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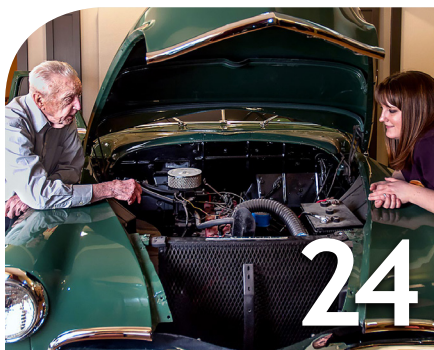
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Brexit / Earth Exit

As anyone who has listened to or read recent news reports knows, the United Kingdom (UK), a.k.a. Great Britain, has voted to leave the European Union (EU).

As the “divorce” of the UK from the EU continues to ripple outward, affecting the entire world, another exit or exodus comes to mind.

Spiritually, we long for an exit from the troubles of this world. Socially, politically, ecologically speaking, the world continues to “circle the drain.” There are tensions between races and ethnicities, and atrocities by hate groups abound. Wars and rumors of wars are reported frequently. Adding climate change, immigration concerns, and mass murderers to the list makes most of us look for a possible exit.

The late musician John Lennon, of the Beatles and solo career fame, sang a song entitled “Imagine,” suggesting that hearers imagine his view of a better world. His song lives on after him in cover versions by lesser-known artists, and it’s played as background music to commercials on TV and the internet.

“The best-selling single of his solo career, its lyrics encourage the listener to imagine a world at peace without the barriers of borders or the divisions of religion and nationality, and to consider the possibility that the focus of humanity should be living a life unattached to material possessions” ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imagine_\(John_Lennon_song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imagine_(John_Lennon_song))).

Was Lennon reflecting the longing of much of humanity for a utopian society? If so, we have examples of failed attempts at constructing one: communism, Jonestown and the Heaven’s Gate cult are examples of failed attempts to create a better world, or escape from this one.

Humanity inhabits a world dominated by the prince of the power of the air, (Ephesians 2:2) and he has left his fingerprints of evil all around us and especially in our fallen nature. No one is immune. All of humanity is “messed up” (Romans 3:10 and 3:23). We have rebelled against God, and we have messed up the world.

We may wish to escape to a Nirvana or Utopia, but that is impossible because the virus of our rebellion is within us. Through the ages, we human beings have made our world what it is. And we will take our fallenness with us wherever we go.

The technologically savvy entrepreneur Elon Musk wants to colonize the planet Mars. But what would happen if we went there, trying to exit from Earth? Would Mars become “Earth 2.0”? Would we eventually export our societal ills there?

In my humble opinion, the only true escape, or exit if you will, from this world will be the culmination of the Great Controversy, when Jesus comes and takes faithful souls away for the millennium and then returns to the re-create a crime-free, politically pure, disease-proof and environmentally spotless world. One beyond our imagining. (See Revelation 21.)

Jesus facilitates justification, sanctification and glorification as we follow Him. We must know God as the foundation of the process.

“Like our Saviour, we are in this world to do service for God. We are here to become like God in character, and by a life of service to reveal Him to the world. In order to be co-workers with God, in order to become like Him and to reveal His character, we must know Him aright. We must know Him as He reveals Himself.

“A knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education and of all true service. It is the only real safeguard against temptation. It is this alone that can make us like God in character” (Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, p. 409).

Isaiah said: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6, ASV).

Our mission as Seventh-day Adventists in the Pacific Union — at such a time as this — is to present in word and in deed a full gospel message, by the Holy Spirit’s empowerment; thus pointing people to the Prince of Peace in the true sense of our historically prophetic movement.

We must do it in new ways, preserving the message God has committed to Adventism to reach our communities in today’s modality, without forsaking the core of our message.

The gospel group, the Staple Singers, used to sing “I’ll Take You There,” referring to a world without worries, crying and any problems. In reality, Jesus alone can take us there. Stick close to Him.



Ricardo Graham



At the invitation of Oakland Councilman Noel Gallo, volunteers participate in a peace walk through Oakland.

Maranatha and Northern California Conference Team Up for a Teens-only Mission Trip

On a hot summer day in Oakland, Calif., a group of teenagers is painting the wall of a school building. Another dozen are picking up trash at a nearby park. A separate team is preparing crafts for small children.

None of them are getting paid. They aren't working off community service hours for a parking ticket nor fulfilling a required school project.

It's a mission trip, and these teenagers have paid to serve as part of Maranatha Volunteer International's teens-only project called the Ultimate Workout. Typically, this project takes place overseas, but when families began requesting service opportunities in the United States, Maranatha created Ultimate Workout—USA. The North American version of the project debuted last year at Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon.

This year, Maranatha partnered with the Northern California Conference to hold the Ultimate Workout in Oakland. The collaboration

was part of the Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus outreach initiative, an NCC plan to reach the city through community service programs, evangelistic meetings and church plants. The Ultimate Workout volunteers assisted with the community service aspect of the initiative.

During the 10-day project, the teenagers participated in a dizzying variety of activities. Volunteers helped with free dental, medical and eye clinics for the community; led out in Vacation Bible School; participated in a cleanup effort at a local park; painted the exterior of the Immanuel Temple church; and assisted with renovations at Golden Gate Academy.

Volunteers came from all over California and the rest of the United States, including Colorado, Michigan and New Mexico.

Seventeen-year old Meaghan Gano came to the Ultimate Workout after hearing about the mission trip on "Maranatha Mission Stories,"

Maranatha's weekly television show. "I've always been interested in going on a mission trip. It's just that my parents were reluctant to let me go out of the country without them," said Gano, who lives in Tennessee. "So this was the perfect opportunity because it's in the country, it was affordable, and it was perfect timing."

During a time when most teenagers would rather be enjoying their summer break with friends and relaxing, Gano spent her days camping on the baseball field at Golden Gate Academy and waking at 6 a.m. to face a full day of painting in the sun. But Gano wouldn't have it any other way. "I'm so happy that I came. I kind of don't want to go home!" said Gano. "Everybody is so nice, and I'm having a really great time. It's awesome here."

Even those from California had a true mission experience on Ultimate Workout. Anzarath Chavez-Duron, age 15, traveled the shortest



As part of a beautification effort started by the Oakland Spanish church, Ricky Van Why (New Mexico), Daniel Chavez (California), Alex Rios Angulo (California) and Daniel Chibaya (California) pick up trash at Union Point Park in Oakland.



Meaghan Gano (left), from Tennessee, and Megan Conley, from Colorado, pore over the Bible during a morning worship session.



Volunteers take a break from their station at the health fair, organized by Maranatha Volunteers International and hosted by the Oakland Spanish church.



Alex Rios Angulo (California) assists volunteer Dr. Mel Quiba (California) during a free medical clinic at the Oakland Spanish church, during which the team saw more than 100 patients.

distance. She is a member of the Oakland Spanish church and lives just 10 minutes away from base camp at Golden Gate Academy.

Chavez-Duron was one of the most enthusiastic participants in the group, particularly because the mission was serving her hometown. "I was excited to hear that they were going to renovate Golden Gate because the Oakland Spanish church uses the campus a lot, especially the gym and the kitchen for fundraisers," said Chavez-Duron. "People think you have to travel across the country [for a mission trip] to feel God or make a big impact, but I think the cities are the places that need the most improvement and need to be reached the most."

At the end of the project, the young volunteers had racked up an impressive list of accomplishments. But beyond the long list of completed tasks, the teens achieved a more important goal: a closer walk with God.

Each day, Ultimate Workout began and ended with worship. Twice a day, volunteers gathered to sing, pray and study the Bible. For 14-year-old Micah Kontes, from Sacramento, the experience was transformative. "It's felt like God's been here. It's like He came down. It's like He had His hand upon us," said Kontes. "This trip has been life changing."

Ultimate Workout is a mission trip exclusively for teens in high school, ages 14-18, coordinated by Maranatha Volunteers International. This year, Maranatha held an Ultimate Workout in the United States and a second one in the Dominican Republic.

For more information on the Bridges: Bay Area for Jesus outreach initiative, please visit bridges2oakland.org.



Volunteers paint the handrails and trim of an administration building at Golden Gate Academy.



Veonca Ashton (Michigan) paints the exterior of the Immanuel Temple church.

Julie Z. Lee

Elsie Williams 100 and Still Serving God

As a newborn, Elsie Williams was not expected to live. Then the daughter of the midwife saw the baby move and told the doctor, who was called in to assist. That was in 1916, and as Williams put it while celebrating her 100th birthday this spring: “I haven’t stopped moving since!”

Many of her friends, family, former students and fellow community service workers gathered to pay tribute to Williams (named Elsie after the midwife’s daughter) at two special birthday events. One was held at her home church of Meadow Vista and the other at the Auburn church, where she serves as an Adventist Community Services volunteer. She requested that, instead of gifts, her guests contribute to International Children’s Care, an Adventist ministry that helps children in third-world countries.

Still driving herself to church, weekly ACS work and shopping, Williams always has others in mind. Her car is the go-to receptacle for church members to put used items, including Bibles, books and clothes for her to distribute. “She absolutely has a wonderful heart for those in need,” said Auburn church member Patti Lutz.

Williams is ever on the lookout for clothes to send to orphans. Over the past 30-plus years, she personally sewed hundreds of clothes, sending countless boxes to ICC and other missions. She enjoyed adding extra touches, such as buttons and ribbons. “I tried to make each piece

special so a little kid would be delighted to wear it,” she said.

A few years ago she coordinated a large knitting project — finding yarn and getting students and retired people throughout the community to knit hats for children and others in Mongolia and New Mexico. More than a thousand hats were knitted and mailed. “It’s been a joy,” she said of her work.

Her current project is collecting Bibles and devotionals to send to the prison ministry Christmas Behind Bars — 93 boxes and counting. She makes cards, inscribed with encouraging Bible verses, to go with the books and other supplies for the prisoners.

Williams touched many young lives during her 28 years as a teacher at Auburn’s Pine Hills School (now Pine Hills Adventist Academy). After “retirement,” she still didn’t stop moving and embarked on some amazing missionary adventures around the world in Africa, Ireland and Mexico, even into her 90s.

She tells people that the secrets to keeping so active — in addition to good genes — are faith, putting others first

and healthy living. “I’ve been a vegetarian for 70 years,” she said.

Williams is an effective witness for the Adventist lifestyle. While shopping recently at the local Grocery Outlet, Williams struck up a conversation with the clerk, who found out it would soon be her 100th birthday. The worker was so amazed with Williams’s story, she had the manager give her flowers and posted her picture and story on Facebook, where it has gone viral with almost 3,000 “likes” and more than 500 comments.

These days, many people are reaching the century milestone, but few have done it with the grace of Williams. “She is an inspiration,” said Meadow Vista church member Marilyn Clark. “She’s always out there helping others, thinking of others and doing for others.”

GROCERY OUTLET, AUBURN, CALIF.



Elsie Williams holds the flowers presented by her local Grocery Outlet. This picture, posted on the store’s website, has received almost 3,000 “likes.”

JENNIFER/TOMISH



A former student pays tribute to Elsie Williams during her birthday celebration at the Auburn church.

Jennifer and Tom Ish

Lodian Singers Perform at Carnegie Hall

On May 1, the Lodian Singers, Lodi Academy's touring choir, performed on stage at Carnegie Hall in New York City under the direction of award-winning composer and arranger Greg Gilpin, an internationally respected conductor.

This experience became possible after the Lodian Singers' participation in a nationwide adjudication held by WorldStrides at Fullerton College in 2014 and again in 2015, where both the Lodian Singers and Lodi Academy's Concert Band garnered gold, silver and bronze awards. As a part of the highest award, the choir was chosen to perform in the prestigious National Youth Festival at Carnegie Hall.

The choir had three days of rehearsals with students from schools around the country, including California, Arizona, Missouri and New York. In addition to forming new friendships, they polished seven sacred, classical and folk musical selections for their onstage performance.

Significant community support and fundraising ensured that all 22 students in the group were able to participate in the five-day experience. Kathy Scheffer spent many hours as a volunteer, helping to plan and organize the trip for the choir students, including her son Chandler, a senior. "We are super proud of what our kids have continued to accomplish, and this experience — singing on a world-renowned stage — has been the highlight of their musical experience thus far," said Scheffer.

The Lodi students walked down hallways lined with images of artists who have performed over the years at Carnegie Hall. "It felt amazing to be in the same place that these famous artists performed," said senior William Dos Reis. "I will never forget the feeling of looking out into the audience from that stage!"



The National Youth Choir, including the Lodian Singers, performs on stage at Carnegie Hall.

memorable trip was just one more example of the many opportunities Adventist education can provide to help students broaden their horizons and expand their worldview."

For more than 100 years, music has been an integral part of Lodi Academy's educational curriculum. Even today, when many schools have had to set aside their fine arts programs, theirs is thriving with 78 percent of the student body involved in musical programs, art, band, choir and drama. Daniel Rodriguez serves as the school's music teacher and conductor of the Lodian Singers. "Our department's major purpose is to serve our community through music while ensuring that our students develop a love of musical expression that will last well beyond their years at Lodi Academy," he said.

Find out more about what is happening at Lodi Academy by visiting their website at LodiAcademy.net and their Facebook page at [facebook.com/lodiacademy](https://www.facebook.com/lodiacademy).

Karen Kanas

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
Marc K. Woodson, Executive Secretary



Lodi Academy students Chandler Scheffer, Danielle Smith, Pearl Nevis and Tori Lee point to "Lodian Singers" listed on the marquee at Carnegie Hall.

Students filled their free time touring New York City sights — attending a performance of "Aladdin" on Broadway, and visiting the top of the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, the 911 Memorial and Museum, and Central Park.

"Traveling to New York City and performing at Carnegie Hall was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students," said Lodi Academy Principal Tim Kubrock. "This inspirational,

The Lost Bible

One morning in the fall of 2014, Debby Delaney, Vallejo Drive church administrative assistant, was surprised to see a box of Bibles and songbooks in a church hallway. "What's going to happen to them?" she asked.

"They will be taken away for donation or be thrown out," her coworker said.

"Could I have the Bibles?" she asked, wanting to give them away.

"Take whatever you want!" he said.

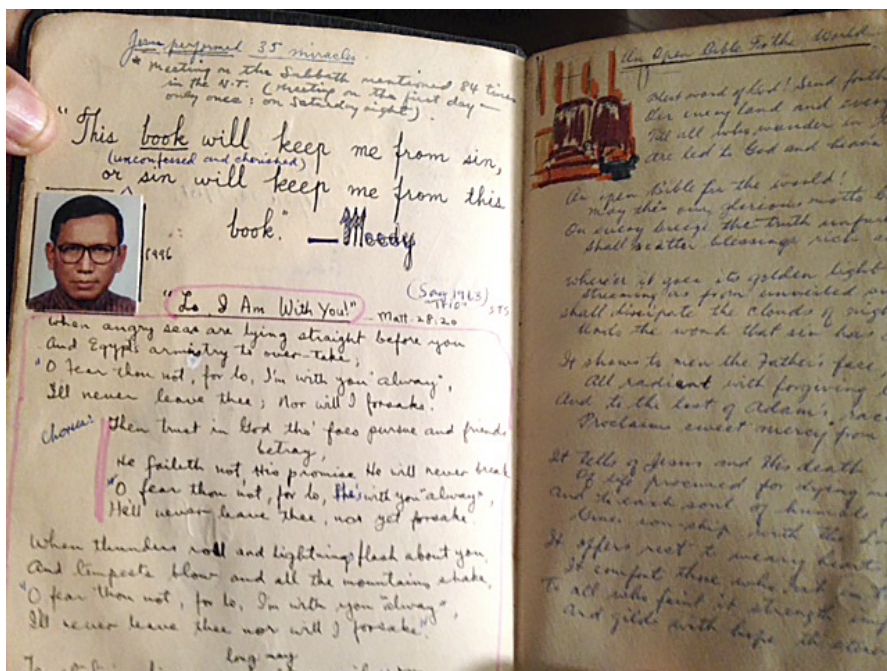
Later, looking through the Bibles with her husband James, they realized one Bible was very special. It contained pictures, bookmarks, stickers, hymns and mementos among its pages, as well as many pages of handwritten notes. When they found the owner's name in the front, their daughter Maddy suggested that they search for it on Facebook.

To their surprise, they found it. Maddy quickly typed a message to the owner.

Fast-forward one and a half years. On June 4, 2016, Maddy saw a message in her spam inbox regarding the Bible and quickly responded. The next day, they received an excited response. They drove to Loma Linda to deliver the Bible. During the next two hours, a story unfolded that was something only God could have accomplished.

In 1961, Edmund Siagian purchased the Bible in Newcastle, Australia. At the time, he was a student at Avondale College. As a young man in his early 20s from Sabah, Malaysia, he had been sent to the college to study so he could return and serve the church. After graduating, he returned to Malaysia and served as a teacher/principal in a local church school. In the early 1980s, after getting his master's degree in the Philippines as well as getting married and starting a family, the Siagians went to Andrews University so Siagian could work toward his doctorate in educational administration. The Bible went with him.

At Andrews, Siagian took several part-time jobs to help pay for school, including one at the university bindery. There he had his Bible rebound and additional pages added. Returning to Malaysia, he served at Sabah Mission as secretary/treasurer and, in the 1990s, was appointed education director for the Southeast



The lost Bible had pages added to it for notes.

Asia Union Mission in Singapore. The Bible went with him everywhere, up to his retirement in 1999.

During a U.S. visit in 2005, Edmund, his wife Eileen and Charmaine, a daughter, and two of Edmund's sisters worshiped at the Vallejo Drive church and met with a few school friends Siagian had not seen for many years. They enjoyed reconnecting and taking pictures. In their excitement, the Bible was misplaced. Later, when he realized his precious Bible was lost, Siagian was distraught. After returning home, Edmund emailed the church secretary for months, but sadly the Bible was not found; his Bible of 44 years was gone. Eventually, he became resigned to his loss and purchased a new Bible, one that quickly fell apart!

Eleven years after losing his Bible, Siagian returned to the U.S. to celebrate his granddaughter Yasmine's graduation from Loma Linda Academy. It was then that he happened to see in his spam Facebook message box the message that the Delaneys had sent 18 months before. He gladly responded and could not believe someone had not only found his Bible, but was now trying to return it.

A few hours later, the Delaney family returned the beloved Bible, and they treasured

meeting his entire family, who had gathered from all parts of the globe to celebrate Yasmine's graduation. "Just the fact that our families could gather together in their entirety to witness this event was a testament to the power of the God we serve," said Delaney.

Debby Delaney



Edmund Siagian, left, and James Delaney.

Culver City Church Initiates Compassion Sabbaths

Great excitement was in the air when 25 members of the Culver City church arrived early to make preparations for Compassion Sabbath. Beans, eggs, rice, cheese and salsa were assembled into 150 breakfast burritos. Each was wrapped and kept warm.

As usual, when Sabbath School began, members gathered in a circle for prayer. "We are going to feed the homeless," Pastor Callie Williams reminded, "but these are not just people who don't have homes. There are also some among those we will meet who don't have a church home, either. They are homeless, as well."

"May God be shown through us," prayed senior Pastor Jan Kaatz. "May the people we meet know of His love by our actions." The group loaded the food into their cars and started on their way to Venice Beach.

Tables were set up and burritos, fruit, bottles of water, bags of toiletries and snack bags were ready to be handed out. Several members carried signs letting people know there was free food. People came and were greeted with smiles and invited to take a bag of food and a "goody bag." Other members talked with any who would stay, and prayers were offered for peace and safety.

By 11:30, the members were back at the church, gathering for worship. A swarm of blue t-shirts worn by all those helping with the outreach caught the congregation's attention as the group moved down the aisles.

Members shared what they had heard and experienced that morning. "The community is not in our church," the pastor said, asking members who drive less than five minutes to church to stand. A handful stood. "It is time that this church be in the community," he urged, speaking briefly about Jesus' mission statement in Luke 4:43, "But he said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.'"

"Jesus was about helping people," Kaatz said. "If we want to be like Christ, we should be about helping people also. The place Jesus started was in His community. We need to focus on where

the church is located. It is time that this church be in the community," he urged, sharing a plan by which the church will be visible and serving. "This Compassion Sabbath was just the start of more to come."

"I experienced my first time feeding the homeless," said Sheri Correa, one of the church's newest members. "It was a wonderful experience, not only for the people we were feeding, but for people witnessing what we were doing.

Many people were impressed that people cared enough to take the time and show kindness to people in need. My prayer is that our compassion will motivate others to not only help other people, but also share the love of Jesus Christ to every heart and soul in need."

More than 100 *Signs of the Times* magazines were handed out, along with 150 burritos and 200 bottles of water. "Helping the needy

with my Culver City church brought me back to my childhood," reminisced Arlines Ordonez. "We always went out and did missionary work as a family. What a privilege to do Jesus' mission."

When lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall, the menu was the same as the morning menu.

Jan Kaatz



T-shirt sales helped fund Compassion Sabbath outreaches and identify the group in the community.



Pastor Jan Kaatz (center) talks with members after they shared food in the community.

Sportster Teams Learn Life Lessons on the Run

Four-year-old Grant Fisher was jubilant. His soccer team had just won a game and he had played a big part in helping them win. Then his pastor father, Cary Fisher, asked him a question. "Is it more important to win or to be a good person?" he asked. His son thought for a moment.

"I guess it's more important to be a good person, Dad."

That, as Coach Marton Medina would say, was a "Sportster moment."

Medina and his wife Joelle started Sportster Athletics in 2012. "Training in Christian values (Proverbs 22:6) is the reason this organization exists," Medina said. "Sports provide the perfect arena for Sportsters to learn and experience these values first hand."

Sportster has baseball/softball, soccer and basketball leagues and also conducts summer sports camps. At first, games were played in the White Memorial church gym. Parents and other lay people have become involved, according to Medina. "As a result," he said, "we are bursting at the seams." Games are now played at Garvey Park in Rosemead.

Sportster games also were started to enable Adventist young people to play games outside of Sabbath hours. A strong feature of youngsters' involvement also is learning leadership skills, plus the value of "we are all in this together" team spirit.

"Sportster has provided a lot of young people with good training and a welcoming family environment," said Bob Wong, SCC junior youth ministries director. "Their ministry to families and non-attending members is filling a real need in many lives."

"I have learned to have good sportsmanship, and it has helped me to be nicer to other people," said 9-year-old Luc Gayares from Glendale Filipino church.

Robert Ramos, Medina's brother-in-law, got involved with Sportster at its inception as an opportunity to spend time with his family while learning how to play the games. Currently, he is focusing on the soccer program as an administrator.

"I have a passion for the games," he said, "playing, teaching, learning. Not being a professional, I have had to learn the games, too. When I was little, I always wanted to play on a team, but the games always were on Saturday, so my family wouldn't let me.

"Our girls were 4, 5 and 7 when we started with the games. Four years later, we are still involved. My wife Macelda runs the snack shop. The games are perfect tools to teach not only sports, but Christian values. People who had stopped attending church began bringing their kids to participate — and they reconnected with the church! So, it's like a ministry. Other friends and their kids who had not been church members also have started to get involved.

"One boy, whose father was in jail, got involved with us at age 10, and was introduced to Pathfinders, as well, which enlarged his family of friends at a time when it was badly needed.

"When non-Adventist friends ask about the organization, they sometimes ask, 'How come you don't play Saturday games?'" added Ramos. "It opens an avenue for witnessing about the Sabbath and Christian values."

At the very beginning of a baseball season, Medina recalled, "near the end of a game, one

kid got almost to third base and knocked the third baseman over. He could have run home and gotten a run at that point. But his team ended up losing the game, because he stopped to be sure the third baseman was okay. He didn't care if he got home." The coach affirmed his play, because his determination to care about the other player was another "Sportster moment."



Coach Marton and Joelle Medina. (Search for Sportster Athletics on Facebook.)



Children and youth ages 4 to 14 participate in their choice of Sportster games. Adventist sports organizations are also training young people in Torrance and Los Angeles.

SCC Education Appoints Winston Dennis First Associate Superintendent for Early Childhood Education Centers

On June 7, early childhood education center directors and principals gathered at the Southern California Conference office for a meeting with associate superintendent Pamela Forbes, Ed.D., and Winston Dennis, Ed.D., newly-rehired associate superintendent.

Dennis recently returned from retirement as the first part-time early childhood associate superintendent hired in the Pacific Union. He will help govern and guide the ECECs. The meeting on June 7 operated in part to introduce Dennis to the team and to reaffirm the role of the Office of Education in the ECEC programs.

The Southern California Conference currently has nine active ECECs, more than any other conference in the union. Forbes and Dennis hope to help the ECECs continue to strengthen and grow their programs.

"The need for these centers continues to grow as parents are looking for quality daycare centers for their children," said Forbes. "What better opportunity do we have than to introduce children to Jesus at the very beginning of their lives? The centers can fulfill this need."

As the meeting progressed at the conference office, it began to turn from a conversation about the details of running a childcare center to a director testimonial of the evangelism happening on the ECEC campuses.

Mary Wiggins, the director at Three Angels Preschool & Infant Center, shared how one child in their program affected her non-Adventist family.

"One of our parents who was a Hindu asked his daughter how she could believe in a God she could not see. The little girl answered her father and said: 'Because He lives inside of me!' That same father came to me a year later, after his children graduated, and asked for a Bible," shared Higgins.

Higgins hopes to continue this ministry with the other non-Adventist families who send their children to her center. One couple that worked across the street at the District Attorney's office saw the center and decided to try it out. They liked it so much that their word-of-mouth praise brought 14 other children from the government building. None of their parents are Adventists.



Winston Dennis, Ed.D.

At the center attached to San Fernando Valley Academy, a non-Adventist parent began attending the Friday chapel service with his child. He came so regularly that the director,

Alma Wesley, invited him to tell a story at chapel the next week. He agreed.

"Early childhood education centers are not always considered a tool for evangelism, but these centers are major assets to our church," said Forbes. "I look forward to seeing how they continue the Lord's ministry."



Early childhood center directors, with Pamela Forbes (3rd from left, front) and Winston Dennis (3rd from right, rear). Associate Superintendent James P. Willis (left, rear) also attended.

Rachel Logan

First-Ever Extension Campus for Graduate Students Established at Central Headquarters

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Central California Conference, La Sierra Divinity School and the Pacific Union collaborate to offer the master's degree program.



Ministry professionals commit to the master's program that launched in June.



Master of Theological Studies students listen intently.

Class is now in session for a cohort of 25 pastors and educators enrolled in a first-of-its-kind graduate academic program at an extension campus housed at Central California Conference headquarters in Clovis. These dedicated students are working toward a Master of Theological Studies degrees from the Graduate Division of the HMS Richards Divinity School of La Sierra University. This special academic program is a collaboration between the Central California Conference, the divinity school and the Pacific Union.

"We are delighted to have this unique educational collaboration with the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School of La Sierra University," said Ramiro Cano, president of the Central California Conference. "The divinity school has a quality theological program, and establishing an extension campus in Central provides our pastors and educators with convenient access to graduate education.

"Ellen G. White expressed, 'The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others' (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 333.4). This collaboration, therefore, advances our mission to reach everyone in our territory with the Lord's salvation message. We praise God for this new opportunity."

Launched in June, the master's program, taught in a series of two-week class sessions, is offered at no cost to participants. The three organizations — the conference, the university and the union — each share a third of the academic costs for these students.

According to Pierre Steenberg, CCC vice president for personnel and human resources, who helped organize the program and serves as the extension campus administrator at CCC, this academic program is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools as well as WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). The divinity school provided a library for students to use for the duration of the cohort sessions. For the students with undergraduate degrees in theology or related fields, this

program will take approximately three years — longer for those without theology backgrounds. "This program unlocks a door to further education that would otherwise be closed for many pastors who are unable to attend Andrews

Twenty-five students attend the La Sierra Divinity School through the extension campus at Central California Conference, pictured here with Ramiro Cano, Bailey Gillespie and Pierre Steenberg.



University for the Master of Divinity program,” emphasized Steenberg. “Our pastors are being blessed with the opportunity to become even better equipped to serve God and His church. Classes are conveniently offered right at the conference office, and we can adjust the class schedule to suit the conference calendar.”

“I have appreciated the students’ enthusiasm and their hard work,” said V. Bailey Gillespie, associate dean, H.M.S. Richards Divinity School, and professor of theology who has been teaching the master’s classes at the conference campus. “I have watched them develop enhanced critical thinking skills and apply what they are learning to the needs of local church membership.

“As we move forward in our study, students will gain a new understanding of their community’s religious needs, aid in evangelism of those from other faith traditions, and build concern for those who live nearby their churches,” continued Gillespie. “Pastors will learn to inspire their members to become good Christian neighbors as they share their love for the gospel and the unique Adventist message.”

One of the students, Nathan Renner, pastor of the Discover Life church in Sonora, remarked, “I’ve already been enriched by the classes and look forward to continuing to learn and grow in this academic setting. I feel grateful and blessed to be able to pursue graduate coursework through the HMS Divinity School. There is no higher calling than to be a minister of the gospel.”

Wanda Flowers, pastor of Hanford House of Hope Multi-ethnic church, considers this educational opportunity an answer to prayer. “Dr. Gillespie’s experience lends relevancy and authenticity to pastoral ministry,” said Flowers. “This program allows me to transition immediately from seminary to practice. It has expanded my ability to competently serve others and to encourage my congregation to participate in their personal discipleship journey. We are seeking to reflect Christ and transform the Hanford community.”

Steenberg added, “Being in a cohort with colleagues of the same conference bonds our pastors together and creates better opportunities for collaboration and ongoing conversation as they work together during the year. This program has been a blessing for all concerned.”

Nancy L. Reynolds

Assigned a variety of abstracts on faith development, each student shared a reflective presentation.



Dr. V. Bailey Gillespie, associate dean of the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School and professor of theology, presents a lesson.



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Hawaiian Mission Academy Celebrates Baptism

This spring, with graduation just a couple weeks away, three Hawaiian Mission Academy students were preparing for an additional ceremony — baptism. Each testified how God had worked in their lives through school, church and family.

According to her classmates, Melanie Diaz is hard-working, caring, passionate and fun to be around. “I’ve watched her grow in her spiritual understanding, love for God, and commitment to her church family,” said Luis Beltre, her religion teacher. Beltre and Melanie’s pastor, Eliezer Graterol, approached her one day to ask if she would like to take the next step in her spiritual walk. About a week later, she said yes.

Diaz’s decision had an immediate effect on junior Samantha Forbes, a new student

at HMA. The girls were good friends, and although Forbes did not come from an Adventist background, she had learned many new things about God’s plan of salvation, especially as it relates to the end-time prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. Inspired by her friend’s courage, Forbes said, “I want to get baptized, too!”

Kuahiwi Brede attended an Adventist church, school and summer camp. Last summer, he joined Ke Ola (The Life), the Hawaii Conference literature evangelism program for students. There, Brede was able to not only grow in his walk with God, but also to share it. His decision to be baptized resulted in weekly Bible studies with Josias Flores, a volunteer intern youth pastor with the conference youth department. Flores met Brede during lunch at the academy

to go through doctrine and answer his questions.

On Friday, May 20, these three students were baptized at Alamoana Beach, surrounded by their parents, teachers and peers. “I think this was the right time for me to make the next step,” said Diaz.



Family and friends celebrate the baptisms with a Hawaiian expression of love and dedication by the bestowing lei.

Forbes agreed. “I know how much God loves me,” she said, “and I want to follow Him.”

“This is my path,” said Brede. “I want to follow God.”

“I’m so thrilled by the decision of these three young people,” said Graterol. “In the case of Melanie, I see how her grandmother, mother, local church and school had a tremendous and dramatic influence in her decision. She is a vivid example of when all Christian institutions (home, church and school) work together for the redemption of the individual.”

“What a privilege it is to be a witness to God’s work in the hearts and souls of Ku, Melanie and Samantha this year,” said Roland Graham, principal. “Like all our students at HMA, these three are special. We are thrilled to see them choose Christ as the center of their influence on others.”

Jesse Siebel



Pastor Eliezer Graterol (middle) prays with Melanie Diaz (left) and Samantha Forbes (right).



Kuahiwi Brede (far left) shares his testimony with family and friends.



Luis Beltre (far right) and Josias Flores (far left) introduce the students before their baptism.

Laguna Indonesian Church Celebrates Church Status

During an inauguration service on Sabbath, May 21, conference administrators celebrated with the members of Laguna Indonesian church in their long journey of becoming an official church in the conference.

The church began in 1996, when a small group of Indonesians joined together every Sabbath to worship. They moved around for six months, meeting in public parks, until the Laguna Niguel church offered a room in which the group could worship. In 2006, the group became affiliated with that church, and in 2012, the conference promoted it from an affiliated group to a company. In 2014, Harold Dien was voted in as ministry coordinator of this company.

On May 21, the church members celebrated not only their 20-year anniversary but also becoming a church rather than a company. During the celebration, three people were baptized and Dien was named the church pastor.

Dien, who took a leadership role in the Laguna Indonesian church after nearly 25 years



Sandra Roberts, conference president, gives Harold Dien, pastor of the Laguna Indonesian church, a certificate of churchhood on May 21.

as a member of the Loma Linda Indonesian church, has joined the members in their mission to continue growing the church. As members of the only Indonesian Adventist church in Orange County, their desire is to reach out to the local Asian community. The church is currently home to 89 members, with seven joining by baptism during the past two years, and with the hope

that five more will be baptized before the year is over.

"We're trying to focus on how are we are going to use this church to improve the lives of the community," Dien said.

Loma Linda University Medical Center contributed to recent growth by assisting in an evangelistic seminar in January of 2015. Conducted by Elizer Sacay, vice president of Asian/Pacific ministries, the meetings lasted a week and covered topics on better



The Laguna Indonesian church chorale sings their theme song, "The God on the Mountain is Still God in the Valley," before the sermon on Sabbath, May 21.

living. LLUMC sent clinical laboratory scientists who were joined with volunteer medical, dental and physical therapy practitioners to meet the needs of the community.

Another focus of the church members is acquiring their own building in the next two years. Currently they are renting worship space, but it makes doing anything beyond the service, such as Bible studies, more difficult. For now, Bible studies are held in the homes of church members or occasionally in a nearby restaurant.

The church building fund is called GIVE 24, which stands for "God Inspired Vision for Eternity." Several members have committed to raising a set amount of money during the next 24 months and the fund is growing quickly.

Many plans lay in the future, but having a church building is a big step in the direction the members are hoping to go.

"God is leading this church in the right path," Dien said. "We're so thankful."

Julia Bonney

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Harold Dien, pastor of the Laguna Indonesian church, baptizes Erlita Soliman during the church's celebration on May 21.



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Moreno Hills Celebrates Church Opening After 23 Years of Changing Locations

After worshipping in nine locations over the past 23 years, Moreno Hills members celebrated the opening of their new, permanent church home on April 30.

That morning, there was a praise and recognition hour following Sabbath school and a musical program in the afternoon. The theme was “Our Offering.”

“We consider the church building a gift from God, so we’re giving it to God as an offering,” said Abel Cordero, church pastor. “We worship, consecrate and offer our lives to Him.”

Yxstian Gutierrez, mayor pro tem of the city of Moreno Valley, attended the praise and recognition hour and welcomed the church’s 146 members. He then challenged the members to become involved with city projects. The church already has plans for hosting a health fair in their new parking lot and working with local youth mentoring programs.

Choirs, special music and congregational singing for the musical worship in the afternoon



Moreno Hills church choir sings “Let There Be Praise” during the praise and recognition hour.

ended with the songs, “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go” and “To Be God’s People.” These songs reflect what the members have gone through during the past two decades.

In May 1993, about 40 people gathered from the Loma Linda Filipino and Moreno Valley churches to form an affiliate group. Florante Yulip, pastor and former coordinator for evangelistic programs of the Filipino church, led the group.

On July 6, 1996, the group was organized into a company as the Moreno Hills Filipino company. Eight months later, in March 1997, Yulip passed away. That September, Abel Cordero, accompanied by his wife, Beth, and their children, John Oscar and Ledy Ann, moved from the Texico Conference to be the new pastor for the group. On Jan. 6, 2001, the company joined the conference’s sisterhood of churches as the Moreno Hills church.



(From left) Verlon Strauss, conference treasurer, congratulates and hands an appropriation to Abel Cordero, pastor, and Peter Yulip, Moreno Hills treasurer.

Circumstances forced church members to keep moving for the next seven years. In 2008, Riverside’s Press-Enterprise newspaper moved and the church purchased the property. Construction began for a new building, but in 2014, the contractor left. Daniel Burgos, a member and professional mechanical engineer, stepped in and took over.

“As head deacon of the church, I wanted to see that everything is good,” Burgos said. “I saw this project as a way that I could help out and make our church better.”

For the next two years, Burgos organized volunteers to build. They met every Sunday and some weekdays. The church covers 5,400 square feet and includes three Sabbath school rooms, a main hall in the back of the building, two restrooms and the sanctuary. Burgos’ leadership as project manager made it possible to complete the building and pass inspection this past January. The next goal for the church is to build a multipurpose building.

“It’s about God guiding us,” Cordero said. “When the cloud is lifted, we follow, like the Israelites and the tabernacle. When the cloud settles, we put our stakes down. We’ll go where He wants us to go.”

This may be an end to moving around, but members see it as just the beginning of what they have in mind for the future of their church.

Jessica Anzai

Five New Principals to Lead SECC Schools

Students in five of the conference's schools will have new principals in the 2016-17 school year. Although the Southeastern California Conference is large and there are 18 schools in its territory, principal changes do not happen often. Don Dudley, superintendent of schools, said to have five principal changes is very rare.

"What is unique about all of these principals is that they all have come from within our conference. They all have diverse backgrounds and are ready to take on new leadership roles in our schools," Dudley said.

Elizabeth Muñoz Beard

Elizabeth Muñoz Beard is the new principal at Orangewood Academy. She was formerly the vice president for academic affairs at Loma Linda Academy.

"My goal is to continue to have a Christ-centered campus and to develop a shared vision with my teachers, staff, students and community," she said.

Beard plans on achieving this goal by listening and learning about OA as much as possible; supporting the teachers and staff

as they develop the students academically, spiritually, socially and physically; getting into classrooms and building relationships with teachers and students; and communicating with and involving parents.

"I am very excited about joining the OA family as their principal starting this school year," Beard said.

Nicholas Lindquist

Nicholas Lindquist is the new principal for San Diego Academy, transferring from Calexico Mission School. After graduating from Walla Walla University in 2003, Lindquist went straight to Calexico and taught English and physical education until 2007, when he became part-time vice principal and high school English teacher. Although he will miss the classroom environment, he looks forward to working full-time in his new role.

"I am really impressed with the teachers and the environment," Lindquist said. "The students and parents are so friendly, and you can see how much they care for their school."

One of his goals is to grow the school and to focus on the spiritual development of the

students. Lindquist also said he wants to make sure the school is financially responsible as a whole.

"I look forward to connecting with students and parents to work toward a common goal to prepare them not only academically, but also spiritually," Lindquist said.

Oscar Olivarria

Oscar Olivarria is the new principal at Calexico Mission School. He moved there from Orangewood Academy, where he taught Bible for the past nine years.

Growing up in Mexico, he attended Calexico to learn English in eighth grade and continued high school there, graduating in 1996. In 2002, he began his educational career when got the call to be a Bible teacher at Calexico. He taught there for one year before transferring to Orangewood Academy. He and his family will now be moving back to Calexico, which they call home.

"Having the opportunity to raise my kids in the same town where I grew up is something I've longed for. Now it is happening, and it's kind of surreal."



Elizabeth Muñoz Beard



Nicholas Lindquist



Oscar Olivarria

Olivarria hopes Calexico will become the number one school in both Mexicali and Imperial Valley in academics and spirituality.

“I want kids to have a good, balanced education that opens doors for them,” Olivarria said. “But I also want them to get a picture of who God is and to have a lasting relationship with Him for the rest of their lives.”

Olivarria is replacing Susan Smith, who has retired from Calexico. She taught and was the



Daniel Olmedo

principal there for the past 22 years and has worked in the field of education since 1972.

Daniel Olmedo

Daniel Olmedo is the new teaching principal at Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian Academy. He became a teacher at El Cajon Adventist Christian School in 2013 for grades 4 through 8. Soon his family grew, and he and his wife, Liz, prayed for the opportunity to move closer to extended family. God answered their prayers, and Olmedo was accepted for the position at Murrieta Springs. He will miss his colleagues and the students at his old school but is confident the community will be just as supportive in Murrieta Springs. He looks forward to working with the faculty and connecting with students.

“My students keep me going,” Olmedo said. “There’s just something about working with children — there’s no reason

for you to have those ‘bad Mondays.’ They always have something to say to put a smile on my face.”

Olmedo is replacing Darena Shetler, who will be a middle school teacher at Escondido Adventist Academy for social studies, science, physical education and other classes.

Datha Tickner

Datha Tickner is the new high school principal at Loma Linda Academy. She was formerly the principal at Orangewood Academy. Tickner has worked in education since 1984. She was at Loma Linda Academy as the elementary vice principal for five years before working at OA for six years. She enjoyed her experience in a K-12 school but decided to move back to focus on high school students.

“I’m very excited about this opportunity. God has opened the doors for me, and I want to make a difference wherever He leads me,” Tickner said.

Tickner wants to make a difference and will start doing so by building relationships with faculty and students, and by doing everything she can to help make them better teachers and successful students.

“I’m excited to help the school reach its goals,” Tickner said. “My ultimate goal is for every student to be in the kingdom of heaven—and that starts with relationships.”



Datha Tickner

Jessica Anzai

Center of Influence Opens in Reno

Free food, free drinks, free gifts, and plenty of smiles marked the May 15 opening of the Center of Influence in Reno, Nev. The Center is housed in the repurposed former office building of the Nevada-Utah Conference at 1095 E. Taylor Street in the heart of Reno.

The event attracted at least 200 visitors. An enormous party tent supplied by the conference shaded two food lines where guests could choose between vegan or regular grilled food. Free gifts included door prizes, summer shoes for the kids and books. Local TV stations KOLO and KTVN both covered the opening.

Jerry Waggoner, Center of Influence director, received a \$15,000 grant from the North American Division Adventist Community Services toward this project. Maitland DiPinto, North American Division ACS director of community engagement and development, presented the grant, as well as a \$12,000 interest-free loan. These funds allowed the Center to buy a Nissan cargo van to use for pick-up and delivery of donated goods.

The Center works in coordination with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to run food bank services several times a month. The veterans food distribution is the fourth Thursday of the month, and the general public is invited to come the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Center handed out over 30,000 pounds of food from February until June of 2016. In order to accommodate the refrigerated products for the food bank, Waggoner built a walk-in fridge into one of the former cargo bays in the conference office warehouse, using lots of insulation and a window air conditioner. It passed the health board inspection and saved

the Center thousands of dollars they would have spent to buy a new one.

The former conference office building also houses an extensive thrift store, which is open Sundays to Thursdays from 12 to 5 p.m. Fruit and other fresh produce is available for free at the thrift shop every day it is open.

The thrift shop occupies the main level of the building, and the upstairs provides offices and conference room space for several community service organizations. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada is located there and uses their space to run the SNAP program — Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps). The building also hosts two 12-step programs and a young adult Bible study. In the first week of July, the Riverview church is running their annual VBS program at the Center instead of at the church in order to be more accessible to the neighborhood children.

Waggoner explains that the Conference vacated the building four years ago, moving to offices in south Reno. Now that the Center is open, he has many people from the neighborhood coming to him asking, “Are you Adventist?” When he responds, “Yes,” they say, “We are so glad you are back in the neighborhood!”

Waggoner serves as Adventist Community Services director for the conference, is the director of the Center of Influence, and is also the pastor of the Winnemucca church. He has a passion for reaching people in this community. “The purpose for the Center is to provide help for members of this working community that need assistance,” he says.

A number of volunteers from the local Reno churches work alongside Waggoner to help make things run smoothly and to form



Carlos Camacho, NUC executive secretary, Maitland DiPinto, NAD ACS director, and Doug Reeves, NUC treasurer, listen as Jerry Waggoner, NUC ACS director welcomes the community to the new NUC Center of Influence.



Guests at the grand opening enjoyed a meal.

relationships in the neighborhood. “I can be of service to my community,” says volunteer Dori Umlauf. “It’s a joy to come in and help different people with clothing and food and know that I am learning to serve and be more loving.”

Now that it is officially open, the Center of Influence will be able to expand its mission of service, love — and influence — to the surrounding neighborhood.

Kris Coffin Stevenson



Jerry Waggoner, NUC ACS director, stands in the new cargo van acquired via an NAD grant.



Friends from the neighborhood donate their time and talents.

Reggie Leach Newly Elected Arizona Conference Treasurer

Reggie Leach has left his 12-year assignment as vice president for finance for the Minnesota Conference to become Arizona Conference treasurer. He follows Robert Hastings, who accepted a post as CFO for Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Leach's wife and partner in ministry, Kelle, will teach grades three and four at Glenview Adventist Academy. Their family includes three grown children: Theron, 25, Thane, 22, and Regina, 18. The Leach family will reside in the beautiful Pinnacle Peak area of north Scottsdale.

Leaving Minnesota wasn't an easy decision. "This has been a very tough decision," Leach says, "but we feel God's clear calling. This is the first time among many 'feelers of interest' over the years that our 'fleece' has been answered. We have always wanted to be where we can serve as a team. Therefore, a ministry calling needed to be for both Kelle and me."

Leach is a tremendous supporter of the local church and especially Christian education. He believes in the missionary spirit supported by our church founders, has worked in the mission

field, and has encouraged his children to participate in mission projects.

Always active in his local church, Leach has served as an elder and has been involved in evangelism, preaching, and stewardship training.

Leach served as secretary-treasurer and director of stewardship and trust services at Guam Micronesia Mission from 1999-2004. His duties included all financial reporting, management and budgeting for six mission funds, as well as financial direction for two medical clinics and seven academies.

From 1987-1999 Leach was vice principal and director of finance for Champion Academy in Loveland, Colorado.

Arizona Conference President Ed Keyes says, "Having Reggie on our team is such a blessing. As I return to Arizona, it's thrilling to see how God has chosen a very capable, personable and caring friend to join our close-knit Conference family. He comes with tremendous recommendations. I think Reggie is a perfect fit for our needs."



Reggie Leach is the newly elected Arizona Conference treasurer.

Leach's personal interests include travel, classic literature, basketball, bicycling, golf, running, and classical and jazz music.

Phil Draper

Good News TV Continues Mission of Reaching Souls For Heaven

Good News TV, a media ministry of the Arizona Conference, has been broadcasting Christ-centered messages of hope 24 hours a day for more than seven years. English and Spanish channels reach people for Christ throughout Arizona and beyond.

Sam and Rosi Sierra (right) were longtime viewers before they joined the Adventist church family. "We praise God for Good News TV," said Rosi, after their baptism at the Phoenix Central church. "If it were not for the channel, we would never have heard about Seventh-day Adventists. My husband is now a new man, and you would not recognize him from before! He

spent time in prison, but now is a deacon and the religious liberties leader." Since his baptism, Sam has also presented five prophecy seminars, resulting in many more souls baptized.

GNTV receives dozens of calls from viewers like the Sierras each week — some specifically asking where they can go to church locally. It is estimated that hundreds of viewers have been baptized so far, while thousands more in the community continue watching.

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Luke Skelton

PUC Introduces the 2016 Maxwell Scholars

Pacific Union College is proud to introduce the recipients of the 2016 Maxwell Scholarship. Named after the late Dr. Malcolm and Eileen Maxwell, the beloved former president and first lady of PUC, the Maxwell Scholars Program is the most prestigious scholarship the college offers. It is awarded to five high school seniors in recognition of their academic achievement, outstanding leadership experience, and a commitment to Christian service. This will be the first year the award will cover full tuition for four years, valued at approximately \$112,000.

We look forward to the talent and ambition each of these students will bring to our campus this fall. Congratulations again on your achievements!

Taylor Bothwell

Taylor Bothwell has spent her time at Pacific Union College Preparatory School involved in athletics and student government. For her junior and senior years, she served as captain of the varsity basketball and volleyball teams. Taylor has held various positions within the school's Student Association as well as representing her fellow students to the PUC Prep Board. She gives back to her community by tutoring peers in math and science, volunteering at her local library, and working as the assistant coach for the Pacific Union College Elementary girls' basketball team.



Taylor Bothwell

Lydia Earles

Lydia Earles is a leader at Hawaiian Mission Academy. She has served as religious vice president and the National Honors Society president at HMA, and captain of the varsity basketball and volleyball teams. She has also been an ambassador on the Teen Advisory Council for the Hawaii Meth Project, which aims to address the state's drug epidemic. She is the founding coordinator for Dream Catchers, a young women's ministry group at Kailua Seventh-day Adventist Church, and has spent time in the Dominican Republic and Panama on several mission trips.



Lydia Earles

Christian Im

Christian Im is a four-year National Honors Society member who has attended The McCallie School, Bellevue Christian School, and PUC Preparatory School while excelling in athletics, music, and academics. A valued member of his high school tennis, basketball, and football varsity teams, Christian also earned MVP and Best Defensive Player runner-up at the NBC Basketball Clinic in 2015. Christian is involved in several ministries and lends his talents as a pianist for PUC Prep's advanced choir Volante and other events. This spring, Christian will graduate from PUC Prep.

*Christian Im**Cheryl Wang*

Cheryl Wang

Cheryl Wang is senior class president at Loma Linda Academy. She has served as campus ministries director and the student representative on the school's WASC Leadership Committee. For all four years in academy, she has been a member of LLA's advanced choir Pro Musica. Since 2014, she has been a National Honors society member. Cheryl is heavily involved at the Mission Road Church of Seventh-day Adventists, notably serving as Vacation Bible School director and praise band leader, and has accumulated an impressive 150 volunteer hours with Kaiser Permanente.

Adrienne Weiss

Adrienne Weiss has had an extraordinary high school experience as a homeschooled student. She has visited such places as Cuba, the Galapagos Islands, and Zimbabwe on mission trips. Since 2002, Adrienne has been involved with the Hanneke & Co. Ballet, performing a variety of roles in several productions. Since 2010, she has been the principal violist for the Sacramento Youth Symphony, and serves as mentor within the organization. She is a youth leader at the Carmichael Seventh-day Adventist Church, and regularly volunteers at Northern California Conference youth events.

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*Larissa Church* *Adrienne Weiss*

Memory Care Facility Stimulates Memories with Innovative Spaces

Parkview Memory Centers is using innovative activities and experiences to stimulate memories in Alzheimer's and dementia residents. The center is located at Generations' Paradise Village campus in San Diego's South Bay.

"Each community has spaces that resemble a place or time in a resident's life," says Melody Gabriel, president of Generations, and Adventist Health board member. "There's a small chapel that looks like a church, a beauty parlor, an auto garage and an eatery."

Parkview facilities use a holistic approach — focusing on the mind, body and spirit — to care for the health of each person. The same approach was used in the design and construction of the memory care buildings — perhaps the most unique being the incorporation of an antique car into the design of each facility.

The memory care facility at Paradise Village recently celebrated the addition of a 1950 Pontiac Chieftain to the first floor of its new building. Incorporating an antique car in the facility is a feature unique to each of Generation LLC's Memory Care Communities. Wendell White, founder of Generations LLC, believes cars have the power to stimulate and bring back past memories and feelings of the residents.



Antique cars spark conversations between residents and their caregivers.

"The 1940s and 1950s, when many of our residents grew up, were the heyday of the automobile," says White. "Cars were a huge part of life. You remember the car you learned to drive in; if your first kiss was in a car. There are so many milestone memories associated with being behind the wheel and we can stimulate those long term memories for our residents."

Installing the car involved lowering it by crane to the memory care center's first floor — the Main Street garage — where it will remain parked for residents' enjoyment. The garage includes a work bench, potbellied stove, rocking chairs and a fully stocked refrigerator. It is an area devoted to reminiscing about the 'good old days.'

Residents are encouraged to actively participate in the community living spaces, watching old TV shows and nature documentaries in the theater, getting their hair done at the salon and spending time in the antique cars.

"They can climb in the front or back seats, use the radio or fiddle with the motor," says Gabriel. "At one of our facilities, a resident who used to be a mechanic actually disassembled the whole

motor. But that's what it's there for — to give residents a physical part of a memory."

In addition to an antique car, Parkview Memory Care communities have several other features that aim to invoke recollection, such as the Snoezelen Room. This innovative therapy room is designed to stimulate each of the five senses — taste, touch, smell, sight, sound — and provide individuals the means to work through agitation, confusion, worry and sadness that may accompany Alzheimer's and dementia.

Parkview facilities use a holistic approach — focusing on the mind, body and spirit — to treat and care for the health of each person. The chapel, often used by families in addition to residents, provides spiritual care and a place to relax and reflect.

"Once you start playing those old hymns, people just congregate to the chapel and sit down and start singing," says Gabriel. "Other people will just come up and play the piano with you. It takes them to such a peaceful place."

Ali Reiner



The chapel, designed to look like an old church, offers residents and their families a place to reflect and relax.

Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino Campus Inspired by Mission

The tone was joyous during the ribbon cutting ceremony for Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino. An awareness and understanding of the area's great need (it is the poorest city of its size in California) and commitment to Loma Linda's mission — to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ — inspired the project.

"This day is a dream come true," said Loma Linda University Health President Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., during his remarks. After years of planning and 18 months of construction, the completion of the project brought Hart to tears as he spoke.

The one-of-a-kind healthcare and education facility, funded in part by a generous gift of \$10 million from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, will house the San Manuel Gateway College, an expanded multi-specialty medical clinic operated by Social Action Community Health System (SACHS) and a vegetarian restaurant, which will showcase the longevity-enhancing benefits of a plant-based diet.

"I cannot think of a better partner than Loma Linda University Health – a relationship that goes back 110 years," said Ken Ramirez, tribal



More than 500 members of the community were present for the official ribbon cutting ceremony for Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino Campus. The ceremony took place in front of the new building Wednesday, June 22.

secretary, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. "We are eager to continue to serve, educate and take care of the community we call our home and our family."

The campus will soon be busy providing healthcare and education to members of the community: by mid-July, SACHS, behavioral health services, family medicine residency and current SACHS pediatric services will be operating.

In early August, the pediatric teaching office begins services, and internal medicine and OB-GYN and specialty clinics will be accepting patients.

"I can't help but get emotional," said Nancy Young, CEO, SAC Health System. "This building has been our dream for so many years and it's finally coming true. This project will be the beginning of the

transformational healing for the city we all love and are honored to serve."

San Manuel Gateway College programs, including medical assistant, front and back office skills and certified nurse assistant, are scheduled to begin in September.

"We are opening the door to better health and the opportunity to fulfill important educational dreams for many in our region," Roger Hadley, M.D., dean, Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Arwyn Wild, executive director of San Manuel Gateway College, explained his eagerness to give high school kids the confidence and resources to succeed. "This is not about us," he said, "it is about the future, providing a light at the end of the tunnel for our kids."

Coming from the San Bernardino Unified School District, Wild knows firsthand the challenges many underserved kids experience and what they need to succeed.

Not only will the campus serve as a clinical and educational facility, it has the potential to become the largest outpatient facility of its kind in the U.S., providing health care for 200,000 people each year.

Briana Pastorino and Nancy Yuen



San Bernardino.jpg: Loma Linda University Health – San Bernardino includes San Manuel Gateway College, an expanded multi-specialty medical clinic operated by Social Action Community Health System and a vegetarian restaurant which will showcase the longevity enhancing benefits of a plant-based diet.

La Sierra University Graduates Largest Class in School's History

La Sierra University Criminal Justice student Joseph Lopez stood in a long line of capped and gowned graduates on a cool Sunday morning, happy but tired.

He had awoken early for the university's graduation ceremony on June 12, and waited with his fellow students to march to "Pomp and Circumstance" down the university's sloping upper campus to their seats on Founders' Green. He was also reflective. Of the lessons acquired at La Sierra, he found his experience with his service-learning classes particularly impactful. Through academic-based volunteer activity at a local home for the developmentally disabled, Lopez came to better understand compassion.

"It was an eye-opener," said Lopez, who aims to join the U.S. Air Force. "I just never really understood how compassion was so important."

Lopez was among 428 students to graduate from La Sierra University, the largest graduating class in the history of the 94-year-old institution. All together, 447 degrees were awarded during the Conferring of Degrees ceremony, capping a weekend of activities that began with a Friday night consecration service.

In an address titled "Pursuing a Flourishing Life," commencement speaker Edwin Hernandez charged the new alumni to live intentionally with so-called 'eulogy values' such as honesty, integrity and compassion for others.

Hernandez is provost of the Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Fla. His background includes serving as senior program officer for the De Vos Family Foundations in Michigan, and co-founding and directing the Center for the Study of Latino Religions at the University of Notre Dame's Institute of Latino Studies.

Citing the book *The Road to Character* by author David Brooks, Hernandez challenged graduates to live with a foundation in eulogy values rather than build their lives solely on résumé values consisting of skills and strategies important to the marketplace.

"Our culture talks a lot about success," said Hernandez, "but sometimes it fails to distinguish and clarify what are the enduring values that lead to a vibrant and flourishing life. The

question of success is more than just following your passion or your dream, it is fundamentally about who you are as a person."

"You're being called to be leaders at a particular moment when our churches, our society, our businesses, our government institutions need leaders who have a conscience for the common good,"

Hernandez said to the graduates. "We live at a particular moment in American history where people of color and the stranger and the immigrant amongst us are being demonized and labeled as criminals, and it is not just happening here, it is happening across the world."

Following commencement, as hundreds gathered in festive groups around Founders' Green, several graduates spoke about the excitement of the day as well as the university's impact and influence in living out the eulogy values Hernandez described.



La Sierra University grads wave at a camera drone. On June 12, La Sierra graduated 428 students, the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

Daniel Opuni-Mensah, a native of Ghana, celebrated the completion of his Master of Science in accountancy degree with a large group of friends and family members. He commended La Sierra University for the extensive assistance and support provided him, his wife and two children when they arrived on campus six months after he had completed cancer treatments. He also thanked the La Sierra University church for providing a meeting space the past 10 years for the Ghanaian congregation at La Sierra, a group that became a source of support.

"It means so much to me," Opuni-Mensah said. "This university was so good to me. I am really blessed. The subjects and professors I had, the people impacted me to give me hope and encouragement."

Rudan Zhang, who earned a Master of Business Administration in finance, said she was mentored last quarter and wants to pay forward her experience. "I want to pass my love to anyone else who needs help," she said.

Phyllis Incidis, mother of biochemistry graduate John Incidis, expressed her family's sentiment over her son's accomplishment. His future plans include dental school at Loma Linda University. "We are very happy. Overwhelmed [and] proud," she said. "We are very happy with La Sierra University. It is centered in Christ."



Dr. Edwin Hernandez, provost of the Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Fla., in a June 12 commencement address advised La Sierra University graduates to a live a life based on "eulogy values." La Sierra University graduates engage in the age-old tradition of cap decorating for commencement Sunday.

Darla Martin Tucker

CALENDARS

Arizona

STEVE DARMODY CONCERT (Aug. 6) during the second Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Paradise Valley church, 2727 E. Cactus, Phoenix. Info: www.paradisevalleyadventist.org.

RAW FOODS POTLUCK SUPPER (Aug. 13) held the 2nd Sat. of each month, Central church, 777 W. Montecito, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. Newcomers, please bring a vegetable or fruit salad without dressing. Info: 480-430-5492.

SOMETHING NEW (Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27) 1:30 p.m. Music, prayer, fellowship, Bible study and refreshments by the father/son team of Ben and David George. Florence Community Center, 778 N. Main St., Florence, Ariz.

COUPLES RETREAT (Sept. 16-19) "Great Grace, Great Marriage," sponsored by the Ariz. Conf. Family Ministries and held at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix. Info: 480-669-2879.

MEN'S MINISTRIES WEEKEND (Sept. 23-25) "All About Jesus" Camp Yavapines, Prescott. Info: Valbert Francis, 480-991-6777, ext. 127.

ARIZONA WOMEN'S RETREAT (Oct. 8-9) Camp Yavapines, Prescott. Info: Tammi Morby, 602-561-1634.

Central California

YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICES, Lower River Amphitheater inside Yosemite National Park. Now through Sept. 3, 2016. Sabbath School starts 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and fellowship lunch at 12 noon. Info: contact Jonathan Sanchez, 559-779-8154 or jsanchez@cccsda.org.

YOUTH X TOUR (Aug. 9-14) beginning at CCC then to Santa Cruz and Lake Don Pedro. High school students will enjoy surfing, wakeboarding, rock climbing, and other extreme sports around the conference concluding with a weekend of worship on the lake. Info: 559-347-3177 and register at www.cccsdayouth.org/#/events/x-tour-2016.

PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP TRAINING (Aug. 19-21) Camp Wawona. Info: 559-347-3174 or spasillas@cccsda.org.

ADVENTURER LEADERSHIP TRAINING (Aug. 26-28) Camp Wawona. Info: 559-347-3174 or spasillas@cccsda.org.

HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (Sept. 2-3) Camp Wawona. Info: contact FEJA, 559-347-3174 or spasillas@cccsda.org.

La Sierra University

FALL QUARTER (Sept. 26) La Sierra University offers more than 120 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, H.M.S. Richards Divinity School, and the Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business. Recent additions include expansions and new offerings in our criminal justice, film and television, psychology, biology, school psychology, business, and divinity school programs. Information is available at lasierra.edu/request-info.

ASSOCIATION OF ADVENTIST WOMEN Conference (Oct. 21-23) The Association of Adventist Women is holding its 34th annual conference at LSU. Rebekah Liu, ordained pastor from China, will serve as keynote speaker: "Here We Stand: Women and God's Call." Speakers, plenaries and breakout sessions as well as the "Woman of the Year" awards. Info: associationofadventistwomen.com.

ARCHAEOLOGY DISCOVERY WEEKEND (Nov. 12-13) "A Man's World? Queens, Goddesses, and Mothers in the Ancient Near East." Activities will include lectures by world-famous experts, a kids' archaeology dig, hands-on labs, teachers' workshop, Middle Eastern banquet, and Bedouin hospitality tent. Info: lasierra.edu/archaeology or 951-785-2632.

Northern California

ADVENTIST SINGLE ADULT Ministries (Aug. 14) Valley ASAM Fellowship's Branch called Son Rise (ages 30-55) kicks off with Tito Cabrera meeting participants at the trailhead of Feather Falls Scenic Trail, Plumas National Forest. Tito will lead four-hour hike to falls. Bring sack lunch, water. Info and RSVP: Tito Cabrera, 209-712-7078.

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

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

ALUMNI REUNION (Sept. 17-18) El Dorado Adventist School, 1900 Broadway, Placerville. 80th year celebration! Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; fellowship at Placerville church, 2 p.m.; golf tournament, Sunday. Honored classes:

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BIG BEAR VALLEY CHURCH Camp Meeting (Aug. 20) Big Bear Valley church, 349 E. North Shore Dr., Big Bear City. Bill Tucker is the featured speaker. Info: Michael McMillan, 909-838-7904.

Southern California

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BELLEAU, DEAN R. – b. Aug. 4, 1949, Ashland, Wis.; d. June 8, 2016, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lynda; sons, Darren, Brian; four grandchildren; brothers, Lyn, Robert; sister, JoAnn. Served as a pastor in Big Bear, Lucerne Valley, Yorba Linda, Calimesa, Fallbrook and Arden Hills in Highland. Camp pastor at Pine Springs Ranch.

CARELOCK, NELLIE ELAINE (GODSEY) – b. June 3, 1915, Richmond, Va.; d. Feb. 20, 2016, Angwin, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Carolyn Ort, Janine Burville, Ruth Miller; 19 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

Correction: **COMSTOCK, BETTY JANET (TONN)** – b. Aug. 11, 1933, Lodi, Calif.; d. April 1, 2016, Salem, Ore. Survivors: sons, Darryl, Doug; daughter, Sharyl Ashley; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Served as elementary school teacher at Golden Gate Academy, Oakland, Calif., and Livingstone Academy, Salem, Ore.

FURR, DORSEY – b. Nov. 28, 1926, Fort Smith, Ark.; d. June 2, 2016, Castle Pines, Colo. Survivors: wife, Jeanne; sons, Wayne, Dennis; daughter, Carol Furr-Bauer; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served as pastor in the Southeastern California Conference for over 40 years and built the Lake Perris church.

GRUSZIE, LILA MARIE (BAUMBACH) – b. Sept. 2, 1926, Sheridan, N.D.; d. April 16, 2016, Stockton, Calif. Survivors: son, Kenneth; sister, Alice Copus; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

HALLOCK, VIDA MAE (KNOUSE) – b. July 25, 1929, Goble, Ore.; d. June 12, 2016, Soap Lake, Wash. Survivors: husband, William John; sons, William, Douglas; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Wight.

KANEN, DORIS IOLA (DINSMORE) – b. April 25, 1928, Santa Barbara, Calif.; d. April 29, 2016, Yuba City, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Jennifer Mayfield, Debbie King, Janice Mayfield, Druscilla Covington; stepsons, Donald, David; stepdaughters, Denice Abston, Marlene Savage; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

MERIAM, JEFFERY PAUL – b. March 10, 1946, Walnut Creek, Calif.; d. Sept. 20, 2015, Lakeview Terrace, Calif. Survivors: wife, Kit; daughters, Brenda Perez, Corinn Wertz; seven grandchildren.

MITCHEM, RAY W. – b. July 9, 1939, Maywood, Calif.; d. May 10, 2016, Whittier, Calif. Survivors: wife, Judith; sons, Michael, Gary; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

PEARCE, BETTY M. (HIEDEMAN) – b. Jan. 10, 1922, Empress, Alberta,

Canada; d. June 30, 2016, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Ann Cash, Carolyn Ballard; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

SMITH, A. WAYNE – b. June 19, 1941, Tucumcari, New Mexico; d. March 7, 2016, Colton, Calif. Survivors: wife, Cindee; daughter, Mic; brothers, Earl Jr, Garland “Red”; sister, Bobbie Ann.

TUAN, ORIENT – b. July 4, 1922, Haizhou, Guangdong, China; d. May 13, 2016, San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: sons, Rocky, James; daughter, May Tuan Tucker; three grandchildren.

VAN FOSSEN, GLEN – b. Aug. 1, 1929, Flint, Mich.; d. June 12, 2016, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: sons, Dennis, Greg; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

WILLIAMS, RICHARD ROY – b. Sept. 21, 1929, El Centrol, Calif.; d. Feb. 18, 2016, McMinnville, Ore. Survivors: wife, Doris (Jauch); daughters, Celene, Cecily; three grandchildren. Served as a teacher in San Francisco, Glendale and Sandpoint Adventist schools.

WOODRUFF, MARRIAH LYNN – b. June 7, 1997, Eureka, Calif.; d. May 13, 2016, Laytonville, Calif. Survivors: parents, Will and Dawn; sister, Tiffany; grandparents, Barbra and Robert Cobb, Kathy and Jim Todd, Regina Anglin.

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