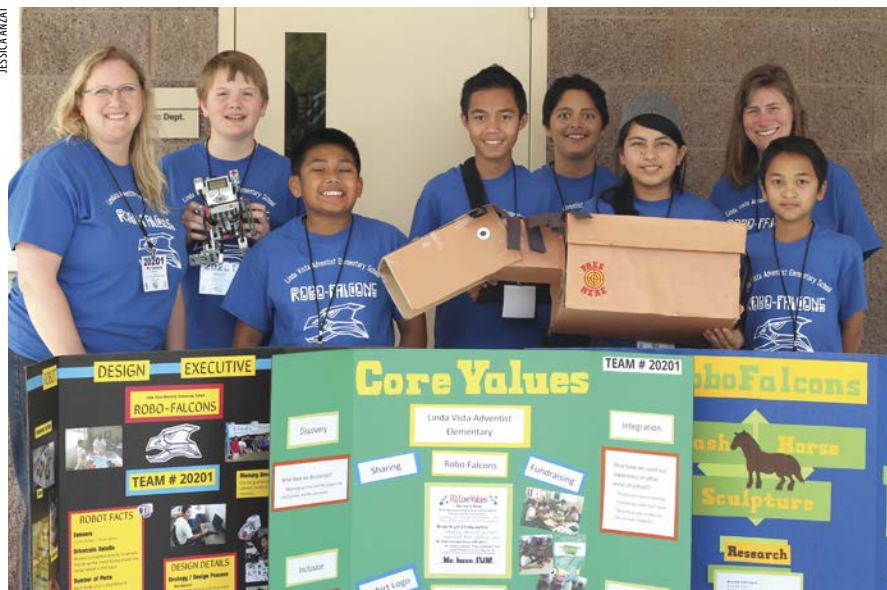
Parents filled the stands with their cameras, camcorders, cell phones on selfie-sticks and iPads. Cheers erupted from the crowd every time a team completed a mission successfully. One parent, Sharon Legaspi, knows how important robotics class is for her son.

“This program made him focus more in school,” Legaspi said. Her son, Shaun Legaspi, is part of Robo Falcons from Linda Vista. Shaun’s relatives are involved with his LEGO interest as well: his grandfather buys him LEGO sets when he scores 100 percent on tests.

At the end of the event, there were three overall champions. One team, the Roadrunner Robotics from Loma Linda Academy, received an invitation to compete with the top California teams at Sacramento Adventist Academy on May 1.

Beverly Bucknor, associate superintendent of education for SECC, understands the importance of having the Adventist Robotics League.

“In this country, science and math do not always seem to be the strong areas in education, and we want to change that perception,” Bucknor said. “This is a good way to use toys as an educational tool, which can lead into something that will benefit mankind later.”



This was Linda Vista Elementary’s first year participating in the tournament. (From left): Heidi Pennock, sponsor; Joseph Pennock, 5th grade; Jordan Baguioso, 5th grade; Harley Cahilig, 7th grade; Joshua Zavala, 7th grade; Andrea Frausto, 7th grade; Anne Blech, sponsor; and Shaun Legaspi, 6th grade.

Jessica Anzai

University's First Homeschool Day Draws 200

How many of you like bugs?" asked biologist Lloyd Trueblood as he set a plastic container on a table in a classroom at La Sierra University. "How many of you like cockroaches?"

A couple of youngsters tentatively raised their hands from among a gathering of about 15-20 children and their parents at La Sierra's Price Science Complex. They were among roughly 200 participants in the university's inaugural Homeschool Day on Feb. 24, an event designed for the regional homeschool community with workshops and seminars by more than 30 presenters.

In Trueblood's neuroscience workshop, squeamishness melted into fascination as he began his demonstration. Using live cockroaches housed in the plastic container, he gave his audience a lesson in nerve function using a small electronic device called a Neuron SpikerBox and a smartphone app. Created by a company called Backyard Brains, the SpikerBox uses smartphone and computer apps to help youth better understand neuroscience by allowing them to hear and see the functioning of neurons in insects and other invertebrates.

With his audience gathered around the table, Trueblood demonstrated how to remove a leg from a cockroach after first placing the insect in ice water to anesthetize the creature. He then

pushed electrode pins into the tiny leg that had been placed on the SpikerBox corkboard and attached a sound cable from the box to his smartphone.

With the Backyard Brains app opened, the students were able to see nerves at work. Lines on the phone screen shot upward showing nerve activity, much like the lines on an earthquake graph. With additional cables connected to the recording electrodes, he played a song on the phone and the insect's leg moved to the vibrations of the bass. As he carried out the demonstration, he talked about the ways in which nerves function and described how cockroaches will grow new legs if they are removed.

The demonstration was a hit with homeschool parent Yvana Bluhm's sons, Isaac, age 7, and Nathan, age 11. "The hands-on aspect has captured their attention," Bluhm said. "The kids are so excited about science."

Among the Homeschool Day offerings were a simulated archaeological dig, a 3D printing demonstration, a graphic design workshop, a forensic science demonstration, a robotics workshop, and a living history enactment at the historic San Pasqual schoolhouse.

The days' activities included tours of the archaeological museum, World Museum of Natural History, Brandstater Gallery, university library and the university campus.

A panel discussion in the School of Education featured four homeschool parents and one La Sierra University student who had been homeschooled prior to enrolling in college. The panelists talked about the benefits and challenges of educating children at home.

"Really, the big reason for us is flexibility," said Nikki Miller who is in her seventh year of homeschooling four boys. The family derives



Professor of Biology Lloyd Trueblood shows Homeschool Day attendees how to use a Neuron SpikerBox device and a phone app to make an insect leg move.

much of its learning from nature and from literature. She said her sons also learn from traveling — the family has been to Norway and Sweden, affording an opportunity for comprehensive study about those countries.

Kim Knowlton, assistant professor of Health and Exercise Science at La Sierra, homeschooled three boys for 12 years. She advised homeschool parents to "have an experience that fits your child." She said she also liked the scheduling flexibility of homeschooling.

La Sierra University senior Kristen Brummett talked about the closeness she developed with her three brothers, including one that is her twin, during their years learning at home. She said her education involved a lot of reading of literature, science textbooks, and the Bible. The large amount of reading prepared her for college, Brummett said. "Homeschool is a great option. I loved it."

La Sierra's School of Education and Department of Curriculum and Instruction organized Homeschool Day.

"This is the first time La Sierra University is hosting a teaching and learning conference specifically for the homeschool community," said Keith Drieberg, department chair. "This is important for the university, as our mission is rooted in inquiry, learning and service. We believe in the commitment and sacrifice these families make in the lives of their children."

Darla Martin Tucker



Sandy Balli, former La Sierra University School of Education professor plays the role of a pioneer schoolteacher in the historic San Pasqual schoolhouse during La Sierra's first Homeschool Day.

LivingWell in the Blue Zone

After months of hard work by LivingWell committee members, Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii, has been recognized as the first Blue Zones Project Approved worksite in Hawaii. The project complements Adventist Health's LivingWell program to help people live longer, healthier lives and promotes change in communities to make them better places to live.

The Blue Zones Project developed from the 2008 book "The Blue Zones," which identified five regions where people reach age 100 at rates 10 times greater than in the United States as a whole.* Now the organization works to develop Blue Zones in workplaces and communities across the country.

"Castle Medical Center shares many of the same values as one of the world's original Blue Zones in Loma Linda, California," said Kathy Raethel, president and CEO of CMC. "We believe the Blue Zones Project offers the tools and resources to make meaningful improvements to the health, happiness and longevity of everyone in our community."

Adventist Health's LivingWell employee wellness program goes hand in hand with the Blue Zones initiative as it challenges and supports employees in their journey to healthy living. LivingWell offers onsite biometric screenings, weight management and nutrition coaching, tobacco cessation, onsite fitness classes and access to dietitians or personal trainers.



Moani Wright-Van Alst, Communication Resource manager, Hawaii Medical Service Association; Cherie Andrade, Blue Zones Project Koolauapoko Community Program manager; Suzanne Asaro, director of Rehab, Joint Care & Bariatric Services; Laura Westphal, vice president of Patient Care; Kathy Raethel, president & CEO; Nicole Kerr, director of Wellness & Lifestyle Medicine; Ruby Hayasaka, director of Nutritional Services; Travis Clegg, vice president of operations; and Heidi Kim, vice president, Blue Zones Project Hawaii.

In addition to its LivingWell program, CMC was selected as a Blue Zone based on several other initiatives. The vegetarian bistro, healthy vending machine options and food labeled "Blue Zone Project Inspired" give employees a variety of healthy choices at mealtime. For special events and meetings, CMC also developed guidelines to encourage healthier snacking. In the office, employees with desk jobs are offered ergonomic workstations for healthier working. A group of 209 employees also took the Blue Zones personal pledge to be more intentional about finding ways to get active and make healthy choices.

In March, CMC hosted a Blue Zone recognition ceremony in which guests could sample healthy appetizers and blend their own smoothies using "blender bikes." Raethel and Cherie Andrade, community program manager of Blue Zones Project Koolauapoko, performed a maile lei untying ceremony akin to a ribbon-cutting, signifying the beginning of CMC becoming a Blue Zone worksite.

"To have the support of Castle Medical Center as the first Blue Zones Project Approved worksite in Koolauapoko** demonstrates how committed the hospital is toward improving the health and well-being of the members of our community," said Andrade. "Partnering with the only primary health care facility in Windward Oahu will continue to strengthen Blue Zones Project's goal of helping people live longer, healthier, happier lives."

Shelby Seibold



LivingWell Dee Hearn, Respiratory Care, blends up a smoothie on the blender bike.

*www.bluezones.com/2014/03/blue-zones-history

**Koolauapoko is a region of northern Oahu.

Weekend Program Celebrates Christian Education in SCC

A weekend planned to help students of San Gabriel Academy develop a vision of the mission of the world church expanded to include young people in schools throughout the Southern California Conference. "Nowhere does the work of finishing God's work rest

more heavily than on the young people of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," said San Gabriel Academy Principal Paul Negrete. "The work of teachers and administrators, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, is to communicate this vision to their students and instill in them the desire to

be key players in the mission of Christ. Educators are continually looking for ways to encourage their students in becoming messengers for God."

Over a year ago, the administrative team of San Gabriel Academy sat down together to discuss ways that would help its students develop a vision of the mission of the world church and people who might bring this mission to life. Who better, some asked, would describe that mission than the president of the General Conference?

What resulted from the discussion was a call to, and a visit from, Ted and Nancy Wilson to the students of SGA and to the young people of SCC.

The Wilsons spent Friday evening, Feb. 26, on the campus of San Gabriel Academy. Ted Wilson had attended SGA's elementary school for a brief time in the third grade and, during the evening, he and Nancy strolled up the street to the house he and his family had lived in more than 55 years earlier. After dinner on the school lawn with SGA's faculty and staff, the Wilsons met with the students and their families in the gymnasium for a program filled with music, conversations with the students and Elder Wilson's message, entitled "Ambassadors for Christ."



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(L. to r.) Michael Flores, Nohely Melenciano, Hannah Decolongon, a trio of students from Glendale Adventist Academy.



Melvir Ausente directs San Gabriel Academy orchestra and joint school chorales including SGA, LAAG and area ensembles and church choirs in the closing number.

In a very personal way, he encouraged the students to understand their mission in being part of Christ's team.

"One of our goals has been to include parents and families in the student vesper programs planned by the Student Association," said Kevin Becerra, religious vice president. "Elder Wilson's visit changed my life. I'll never forget this weekend."

The following day, Wilson's visit included many students from around the Southern California Conference. Coordinated by San Gabriel Academy and hosted at the White Memorial Church in Los Angeles, choral groups from a number of SCC schools participated in an inspiring Education Sabbath program.

All academies throughout the conference were invited to participate in the music of both the Sabbath school and church services. The SGA orchestra and chorale and chorales from Los Angeles Adventist Academy, San Fernando Academy and San Gabriel Academy performed, as did a vocal trio from Glendale Adventist Academy. Principals from surrounding academies as well as from K-8 schools, such as East Valley Adventist School, San Gabriel Academy Elementary and White Memorial Adventist School, took part in the program.

Velino Salazar, Southern California Conference president, and the other conference administrative officers welcomed Wilson and his wife. During Sabbath school, Harold Crook, superintendent of education for the SCC, focused on the relevance of Adventist education in the lives of young people. The highlight of the morning was a showcase of how the schools and their students are working to accomplish the work of the Seventh-day Adventist church in their communities.

After a few honorary presentations to the Wilsons, a special unveiling took place. Through the generosity of donors, the North American Division made available "The Blessed Hope," a 40" x 60" painting by Nathan Greene, to every academy in the North American Division upon



(L. to r.) John Aitken II, SGA Board chair; Harold Crook, SCC Superintendent of Education; Ted N. C. Wilson, president, General Conference; look on as Paul Negrete, SGA principal, accepts painting of the Second Coming for San Gabriel Academy.



Velino A. Salazar, SCC president, speaks as SCC officers (on right, l. to r.) James Cress, executive secretary; James G. Lee Jr., vice president; and Sung H. Oh, recently retired treasurer; unroll a copy of the conference anniversary mural presented to Ted and Nancy Wilson.

request. San Gabriel Academy had the privilege of being the first school to receive and unveil this painting for this special event. The painting will be prominently displayed for SGA students to see each day as they enter school and are reminded of the hope that is theirs in Christ.

"Build God's Church," Wilson's message for the day, was a call to the young people of urban Los Angeles communities to go into their schools and neighborhoods and into all the world to finish the work that Christ began.

"It was an exciting and special event," said Jenny Peruch, a freshman at San Fernando Academy. "The fact that Elder Wilson cares enough to come to Southern California truly shows how supportive he is."

"Often times, our students need to be reminded that they are not alone in their Christian

walk," affirmed Jerlene Johnson-Thorne, principal of San Fernando Academy. "They witnessed their fellow classmates from other academies in the conference striving for the same purpose — to honor and glorify God. The Divine worship served as an opportunity for our students to further grow spiritually by utilizing their musical gifts, reaching out to the community and to further develop their relationship with God. We are so blessed to have people at the General Conference level who believe in Adventist education and support it."

The weekend services may be viewed at www.vimeo.com/ministry33.

Bonnie Iversen

SCC Translators Gather for Rally

Translators representing Southern California Conference churches preaching in more than a dozen languages gathered at the El Monte Vietnamese Mission Center on March 13. The group came together for a rally and translation information session for the Pathway to Health mega clinic scheduled in Los Angeles at the end of April.

The NAD Ministerial Department invited Pastor Vinh and Cynthia Nguyen, El Monte Vietnamese church, to play the leading role in visioning and pulling together the various language-group leaders to explore how their people could best be reached. Pastor Vinh worked with a team of Vietnamese young adults to assemble translators for the various languages to serve patients at the mega clinic.

The NAD Ministerial team and the Immigration Ministries Refugee Committee, Pathway to Health and SCC helped with funding for the language initiative. James G. Lee Jr., vice president, and Betty Cooney, SCC Communication director, worked with pastors and others from several language churches to translate the flyer for their various communities and to plan advertising.

NAD President Dan Jackson and Donna Jackson, Ministerial Spouses Association leader, attended the rally. "Last December Terri Saelee, NAD director of Refugee and Immigrant Adventist Ministries, and I began looking for a ministry project for NAD ministerial spouses," said Donna Jackson. "We eventually decided that the 2016 Your Best Pathways to Health in Los Angeles could be an effective way to collaborate to minister to immigrants and refugees. Little did we know that conference leaders already had had similar thoughts and that Vinh himself already was convicted that the Pathway event provided a key opportunity for reaching many language groups.

"Vinh pulled together a small team of highly gifted and mission-oriented young professionals from his church who created a terrific organizational flow, overseen by Jessica Trinh. They used the app "Slack," adapted for the work flow by Daniel Quach, to simultaneously communicate with all event leaders and managers, as well as interpreters. In addition to Trinh and Quach, Kristi Huynh and Moon Nguyen were actively involved in planning and organizing.

"At the rally," added Mrs. Jackson, "Quach and Trinh rolled out the organizational plan and app. The response from language-group leaders was positive and inspiring — evidence to me that God is leading us unitedly to share Christ's health and wholeness with His beloved children who have come to Los Angeles from many parts of the world."

Elder Jackson and Trinh led in a dedication prayer for the translators. Vinh shared the importance of reaching every language and people in L. A. "Pathway to Health is a powerful way we can reach people through the health message," he said.



Cynthia Ly Lan Nguyen, Jessica Trinh and Daniel Quach answer questions from the audience.

"In particular, I have been involved with helping get translated flyers out, and it really has been a blessing for me," reflected Quach. "This Pathway to Health experience enabled me to listen to stories of members from many of the various language churches in our conference. It reminded me that, despite all of us speaking different languages, we all have the goal to spread the gospel in the means we have possible."

"I see the Holy Spirit's potential to reach a vast array of hearts in the ethnically diverse city of Los Angeles," said Trinh. "Being able to speak a second language was an asset at Pathway to Health. If we just faithfully take hold of the opportunities in the work that lies nearest, by God's divine power, it can have a global impact."

Betty Cooney



Lucyana Panjaitan, an Indonesian translator, raises a question at the meeting. With her is her pastor, Eddy Kartagi. Front row, Pastor James Dok, Cambodian Center; 3rd row, Pastor Anatoliy Gurdaiala, Russian American church.

Temple City Women's Ministries Invites Widows "for Pampering"

"We invited the widows of our church, their relatives and friends to come and be pampered," said Connie Asli, who coordinated an event that cared for widows in special ways on Sunday, March 6, at the Temple City church.

Vi Bokermann, women's ministries director, explained the "why" of the event by pointing out that in the Bible she found two pages of Scripture referencing the need to take care of the widows and the fatherless. It also stressed the responsibility of the family to be involved in their care. "As a church," Bokermann reminded, "we are a family. What better way to let our widows know that we care than to use this day to demonstrate our caring. Some of the ladies had been widowed for a long time, some for a year or two and some as recently as a couple of weeks."

Rachel Leslie, the guest speaker, spoke tenderly about the relationship of Ruth and Naomi. Meal coordinators prepared a special buffet. Nancy Matute stressed the importance of exercising following a meal by demonstrating special chair exercises.

"It didn't take long for lines to form for manicures, facials, skin care, hairdos, hand and chair massages with heat — the works!" said Aisli. "Lynn Goh and Rachel Leslie, both medical professionals, had lines forming as they took blood pressures. Many guests were non-Adventists and were just amazed at how nice all the women were who assisted them.

"One guest expressed an interest in visiting our church, because she felt the warmth of our ladies," added Aisli. "One of the special gifts God has given the women in our church is the ability to show love and kindness. Women's ministries attempts to make outreach the focus of their ministry."

Once the last guests had left and Temple City church women reflected on the afternoon's activities, they realized what a blessing they themselves had received.

"We want to come back for future events," they said. "We want to share our experiences



Rachel Leslie brings a Bible story to life in her message to the widows.



Two stylists work on a guest.



A guest enjoys a facial.



Vi Bokermann, women's ministry leader, and Connie Aisli, widows' event coordinator.

so we can have the same event at our own churches."

"Ladies told me how glad they were that they had come," said Bokermann, "and how glad they were that they had received an invitation. One woman asked if she could see the inside of our church, as she was interested in attending our church and starting Bible studies."

Ministry leaders noted that their ministry to widows will continue during the year, as they plan to stay in touch with the women, set up a prayer and visitation group and give flowers or a plant when women lose their husbands.

"The purpose of our widows ministry is to reach and serve many underserved widows,"

explained Aisli. "Our goal is to empower widows to lean into the Lord, build resilience and release their potential to make a positive difference in surrounding community. Together, our goal is to change the face of widowhood by strengthening each other, sharing our knowledge and collectively gaining understanding of our Christian life."

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27).

Connie Aisli and Betty Cooney

Researchers Investigate How Choices Change DNA

A new piece of equipment at the Center for Genomics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine is allowing researchers to map the effects of lifestyle choices on health and longevity.

The recently acquired Illumina Seq 4000 doubles the number of DNA sequencers at the center. Considered trailblazing tools for unlocking the secrets of health and disease at the molecular level, the sequencers are enabling researchers to access the futuristic world of precision medicine.

According to Penelope Duerksen-Hughes, Ph.D., associate dean for basic sciences at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, good health habits can alter the genetic basis for a person's vitality.

"Every time a person takes a deep, calming breath, goes for a brisk walk in the evening, or decides to eat a juicy fresh peach, changes can occur in their body chemistry," she notes. "Some of these changes can be sensed almost immediately; for example, just think about how

you feel after you exercise. And especially if repeated over time, these actions may ultimately cause our tiny, but vital epigenetic tags to respond. The epigenome then adjusts expression of genes in response. Over time, choices and circumstances — wholeness — shape our overall health."

The center's first unit, an Illumina NextSeq 550 funded by a \$280,000 NIH grant, can sequence an entire human genome — the complete chromosomal set containing all inheritable traits of an organism — in just 1.5 days. Charles Wang, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., director of the Center for Genomics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, says earlier models took 11 or 12 days. "It's great for small projects and for testing research theories," he notes.

The new unit, the Illumina HiSeq 4000, is considerably more powerful. Wang says it allows researchers to carry out very large projects, including those utilizing data and specimens from the Adventist Health Studies to determine the effects of lifestyle on genetics and longevity.

It can sequence 12 whole human genomes in less than four days. Purchase of the \$1.1 million sequencer was made possible by gifts from the Ardmore Institute of Health and from Charles A. Sims, M.D.

"The second phase of the Adventist Health Studies," Duerksen-Hughes observes, "has tied inputs and outputs together, but DNA/RNA sequencing will allow us to learn which genes are being turned on or off, and to what degree. There are several interesting ways with which you can fish out the specifics of gene expression and this puts them at our fingertips. This is where it gets really exciting!"

Wang agrees. "Many exciting projects are planned using the gene sequencers. I am very happy with my decision to join the LLU family in 2013, and thrilled at what has been achieved so far. I hope the studies we have planned involving the new technologies will bring LLU into even higher visibility in the world of science."

James Ponder



Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., (right), president, Loma Linda University Health (LLUH), discusses the advanced research capabilities of the Illumina Seq 4000 DNA sequencer. Recently acquired by the Center for Genomics at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, the sequencer was purchased with funds donated by the Ardmore Institute of Health and Charles A. Sims, M.D. Pictured, from left: Kimberly Payne, Ph.D., director of translational research, LLUSM; Franklin House, M.D., board member, Ardmore Institute of Health; Penny Duerksen-Hughes, Ph.D., associate dean, LLUSM; and Charles Wang, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., director, LLUSM Center for Genomics.



A production crew films the Helpful Honda commercial that tells the story of Jennifer Gingras, a neonatal intensive care nurse at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

BRIANA PASTORINO

NICU Nurse's Story Featured as a 'Random Acts of Helpfulness'

"He's a little bigger now," giggles Jennifer Gingras, a nurse in Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, as she holds a photo of her baby in the NICU. Jennifer's story is featured in an ad that is being broadcast on TV and radio throughout Southern California.

Gingras submitted a letter through the Help Me Honda website, requesting items she and other neonatal intensive care (NICU) nurses needed. About three weeks later, she received a call from the Helpful Honda people stating they would fulfill her request.

Gingras decided to become a nurse 27 years ago after her own baby was treated at Loma Linda University Health in the NICU.

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital's NICU is featured in the latest Southern California Honda Dealer's "Random Acts of Helpfulness" campaign. The television commercial is the first to feature a hospital in the campaign. Both TV

and radio spots launched in mid-March and will run through May 1.

In the SoCal Honda commercial, the men and women in blue deliver three vanloads of equipment to the NICU, including specialized thermometers and stethoscopes, privacy screens, blankets, mobiles, bouncy seats and a rocking chair. All items are those that can be used by nurses and parents of babies being treated in the NICU.

"We are beyond grateful for the donations made by the SoCal Honda Dealers," said Tristine Bates, RN, director, LLUCH NICU. "The new equipment will definitely enhance our nurses' ability to provide quality patient care to their tiny patients and will provide parents with an extra sense of comfort."

"I couldn't believe it was actually happening," Gingras said. "We care for about 80 babies, and can always use more equipment."

"Her story perfectly embodies the spirit of Helpful Honda," said Lauren Kay, spokesperson for SoCal Honda Dealers, "giving back to an organization, in this case Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, that helped save her son 27 years ago, inspiring her to become a NICU nurse."

Since 2007, the SoCal Honda Dealers have been committed to lending a hand in the community and surprising residents with unexpected Random Acts of Helpfulness. Why? Because it's their job to be helpful — no strings attached.

Last year, the SoCal Honda Dealers began sharing their Random Acts of Helpfulness on TV to continue helping people who truly need a hand. Residents are encouraged to share a request for help through Help Me Honda, which is exactly what Gingras did.

The ad may be viewed at https://youtu.be/usTgk_8EZ2M.

Briana Pastorino

Churches Use CREATION Health to Reach Out to Their Communities

Churches throughout the Northern California Conference are discovering a variety of ways to use the CREATION Health lifestyle seminar, a faith-based wellness program from Florida Hospital. The program is based on the CREATION acronym: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal relationships, Outlook and Nutrition. The program can be adapted to fit each church's targeted audience.

Antioch

Antioch church members Kevin and Remy Albertsen have helped with seven different CREATION Health seminars at their church. Remy likes the seminar's emphasis on natural health. "We're trying to learn how to eat right," she said. And Kevin enjoys the social aspect, which has already led to one person attending their church regularly. "We've made a lot of friends through the program," he said. The Albertsens were so impressed by the program that they adapted the materials into a two-day seminar, which they presented in the Philippines.

Their home church has held the program at different times to accommodate people's schedules. One successful time slot was during the Sabbath school period. Participants came early to enjoy a healthy and hearty breakfast served by church members.



Antioch church member Remy Albertsen stands by a healthy breakfast buffet prepared for seminar participants.

Pittsburg

Pittsburg church member Kathy Batchelor is teaching her third CREATION Health seminar. Her class participants come from both the church and community.

"I now have a different outlook on nutrition and am applying the principles to my life," said community member Michelle Moorhead, who regularly attends.

During her first eight-week class, held on Wednesday evenings, Batchelor followed the program materials closely; however, in her current Sabbath morning class, she's placing more emphasis on small group discussion and participant questions.

She is pleased that her class is making a difference — in more ways than one. "People are coming on Sabbath morning who wouldn't typically come to church," she said. Two people in the class have been regularly staying for church each week.

Roseville

The Roseville church finished its second CREATION Health seminar in March, led by the church's health ministries coordinators, Linda and Ed Terry. A local physician and his wife, from a different denomination, attended many of the classes and were impressed. "They told me, 'I wish we had something like this in our church,'" said Linda, who volunteered to bring the entire seminar to their church. She hopes they will say yes.

The church's eight-week seminar featured a number of guest speakers, including several physicians, a journalist, a chaplain and a wellness director. Several employees from the nearby Adventist Health corporate offices gave presentations. Each class included a question-and-answer session with the presenter, as well as small-group discussions that were hosted by church members.

Want to hold a seminar in your church?

NCC Health Ministries Director Gordon Botting has encouraged churches to use the program for years. "I highly recommend it and believe that churches should use it as a jumping-off point," he said. "There are great ways to follow up the program, depending on what appeals to the audience." For example, if



Church and community members of the Sabbath morning Pittsburg CREATION Health seminar gather together: Michelle Moorehead, Cynthia Garrett, Gloria Simms, Kathy Batchelor (instructor), Marion Bryant and Risha LaGrandé.

participants seem interested in the nutrition aspect, the church can follow up with a cooking school. Also available are a CREATION Health Bible program and a Vacation Bible School program.

Instructors and participants appreciate the positive tone of the seminar, which encourages people to improve their physical, emotional, social and spiritual health. Community member Risha LaGrandé has been attending Batchelor's class. "The training was rejuvenating and empowering to my well-being," she said.

For more information, email Botting at Gordon.Botting@nccsda.com.

Julie Lorenz

Notice of Constituency Meeting of the Northern California Conference

Notice is hereby given that a regular session of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Lodi Fairmont church in Lodi, California, on Sunday, October 16, 2016, at 9 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last conference session and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

James E. Pedersen, President
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GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Carlton Byrd
Speaker/Director, Breath of Life and Senior Pastor, Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church (in Huntsville, Alabama)



Dr. Andrea Trusty King
Senior Pastor, Sixteenth Street Seventh-day Adventist Church (in San Bernardino, California)



Dr. Emil Peeler
Director/Speaker, Open Bible Ministries, Inc.



Dr. Gordon Botting
Health/Community Services/Stewardship Director, Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Elder Jose Marin
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator/Evangelist, Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Elder Marc Raphael, Sr.
Associate Pastor/Children & Youth Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church (in Riverside, California)



Elder Michael B. Kelly, II
Senior Pastor, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church (in Riverside, California)



Elder Chanda Nunes
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Andrews University Professor of Homiletics, Theological Seminary (in Berrien Springs, Michigan)

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For registration and workshop information, visit www.nccsda.com/AfricanAmericanCampMeeting or e-mail Randi.Wilson@nccsda.com.

Lakeport, Santa Rosa Churches Open Their Doors to the Homeless

It's 4 p.m. The sun will be setting soon, and the temperature will drop quickly. Imagine looking forward to a night "sleeping" on a park bench or huddled behind a building — cold, hungry and afraid.

It's 8 p.m. Smiling volunteers have served a delicious hot supper. Cots have been lined up in heated — and safe — rooms. Clean bathrooms are located nearby. Imagine looking forward to a night of peace and real sleep.

In the months when the temperature drops throughout Northern California, two NCC congregations opened their doors to shelter the homeless. The Lakeport church served as a Friday night warming center as part of a cooperative effort among churches organized by the Lake Ministerial Association. And once a month, the Santa Rosa church took part in Entertaining Angels Nomadic Shelter, a program of the Redwood Gospel Mission that provides extra beds when the shelter runs out of room.



RANDY BREHMS

Cots line up in a room at the Lakeport church. Each new guest received a sleeping bag that he or she could keep.



DEBBIE SMITH

Attractive tables await guests at the Santa Rosa church. To help guests feel welcome, church members decorated the fellowship hall with a different theme each month.

Both church pastors were grateful for the opportunity to work with other Christians in ministry. "The best part is that we built incredible relationships with the mission and with other churches in the community. There's a real sense of teamwork," said Don Smith, Santa Rosa church senior pastor.

Randy Brehms, Lakeport church pastor, had a similar experience with his association. "We've learned to work together really well, and it's awesome," he said. "We've made friends."

Both pastors stressed the importance of working with an organization set up to handle the various challenges of helping people safely and effectively. For example, in Santa Rosa, guests were required to register at the Redwood Gospel Mission. They took showers, stored their belongings, and then were transported to the church. For the guests' safety, mission staff members stayed on duty all night at the church.

Many volunteers worked together at each overnight event. In Lakeport, the church received help from a local restaurant that provided food for the guests' supper and breakfast. At the Santa Rosa church, employees at the local Adventist Health office and a local construction company served as volunteers, working alongside church members. These relationships helped people learn more about the churches. "Not only are we providing service,



RANDY BREHMS

Volunteers prepare food for the guests in the Lakeport church kitchen.

we're using service to evangelistically reach out to people," said Smith.

At both churches, members made an effort to get to know their guests. Brehms described one homeless husband and wife who made a big impression on him. While they were at the church, they eagerly helped with chores, impressing the staff. Their story has a happy ending. "They found not only a job but also a place to live," said Brehms. "They have continued to serve as volunteers at the center and have requested studies to join the church."

Brehms and Smith believe that their open church doors made a big difference in their communities' perceptions of Adventists. "When people see you have a heart for them and the community, then people will have their hearts and minds opened because you've helped," said Brehms.

"We've built some really great bridges," said Smith. "It's been nothing but positive."

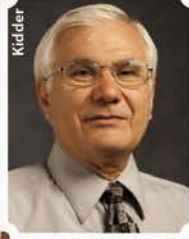
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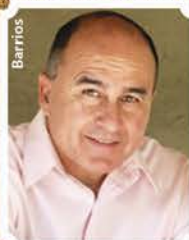
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Don't miss this summer's camp meeting speakers and concerts, which will inspire and refresh you!

Pepperwood Pavilion

Brad Thorp (1st weekend) has served as a pastor, teacher, and evangelist for many years. Since 1993, he and his wife, Kandus, have led in the development of Hope Channel, a global Christian television network focused on bringing the good news about God to people all around the world. Thorp speaks on a variety of topics with powerful and engaging presentations.

Joseph Kidder (2nd weekend), a professor of biblical spirituality at Andrews University, has been teaching in the areas of spiritual growth, church growth, evangelism, and leadership at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for the last 10 years and has over 20 years of successful pastoral work.

Adult II

Clarissa Sproul, besides being in the 24/7 extreme-servant training school of Jesus, she finds her passion is the presence and teachings of Jesus.

Redwood Campestre Hispano

Henry Barrios is a professor of religion, physician, endocrinologist, and pastor in the Florida Conference. He has traveled to many countries teaching people to think and live holistically and to live a better life.

Concerts

The King's Heralds (1st weekend) have recorded over 100 albums in 30 different languages. The rich blend, harmony, and balance of their a cappella style has been enjoyed not only in the United States, but also in over 50 countries.

Kelly Mowrer's (2nd weekend) personal concerts are worship events interweaving music with Scripture passages, messages of encouragement, and stories of music throughout the history of the Church brought alive with practical application for today.

Find out more about this year's Redwood schedule at www.nccsda.com/redwoodschedule.

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Forever Healthy 2016 Energizes Ogden Churches

A line began to form early on a cold February morning at the Marshall White Recreation Center in Ogden, Utah. Volunteers from all over the west coast hurried to make final preparations before the doors were opened to guests hoping to receive free medical, dental or optical care during the two-day event.

The unique evangelistic effort was organized by THRIVE (Teach, Heal, Revive, Integrated Volunteer Evangelism), a Nevada-Utah Conference-sponsored missionary team led by literature evangelist Westney White. Three area churches along with volunteers from Adventist Medical Evangelism Network, Daystar Adventist Academy and countless others from every corner of the community and beyond joined THRIVE.

As the doors opened, volunteers mingled and prayed with guests. Nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, ophthalmologists and medical doctors worked tirelessly to serve as many individuals as possible. Volunteers provided massages and lifestyle coaching and offered follow-up Bible studies. Local pastors and chaplains offered prayer, counseling and anointing services next to a functional baptistry and communion set.

Jorge Lemus, a young man with family connections to a local Adventist church, was very impressed with the event. "This event makes me want to start attending church again," Lemus shared.

After the event, Caryn Rudolph shared with her friends on Facebook, "Can I just say that I just spent the last 2 days with the nicest Seventh-day Adventists? They were in Ogden doing free dental work, and I was able to get some basic work done. They were kind, helpful and so sweet. I had



Pastor Angel Cuenca prays with a Forever Healthy participant during the community medical clinic.

them pray with me, hug me, and share a beautiful testimony of Christ and a great message of wellness."

While the two-day clinic was a huge success, the group's efforts were not finished. The clinic was followed up by a Forever Healthy seminar at local churches. Participants listened to Biblical messages and Blue Zone tips on how to live happy and healthy lives. They also received health checks as well as nightly massage therapy.

David Jacquez, who was baptized with his wife at the conclusion of the seminar, recalls his experience, "My wife kept praying, 'Lord please lead us to the truth.' Then we met Thomas, a local Bible worker who invited us to Forever Healthy. At the seminar we learned that the church observed Saturday as the Sabbath. We learned more in three weeks than we have learned in any other church over our lifetime!"

Rachelle McPharland, who was baptized with her husband, recalls, "I had so many questions and was praying that I would find the right church. We felt so welcome at this church! I am so happy I found the right church, not only for us but for our five beautiful children."

In all, area churches have experienced around 30 baptisms over the last month as a result of the Forever Healthy initiative, with many more preparing for baptism. Forever Healthy has truly blessed the Ogden area and has energized the mission of local churches.



Shane and Rachelle McFarland dedicate their lives to the Lord at the conclusion of Forever Healthy 2016.



Sherie Mueller re-dedicating her life to the Lord during Forever Healthy 2016.

Ryan Hablitzel

Parents of Two Decide it's Time to Commit to Each Other and God



Bertina Peralta, after leaving the Adventist church as a teenager, recommits her life to Jesus.



Luis Linares chose to join his wife, Bertina, in baptism after studying the Adventist faith with Pastor Dan Walter.



Bertina and Luis, desiring a stronger spiritual foundation for their children, sought out Pastor Dan Walter at the Adventist church in Cedar City, Utah, took Bible studies, married and surrendered their lives to Jesus through baptism.

We want to be ready when Jesus comes, but we have some problems," Bertina Peralta explained to her pastor. "Luis and I have been living together for 10 or 12 years and we have two boys, but we are not married. We want to be baptized, but we know we should be properly married before we can be baptized."

Pastor Dan Walter helped the couple plan their wedding, and at the same time he began Bible studies to prepare them for baptism.

Peralta had been raised in the Adventist faith, but she had wandered away from the church in her teens.

Luis Linares was raised in the Roman Catholic church. As their boys were growing up, Linares and Peralta realized they needed to give their children a strong spiritual foundation, so they began attending the Red Cliffs church in St. George, Utah.

As Linares studied the Sabbath school lessons and listened to the sermons, he began to sense

an urgency to be ready for the second coming of Jesus. Peralta began recalling what she had learned as a child, finally summoning up the courage to ask for help from her pastor.

Walter conducted their wedding on Sabbath evening, Dec. 5, 2015, and their baptism on March 19, 2016. "I'm the happiest man on Earth today," said Linares.

Dan Walter



Forever Healthy medical, dental and optical clinic in Ogden, Utah, creates connections in the community.

ACF Campus Connection and Growth Weekend

It is believed that today there are over 1.5 million Adventist college and university students who attend public campuses. It is also believed that by 2025 that number will double. The Adventist Christian Fellowship does not consider these high numbers as something negative, but rather sees it as an opportunity to explore horizons for Christ. To help witness and sustain those on non-Adventist campuses, the North American Division created the ACF. Currently, there are more than 100 chapters across North America.

Central and Northern California Conferences engaged in a joint effort to bring their chapters together for a retreat to learn more about God, spend time together, and hear presentations from guest speaker Dr. Eddie Heinrich, youth director for Pacific Union Conference. Each of the local ACF groups help to provide a connection

with others who understand what it is like to be an Adventist student at a public university. "I enjoyed seeing the ACFs from different campuses," said Mona Mesa from the University of California, Davis. "It reminds me that our chapter isn't the only one out there."

However, there are several universities that don't have an ACF on their campus. After attending the weekend retreat, Savonna Greer from Fresno State and Gabriel Oliveira from San Jose State said that they would love to see chapters started on their campuses. When asked to describe the chapter at Davis, Mesa replied, "The 'F' in ACF not only stands for fellowship but also for family."

"I am so excited that the NAD has provided such a quality resource for equipping students to share our unique message throughout public colleges and universities," explained Andrew



One of many breakout groups discussing Adventist Christian Fellowship and its potential impact on college campuses.

Uyeyama, Central California Conference youth director.

If you are a college student and would like information on starting an ACF chapter on your public campus, contact Andrew Uyeyama at 559-816-1988 or aueyama@cccsda.org.

Gabriel Wiest

Kristi Burkhardt Honored as 2016 Woman of the Year

Fresno Sunnyside church member Kristi Burkhardt was honored in March as 2016 Woman of the Year for California's 23rd District, an honor bestowed upon her by Assemblyman Jim Patterson. The Woman of the Year award began in 1987 as an effort to publically honor women throughout the California districts. Women who are nominated are recognized for their leadership, philanthropic efforts and service.

In 2015, more than 1,300 babies were born because moms and dads said yes to life through Pregnancy Care Center, Fresno. "We are thankful for their ministry and for the work Kristi does every day to help families choose life," stated Patterson. "Kristi has been such a key part of the soul, the spirit and the compassion."

Burkhardt has served as executive director of Pregnancy Care Center since 2009. She is a dedicated advocate for mothers facing an

unexpected pregnancy and a champion for babies who might not have had the chance at the lives they are living today. Burkhardt loves working in her community. Her heart and passion are for serving women, families and youth in the hope of building a culture of life. "We treat them with compassion, truth and love, regardless of the decision that they make," stated Burkhardt.

Pregnancy Care Center is a life-affirming agency that, according to Patterson, "provides real love for people who are in circumstances where the culture presses them for, perhaps, a decision that is absolutely irrevocable when there are other pathways and decisions to deal with crisis pregnancy in such a way that there is no regret or second thoughts."

In response to her recognition, Burkhardt stated that she prays that this honor will "bring awareness and shed positive light to the fiercely compassionate and professional



Assemblyman Jim Patterson presents the Woman of the Year award to Kristi Burkhardt.

work of Pregnancy Care Center. It is not me, but a dedicated and passionate team of staff and volunteers who serve our community."

Seventh-day Adventist leaders affirm Burkhardt's call and passion. "When someone allows Jesus to work through them to reach communities with an identified need, His love shines through in all they do," concluded Dennis Ray, pastor of the Fresno Sunnyside church. "Kristi is making a difference in thousands of lives each year."

Shannon Campbell

Central Celebrates Stories Emerging from Women's Retreat

The 2016 Central California Conference Women's Retreat was once again held in beautiful Yosemite National Park.

Attendees reported that the event was "incredible and spirit-filled." Over 460 women attending from all over California enjoyed keynote speakers Esther Knott and Lynn Ortel. Knott is a pastor who serves as associate ministerial director for the North American Division, and Ortel is a sought-after speaker in the area of women's and family ministries. Both speakers shared practical spiritual messages for everyday life.

As the weekend progressed, several memorable stories emerged from those in attendance. Two sisters signed up for the event, one a church member in Central and the other not a Seventh-day Adventist. The first, hoping that her sibling would connect with other attendees, began praying that her sister would run into someone she knew. Upon arrival, the sisters approached the registration table, and two registration volunteers, who had previously worked with her, recognized her. Excited about the unexpected



Joyce Mulligan (center), CCC's director of Women's Ministries, pauses with keynote speakers Lynn Ortel and Esther Knott.

reunion, the three friends stayed up late into the night reminiscing and laughing.

Another story involved a young woman who had been struggling with depression and felt she needed something to lift her spirits. She searched online for "women's ministry retreats"

and the CCC retreat at Teneya Lodge popped up. She felt inspired to register and attend the retreat. She was impacted by the teachings of Knott and Ortel and shared her story with the women's ministry staff, who connected her with the pastor's wife in her local area.

A third story centered on a woman who felt so convicted during the presentations that she approached organizers after the event and pledged to donate \$2,000 every year for the next six years to aid women who want to attend the retreat but can't afford to. "We know that God led her to our retreat and that our prayers for the retreat throughout the year were answered through this and many other stories," said Joyce Mulligan, Central's Women's Ministries director.

"We are excited about what God has done this year through women's ministries and are super excited for next year's 20th annual CCC women's retreat at Teneya Lodge in beautiful Yosemite," concluded Mulligan. The 2017 event will feature well-known author and speaker Elizabeth Talbot, along with 3ABN personality and host Shelley Quinn. For more information, contact Pat at 559-642-2396.



Fourteen-year-old Maliah Thomas lifts up Esther Knott prior to her presentation.

Lisa Eccles

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Members of the community gather to swap tattered shoes for new, thanks to the ministry of the Campbell church.



Checking the size for a great fit.



One of the new shoe recipients also received a Day of Mercy card from Ivor Myers, pastor of the Campbell Church.

Homeless Ministry Warms Feet and Touches Lives in Campbell Area

A chance encounter at the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio became a life-changing experience for Atonte Myers, whose husband serves as pastor of the Campbell church. When she connected with a former classmate from Pine Forge Academy, Myers heard about his successful ministry of providing used sneakers for the homeless in New York City.

"The idea of comfortable shoes for the homeless resonated with me," said Myers. "My family gave it a trial run after church one Sabbath, heading to a park in San Jose with sneakers in tow. Amazingly, within five minutes the shoes were gone. It was inspiring to see people eagerly replace their tattered shoes and to witness their gratitude," she said.

The Campbell church has a long history of community outreach, particularly in homeless ministries, so it was easy to persuade members to support the new program. Donations of athletic shoes — all colors and sizes, used and new — poured in, including from a local Lutheran school, enough for members to make regular Sabbath outings. Since this fledgling ministry

started last December, members have helped from 30-50 homeless people each visit.

"The needs are great. As word spreads, people eagerly wait for us in the parking lot across from the park," enthused Melissa Fierro, who regularly participates along with her husband Mark and their children.

"We talked to a woman who was wearing boots with holes in the soles," Fierro said. "We selected a brand new pair of blue shoes, which seemed to have been made just for her because they fit perfectly! We were overjoyed to share in her excitement."

"It's Christianity in action," added Mark Fierro, who told the story of how he approached one young man. "Hi," he said, "I'm Mark, what's your name?" The man responded with heartfelt emotion, "I've been out here nearly two years and no one has ever asked my name."

Church members also pass out special Day of Mercy cards, based on Isaiah 58, explaining the Sabbath and how they follow Christ's example by performing acts of kindness on His day. They invite people to church and potluck, and pray with them.

When Ivor Myers met two young men who were also helping the homeless at the park, he recognized a divine appointment. Myers shared his testimony, and later began studying the Bible with them. These men are now attending the Campbell church and sharing the good news with friends.

"I was blown away by what Pastor Myers said," recalled Robert Bell, who came from Kentucky to attend San Jose City College. "A severe depression from a broken relationship and a struggle with alcohol and drugs had brought me back to God, and though I'd grown up in the Baptist church, I'd never studied the Bible. Now I'm hungry to learn more. I know God led me to Pastor Myers for a reason."

"Being in the trenches, doing what Jesus did — taking care of people's physical and spiritual needs — has helped us become more compassionate and grow as Christians," added Atonte Myers. "We hope to continue growing the ministry by encouraging local partnership."

Nancy L. Reynolds

California Corrections Adopts Religious Accommodation Policy

Thousands of California's correctional officers now have the benefit of a new religious accommodation policy. We believe the policy may well have been adopted in response to discrimination charges filed by a brave Adventist woman whose application to become an officer was rejected because of her Sabbath observance. And she needs your help.

Teresa Brown passed various exams and was interviewed for a correctional officer job at a time when the state was hiring thousands of new officers. During the interview she was asked about her scheduling availability, and she discussed how, as a Seventh-day Adventist, she is available at all times except sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

Brown received a rejection letter indicating that her lack of availability was the reason she

was not hired. After contacting the Church State Council, Brown filed charges of religious discrimination with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She proceeded to file a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court.

About nine months after filing EEOC charges, the Department of Corrections issued new religious accommodation policies, though DOC has not yet admitted there was a causal connection.

The Church State Council represents Brown in her lawsuit and is co-counseling with faculty and students at Stanford Law School's Religious Liberty Clinic. "This new policy is a major accomplishment," said clinic director James Sonne. "It should ensure Sabbath observers and other people of faith full and equal employment opportunities in our state prisons, as is their right."

The state claims it cannot accommodate a newly hired officer on account of its collective bargaining agreement. Yet, the state has also resisted supplying records showing those whom they have accommodated. Therefore, we need to obtain this information ourselves.

The Council is asking corrections officers who have obtained Sabbath accommodations to contact us right away by emailing to Alan Reinach at mrliberty@churchstate.org or by calling 805-413-7398. If you know of any Adventist corrections officers, whether they are presently serving or retired, please urge them to contact us.

Alan Reinach, Esq.

California Legislature Takes Aim at Cal Grants

Students attending religious colleges and universities may lose their Cal Grants under Assembly Bill 1888, which passed the Assembly Education Committee in February. If passed, all private and religious colleges and universities would have to submit a written declaration that the institution fully

complies with the non-discrimination requirements of Education Code Section 220.

While the bill itself is intended to target discrimination against LGBT students, it would actually prohibit a broad range of religious policies that would be branded as discriminatory. Here are some examples of

typical policies or practices that could become illegal forms of religious discrimination.

- Compulsory student attendance at campus worship.
- Academic requirement that all students take religion courses.
- Prohibition on alcohol in dorms.
- Restricted use of campus chapels for weddings sanctioned by the denomination.
- Hiring policies that prefer hiring members of the sponsoring religion.

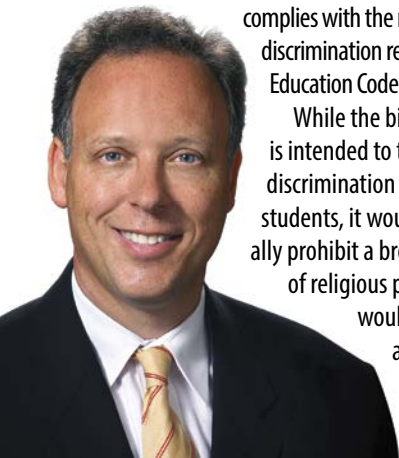
Religious colleges and universities are typically associated with a denomination and are not at liberty to change their doctrines and beliefs. An institution that sought to comply with the bill would, in effect, have to commit to secularization.

It is unlikely that religious colleges would be able to submit the needed declaration, for many

reasons. Thousands of students who desire to attend religious colleges would be forced into a state system that is already impacted and unable to handle the burden of students already admitted. Moreover, the state spends far more on educating students in its schools than the \$9,000 cap on Cal Grants to students at private colleges. Moreover, many students who are not academically qualified to attend state university are given educational opportunities in private and religious colleges that provide support to ensure these students succeed. These students may be shut out of college entirely.

It is doubtful legislators have considered the real impact of this measure. Contact the Church State Council for the latest information before calling or visiting your own legislators. Call 916-446-2552, and check out the Church State Council's Facebook page for the latest information.

Alan J. Reinach, Esq.



During Rally, Students Preach on Religious Liberty and the Church

In January, the Arizona Conference, along with the Church State Council, held a religious liberty rally in the Phoenix area. Kingsley Palmer, religious liberty director for Arizona Conference, worked with the education department and local pastors to provide students the opportunity to preach in area churches on the importance of religious liberty and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“Can you imagine the influence a 10- or 15-year-old can have on the life of an adult when he or she speaks with conviction about what the Word of God says?” said Gus Martin, superintendent of education for the Arizona Conference. “This reminds me of the 12-year-old Jesus talking with the teachers at the temple courts, as found in Luke 2:41-51: “Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.”

The Arizona Conference and Church State Council are working together to have a Lobby Day in Arizona later this year during which students will have the opportunity to visit their state legislators.

Rallies help members, young and old, to learn the importance of religious freedom and how the legislative process works. Then they will be empowered to stand and defend God’s principles.



As part of its religious liberty rally in January, students preached in area churches on the importance of religious freedom.

CSC Collaborates with Inter-faith Community on Religious Liberty Issues

During the last week of January, students from the Stanford Law Clinic worked in the Church State Council Sacramento office. The Stanford Law Clinic is assisting Alan Reinach, director of the Church State Council, with a case involving a Seventh-day Adventist member who experienced religious discrimination at work.

They spent a day getting the client ready for depositions that took place the following day. In the group there was a Mormon, a Muslim and a Catholic working to help a Seventh-day Adventist. At one point, the office of Dennis Seaton, director of Government Relations, was used for prayers. There was a wonderful spirit as people of all faiths came together to help promote religious freedom.

James Sonne, founding director of Stanford Law School’s Religious Liberty Clinic, attended with the students. Later that week, he was quoted in an article in *The Guardian*: “Religious discrimination in the workplace is an issue that continues to fester in the U.S. to the particular detriment of minority faiths like Muslims, Sikhs and Seventh-day Adventists.”



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Natalie Eva

Arizona Camp Meeting By Phil Draper

-a Spiritual Feast

*M*onths of preparation go into making the Arizona Camp Meeting a life-changing spiritual event – with something for everyone. English camp runs from June 3-11; Spanish camp is from June 13-18.

Arizona Conference President Ed Keyes says, “Spending the first half of June with fellow-believers in the tall pines of Camp Yavapines at Prescott, Arizona is a real high. All aspects of Camp Meeting focus on preparing for the soon coming of Jesus. Speakers and musicians will inspire and encourage. I want to invite all our members – and visitors from throughout the Pacific Union Conference and beyond – to make Arizona Camp Meeting a top priority. All are welcome!”

A vast array of meetings and seminars are scheduled featuring gifted speakers and musicians.

Children’s meetings include cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, earliteens and juniors. Youth and young adults meet separately in the chapel and under the big tent. Programs for the adults begin with early morning devotionals and go through the evening meetings under the huge open-air dome.



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- **Paul Anderson**, NAD Chaplain
- **Don Mackintosh**, Weimar Institute
- **Don Klinger**, Former Executive Secretary, Idaho Conference
- **Jaime Jorge**, Violinist
- **Gale Jones Murphy**, Vocalist/Pianist
- **Stephanie Dawn**, Vocalist
- **Walter Arties**, Vocalist

Spanish Camp Meeting Features:

- **Charles White** – Director de Ministerios E. G. White, Conferencia de Arizona
- **Alberto Ingleton** – Vicepresidente Departamento Hispano Conferencia del Sureste de California
- **Guillermo Quiroz** – Pastor La Sierra Spanish, Riverside California
- **Jorge Soria** – Director de Ministerios Hispanos Unión del Pacifico
- **Alberto Treiyer** – Doctor en Teología y Conferencista Internacional
- **Cuarteto Ambitus** – Música Especial Por Cuarteto de Panam
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- **Genaro Corral** – Licenciado en Administración de Empresas

Arizona Sunshine

June 8-10 at the Prescott Valley Event Center



A huge part of camp meeting is a healthcare event for the local Prescott Arizona communities. Due to gaps in healthcare coverage, Arizona Conference and Arizona Sunshine volunteers are reaching out to a broad spectrum of people including the underserved and homeless populations and college students. Free health care will be given to hundreds of the underserved in the area. Last year approximately 800 men, women and children received free health care including medical, dental, vision, and counseling.

Adventist Book Center

Central to Arizona Camp Meeting is the Adventist Book Center – a source for inspiration, books, literature and music. Sunday, June 5, 2016, 1:30 p.m. is the annual Auditorium Sale/Truckload Food Sale. Join us for this exciting, fun, savings-filled adventure on books, music and more! Plus, daily specials in the store, food samples twice daily, savings on food by the case and our nightly \$1 book sale in the auditorium!

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ritual batteries, and enjoy the warm fellowship of Arizona Camp Meeting.

Marilyn McEntyre Presents Longo Lecture

Celebrated writer and professor Dr. Marilyn Chandler McEntyre spoke at Pacific Union College Feb. 18 for the 2016 Frank A. and Florine A. Longo Lecture Series. She spoke to a room packed with students, faculty and community members eager to learn about the power of words.

Author of over a dozen books, McEntyre teaches medical humanities at U.C. Davis and the U.C. Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program. She is a frequent lecturer on issues of medicine and literature. Her writing has appeared in *The Christian Century*, *Christianity Today*, *Academic Medicine*, and a variety of other publications.

Launched in 1992, the Frank A. and Florine A. Longo Lecture Series features inspiring speakers on topics of religion, society and learning. The college's biennial lectureship was established by their son and PUC alum Dr. Lawrence D. Longo and his family in honor of his parents and to increase the depth of ideas and matters of the mind in the Christian experience.

Prior to the lecture, PUC president Dr. Heather J. Knight offered a tribute to Dr. Longo, who passed away on Jan. 5, 2016, in Loma Linda, Calif. Dr. Longo's nephew, Kevin Longo, followed Knight and spoke briefly about his uncle. He expressed his appreciation of how Dr. Longo's status as a distinguished alumnus continues to be honored at PUC. "Writing and being inquisitive were what he was about," Kevin Longo said of his uncle. He also mentioned Dr. Longo's passion to see the generation of youth make a difference. He would always advise young people to "go do great things."

Following the tribute, McEntyre delivered her lecture, titled "Peace, Love, and a Few Good Verb," in which she explored the stewardship of words. She explained how to be purposeful and ethical in word choices and spoke of how we can shape our realities with words, which is an immense responsibility.

McEntyre noted that language can be a tool for help or for harm. "Truth takes courage," she said. "A good verb takes courage. Specificity takes courage." Inside the "propaganda machine," words are at risk. It becomes easy to bend and twist the truth, not completely destroying it, but perverting it beyond recognition.

In addition to the Thursday evening lecture, McEntyre spent two days on campus visiting several classes. She spent time with students in PUC's honors program, where she discussed the language of negotiation and confrontation, as well as how to sustain faith within a secular world. She advised students to spend their college years defining the values that will provide them with direction in their post-college lives.

McEntyre also met with members of the Pre-Med and Pre-Dent Club, where she spoke about the essential role communication plays in the relationship between patients and physicians. Senior biology and pre-medicine student Sue Min Kwon shared, "I was so thankful to be a part of Dr. McEntyre's lunch discussion. Not only did she give incredible insight to the importance of communication and effective language skills within a



Dr. Marilyn McEntyre, a medical humanities expert and published author, explores the holy stewardship of words and the responsibilities that come with them.

patient-physician relationship, but she also encouraged me to hone my ability to connect with others through language in preparation for my future profession."

"We were grateful for the opportunity to be inspired by such a thoughtful writer," shared Dr. Maria Rankin-Brown, chair of the department of English, who participated in a two-hour writing workshop McEntyre conducted during her visit to the campus. "We learned from Dr. McEntyre about how the quiet, ordinary moments in life, such as when making lists, can be reflective or spiritual moments. Students particularly enjoyed the parts where she showed how we can incorporate a word-a-day into a writing and meditative practice."

Emily Mathe and Larissa Church

CALENDARS

Arizona Conference

YOUNG WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT (May 1) "Constellations — Each One a Light" 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus, Phoenix. Invite or sponsor a lady. Pay online or mail to Aria Drexler, Ariz. Young Women's Retreat, 1715 N. 70th St #8, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

EARLYBIRD DEADLINE (May 3) Prison Ministry International Convention (July 27-31) sponsored by APMOA (Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations and Affiliates), Charlotte, N.C. Learn best practice and Christ-centered methods to be effective in prison evangelism, family support ministry and ministry to returning citizens. Info: shirleychipman@azconference.org.

ARIZONA CAMP MEETING (June 3-11) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. See azconference.org for details.

ARIZONA SONSHINE (June 8-10) Prescott Valley Event Center, two-day health-care event. Info: 928-636-1884 or arizonasonshine.com.

SPANISH CAMP MEETING (June 13-18) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. See azconference.org for details.

Central California

SINGLES SPRING GATHERING (April 29-May 1) Fresno Adventist Academy, Fresno, Calif. All Pacific Union singles are invited. Info: singles@cccsda.org or visit ccsingles.adventistfaith.org.

HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT (May 6-8) "Aceptado — Just As I Am" Teens ages 13-17 years are invited. Guest speaker, Daniel Gouveia. Camp Wawona inside Yosemite National Park. Info: 559-347-3174, spasillas@cccsda.org, or ccsdayouth.org.

SENIOR CITIZEN RALLY (May 7) 3-5 p.m. Bakersfield/Visalia areas, Visalia church. Info: Church Ministries. Info: 559-347-3142.

GLOW LEADERSHIP TRAINING (May 7) Central California Conference, Clovis, Calif. Learn how to activate and integrate GLOW into all of your church ministries. Info: 559-906-6460 (call/text) or jmoutray@cccsda.org.

SOQUEL WORK BEE (May 15-18) Soquel Conference Center. Make plans to volunteer for painting, plumbing, landscaping, sewing and more. Lodging, meals and inspiration provided. Room reservation: Todd Gallemore, 831-464-4936 or tgallemore@cccsda.org.

CAMP WAWONA WORK BEE (May 20-22) Camp Wawona inside Yosemite National Park. Make plans to volunteer for painting, cleaning, repairs and much more. Info: Alan Pratt, 209-375-6231, campdirector@campwawona.org or office@campwawona.org.

COMPREHENSIVE CHURCH HEALTH WORKSHOP (May 21) 4 p.m. Monterey/Arroyo Grande areas, Arroyo Grande church. Info: Church Ministries, 559-347-3142.

LIFE HOPE CENTER HEALTH CLINIC (May 22) Greater San Francisco area, San Francisco Central church facility. Info: Health Ministries, 559-347-3142.

La Sierra University

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND (June 10-12) Consecration (June 10) 8 p.m., La Sierra University church; Baccalaureate Service (June 11) 12 p.m., La Sierra University church; Educator Dedication, 3:30 p.m., La Sierra University church; Divinity School Consecration, 5 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium; Commencement Concert, 7 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium. Commencement ceremonies, (June 12) 8 a.m., Founders' Green. Info: lasierra.edu/graduation.

MONTECITO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL (July 10-29) La Sierra University. Performances by Martin Beaver, Martin Chalifour, Alexander Treger, Donald McInnes, Lynn Harrell, and Jean-Yves Thibautet, as well as performances by students of string, wind, voice and piano. Info: montecitomusicfestival.com.

ROBOTICS SUMMER CAMP (June 13-24) Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; ages 9 and up. Robotics, computer programming, electronics, robot competition. La Sierra's Price Science Complex, Room 147, La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside. Registration is \$80 per person; discount before May 11. Info: visit www.RobotsForFun.com, or info@robotsforfun.com.

ACADEMY OF VISUAL and Performing Arts summer music programs, June 13-24. Includes K-2 Junior Music Camp, Grades 3-6 Summer Music Camp, and Grades 7-12 Core+ Program. For further information and registration visit music-events.lasierra.edu/2016-avpa-summer-programs or call 951-785-2036.

Northern California

PATHFINDER FAIR (May 1) Location TBA. Info: NCC Youth Department, 925-603-5080.

HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT YOUTH RETREAT (May 6-8) Albion Retreat and Learning Center, 34000 Albion Street.

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DIABETES UNDONE (May 14) 2-5 p.m. Carmichael church, 4600 Winding Way, Sacramento. Annual NCC health and wellness training. Presenters: North American Division Health Ministries Director Angeline David, DrPH, and Wes Youngberg, DrPH, author of Goodbye Diabetes. This session is identical to Sunday's. Info: Gordon Botting, 916-715-1900.

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PUC COLLOQUY SPEAKER SERIES (May 26) 10 a.m., PUC church. Actor and producer Brian Yang speaks for Asian American History month. Info: 708-965-6303 or pr@puc.edu.

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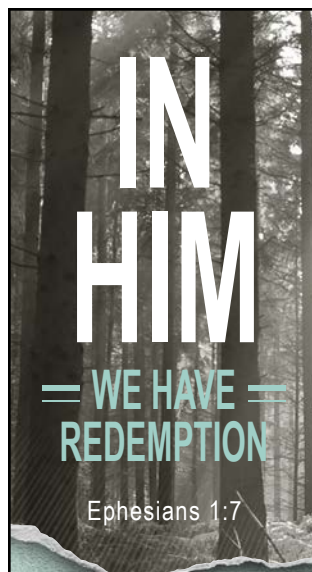
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ANDERSON, GRETCHEN — b. Aug. 18, 1914, Waynoka, Okla.; d. March 5, 2016, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Toby Flier; daughter, Gloria Davids; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild.

BENTZINGER, CLYDA (HUSTON) — b. May 31, 1937, Caribou, Maine; d. Dec. 25, 2015, Glendale, Calif. Survivors: husband, Herbert; son, Gregory; daughter, Terri.

BITTLE, GEORGIANNA — b. Feb. 22, 1929, Chicago, Ill.; d. March 24, 2016, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Richard; daughters, Cynthia Hall, Katherine Hendriks; three grandchildren.

BRENNEISE, VERNA SYLVESTA (RENSCHLER) — b. Feb. 8, 1921, Leola, S.D.; d. March 16, 2016, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ehud "Ed"; son, Harvey; daughters, Linda Mack, Carmen; four grandchildren; two

great-grandchildren; sister, Evangeline Pflugrad.

CATER, LAVENA MAE (RHOADES) — b. Aug. 25, 1932, Butler, Okla.; d. Dec. 24, 2015, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: husband, George; sons, Gary, Greg; six grandchildren; brother, Boyd Rhoades. Served as director of summer children's story hour sponsored by the Indo-Asian ministry of the Yuba City church.

COFFIN, EMMA (PRITEL) — b. April 16, 1925, Butte, N.D.; d. March 10, 2016, Calhoun, Ga. Survivors: daughters, Glenda Hayward, Carolyn Stevenson; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Alice Livadney.

COOKSLEY, BETTE JANE (FRIESEN) — b. July 3, 1922, Dinuba, Calif.; d. Feb. 6, 2016, Roseburg, Ore. Survivors: sons, Richard, Mark, Murray; daughters, Judy Cushman, Melody Gibson; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

FABIAN JR., FRANK LOUIS — b. Sept. 29, 1934, Jackson, Miss.; d. March 9, 2016, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lotus (Reiswid); son, Frank III; stepson, Richard; daughters, Kathy, Karen; many grandchildren.

FIELDS, MABEL IRENE — b. Sept. 15, 1922, Cameron, Texas; d. Feb. 6, 2016, San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: husband, Freddie Lee; sons, Freddie, Lawrence, Benjamin; daughter,

Ursula Moses; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

GIANINI, DEBORAH LYNN (THOMPSON) — b. April 21, 1955, San Francisco, Calif.; d. March 4, 2016, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Larry; son, Ryan; mother, Olive (Oddie); sister, Marcy.

GROVE, SID A. — b. Feb. 16, 1941, Redding, Calif.; d. Oct. 20, 2015, Red Bluff, Calif. Survivors: wife, Hazel; sons, Scott, Steve; daughter, Shellie; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

HUERTA, CESARIO — b. Oct. 22, 1922, Santa Paula, Calif.; d. Jan. 15, 2016, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: son, Steve; daughter, Marguerite Tharp; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Virginia Hernandez.

JARVIS, WILLIAM T. — b. Oct. 19, 1935, Takoma Park, Md.; d. March 1, 2016, San Bernardino, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ada Domke-Jarvis; sons, Will, Matt; sister, Janet Hanf; two nephews. Served as teacher/professor of health and physical education at Mt. Vernon Academy, Ohio, La Sierra University, and Loma Linda University; co-founded The National Council against Health Fraud, authored and co-authored several books on consumer health.

JULER, LETA JANE (RONG) — b. July 26, 1921, Clearfield, Iowa; d. March 7, 2016, Napa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Virgil Kenneth; sons, Melvin, Richard

David; daughter, Delores Sticht; three grandchildren; brother, Orval Rong.

KADERLY, RICHARD L. — b. March 21, 1924, Jasper, Mich.; d. March 4, 2016, North Highlands, Calif. Survivors: daughters; Patricia Jones, Lois.

KELLEY, BETTY (LEE) — b. Jan. 19, 1947, Fresno, Calif.; d. Jan. 28, 2016, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: brothers, David, Arthur, Wallace; sisters, Gladys Barnett, Katherine Crozier. Served Central California and the Pacific Union conferences as the coordinator for Prison Ministries; and as the executive secretary of the African American Advisory Committee.

KLOOSTER, ARLENE JEAN — b. May 15, 1925, Glendale, Calif.; d. March 14, 1925, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son-in-law, Bob Peach; daughters, Lynette Tibbetts, Terrill McKlanahan; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren

MCCOY, LARRY — b. Dec. 8, 1945, Sanitarium, Calif.; d. Oct. 20, 2015, Colgedale, Tenn. Survivors: wife, Nancy; brothers, Ken, Ron, Calvin. Served as business manager at Broadview, Illinois, Fresno Adventist academies, and as Central California conference assistant treasurer.

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Garry Schwartz, Miles Schwartz; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

MOWERY, LLEWELLYN L. — b. May 31, 1932, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. March 1, 2016, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marian; daughter, Lisa Swensen; sons, Lew Jr., Greg; seven grandchildren.

PARK, CECIL VIRGINIA — b. April 18, 1920, Peoria, Ill.; d. Dec. 26, 2016, Palm Desert, Calif.

PARKS, KAY I. (WEBBER) — b. Nov. 7, 1942, Santa Rosa, Calif.; d. March 9, 2016, Grass Valley, Calif. Survivors: sons, Tim Slaton, Torry Slaton; daughters, Tamra Clemons, Terry Bain; eight grandchildren. Served as office administrator at Pacific Union College.

POLLETT, MYRNA LEE (SPOUL) — b. Nov. 18, 1946, Vancouver, Wash.; d. Jan. 12, 2016, High Point, N.C. Survivors: husband, Dale; son Kevin; daughter Lisa; one granddaughter. Assisted husband in evangelism in the Carolina Conference.

ROGERS JR., FLOYD GEORGE — b. Dec. 13, 1930, Oroville, Calif.; d. Feb. 6, 2016, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: sons, Floyd III, Andy, Ed, Joe; daughters, Sharon Ehlert, Lynn, Elizabeth; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

ROUSE, VERNA A. (ALLEN) — b. March 18, 1920, Cedarville, Calif.; d. Feb. 9, 2016, Cedarville, Calif. Survivors: sons, Alan, Clifford, Gordon; daughters, Peggy Reed, Carol Byrd; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

RUFF, DOROTHY "EUGENIA" — b. June 14, 1923, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Jan. 3, 2016, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: sons, David, Daniel, Stephen; daughters, Isabel Olivarez, Gale Wiggins-Bollinger; 17 grandchildren.

SHEFFIELD, CYNTHIA MARIE — b. May 10, 1969, Modesto, Calif.; d. Feb. 26, 2016, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Sarah Jane Gravel, Emily Claire Gravel; mother, Janet Chandler.

TRAVIS, GORDON — b. Sept. 2, 1926, Boise, Idaho; d. Nov. 23, 2015, Orlando, Fla. Survivors: wife, Verna; son, Jonathan; daughter, Ruth Hanson; step-daughters, Esther Dunton, Helen Kissee, Aletha Huddleston; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

WALLACE, PRESTON L. — b. April 7, 1928, Salina, Kan.; d. Feb. 23, 2016, Dowagiac, Mich. Survivors: wife, Melody; son, David; daughters, Wanda VanRaden, Shirley Buck; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Served in the Quiet Hour Quartet, as a singing evangelist, pastor, music teacher at Highland & Napa academies, health

educator at Madison Hospital and Weimar, chaplain.

WESEMAN, PEARL E. (SIMON) — b. Oct. 10, 1931, La Cross, Kan.; d. Oct. 15, 2015, Campbell, Calif. Survivors: husband, Wellesley; sons, Steven, Tim; five grandchildren.

ZUMWALT, IRENE RUTH (KITTLE) — b. Dec. 30, 1923, Rathdrum, Idaho; d. Dec. 16, 2015, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Richard; son, Duane; daughters, Donna Rivas, Diane; seven grandchildren.

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