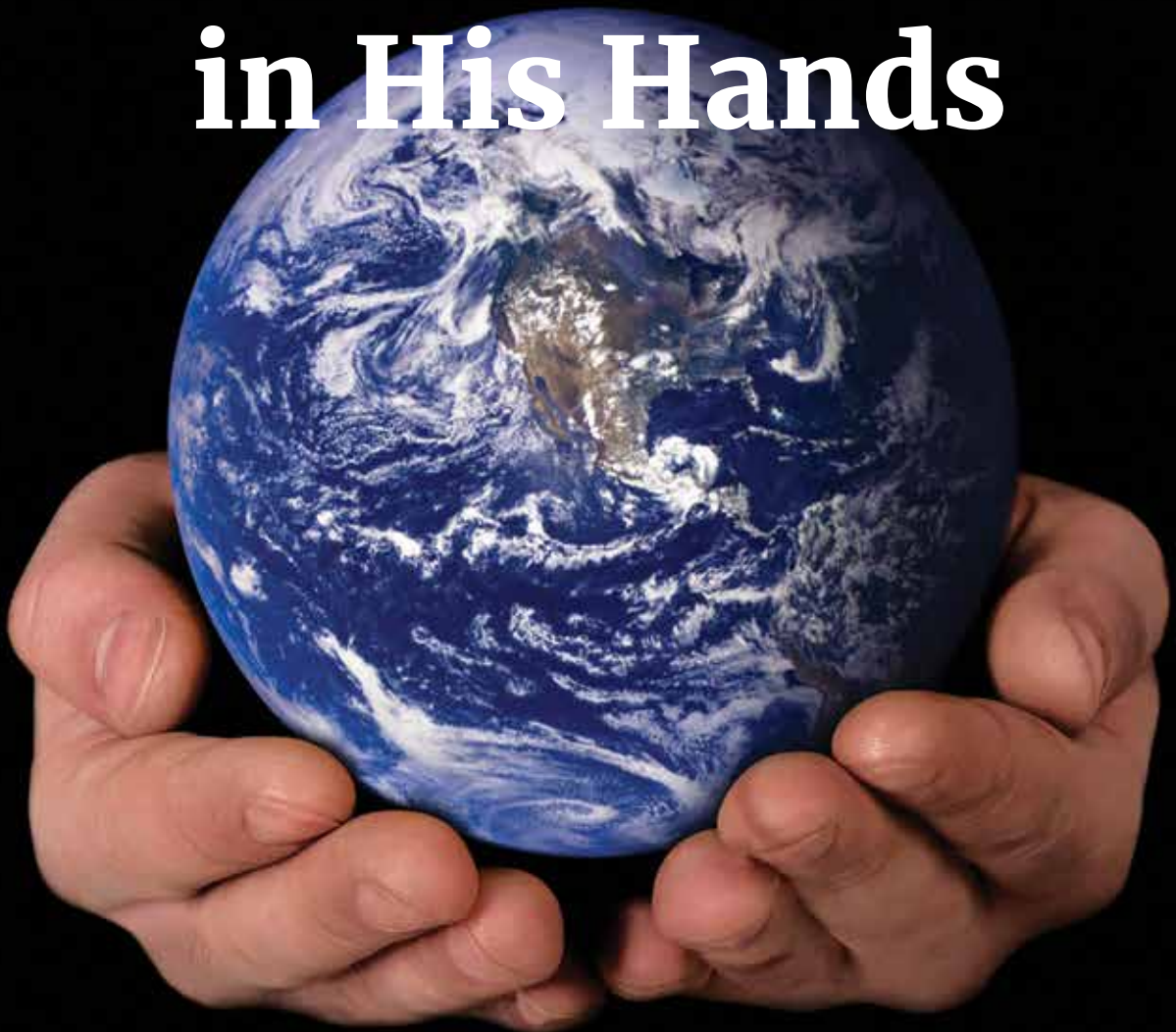


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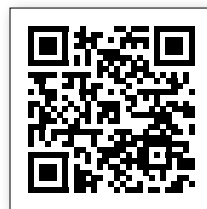
A Hymn to God the Father

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

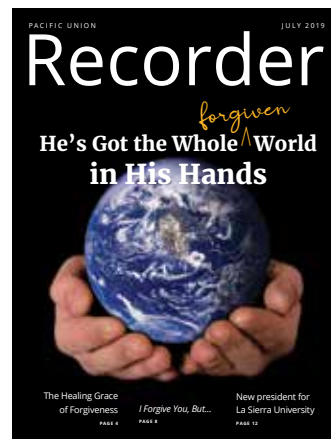
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.

—John Donne (1573–1631)



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The Healing Grace *of* Forg

BY BRADFORD C. NEWTON

Matt Swatzell was traveling home after his 24-hour shift as a firefighter. Just four miles from home, there was suddenly “the most awful sound I’ve ever heard.” He had fallen asleep at the wheel and crashed into the car of June Fitzgerald, who was pregnant. She was killed, as was her unborn child. The only other passenger, her 19-month-old daughter, Faith, survived.

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As June’s husband, Pastor Erik Fitzgerald, grieved this unspeakable loss, he shared his sorrow with those closest to him. His ministry also included speaking to young people. After one meeting, during which he had recounted this experience, a young girl wondered how the driver of the car felt. The challenge came before him in stark terms: in this dark time, would he practice what he taught and preached?

As Matt Swatzell lived through the two years of a criminal investigation, he expected nothing but hatred from Erik Fitzgerald. But instead he received something completely surprising. Erik pleaded for a lenient sentence so Matt could avoid prison time. In the end, Matt Swatzell paid a fine and performed community service. “I didn’t see why this accident and tragedy needed to ruin any more lives,” said Fitzgerald.

Two years after the accident, Swatzell was at a local grocery store buying a greeting card to send to Fitzgerald. As he walked out of the store, there was Fitzgerald, walking into the same store. After a brief introduction, Fitzgerald said to Swatzell, “I have a desire to be in your life.” This was the beginning of a friendship that continues to this day.

“You forgive as you’ve been forgiven,” says Pastor Fitzgerald. “It wasn’t an option. If you’ve been forgiven, then you need to extend forgiveness.”

There is a healing grace that comes from forgiveness, and it begins with God Himself. A cherished promise speaks of this in 1 John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (NKJV). We are invited to come

to God with our failings and brokenness, along with our knowing and unknowing transgressions, and recognize that we are readily forgiven through the atoning work of Jesus. Beyond this comes an assurance of the transformation that



Portrait of Forgiveness

He never imagined that his final hours as a condemned man would end in hope. Hanging there on a cross next to a man they called the Messiah, he witnessed peace instead of anguish from the one who wore the crown of thorns. The Messiah's sense of purpose seemed unnatural—what the crowd said about Him had to be true. So the thief grasped at that hope. Asking to be remembered by this Messiah was his last request. Forgiveness came just in time. (Luke 23:39-43)



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comes to our lives through this experience. God “cleanses us” from the soul-staining power of sin in our lives. Is this a one-time experience? Not at all. Daily we “come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most” (Hebrews 4:16, NLT).

There is a vertical (God and us) as well as a horizontal (God and others) dimension to the healing grace of forgiveness. The dramatic story of Erik Fitzgerald and Matt Swatzell provides a powerful example of the transformative nature of forgiveness in the human experience. Although most of us will never face a gut-wrenching test such as this, we certainly have opportunities to regularly live out the gift of forgiveness. Those we love and those who love us are only human, after all. Every marriage calls for a steady dosing of forgiveness and understanding. Parents and children both benefit from the simple act of saying, “I’m sorry. I was wrong.” How many feuds in families, workplaces, and churches could have been avoided by uttering those simple words?

There are some acts in life that are so heinous, unjust, damaging, and even criminal that the mere contemplation of bestowing forgiveness appears insulting and mocks the pain. Perhaps the act of forgiveness calls for something that is utterly impossible to contemplate. Possibly the

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one who inflicted harm is now gone from this life. Or maybe the very thought of reliving the past renews the injury. This writer would dare not trivialize such situations with simplistic words or pithy spiritual advice. Nor should anyone in our community of faith. Seeking to cope with the past is not a spiritual weakness. It's part of the human condition that we all share. Thankfully, Jesus abides with us through all of this journey. He promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5, NKJV). We as the Church must strive to be, as is our Lord, a safe harbor for all who grapple with applying the teachings of Jesus about forgiveness.

How we treat one another—particularly those with whom we disagree—is marked by our capacity for forgiveness. Not merely for the individual acts of others that transgress upon us. The true healing power of forgiveness is embedded in our hearts when it becomes the way we view our world. God has forgiven you and me repeatedly, a million times. He does this because He remembers that "we are but dust" (Psalm 103:14, NASB). Can I do any less when people do me wrong? Talk against me? Hurt my feelings? Do things that I don't like? Just act like themselves? A lifestyle of forgiveness means we stop keeping score. The tally sheet of who's done what to whom is tossed away.

Here's some good advice from a lady who knew firsthand about giving and receiving forgiveness. "The Lord requires of us the same treatment toward his followers that we receive of him. We are to exercise patience, to be kind, *even though they do not meet our expectations in every particular*. The Lord expects us to be pitiful and loving, to have sympathetic hearts." (Ellen G. White, "The Duty of Forgiveness," *Advent*

Review and Sabbath Herald, Nov. 16, 1886, p. 705 [emphasis supplied]).

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Portrait of Forgiveness

He was a zealous man for God. The community in and around Jerusalem knew him as an ardent advocate for his beliefs. He was eager to serve God—but his misinterpretations were counterproductive. While Saul was on his way to persecute Christians, God intervened in a dramatic way, giving him a new understanding of salvation and forgiveness. Saul, also known as Paul, experienced forgiveness that transformed his relationship with God and set him on fire to share the good news. (Acts 9:1-19)



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Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson on her Book *I Forgive You, But...*

INTERVIEWED BY CONNIE VANDEMAN JEFFERY



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Lourdes E. Morales-Gudmundsson, Ph.D., recently retired from La Sierra University where she chaired the World Languages Department for 21 years, teaching Spanish courses at all levels and an honors course on forgiveness and culture. *I Forgive You, But...* was published by Pacific Press in 2007, and she has authored numerous articles for Adventist publications and scholarly journals. A popular speaker, she has traveled nationally and internationally presenting seminars on forgiveness for over 30 years.

What motivated you to write *I Forgive You, But...?*

I had been studying the life and writings of Fray Luis de León, a 16th-century professor, Catholic theologian, and poet, who was denounced by the Inquisition and spent nearly five years in prison. Legend has it that when he returned to his classroom at the University of Salamanca, he began his lecture with, “As we were saying yesterday....” It struck me as such a generous act of forgiveness that I began to explore this Christian virtue. This decision led to my book and opened a second career for me as a seminar presenter. It also opened the way for me to have a healing encounter with my father. My father was a responsible provider but mostly absent from our lives. The weekends he was home, he was distant and moody and rarely participated in the lives of his children. One day, when my parents were living with us in Puerto Rico, I found him in an unusually pleasant mood and thought this might be my opportunity to let him know how I felt. Initially his response was predictably defensive, but soon afterwards he came looking for me and apologized for his outburst, telling me he understood how I felt because it was exactly how he felt when his own father abandoned him as a child. A long, tearful hug swept away years of hurt and misunderstandings, launching me even deeper into the study of this healing virtue.

What is forgiveness?

One of my favorite definitions of forgiveness was developed by psychologists McCullough, Sandage, and Worthington: “An increase in our internal motivation to repair and maintain

a relationship after the relationship has been damaged by the hurtful actions of the other person.”¹ To forgive, you have to find it in yourself to *want* and *choose* to forgive. Enright and North suggest that acknowledging the pain of an offense is an indispensable prerequisite to getting to



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She was generous. Perhaps not with everyone or consistently, but Mary gave a gift to Jesus that no one else provided—expensive perfume to symbolize Jesus’ sacrifice to redeem us. She understood what Jesus was about to do and what that meant for her. She was forgiven, and receiving this gift had changed everything for her. Jesus acknowledged her offering by promising that her story of faith would be told throughout the world. (Matthew 26:6-13)



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forgiveness.² Far from pretending as though nothing happened, forgiveness takes into account every detail of the hurtful event while choosing to release the debtor from the debt owed. One does



Portrait of Forgiveness

She knew her city of Jericho well. Though the thought of betraying the community Rahab had known her whole life frightened her, the God the Israelite spies spoke of astounded her. They shared truth she'd hungered for her whole life. It was a risky decision that could have cost her everything, yet she chose to believe what the men said about God's plan. She hid the spies, aided in their escape, and saved her own family in the process. Her encounter with God led to forgiveness and a completely new life. (Joshua 2:1-24)



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not ignore the hurt by forgiving, but simply looks back at it *differently*.

Why is it so important?

There is nothing like the decision to forgive to strip you down to the bare truth about yourself—particularly when there is no acknowledgment of wrongdoing by the perpetrator. In this sense of brutal self-knowledge, forgiveness is immensely important.

And forgiveness is important for one's physical health. Being unwilling to forgive has been related to cancer, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes, among other physical ailments. The longer one thinks about the "offense narrative" and repeats it to oneself or anyone else willing to hear it, the tighter those chains choke out physical and emotional health. Ultimately, perhaps the greatest motivation to forgive comes from the discovery that forgiveness benefits the forgiver every bit as much or more than the person forgiven.

Why is it so hard to let go of our hurt?

It's hard because when we are treated unfairly or cruelly, we want the scales of justice to be brought into balance again. We have come to believe that without justice there is no possibility of forgiveness, but nothing could be further from the truth. If we can get justice in a court of law, so much the better, but how do you balance the scales of justice in the case of genocide? We can

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always forgive, even if justice is impossible to achieve. If that were not the case, we would be doomed to carry a burden of resentment for the rest of our lives. Forgiveness may seem difficult, but the alternative can be even more problematic for our overall wellbeing.

In your book, you discuss 12 biblical principles of forgiveness. What’s the most important one?

The principle that gets the most reaction from my seminar audiences is Principle #12: “Forgiving God.” I remember presenting this principle to a group of Hispanic women in San Antonio, Texas, and palpably feeling their shock! How could anyone forgive God who has never sinned? Before they could run me out of town for suggesting such a “heresy,” I asked them to consider how a mother whose daughter has been killed by a drunk driver might feel about where God was when the life of her beautiful child was snuffed out by a thoughtless man who survived with barely a scratch. When humans ask God, “Where were You?” they need to “forgive” God—they need to come to terms with God’s inscrutable ways. I forgive God when I accept His will for my life, no matter how painful the circumstances or how difficult to understand.

How can we know for sure that we’ve forgiven someone?

My own journey with forgiveness has taught me that there’s no one-size-fits-all answer to this question. We are all different in temperament and personality. What for one person is a done deal by the end of the week, takes another person a lifetime. If you’re on the forgiveness journey,

be patient with yourself. Don’t compare yourself to others or let others force forgiveness on you when you’re not ready to give it. And pray... a lot!

What is the most personally rewarding part of your work?

As a presenter, what I find most rewarding are the stories of forgiveness that people share with me. I had a heart-warming experience in Sao Paulo, Brazil, after speaking on forgiveness to over 3,000 women. One of the women leaders came looking for me, with tears streaming down her face, to tell me that an estranged sister of their large family had just reconciled with them as a result of my presentation. I didn’t bother to hold back my own tears of gratitude!

Dr. Morales-Gudmundsson’s book is available through Amazon.com and the Adventist Book Center (online or in stores). The book is also available in Spanish at these sites. This book has been translated into French (at the ABC and at www.viesante.com), German (www.advent-verlag.de), and Portuguese (www.cpb.com.br)

¹McCullough, Sandage, and Worthington, *To Forgive is Human* (Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997), p. 22.

²Enright and North, eds., *Exploring Forgiveness* (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1998), pp. 17-18.

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La Sierra University Board of Trustees Selects New University President



The La Sierra University Board of Trustees on May 30 announced the selection of a new leader to take the university's helm as President Randal Wisbey enters retirement at the end of June.

In a vote on May 29, and following a search process in compliance with board policy, the university trustees elected Dr. Joy Fehr, La Sierra's provost, to serve as the university's next president. She will take office effective July 1. Dr. Fehr has held the provost's position since 2016 following one year as associate provost. She arrived at La Sierra University from Burman

University in Alberta, Canada, where she served as vice president for academic administration from 2010 to 2015.

The presidential search committee formed in February following Dr. Wisbey's announcement of his retirement the preceding month. The committee, chaired by university trustee and Pacific Union Conference Director of Education Dr. Berit von Pohle, consisted of faculty, staff, student and alumni representatives, members of the board of trustees, and two non-voting members. The search process began with stakeholder focus group meetings through which candidate

selection criteria were developed. A job posting distributed through various mediums around the North American Division (NAD) garnered 32 candidates, including several from other countries.

After a four-month vetting process and 30 hours of meetings, the search committee presented their top selection to the Board of Trustees for their vote.

“The Board of Trustees believes Dr. Fehr is the best person available to La Sierra University at this time based on her qualifications, demonstrated experience, and the support of organizational and academic stakeholders,” said La Sierra University Board of Trustees Chair Ricardo Graham. “The search committee prayerfully went about its work under the expert leadership of Dr. von Pohle. The process was systematic with all candidates evaluated equally under the same criteria. These principles were compiled based on the valuable input the search committee received from stakeholder meetings held prior to the start of the search process. The board stands in full support of Dr. Fehr.”

La Sierra University Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Leslie Martin, who served on the search committee, stated, “I am excited by Joy’s vision for the future of La Sierra University and look forward to working with her through the shared-governance process to make the coming years some of the best yet.”

Dr. Wisbey, who is exiting the university presidency after a 12-year tenure, added, “Dr. Joy Fehr is an outstanding leader. Our university has been blessed by her clear-eyed vision, her passionate support of our students, faculty, and staff, and her commitment evidenced by embracing our La Sierra story. I believe she will

be instrumental in guiding the university into an ever-expanding role of influence and success.”

In her current role as provost, Dr. Fehr created the Senior Leadership Team, which has developed a roadmap for growing the university’s enrollment and increasing net tuition revenue over the next three to five years. In support of the team’s work, she has led in the creation of the Strategic Enrollment Planning Council through which programs will be added and current programs evaluated based on a data-informed process.

Dr. Fehr’s roles at Burman University, previously known as Canadian University College, included serving as dean of its arts division and as an award-winning English professor. Prior to her academic career, she served as co-owner and vice president of Fehr West Industries Ltd., a mechanical mobile repair business, where she was responsible for key business decisions.

Her contributions to Adventist higher education include continued service on the NAD Higher Education Collaboration Taskforce, continued membership with the Association of Adventist Academic Administrators, and upcoming service in January with an Adventist Accrediting Association visiting team.

Dr. Fehr holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Calgary, including a Ph.D. in English Literature. She lives in Riverside with her husband, Cornelius. In response to the news of her appointment, Dr. Fehr commented, “As La Sierra University moves into the future, I look forward to discovering with the campus community how we can continue to ensure our students are best served, best educated, and best prepared to be positive change agents—the conduits of God’s grace in their worlds.”

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Milbert Mariano Named Academic Dean at Pacific Union College

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

In the background throughout Milbert Mariano's childhood was the expectation that he would become a medical professional. So that's what he thought he wanted to be.

"I wasn't asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, as if it were a choice," he recalled. "It wasn't until I was a senior in high school that I actually took charge of what I wanted to be—or, more accurately, what I did not want to be."

And he didn't feel called to be a doctor.

Despite their desire for Milbert to become a physician, his parents trusted God to lead in his life, especially as he enrolled at an Adventist college (PUC). They were committed to providing an Adventist education for their children, and that was, ultimately, more important to them than which field he chose to pursue.

"I had no idea there was a career in graphic design until I got to PUC," Milbert admitted. "The moment I realized this, I knew what direction my career would go."

After nearly 25 years of teaching graphic design

at PUC in the department of visual arts, 12 of those as department chair, Milbert has shifted into a new position. Because he also spent four years as a student here, his intimate knowledge of and love for the college goes back nearly three decades. And he is now the college's vice president for academic administration and academic dean.

"Milbert is an established leader on campus," asserted PUC President Robert Cushman. "He has credibility and trust with faculty and staff, and as chair he built a department culture that was collaborative and inclusive—a model we want to share and develop across campus."

Over the years, Milbert has served in several capacities on campus beyond his teaching and chair roles. Taking a deep and abiding interest in every area of campus, he has served on several student committees as advisor and sponsor.

Over time Milbert has become adept at crafting curriculum, designing academic spaces, and building work culture, all of which will serve him well in his new position of leadership—as will the strength of

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his personal and professional connections across campus and beyond, formed over decades of collaboration and cooperation.

Another significant part of Milbert's new job will be implementing, reviewing, and revising the strategic plan, alongside his administrative colleagues. Currently a part of PUC's Cultural Engagement Taskforce, he has spent many hours listening to and reviewing feedback from his colleagues across campus, working with the taskforce and administration to move toward changes that will enhance and improve the campus culture.

"In order to push our strategic plan forward, we need our campus to be empowered and engaged," he explained. "We can't do anything alone; so first we need to adjust our culture to be one that cultivates creativity, ownership, and enthusiasm—in everyone."

President Cushman said Mariano was chosen in part based on administration's confidence that he can accomplish those very things.



"We need to craft curriculum to meet the educational needs of current and future students, while also mentoring them in their own spiritual and emotional development," Cushman said. "Milbert brings creative thinking and innovation to the curriculum, a passion for which has led to a viable vision for where PUC needs to go academically, and it's one I'm excited about."

Milbert will miss the rhythms and currents of Fisher Hall, as well as being a mere stone's throw from the inspiring colleagues he's grown to love and respect. He will miss the regular interaction with students he's enjoyed over the years, and watching those lightbulb moments every teacher lives for. But he also looks forward to tackling new challenges, addressing familiar ones with new perspective, and continuing the deep-seated support for and dedication to PUC's faculty, modeled for so long by his predecessor, Dr. Nancy Lecourt.

By his own admission, Milbert is many things: a professor, an administrator, a designer, a marketer, and an event organizer. And they all lead him in a unified direction.

"My overarching goal as an educator and an administrator is to provide spaces that spark creative learning, and to innovate curriculum that encourages collaboration between departments," Milbert emphasized. "I look forward to being a part of strengthening the PUC learning community by growing authentic connections between students, staff, faculty, and the greater community."

(Above) Mariano and his wife, Julie Lee, who is also an alumnus of PUC and serves as vice president of marketing at Maranatha Volunteers International, pose with their sons, Diego and Luca. (Left) Mariano stands in front of his exhibit at PUC's Faculty Art Show, which featured 30 typefaces that he created in 30 days.





Healing of the Soul

Many of those who came to Christ for help had brought disease upon themselves, yet He did not refuse to heal them. And when virtue from Him entered into these souls, they were convicted of sin, and many were healed of their spiritual disease as well as of their physical maladies.

Among these was the paralytic at Capernaum. Like the leper, this paralytic had lost all hope of recovery. His disease was the result of a sinful life, and his sufferings were embittered by remorse. In vain he had appealed to the Pharisees and doctors for relief; they pronounced him incurable, they denounced him as a sinner and declared that he would die under the wrath of God.

The palsied man had sunk into despair. Then he heard of the works of Jesus. Others, as sinful and helpless as he, had been healed, and he was encouraged to believe that he, too, might be cured if he could be carried to the Saviour. But hope fell as he remembered the cause of his malady, yet he could not cast away the possibility of healing.

His great desire was relief from the burden of sin. He longed to see Jesus and receive the assurance of forgiveness and peace with heaven. Then he would be content to live or to die, according to God's will.

There was no time to lose; already his wasted flesh bore signs of death. He besought his friends to carry him on his bed to Jesus, and this they gladly undertook to do. But so dense was the crowd that had assembled in and about the house where the Saviour was, that it was impossible for the sick man and his friends to reach Him, or even to come within hearing of His voice.

Again and again the bearers of the paralytic tried to push their way through the crowd, but in vain. The sick man looked about him in unutterable anguish. How could he relinquish hope when the longed-for help was so near? At his suggestion his friends bore him to the top of the house and, breaking up the roof, let him down at the feet of Jesus.

The discourse was interrupted. The Saviour looked upon the mournful countenance and saw the pleading eyes fixed upon Him. Well He knew the longing of that burdened soul. It was Christ who had brought conviction to his conscience when he was yet at home. When he repented of his sins and believed in the power of Jesus to make him whole, the mercy of the Saviour had blessed his heart. Jesus had watched the first glimmer of faith grow into a conviction that He was the sinner's only helper, and had seen it grow stronger with every effort to come into His presence. It was Christ who had drawn the sufferer to Himself. Now, in words that fell like music on the listener's ear, the Saviour said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." Matthew 9:2.

The burden of guilt rolls from the sick man's soul. He cannot doubt. Christ's words reveal His power to read the heart. Who can deny His power to forgive sins? Hope takes the place of despair, and joy of oppressive gloom. The man's physical pain is gone, and his whole being is transformed. Making no further request, he lay in peaceful silence, too happy for words.

*This article was compiled from sections of chapter five of **The Ministry of Healing**, a book Ellen White wrote at Elmhaven—her home in Napa County, California.*

Loma Linda University Medical Center and East Campus Hospitals Receive an “A” for Patient Safety

BY CASSANDRA WAGNER

Loma Linda University Medical Center and East Campus hospitals were awarded an “A” by The Leapfrog Group in May, showcasing the facilities’ nationally recognized achievements in patient safety and quality.

The Leapfrog Group’s spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade designations are widely considered as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive.

Making strides in its dedication to patient safety, Loma Linda University Medical Center went from a previous grade “C” to an “A,” and East Campus has received this national recognition for the second consecutive year.

“Every member of our Loma Linda University Medical Center and East Campus hospitals work with diligent teamwork and clear commitment to improving the health of the patients we serve,” said Kerry Heinrich, CEO, Loma Linda University Medical Center. “Patients and their families come to us at some of the most critical moments in their lives. This recognition for patient safety clearly demonstrates that our patients and their families can be confident about the care they receive.”

Jonathan Jean-Marie, vice president/administrator for East Campus, attributes this recognition to the medical professionals at East Campus who are dedicated to creating a safe and healing environment for their patients every day.

“It is our goal to provide safe and quality care to every patient that comes through our door,” Jean-Marie said. “Receiving the designation as an A-grade medical center two years in

row is a testament to the teamwork and dedication to that goal that exists between our physicians, nurses, clinicians, and support team members who play an important role in the care of the patient.”

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Leah Binder, president and CEO of Leapfrog, congratulated Loma Linda

University Medical Center and East Campus in a statement to all the top hospitals.

“Hospitals that earn an ‘A’ grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medical harm and error,” Binder said. “We congratulate hospital leaders, board members, staff, volunteers, and clinicians who work so hard to earn this ‘A.’”

To see the full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org. For more information about Loma Linda University Health’s services, to research providers, or to schedule an appointment, visit lluh.org or call 909-558-4000.



East Campus staff help a patient with therapy through the use of exoskeleton pants. These exoskeleton pants can help stroke patients and others who have suffered debilitating injuries learn to walk again.

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“The One Who Is Wise Saves Lives”

Evangelistic Series Results in 150 Baptisms

BY ARAYA MOSS

Vision. Identity. Development. Acceptance. These are elements of the collective theme for VIDA gps, the evangelistic small group campaign for Spanish-speaking members initiated by the NAD Multilingual Ministries Department. As a result of this evangelistic effort within the Southern California Conference (SCC) Hispanic Region, 35 congregations participated, 178 small groups were formed, and 150 souls have so far been baptized.

Initially introduced last year, the evangelistic series came to fruition during a two-week period in April this year. When the program was brought to SCC Hispanic Region Director Luis Peña, he worked to unite pastors and lay members in this shared mission. He first trained interested pastors using prepared materials from renowned pastor and evangelist Alejandro Bullón. From there, pastors selected members to train who would organize and lead out in the small groups.

The evangelistic series

(Right) Newly baptized members receive a copy of *Todo Miembro Involucrado*, or Total Member Involvement, written by Bullón and inspired by the namesake GC initiative, to encourage them to draw from their experience and go make additional disciples.

took place April 13 to 27 and was divided into two parts. The first week consisted of small group leaders inviting friends, neighbors, family members, people from work—anyone in their community—to join the meetings at their homes.

“Before launching the small groups, we had training that focused on specifically targeting the needs of friends in their networks,” said Carlos Acosta, pastor at Spanish American church. “We made a list, and the majority had one main need

that needed to be addressed: health. We launched a health initiative called ‘I want to live healthily’ for adults and another called ‘I want to grow healthily’ for kids under 12 years old.”

The second week, all 35 participating congregations held evangelistic meetings at their respective churches. Those who were undecided at that point about dedicating their lives to God were specifically invited to join. Many baptisms took place during this week, and baptisms are continuing.

“After every evening, people were deciding to accept Jesus,” said Juan Osorio, pastor at Central Spanish church. “It was a huge blessing and was more than we expected.”

The evangelism series concluded Sabbath, May 18, with a celebration at White Memorial church. Peña encouraged pastors to attend the ceremony with their newly baptized members. There were three reasons for Sabbath’s celebration, according to Peña: “To celebrate, to let them know they are members of a family, and to inspire them to go and make disciples.”

The theme for the day, “The one who is wise saves lives,” was taken from Proverbs 11:30. This message



(Above) Attendees and leaders of seven small groups from Van Nuys Spanish church are recognized along with their pastor, Carlos Granados, for their participation in VIDA gps.

PHOTOS: LUIS PEÑA AND GLORIA HUERTA



PHOTO: CARLOS ACOSTA



PHOTO: LUIS PEÑA AND GLORIA HUERTA

(Left) Acosta welcomes new members of Spanish American church into the Adventist family. (Above) Peña delivers a message from Acts 3 and 4 imploring attendees to be persistent in their continued missionary work.

in Spanish, “El que gana almas es sabio,” was engraved on a pin that newly baptized members and their leaders received, as well as on a medallion that pastors received in recognition of their efforts.

SCC President Velino A. Salazar’s message focused on that central idea. “Soul-winning is much more than sharing our Christian experience with others, or giving away literature, or knocking on

doors,” said Salazar. “Soul-winning is bringing people to know Jesus Christ, to be brought into the Christian community.”

The work does not end with this program. Pastors are energized for further evangelical outreach in their churches. “I believe the small groups will continue,” Peña reflected. “The leaders are inspired.” David Merino, pastor at Long Beach Spanish church and La Amistad Spanish company,

already has plans in place to bring additional people to Christ. “The groups are revived,” said Merino. “Evangelism is not just an event. The groups will continue their regular home meetings during the week. We are planning to have another evangelistic series in October this year.”

“When we bring our family, friends, and acquaintances to know Jesus, and we receive them into our church,” added Salazar, “we are all winners.”



PHOTO: DAVID MERINO



PHOTO: JUAN @OPIO

(Left) One of eight small groups from Long Beach Spanish church gathers for a photo during their week of study. (Right) Of the 16 people baptized at Central Spanish church, three were baptized in a creek near Los Angeles forest.



Traditional Evangelism Still Works: Hearts Changed and Souls Saved in Camarillo

BY LAUREN LACSON

This spring, the Camarillo church concluded a powerful evangelistic campaign—and the results were no small thing.

“Before the series, several people voiced their opinion that prophecy seminars are a thing of the past,” said Erwin Joham, pastor of the Camarillo church. Yet, as Associate Pastor Jason Whitley recalls, “The results from the evangelistic series were all positive.” A follow-up survey yielded concrete feedback: “Many stated that they would be delighted to have another series next year,” Whitley added.

Attendance during the event was consistently strong, peaking at about 195. With the help of two Bible workers from SOULS West, Celestine Maiava and Ella Zerna, the hearts of those in the community were touched in preparation for the event. They went from house to house building relationships and taught church members how to be

soul winners. “Not only were they hard workers and super organized,” Joham recalled, “but their winsome personalities made a great impact on the congregation and on new friends from the community.”

Pastor David Machado presented the series, entitled “Revelation of Love.” Twenty-three Bible-based presentations addressed topics including why does a loving God allow sin and suffering?, God’s love in hellfire, God’s remnant church, and the 2,300-day prophecy.

In a way, the series itself was a spark that gave way to a larger revival within the church. “This series brought new life to members as they saw people making decisions to follow Christ and witnessed people becoming more active in current ministries,” Whitley asserted. “Seeing young people present and engaged also made a huge difference.”

Weekly small groups for new and current members grew out of the series, but this, too, was only the beginning

of a greater story. “Small groups are something that we feel are very important for the life of the church,” Whitley stated, “and we are wanting to strengthen that moving forward.”

Something incredible happens when the body of Christ comes together. This event is certainly no exception. From moving presentations to community engagement and small group fellowship, every component of this event was equally crucial to its ultimate success. The 35 requests for baptism are a testimony to God’s working through each piece of this series.

“The most powerful part of the event was seeing the Bible as the rule book and the cross being the center of each message, which led people to give their life to Christ,” shared Calvin Gardner, Bible worker at the Camarillo church.

The 23 short sessions started a ripple effect that will forever impact the lives of those involved. “The universal reaction was one of enthusiasm and recommitment,” said Joham. “Hearts were changed and souls saved.”

(Right) Small groups were established during the series for new and current members to fellowship and meet together to learn about God. (Far right) Prayer time during the series played a crucial part in its ultimate success.



Small Groups Make a Big Impact:

Knitting Away Period Poverty

BY ARAYA MOSS

“Period poverty,” the inability to afford sanitary products, is an epidemic impacting women and girls around the world. Statistics show that 40 million women and girls globally* are affected, causing many to miss work and school.

A small group at Altadena church formed to address this issue. Named the “Scrappy Sistahs,” this knitting group is putting their hands in the fight to eradicate period poverty.

After attending a Greater Los Angeles Region (GLAR) committee meeting in which Fedly Bonneau, director of Bottles 4 Life, Inc. (B4L), spoke about the menstrual hygiene issues women are facing overseas, Penny Wright, Quilting Ministry Coordinator at the Altadena church, was impressed to take action.

“When I heard the story and saw the statistics, my heart broke,” said Wright. “As a woman, I had to find a way to help my fellow women.”

B4L is a nonprofit organization providing access to proper health care mostly for migrants from Burma living in Mae Sot, Thailand.

At the meeting, Bonneau, also a member of the Altadena church, shared how he carries 4,000 Always pads in his checked luggage to distribute to schoolgirls in Mae Sot. “Women there would like to make reusable sanitary napkins, but they can’t because the water-resistant cloth is not available in Thailand or Myanmar,” Bonneau later mentioned.



The Scrappy Sistahs found patterns online or designed their own to knit sanitary products.

Members of the Scrappy Sistahs

were unanimous in deciding to knit reusable sanitary napkins to donate to B4L. The group knitted 100 reusable sanitary napkins along with 20 pouches using purchased fabric plus recycled and upcycled materials they had on hand.

Royal Harrison, GLAR director, was delighted to hear about the Altadena church knitting group and their efforts to fight period poverty. “I put out a call to the regional committee for us to take GLAR from ‘Greater to Global,’” he said. “To see this group taking on that initiative is amazing.”

“The small group is also an initiative of the GC, which has been calling for more small groups within our denomination,” he added. “So these ladies are doing a twofold ministry.”



Scrappy Sistahs Group (Merlene Cunningham-Walden, Penny Wright, Wanda Lewis, Mildred Davis, Pamela Houston-Ham, Candy Farrow, Cheryl Handy, Althea Kennedy, Sophie McGarrit, and Emma Quinn).

The group hopes members of the Southern California Conference and Pacific Union Conference will join the cause to eliminate period poverty. Wright added, “I think we can all agree that there is a tremendous feeling of joy that comes when we are given the opportunity to use our God-given talents to help relieve human suffering—somewhere, anywhere.”

**Statistic taken from <https://borgenproject.org/period-poverty/>*

NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION

Please take notice that the 65th regular Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

Place: White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church
401 North State St., Los Angeles, CA
Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019
Time: 7:55 a.m.–1 p.m., or until business is completed

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

Delegates are invited to join the SCC Prayer Team for prayer from 7–7:50 a.m.
Velino A. Salazar, President
John H. Cress, Executive Secretary

Medical Mission Trip Extends Help to Fellow Physician

BY YARA ENAMORADO



Thanks to a partnership between Adventist Health Glendale and Armenia Fund, a nonprofit humanitarian organization, Inna Asryan received the medical treatment she needed.

Growing up in the midst of civil war, in a village with limited opportunity, Inna Asryan found her chance to make a difference and help people. Inna's home in Stepanakert, Artsakh, an annexed and independent territory of Armenia, is a beautiful mountainous region of rich culture and humble communities. When a medical program was established in her town, she took the educational opportunity immediately. From then on she dedicated her life to serving others as a gastrointestinal (GI) physician.

But what happens when a doctor needs a doctor? What happens when the treatment needed is not available? Enter Adventist Health!

For four years, Adventist Health Glendale has partnered with Armenia Fund, a not-for-profit humanitarian organization, and has served Armenia through medical missions. In September 2018 they joined with the entire Southern California region to serve the communities of Noyemberyan in Armenia and Stepanakert in Artsakh. With forces combined, they performed 300 surgeries, served almost 2,000 patients—and met Inna.

While working with the GI team from the AH Glendale Surgery Center, she met Dr. Mihran Shirinian (who would later become her oncologist) and shared that she had been diagnosed with lung cancer in 2016 and had undergone a wedge resection in Yerevan, Armenia. With the

assistance of a few generous members of the medical mission team, she was able to secure the funds to travel to Moscow for a second opinion, where she was told she'd received the wrong treatment and what she needed was a lobectomy.

Knowing that Inna would not have access to the best treatment, this group of dedicated missionaries couldn't ignore the situation. Dr. Shirinian told her she needed to have the correct surgery. Coordinating with Armenian Fund's Greg Boyrazian, Dr. Shirinian met with Adventist Health White Memorial (AHWM) President John Raffoul, and together they decided the best place to have the surgery would be at AHWM. Dr. Shirinian would serve as her oncologist, along with Dr. Ramsey Nucho as her surgeon, Dr. Sarkis Kiramijian as her cardiologist, and Asmig Akopyan as her anesthesiologist. All these physicians graciously donated their time and expertise to Inna.

Inna had only a one percent chance of obtaining a medical visa, but AHWM wrote letters to make sure she got to America. She left her children, aged 6 and 14, with her husband and left her home for the second time in her life. Rebecca Berberian, AHWM Director of Risk Management and Infection Control, kindly hosted her, scheduled all her appointments, and even took her to see the beach for the first time. In the end, she received proper examinations, underwent surgery, and healed. "I know how lucky I am to be here," Inna said.

Now, finally home after almost a month in California, she's been given back her life.

These physicians donated their time and talents to help a fellow physician who also spends her life serving others. Adventist Health's mission of living God's love is exemplified by their work, and Inna is now able to freely continue her life's mission of healing.



Living God's Love

BY JENNI GLASS

Adventist Health is on a bold journey to establish sustainable significance with a vibrant mission of living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope. With curiosity and an open mind, we will advocate for and lead change in healthcare and social policy to benefit the underprivileged and the disenfranchised in the diverse communities to which we have been called.

Our goal is to create a lasting impact on people's whole lives and effect profound improvement in the wellbeing of the entire community. With God's help, and through reflection of His love, we will become the agents of hope for a hurting world.

Mission Integration at Adventist Health is led by Dustin Aho and includes Mission Identity, Spiritual Care, and Community Integration. The team is working across Adventist Health in California, Oregon, and Hawaii to serve our local communities.

Pastor Alex Bryan oversees Mission Identity and Spiritual Care. His team includes: Terry Johnsson, administrative director of Spiritual Care for Northern California, Oregon, and Hawaii; Sam

Leonor, administrative director of Spiritual Care in Central and Southern California; Japhet De Oliveira, administrative director of the Center for Mission Identity; John Schroer, Global Missions manager; and Jenni Glass, Mission Identity manager.

The Spiritual Care team works with local chaplains, pastors, and community leaders to engage with our patients, families, caregivers, and the communities we serve. The Mission Identity team is working to tell the collective Adventist Health story through the Center for Mission Identity and Seventh-day Adventist faith community relations.

Recently the team hosted its annual Mission Integration Summit for Adventist Health leaders. The summit provided inspiration, education, and a celebration of Adventist Health's mission, with the theme of "Love Matters." Visit AdventistHealth.org/podcast

to listen to "The Together Inspired Podcast," which recently featured episodes recorded live at the summit.

To learn more about the mission integration work at Adventist Health, visit AdventistHealth.org/about-us.



Dustin Aho



Alex Bryan

Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies, and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 37,000 includes associates, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals, and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope. Together, we are transforming the American healthcare experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual, and social healing.



Roseville Church Celebrates Its Centennial

BY JULIE LORENZ

On April 26 and 27, the Roseville church celebrated its 100th anniversary, giving thanks to God and paying tribute to many faithful members through the years. "The DNA of the Roseville church is strong: love for God, love for each other, and the grace to accept people where they are," said Pastor John Terry, who has served at the church for more than a decade.

The guest speaker for the worship service was Northern Asia-Pacific Division Ministerial Director Ron Clouzet, senior pastor from 1988-

1993. Several of the church's 27 former pastors returned to commemorate the occasion.

During the service, Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham and former Northern California Conference (NCC) President Jim Pedersen offered their congratulations, and NCC President Marc Woodson presented a congratulatory plaque. Roseville City Councilmember Scott Alvord also presented a special commendation from the city.

The Roseville group was the second Adventist congregation in

the Sacramento area. Seven people began meeting in 1919—first in a home and later in rented facilities. By 1930, the 70-member congregation had built a church on Franklin Street, with space inside for a school. In 1964, the congregation purchased land on Cirby Way, and the church broke ground at their new site in 1971. The first phase of the building project was a multipurpose building, the Better Living Center, where they worshiped until their sanctuary was completed in 1987. Their new church was dedicated in 1990.

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Congratulations to the class of 2019, who graduated in May/June from one of the nine senior academies in the Northern California Conference. May God bless you as you go on to future success! "For I know the plans I have for you; says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope'" (Jeremiah 29:11).

NCC Executive Committee Elects New Superintendent of Schools and New Director of Family/Children's/Adventurer Ministries

BY JULIE LORENZ

On June 4, the Northern California Conference (NCC) Executive Committee voted to appoint Albert Miller as superintendent of NCC schools and Alice Merrill as director of NCC family/children's/Adventurer ministries. "We are grateful for Albert and Alice—both of whom minister every day to the families of the Northern California Conference," said NCC President Marc Woodson. "We pray that the Lord will continue to bless their work in their new positions."

Albert Miller has been serving as interim NCC education superintendent since January. He had served as an associate superintendent since 2005. Miller really enjoys his job. "I love hanging out with the teachers and kids," he said. "I love working with the principals and with our boards to provide quality Christian education for our students. That's why we exist."

Miller follows previous superintendent Bill Keresoma, who left the position for health reasons. "I have known Bill for a long time in various places and roles," said Miller. "I've been honored to work with him for the past eight years, and we will miss him."

The NCC education department supports the academies, schools, and preschools scattered throughout the

conference. Department staff members work with the NCC Board of Education to meet personnel and employment needs. Their duties include staffing, certification, professional growth, marketing, and much more.

Miller appreciates his staff—associate superintendents, administrative assistants, a marketing specialist, and a small school pastor. "I think I work with the greatest team in the Pacific Union," he said.

Superintendents spend a lot of time on the road going to evening meetings at local schools. "I was a little



(Above left) Albert Miller surveys the damage to Redwood Adventist Academy after the Tubbs fire. Miller has been involved as associated superintendent with both RAA and Paradise Academy after fires affected both schools. (Below left) Miller works with Rio teacher Lynden Chapman at the 2007 NCC-wide Convocation.



surprised at the amount of travel that we do," he said. "But the benefits far outweigh the downside of all the driving."

Earlier in his career, Miller taught physical education and Bible at Mt. Ellis Academy in Montana. He then served as vice principal and taught Bible and PE at Hawaiian Mission Academy. Before coming to the NCC office, he worked at Rio Lindo Adventist Academy for 14 years, first as a teacher and vice principal and then as principal for eight years.

Miller and his wife, Becky, have two adult daughters and two grandchildren. To relax, he enjoys riding motorcycles, waterskiing, reading, and hiking.

Alice Merrill is well acquainted with the family/children's/Adventurer ministries departments. She has served as associate director of these ministries, in a variety of configurations, for a number of years.

Merrill works with the conference's 51 Adventurer clubs, as well as the leaders of children's Sabbath Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, and family activities. She



organizes the young children's divisions and the crafts area at Redwood Camp Meeting each summer, and she plans Family Fun Weekends each fall for English and Spanish speakers. Merrill also plans an annual spring Family Fun Day. The 2019 event—held at an aquarium in Folsom—was attended by 900 children and parents!

She has seen the focus of family ministries change through the years. In the past, members wanted churches to provide seminars about parenting and marriage. Nowadays,

they are eager to engage with their spouses and children on the weekends. "They want family experiences, rather than lectures," she said. "They are looking for their church to provide their families with opportunities to

be together—to learn, worship, serve, and have fun together."

Merrill believes that children's and family ministries are key components of church growth, but that outreach to people with



(Above right) Alice Merrill enjoys the annual Adventurer Fun Day with the conference's Adventurer coordinators, an event which was attended by 900 people this year! (Right) Alice Merrill presents the 2019 Adventurer Pin Award to Ellie Bunn, along with her Pleasant Hill director Heidi de la Fuente.



kids requires a shift in thinking. "If a church really wants to attract young families, the older members have to be willing to be open-minded and accepting," she said.

Prior to coming to the conference office, Merrill worked as an elementary school teacher in Canada and as a high school teacher in Michigan and Maine. She also served as teacher, librarian, and registrar at Lodi Academy.

In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, baking, and handicrafts. She and her husband, Don, live with a dog and two cats. They enjoy visiting their son, daughter-in-law, and one-year-old granddaughter as often as they can.

Computer Science Grad Cites Providential Connection *in Landing Aerospace Job*

BY DARLA MARTIN TUCKER

Despite his young age, La Sierra University computer science graduate Ethan Morales-Vierna has learned the lesson many grasp only after years of living: The best approach to life's hurdles is to work hard and trust God.

This September, after a college career that has involved scholarships and awards, Morales-Vierna will begin a job he previously held only in his hopes for the future. The resident of Los Angeles, Calif., will

enter the aerospace industry as a software developer for conglomerate Northrop Grumman Corp.'s Redondo Beach facility, helping create advanced routing technology for Air Force pilots. He was offered the job following a paid internship last summer. The opportunity came his way, he believes, through providential intervention.

The initial connection came about through a friend at Morales-Vierna's church who also works for the company, but the La Sierra University student was initially turned down for an internship interview due to the lack of available positions. However, he was later called again and offered the opportunity in February 2018. He believes God had a "very big hand" in opening up the position.

Morales-Vierna said, "The way I like to put it is, 'work as if it depends on you and pray as if it depends on God.' I was fortunate enough to have been brought up in a family where that was instilled from a very young age, and I've carried that throughout my life."

Morales-Vierna attended Glendale and San Gabriel Adventist academies through 12th grade and is a member along with his parents of the Downey church. Morales-Vierna has been an active church participant throughout his youth, including functioning as a Pathfinder leader. He currently helps out during his breaks from college by giving the children's story and

collecting the offering.

The faith-building challenge of securing an internship and right-out-of-college job at one of America's largest aerospace defense contractors is not the only situation in which Morales-Vierna has witnessed God's intervention. At the age of nine he and his family stared down a much greater obstacle when he was diagnosed with leukemia. Again God intervened. Five years ago Morales-Vierna went into remission from the disease, he said.

Morales-Vierna said at Northrop Grumman he will be working with some of the brightest people he's ever met, but his own abilities and work ethic have garnered recognition. He is a two-time winner of an Edison International STEM scholarship at La Sierra University, has made the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List of Academic Honors multiple times, and this year was among three resident assistants in La Sierra's Towers dormitory for men to receive Senior of the Year awards in their respective fields. He is grateful, he says, for the instruction and guidance he received through La Sierra's computer science faculty members, and he looks forward to his new career, which is already taking off, despite the obstacles.

"God put me there for a reason," he said. "I'm going to put it in God's hands and assume it was for the best."



PHOTO: NATAN VIGNA

La Sierra University computer science graduate Ethan Morales-Vierna looks forward to beginning an aerospace software developer's position this fall.

That's a Wrap!

Spring Quarter at PUC

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

With a student body of nearly 1,200, fifteen academic departments boasting over 70 areas of study, and an active student association, PUC is never a boring place to be. Here's what we were up to in spring quarter—from spring break at the end of March through graduation in mid-June.



PHOTO: YOLA-MASANDIRO ANDRIANARIJAONA

Physics students helped with ongoing research in partnership with Oakridge National Laboratory and NASA.

Undergraduate Research

Physics students visited and assisted with research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. PUC is one of three collaborative institutions working with ORNL and NASA to investigate X-ray-induced charge transfer.

SONscreen

PUC exhibited 13 films at this annual festival, run by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Alumna Sarah Martinez won Best Dramatic Short and tied for Best in Fest—both for her film, *Charlie*.

Music Missions

The department of music's string quartet joined a fundraising concert in Jakarta, Indonesia, raising money to help fund an extension of Tanjung Barat Adventist Academy.

Ellen White Letter

College archivist Katherine Van Arsdale discovered a previously unknown letter, handwritten by Ellen G. White, which was soon authenticated by the White Estate.



PHOTO: BRUNO DE OLIVEIRA

Students in a leadership course designed and executed a leadership symposium for middle school kids.

Leadership Symposium

Honors students taking an interactive class in leadership theory coordinated and led a leadership symposium for 5th- to 8th-grade students at a local school.



PHOTO: FLOYD HAYES

While serving on a mission trip, PUC students were able to study African wildlife and ecosystems up close and personal, receiving biology course credit.

Study Tour Mission Trip

While studying field biology and vertebrate biology in Kenya, 30

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students constructed a secondary school for women, painted a new Bible training center, taught VBS, and assisted in a clinic.

Collaboration with Andrews University

The 1990s computer game *Minesweeper* made a comeback during PUC's PacificQuest, a STEM program designed for middle school students. The life-sized game was a collaborative project between the engineering and math programs at PUC and Andrews University.

International Competition

Senior photography major Sam Delaware enjoyed a successful second showing at the Sony Photo Competition in London this year—after winning an award at his first showing in the 2016 event.

Go. Give. Goal.

This student nonprofit donates soccer gear to orphanages in need around the world, such as the Rancho San Juan Bosco orphanage in Tecate, Mexico, to which PUC students traveled this spring.

Nursing Awards

Nursing alumni Ryan Eller and Debbie Ramos were selected by the Napa Valley Register out of over 100 nominations as two of the top five nurses in the valley, representing dedication, professionalism, and care.



We Have This Hope: Wahiawa Church Prison Ministry

BY JEAN-MARCEL CLOUZET

Jails and prisons throughout Hawaii are overcrowded—often more than 50 percent over capacity. According to officials, some facilities are more than 85 percent over capacity. There has been an 11 percent jump in the inmate population in since the beginning of last year, and officials say it keeps steadily increasing.¹ These incarcerated men and women are in need of hope and restoration.

The Wahiawa church has been involved in prison ministry on Oahu since 2011. This has been possible in part through the leadership and encouragement of head elder Dennis Grier. This past year, many members and friends of the Wahiawa church have joined his efforts and have started participating in a music and word ministry at various prisons on Oahu. Interested members were required to attend two days of training, which included an exam, to qualify as a participant in the program. Along with Elder Grier and Pastor Jean-Marcel Clouzet, there are ten members who are an active part of this ongoing program.

On March 29, the prison ministry group was blessed when they visited over 150 inmates at the Halawa correctional facility. Some of the highlights of the program included Sisi Kong performing “Amazing Grace” on her violin, Leonetta Singleton-Paguyo singing “Lahainaluna” and “Aloha Oe,” and Pastor Clouzet’s message for everyone, which was entitled “We are All Prisoners.”

We do not know what these

prisoners are going through. However, we do know that as we ministered to them, they listened, they sang along with us, and they heard the Word. We do not know if they reflected on what they heard after the program ended, but we can pray that they find a way for God to be a part of their lives even in their present situation.

Jesus promises us, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:15, *NKJV*). The members of the Wahiawa prison ministries team pray that they will be a conduit of that Helper in the lives of these inmates, even if only for a few hours.

Future outreach events include visits to the women’s correctional facility and another Oahu correctional facility. Wahiawa church asks for your prayers for their prison ministry, that our brothers and sisters will experience God’s love and hope for the future as they see Jesus through us.

¹<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/38076042/hawaiis-jail-overcrowding-crisis-worsens-causing-tension-among-inmates/>





(Left) Barry Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain (left) and Jeffrey Miller (right), a member of the Kansas Ave. church Armed Forces committee, present J.C. Alexander, 97, with the Appreciation Award for his service during World War II, on May 25 at Kansas Ave. church. (Above) William Howe, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, remembers “fallen comrades,” men and women who have given their lives while serving in the military, during an Armed Forces Day service.

U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black Challenges Listeners to “Endure Suffering Like A Fighter”

BY CLARENCE BROWN

Against a colorful backdrop of military flags and pageantry, the Riverside Kansas Avenue church staged its 26th annual Armed Forces Day on Sabbath, May 25. Military veterans and local dignitaries were among the hundreds of worshipers, including a contingent of Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military pilots in the segregated U.S. Army Air Corps, who fought in World War II.

In addition to special recognitions and patriotic music, the crowd was most anxious to listen to Barry Black, U.S. Senate chaplain, who commended the church and William Howe, Armed Forces Committee Chairman USAF LTC (ret.), for presenting “the best Armed Forces Day celebration anywhere.” Elected in 2003, Black is the Senate’s 62nd chaplain—the first African-American and first Adventist to hold this position.

As a prelude to his sermon, titled “Endure Suffering Like a Fighter,” Black paid personal homage to the Tuskegee Airmen, thanking them for their

distinguished service despite having to endure the inequities and hardships of a segregated military.

In his sermon, Black challenged worshipers to heed Jeremiah’s warning to prepare now for more troubling times ahead: “If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?” (Jeremiah 12:5, NIV).

In preparation for the end times, Black urged everyone, as “chosen soldiers of Christ,” to allow God’s Spirit to “train you in righteousness and obedience, in laying aside anything that weighs you down, and in doing all to the glory of our Commanding Officer.”

One of the highlights of the service was the recognition of civilian and military honorees, including: Barry Black, Speaker Award; Eddie Jackson, Community Service Award; Ronald Stephens, retired Purple Heart Army



Barry Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain, encourages listeners to “endure suffering like a fighter” during his sermon at Kansas Ave. church on Sabbath, May 25.

veteran, Military Award; J.C. Alexander, 97, Army MSGt., Appreciation Award; and Clarice Sykes, Army Specialist, Military Award. Sykes survived a devastating accident last year that resulted in both of her legs being amputated. With prosthetics, she walked to the pulpit to accept the award from her father, Ben.

“It is a privilege for us to host Armed Forces Day at Kansas Avenue,” said Ainsworth K. Morris, senior pastor. “This is our opportunity to celebrate and express our profound appreciation to both veterans and active-duty personnel for their loyalty, bravery, and sacrifice to protect our country and our freedoms.”

Sole Mission: Victorville Church Shows Love with Shoes

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

Since 2010, God's Lighthouse (GL), the community service program at Victorville church, has adopted Lucerne Valley Elementary School in the small desert town of just over 3,000 residents, bringing socks and necessary larger items to three classrooms in the 425-student school. Over 80

percent of the students live below the poverty line in single-parent households.

When a 10-year-old church member noticed a first-grader wearing a pair of adult shoes, he suggested a challenge: Give each student a pair that fit.

"We knew God would figure it out," recalled Jennie Peña, his mom and director of GL.

Donations from church members over several months secured all 425 pairs of shoes, and the GL team set

God's Lighthouse, a community service program at Victorville church, recently donated over 400 pairs of shoes to children in need at Lucerne Valley Elementary School.

up in the school's cafeteria for the giveaway.

"Most of the kids had never been in a shoe store before, and they had a blast trying on shoes," Peña said. "They left standing at least a foot taller than when they walked in."

Tears came to her eyes as Peña recounted her own experience as a single mom, dealing with scarce food and nowhere to go.

"God is so good to allow me the chance to give to others what He has given me," Peña acknowledged. "It's all by the grace of God."

For more information on God's Lighthouse, contact Jennie Peña at jennieannpt1@icloud.com or 909-821-6027.



PHOTO: JENNIE PEÑA

Faith & Fitness: Creating Community Outside the Church

BY BECKY ST. CLAIR

Upon returning to the church of her childhood in Costa Mesa, Sherry Peters was pleased to find the community and sense of belonging she longed for—and also the opportunity to provide that community for others. Peters established Faith & Fitness, a monthly outdoor activity event.

"It's an opportunity both for church members to socialize beyond Sabbath," she explained, "and for friends and family who are uncomfortable in church to experience a spiritual community."

Activities include hiking, beach walks, exploring local parks, and picnics. They have summer plans for kayaking.

"It's also an opportunity for me to



PHOTO: SHERRY PETERS

show my friends who don't practice any religion that we're normal," Peters admitted with a laugh. "I want to break the stigmas."

Faith & Fitness has brought together people of all ages: families, individuals, and older generations. Families from other churches have also attended.

"On one low-tide beach walk, we came to some tide pools," Peters recalled. "The kids weren't

scared to jump around on the rocks and explore all the sea creatures they found, and their enthusiasm encouraged the adults to not care about getting wet. They got the grown-ups playing! This is exactly what I wanted from Faith & Fitness."

If you're in the Costa Mesa area, follow @sdacostamesa on Instagram, or follow the Costa Mesa church Facebook page for information on upcoming Faith & Fitness events.

The Faith & Fitness monthly gathering at the Costa Mesa church provides an opportunity for church members and community members alike to socialize beyond Sabbath services.



The Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry, a nationwide Adventist organization, is open to men and women alike and does not require owning a motorcycle in order to join. The Mt. Rubidoux church chapter, which was founded in 2014, was the first SKMM chapter in Southern California.

Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry Shares the Gospel with Bikers

BY CYNTHIA MENDOZA

Dark leather jackets and loud motorcycles aren't usually associated with ministry, but the Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry (SKMM) is dedicated to sharing the gospel through their love of riding.

On Sunday, April 28, about 17 riders from the Mt. Rubidoux church chapter headed out on a ride to Temecula and back from the Southeastern California Conference (SECC) headquarters in Riverside, approximately 80 miles round trip. The goal of the event was to invite non-Adventist bikers, as well as increase the group's exposure on the road.

According to their website, Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry is a nationwide Adventist ministry "committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the motorcycle community." The organization was founded by a group of Adventist bikers in Hollister, California, which is known as a motorcycle town.

Membership in SKMM is open to all baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in good standing, men and women alike, and owning a motorcycle is not a requirement to join. The

Mt. Rubidoux church chapter, which started in 2014, was the first SKMM chapter in Southern California.

"People need to be given a different environment to enjoy what they do," said Russell Nelson, Mt. Rubidoux church chapter president, touching slightly on the negative stereotype often associated with motorcycles. "We are not a club. We are a ministry," he emphasized.

Since its inception, the chapter has been actively engaged in service and literature evangelism; they regularly participate in biker events where they give out Bibles, *The Desire of Ages*, and children's books. And in a spirit of "know your audience," they give out a special biker edition of *Steps to Christ* called *Steps to Jesus: The Ride of Your Life*. They also offer to pray with other bikers at the events.

"We have to find new ways to reach men," said Eric Penick, conference associate youth director, who was serving as men's ministries director at the time of the ride in April. "Even though the ministry is not exclusive to men, it is a way to reach men."

According to Nelson, out of 800,000 registered bikers in California, two-thirds to one-half reside in Southern California, which provides ample evangelism opportunities, especially to men, who comprise a large part of the biking community.

SKMM members do not minister exclusively to bikers, however. The ministry also supports other charitable causes, such as "guest cheffing" at a homeless shelter once a month, where they feed over 150 people; donating women's purses filled with personal items; and donating gifts to the Loma Linda Children's Hospital, as well as providing gas cards for the patients' parents.

"In Greek, *ministry* means *service*, and that is what we do," Nelson said.

For more information on the Mt. Rubidoux church Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry, call Russell Nelson, 909-286-3267. For more information on the national organization or to connect with other local chapters, visit <http://www.skmmnational.org>.

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In-Service Encourages Equitable Classrooms for All Students

BY CYNTHIA MENDOZA

On Monday, April 29, educators from Southeastern California Conference K-12 schools came together at the Loma Linda Korean church in Redlands for a day of learning and professional growth.

The theme for this year's in-service was "Embracing and Appreciating Diversity and Equity In Our Schools," which was meant to equally challenge and encourage teachers and administrators in their work—both hands-on in the classroom and as they develop policy—to better engage with and improve outcomes for all students.

"As educators we never stop learning, and we look for ways to improve ourselves so we can better serve our students and families," said Elizabeth Muñoz Beard, principal at Orangewood Academy. "Equity and diversity are subjects we should have been talking about a long time ago. As Seventh-day Adventist Christians we embrace cultural diversity, but it is still an area we need to grow in."

Educators were encouraged to not merely tolerate differences but to honor diversity.

Some of the questions that educators were encouraged to ask themselves were: How can teachers create lessons that engage all learners? How

does having a culturally responsive classroom promote engagement?

Another area covered was grading practices, including the impact of personal beliefs and the role of "unconscious bias," which can affect how a teacher grades student work even if the teacher is not consciously or willfully doing so.

According to speakers at the in-service event, when it comes to grading practices, factors such as access to adequate homework assistance at home or to a computer should be taken into consideration when evaluating a student's performance.

Steve McLain, a science teacher at La Sierra Academy, said that the in-service was one of the best he had attended.

He also shared one principle that he implements in his classroom to ensure equity: he keeps students informed about everything he is working on.

"I make sure that students know what I'm doing, so that there are no surprises later and the work is

achievable by everyone," he said.

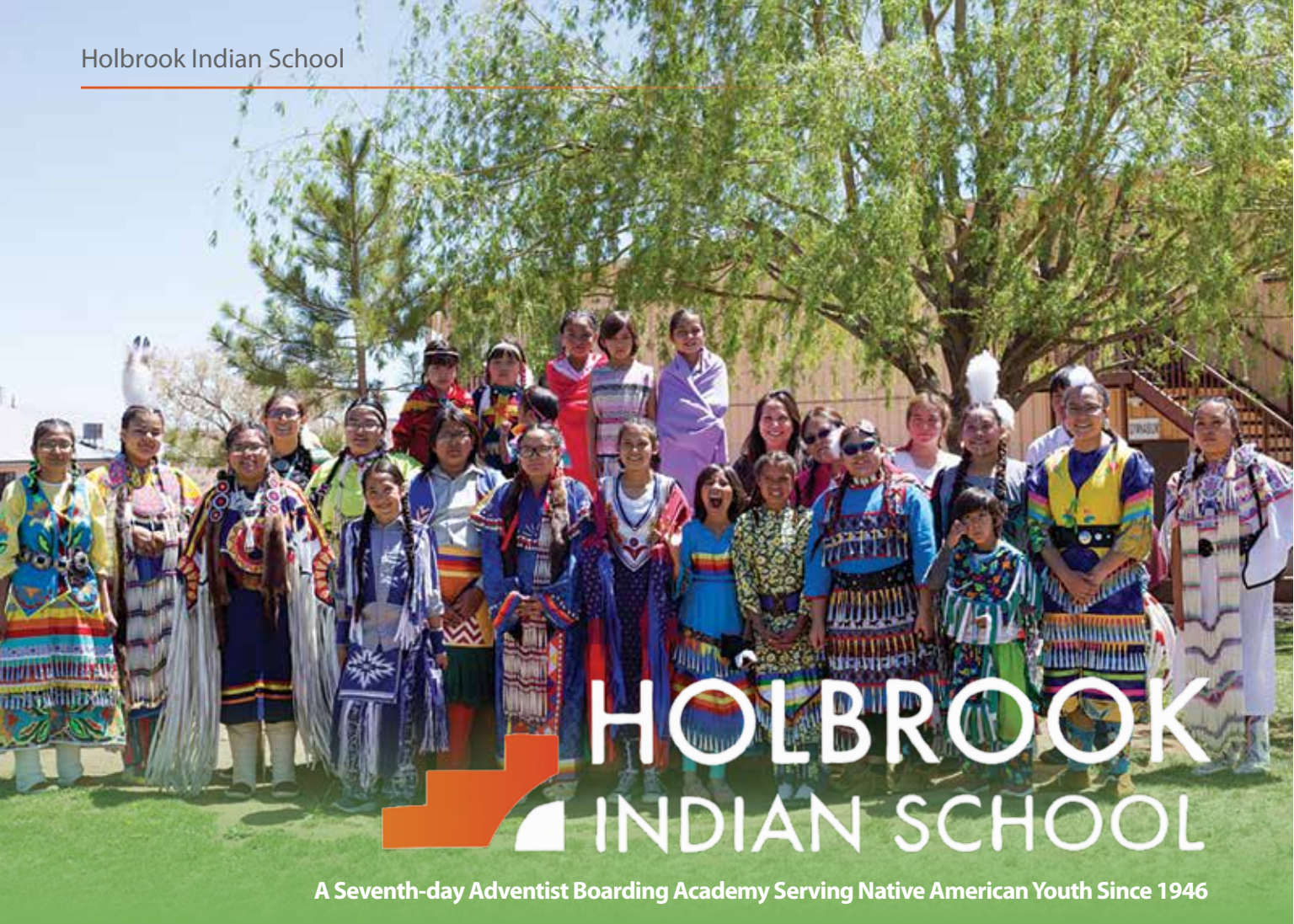
As part of the training, the terms *equality* and *equity* were also clearly differentiated and defined. As it pertains to education, *equality* means that every student may have access to the same opportunities, but *equity* means that resources and approaches are tailored to each student's specific needs and circumstances and that there is no "one size fits all" approach. They are essentially defined as the difference between *same* and *fair*.

According to Don Dudley, conference superintendent, in-service feedback has been positive. He added that some schools have already been addressing some of the information and ideas they learned in their faculty meetings.

"We really wanted to challenge teachers to think about how they engage with students and their grading practices," he said. "I've received really positive comments about how in-service helped raise the level of awareness."

(Right) Part of teacher in-service on April 29 included engaging in one-on-one activities to encourage conversation and learning from each other. (Below) Nearly 300 teachers, principals, and administrators from Southeastern California Conference schools attended an in-service training that focused on diversity and creating equitable practices that engage all students.





A Seventh-day Adventist Boarding Academy Serving Native American Youth Since 1946

Celebrating Culture at Holbrook Indian School

BY ALYSSA WILLIAMS AND KELLY WILLIAMS

Starting in 1887, the federal government began its mission to “Westernize” Native Americans. The motto behind it was, “Kill the Indian, save the man.” They stripped their tribal culture from them by educating Native youth at boarding schools. By the early 1900s, thousands of Native Americans were attending boarding schools. They were forced to cut their long hair, wear Western clothes, no longer speak their native language, and take on an English name. Boarding schools were not a safe place for Native American youth.

A century later, Holbrook Indian School (HIS) seeks to reconnect students to their Native culture, while providing a safe place for Native American children and youth to become successful individuals who are proud of their culture. HIS provides opportunities for students

to embrace their roots by offering Indigenous Arts and Sports, Navajo Language, and Navajo Government classes.

Two annual events, the Native Game Day and the Cultural Festival, are organized for students, staff, and families to unite and celebrate

culture. These two events foster an atmosphere where cultural identity is claimed and celebrated.

Native Game Day

Ready... Set... Go! The ball race is on. Students, divided into two sides, knock their ball with a stick of wood

toward the goal line. The team that gets all of its balls or stones across the goal line first wins. This same game was played by the Zuni Indian tribe from New Mexico.

HIS Coach Arbee Tabo planned a game event for the students that included games from native tribes across North America. Although most Native American games were played for fun and recreation, they also helped to educate and develop skills necessary to be successful adults. Virtues of patience and endurance also were taught while playing games.

Many of the games played by boys and men served to train them in the skills they needed to become great warriors and hunters. Girls and women played games separately, developing skills for childcare and supporting the family. Games brought people together, stimulating social interaction and strengthening social bonds. Sometimes visiting tribes would attend and compete. The people greatly admired the highly skilled, and the best players held a traditional place of honor in tribal communities.

Native Game Day engaged the traditions of the past. The games showed the physical and mental endurance required for Native Americans to successfully carry out



their daily tasks. Students learned more about their culture and developed new skills.

Running game: (Klamath, Northwest Coast) Take a deep breath and run as fast and far as you can while yelling. The competitor running the furthest distance before running out of breath wins. This game helps increase endurance.

Frog Race: (Northwest Coast) Squat and hop while holding your ankles. This game teaches children to observe the ways of nature around them, and that speed is not always as important as correct play.

Kneel Jump: (Alaska) Start in kneeling position, jump up and

forward, landing on feet. The player who jumps the farthest wins. This game was used to strengthen leg muscles for jumping from ice floe to ice floe and for lifting prey after a successful hunt.

Eskimo Stick Pull: (Alaska) Sit on the floor facing each other, feet touching, knees bent, grasping a stick between you. Pull! Whoever gets pulled over loses. This game was traditionally used as practice for pulling seals from the ice.

Ball Race: (Zuni, New Mexico) Knock a ball toward the goal with a wooden stick. The first team across goal line wins. This game helps develop hand-eye coordination.

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Holbrook Indian School seeks to reconnect students to their Native culture, while providing a safe place for Native American children and youth to become successful individuals who are proud of their culture.





Cultural Festival

For the past three years, HIS has held a cultural festival to learn more about each other and to celebrate the unique aspects of what each culture offers. Booths are set up representing the cultures of the HIS faculty and staff: Ireland, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, the Philippines, and different Native American tribes.

The festival included a whirl of food, music, colorful costumes, and cultural presentations. Indigenous music played while people visited the different booths and taste-tested

delicious treats. The Ireland booth played Celtic music and handed out Irish boxty, a type of potato pancake. The Philippines displayed beautiful island pictures and shared lumpia, a type of spring roll. Puerto Rico offered a tasty fruit drink, and the Dominican Republic booth handed out yaniqueques, which are made out of fried cornmeal. Cuba offered homemade plantains, and the Native American booth displayed pottery and Navajo tacos.

Holbrook Indian School is an amalgamation of cultures. The festival

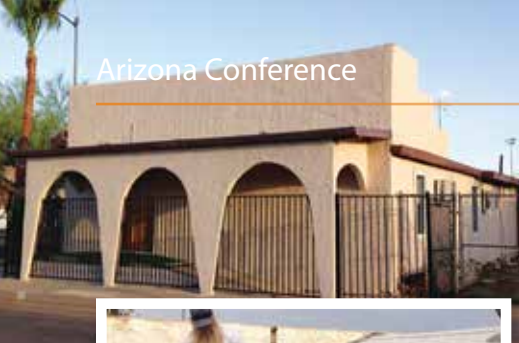
is a wonderful event that offers the chance to enjoy the differences among students and staff while celebrating the thread of love for one another. At HIS, culture is respected. Students are invited to celebrate their cultural identity and share it with others. As Jovannah Poor Bear-Adams, former student and vice principal, explained, "Our school is not about killing the Indian. It is not about killing what is Native in the kids. It is about healing them. It is about claiming their identity, their culture, their faith, themselves."



Holbrook Indian School (HIS) is a first- through twelfth-grade boarding academy operated by the Pacific Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. HIS also manages a first- through eighth-grade day school on the Navajo reservation in Chinle, Arizona. Eighty percent of funding comes from individuals who have a desire to support Native American ministries and Christian education. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities they serve. ***Thank you for your support.***



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(Above) The Diamond Street Resource Center provides resources. (Inset) Pat Leo and Barry Wilkens complete major roof repairs on the building. (Right) Camelback members Barry and Terry Wilkens have volunteered their time and resources to make the DSRC a success.

Diamond Street Resource Center Embraces Community

BY PHIL DRAPER

Sometimes ministry begins while talking about restoring old cars in a neighbor's driveway, when he asks, "What's going on over there at the Center?" Or maybe a neighbor says, "I heard about you guys from my sister. She wants to know when your ESL class starts again."

Community Services Director John Schachinger exclaims, "Suddenly we feel we no longer run a community center—now we are neighbors. And we're one step closer to the goal of *The Community Center* becoming *Our Community Center!*"

The Diamond Street Resource Center (DSRC) is an inner city outreach program located in the Garfield District of east-central Phoenix, Arizona, under the umbrella of the Camelback church.

The Garfield neighborhood is an active community with a strong desire to build services and resources that will assist local residents who are predominately Latino and low-income.

Director Barry Wilkens explains the goal and purpose of Diamond Street: "Our goal is to follow the example of Jesus and meet the needs of the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. Our purpose is to work closely with the Garfield community, providing a venue/facility where established community

programs and services can be offered. Our intention is to be a 'knowledge' resource center rather than a distribution facility for food, clothes, and material goods."

Most of the staff, members of Camelback, have been working together for the past several years on various community projects through their Sabbath School class, known as "Room 7." After considering several possibilities, they settled on the idea of using the Garfield church, which had been vacant for three years, as the local community outreach and resource center.

"We conducted neighborhood surveys, met with community groups, toured other facilities, and got advice from some very knowledgeable and helpful mentors—all of which led us to the resource center concept," said Wilkens.

Arizona Conference President Ed Keyes and his administrative team funded a small grant. In return for maintaining the building and keeping the utilities paid, the property is made available rent-free. The Pacific Union Conference supported the project with a grant of \$12,000.

Programs and activities over the past four years have included health screenings, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs, English as Second Language (ESL) classes, cooking classes, demonstration vegetable gardens, and worship services. Currently the Diamond Street Resource Center is offering ESL classes two mornings a week.



By far the most successful program has been the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which runs from January through April 15. This

year volunteers were able to prepare 336 U.S. and Arizona tax returns, bringing \$503,335 back into the local economy. The program involves over a dozen volunteers who greet, screen documents, and do the actual tax preparation using the software provided. Nine computer stations were donated by the City of Phoenix, some of which were rebuilt by Camelback member John Minick. The Diamond Street building was wired to connect all stations to printers by team member Leland Preston.

The DSRC is currently recruiting volunteers in all categories. If you are looking for a way to be involved in inner city service, please contact barry.wilkens@asu.edu or one of the Camelback pastoral staff.

There so many things the Diamond Street Resource Center team would like to do. "Most of all we would like to see actual neighborhood involvement, leadership, and ownership," Wilkens explains. "As time goes on and trust and familiarity are established, we hope to be able to meet the spiritual needs of the community through Bible study, fellowship meals, musical programs, and events that will make DSRC an important contributor to the well-being of the neighborhood. Please join us with your hands, resources, ideas, and prayers."



(Left) Arizona Conference Youth Director Manny Cruz leads out in the Sabbath service. (Above) Family Camp Adventurer coordinators and Young Adult leaders pose for a group photo.

Arizona Conference Family Camp *Highlights Beliefs*

BY MANNY CRUZ

Almost 900 Adventurers and their families attended the Arizona Conference Family Camp in Prescott, Ariz., the weekend of May 3 to 5. Employing the theme “We Believe,” the weekend focused on the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The staff and leadership did a fantastic job of implementing fun learning activities and games to teach the children what “We Believe.” The worship included lively and fun songs aimed specifically at children.

Danny Verdugo, a member of the Camelback church and a staff member, wrote the theme song for the event. The Adventurers learned the song, and many attendees have asked for the music and lyrics because they love the catchy tune and the way it includes all 28 of the doctrines. “It was a creative and fun challenge to include all our beliefs in a song,” Verdugo said, “but with God’s help, we did it!”

Friday night worship consisted of a singspiration, during which the kids enjoyed singing many interactive

songs. On Sabbath morning the Adventurers participated in Bible Trivia, and teams representing each club competed by answering Bible questions. It is always exciting and encouraging to see young children engaged in Bible activities.

The worship services also included a “FUNdamentals Treasure Hunt,” in which the children embarked on a safari, looking for clues to find the 28 FUNdamental Treasures. The safari treasure hunt, led by Lupita Rodriguez and Richie Gonzales, included inflatable plastic ball pits, lots of toilet paper wrapping, team building games, bubbles, kazoos, gifts, prizes, and more. At some points it might have seemed as though the treasure hunt was becoming chaotic, but the children were just enjoying the fun activities.

Sabbath afternoon was spent visiting the different interactive booths that each club provided. Each club was assigned one of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs; their task was to offer an activity in which the Adventurers could learn about that doctrine.

Saturday night was spent playing games and enjoying the bounce houses as well as the great food that some clubs offered. The weekend activities concluded Sunday morning with the awards ceremony.

Arizona Conference President Ed Keyes is excited for the enthusiastic response and said, “The Adventurer Club ministry continues to grow, thanks to God and the dedicated volunteers in the Arizona Conference. I see a bright future for our kids.”

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Soquel Camp Meeting Annual Work Bee

BY FLOCY SO HIONG, CRANDALL ED, AND CINDY CHAMBERLIN

More than 80 people convened for Central California Conference's (CCC) annual work bee, which this year was held from May 4 to 7 at the Soquel Conference Center, aka Soquel campgrounds, near Santa Cruz, Calif. The work bee offered three events in one: service, training, and a retreat.

Attendees arrived for a meet and greet and were given blue "Nailed It" t-shirts to wear. Daily schedules included worships, rousing song services led by Band of Brethren, work during the day, and trainings and campfire fellowships at night.

CAPTS (Communication, Auditorium Programming, and Technology Services—the group responsible for camp meeting programming) held breakout sessions, which featured guests such as Connie Vandeman Jeffery, host of Pacific Union's "All God's People," who provided interview techniques to camp meeting interviewers; Austin Roberts, former

Sunnyvale church associate pastor, who provided Planning Center tutorials; and a journalist from nearby Santa Cruz, who spoke about how to gain trust from someone you are interviewing. Small prizes were given out every day in the "Haystack Hall of Fame." These included quirky categories such as "head bean counter" and the "big cheese" of the day.

Work zones were created by volunteers who served as foremen to each zone and oversaw the areas: weeding, painting, repairing the Main Auditorium, remodeling the Youth Barn, and re-flooring several camp meeting offices. New flooring was donated by Ostap Dzyndra, Build and Restore International president, and a nearby supplier.

Dennis and Sharon Walker, Mariposa church members, led in the organization and pre-planning of the work bee. Dennis coordinated supplies and lists with Todd Gallemore, Soquel Conference Center manager, while Sharon handled clerical work and scheduling. Additionally, Janelle Gallemore, Soquel Conference Center food service director, worked up some great menu selections, including a vegetarian BBQ, making attendees feel like they were at a retreat, despite the tasks.

"The work bee shows that members can have fun, enjoy



Campfires and other fellowship complemented this year's work bee at Soquel, proving that one can have fun while performing service.

fellowship, and also sharpen their skill sets all in one wonderful time," said one attendee. Additionally, the work bee fits nicely into CCC's new initiative: Life Hope Missions, Phase II of Life Hope Centers, a ministry of practical outreach calling for total member involvement. Just as Life Hope Centers seeks to care for the vision and dental needs of people, Life Hope Missions works to alleviate suffering by painting, nailing, and doing yard work. This type of outreach shows that "If you can hold a hammer, you can be a missionary," said Ramiro Cano, CCC president.

A small tribute will be given to work bee volunteers during 2019's camp meeting. Here is a video link showcasing work bee highlights: <https://vimeo.com/336669073>.



(Above left) Dennis and Sharon Walker, Mariposa church members, lead in the organization and pre-planning of the work bee. (Below left) Band of Brethren, a local singing group, provides rousing song services during the worships featured at the work bee.



at Soquel Camp Meeting

Do you need a vision or dental service, but you don't have insurance? Life Hope Centers will be at camp meeting and they invite you to stop by. Clinic hours and dental assistant training seminars are as follows:

	CLINIC	DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINING SEMINAR
Sunday, July 14	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 4 p.m.	
Monday, July 15	Closed	3 to 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	3 to 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, July 17	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	3 to 4:15 p.m.
Thursday, July 18	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	3 to 4:15 p.m.
Friday, July 19	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	3 to 4:15 p.m.



Title Teaser

This man watched a fellow believer slip back into alcoholism after a church communion with wine. He therefore set about to create non-fermented grape juice. Who was this famous entrepreneur and tithe payer? To find out, go to www.centralcaliforniaadventist.com.

ATTENTION CAMP WAWONA ALUMNI

Camp Wawona is hosting their 90th Alumni Reunion from Sept. 13 to 15, 2019. The event starts Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Former directors attending will be: Pastors Jim Pimentel, Curtis Wright, John Loor, and Myron Wareham. Check us out on Facebook at 90thcampWawona reunion.

For more information, contact Susan at 209-573-3009.





Free Life Hope Centers Clinic *Serves Hundreds in Tulare*

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By the end of the two-day Life Hope Centers health clinic this weekend at Adventist Health Tulare, more than 350 patients had received free health-care services, including vision checks, dental treatments, and basic health screenings.

A small but mighty army of volunteer doctors, optometrists, dentists, and technicians saw patients under a massive tent on the hospital's west parking lot. Inside was a full dental clinic with six treatment chairs and two exam chairs, three vision screening stations, and eight blood-pressure checkpoints for patients with little access to health care. Other free screenings included body composition and carotid artery ultrasounds.

Most patients left with at least one basic need fully met—perhaps a vision screening and an order for a free pair of glasses, or relief from a troublesome tooth—and with the knowledge that the community is working together to help them stay healthy.

The Life Hope Centers clinics are a humanitarian service of the Adventist Church in Central California. Events such as this are done in partnership with local community organizations, and in Tulare that list included the Family Health Care Network, Altura Centers for Health, South Valley Vascular Associates, the Tulare Hospital Foundation, and Threads of Love.

More than 225 Adventist Health employees and community supporters wore bright yellow volunteer t-shirts and performed basic screenings, helped register patients, escorted them to the various stations, provided demonstrations, and passed out water to patients and providers.

Ken Pierson, a dentist at Happy Bear Surgery Center in Tulare, said he volunteered to be part of an important outreach effort. He performed cleanings, extractions, and fillings during his shift. "There's a lot of need out there and just being able to help and encourage and support this is very important to me," he said.

The clinic setup took several days and represented an investment of a half-million dollars in equipment, supplies, and materials, according to Dr. Ed Urbina, who helped bring the Life Hope Centers event to the Tulare hospital. "This event is unique and requires a partner like Adventist Health that looks beyond the walls of the hospital to be able to meet the needs of the community," he said.

Urbina said that medical professionals appreciate the opportunity to participate in this type

of event because the focus is solely on caring for patients. "When they leave, they are often overwhelmed because most of the time we exceeded their expectations of what they could accomplish," he said. "This is a first-class operating clinic that is here to serve patients."

Ed Ammon, Adventist Health's Mission Integration Executive for the Central California Region, said this free clinic to Tulare's underserved population is a commitment to the community in general. "We'd like to do several of these around our region each year, and I'd like to do this annually here in Tulare," he said.

One community member, Barbara, said, "A great big thanks to all of these medical communities who took part in this event. Sometimes it DOES take a village. So glad we have so many who are willing, able, and engaged in actively supporting good health."

Another, Patricia Joncoaltz, said, "What a wonderful story. Good people helping by giving and sharing their skills with those in need. It's this sort of thing that reinforces our faith in mankind."



Press Together Juicery Opens in Ogden

BY FAITH HOYT

A cold-pressed juicery owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church opened its doors for business this May in downtown Ogden, Utah. The Press Together juicery offers premium juices, smoothies, bowls, and nut milks to its patrons, while also creating a unique opportunity for people to engage in community and service.

Press Together is a raw, organic, cold-pressed juicery centrally located in Ogden's Historic 25th Street district. This 500-square-foot business serves top-shelf products made from all organic ingredients.

Press Together's director, Ryan Hablitzel, is pastor of the Ogden church. He first began developing the idea for an Adventist-owned juicery in 2016 after witnessing the impact young people had on their own peer groups. His desire was to provide a sustainable environment for millennials to live out their

calling in a non-traditional way.

Soon after Hablitzel began developing plans, he connected with Jason Churchwell and Jared Thurmon, who owned the Atlanta-based juice shop Press Together. Churchwell and Thurmon, both Adventist young people, saw the opportunity for their successful Atlanta-based juicery to expand its mission by transitioning ownership to the Seventh-day Adventist Church through Hablitzel's efforts. Press Together's successful Atlanta-based business model would provide a proven platform for

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who manage the daily operations in the juicery. The Alvarados first learned about Press Together through NUC Executive Secretary Carlos Camacho in September of 2017. Abel, a Bible worker in West Sacramento at the time, was intrigued by the description of this “non-traditional

Hablitzel to build his vision around.

Hablitzel began working with the Nevada-Utah Conference to purchase Press Together under the church’s ownership. With the help of grants from the General Conference, North American Division, Pacific Union, Nevada-Utah Conference, and private donors, Hablitzel was able to purchase Press Together and begin making his vision a reality. Press Together closed all of its Atlanta-based juice shops in March of 2017 and operations were moved to Utah in anticipation of reopening under the Nevada-Utah Conference’s direction.

Working alongside Hablitzel, Debra King serves as Press Together’s treasurer. When King was introduced to Hablitzel’s plans, she immediately got on board to help. “I love the idea and the philosophy behind Press Together,” King said. “I hope it will become a place that young people will not only gravitate to for great juices but also a place where they feel the environment is comfortable enough that they can ask spiritually challenging questions in a casual atmosphere.”

Two additional team members at Press Together are husband and wife duo Abel and Jazmin Alvarado,

form of church.” For both Abel and Jazmin, the idea of being present in the community, forming friendships, and finding ways to meet physical, personal, and community needs inspired them to join the team.

“We want to be known in Ogden as a place that is interested in the wellbeing of the community,” Abel shared. Both Abel and Jazmin are excited to involve local young people in community service projects and ultimately hope to provide tools and resources so that others can positively make an impact in their own way.

“It’s important to serve the community with people who aren’t necessarily from the church. We can mobilize people from the community to be of service to others. This is what Jesus did,” Camacho said. For both Camacho and Hablitzel, the most important aspect of Press Together is to represent the spirit of Christ through actions rather than just words.

“People need to know that Seventh-day Adventists unconditionally care about people and their community,” Hablitzel added.

Press Together officially opened on May 12, 2019, following an extensive

The Alvarados see their work at Press Together as a catalyst for developing relationships and positively impacting their community.

legal, build-out, and permitting process.

The juicery is open for business Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The note for Sabbath hours reads: “Relax Day, Genesis 2:1-3.”

To learn more about Press Together and how you can get involved, visit: presstogether.com



The Press Together Team includes Ryan Hablitzel, Debra King, and husband and wife duo Abel and Jazmin Alvarado.

Latino Students Receive Assistance Through ALCANCE

By Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson



Loma Linda Academy students Marissa Armeta, Marc Anthony Cardenas, and Adam Moreno are participants in the ALCANCE program.

According to Benjamin Franklin, “Energy and persistence conquer all things.” Over the years there have been persistent attempts in the Pacific Union to find ways to help Latino Adventist high school students succeed in their studies and attend Adventist schools. This persistence has paid off in one successful program: ALCANCE. Co-sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference, the Center for Research on Adventist Education (CRAE) at La Sierra University, conferences, individual donors, local churches, and mentors, ALCANCE is making that dream come true for many students.

The mission of ALCANCE is

to make it possible for Adventist students in public high schools to attend an Adventist academy and, from there, to go on to an Adventist college or university. Launched with seed monies from the Pacific Union in 2010, ALCANCE seeks to coordinate with pastors and parents in the local church to provide funding and mentoring to their own Latino students attending public high schools.

ALCANCE and its partners are building on important research relating to Adventist education. In 1989 the Valuegenesis study found that students who attended Adventist schools from elementary through high school to college were more likely to remain faithful church

members and work within the church organization. In 1984 a study titled AVANCE found that factors such as cost and perceptions relating to the quality of Adventist education contributed to Latinos sending their children to public schools. The study concluded that Adventist schools should intentionally recruit Latino youth and that Latino churches need to reach out to Adventist students in public schools. Finally, the 2006 Cognitive Genesis study addressed one important factor keeping Latinos away from Adventist schools: the quality of Christian education. Assessing the achievement levels of Adventist schools as compared to national norms, researchers found that median composite achievement

and ability over the four years of the study at Adventist schools were consistently above the national norm.

Here is how ALCANCE works: a parent or student goes to their pastor and asks to be assigned a mentor. The student must be a member of the Adventist church in good standing within the Pacific Union; be currently enrolled as an 8th grader, freshman, or sophomore in a public high school; and have an overall GPA of 2.0 or

higher. The assigned mentor and/or other church member, usually from the student's own church, will contribute \$500 toward matching the ALCANCE scholarship of \$1,000. In order to receive the total yearly scholarship of \$1,500, students fill out an application from the website (www.alcancelatinos.org), write a two-to three-paragraph essay explaining why they want to participate in the ALCANCE program, and provide

letters of support from their pastor and a teacher. The deadline to receive applications at the Union offices is July 15th for the coming school year.

Interested persons can call 805-413-7306 for more information or email Martha Havens at Martha@puconline.org. For applicants, all paperwork can be sent to: Pacific Union Conference, Attention: Education Department, PO Box 5005, Westlake Village, CA 91359.

Don C. Schneider Passes to His Rest

By Stephanie Leal

On May 23, former Northern California Conference President Don C. Schneider passed away in Burlison, Texas, where he lived with his wife, Marti. He was 76. Schneider served the Adventist church for almost 50 years. He was NCC president from 1989-1994 before going on to serve as Lake Union Conference president (1994-2000) and North American Division president (2000-2010).

Many pastors and church members recall his passion and vision for sharing the gospel. "He is remembered in this conference for his focus on evangelism," said NCC President Marc Woodson. "And I greatly appreciated his leadership while he was president of the NAD."

Current NCC Treasurer John Rasmussen was hired for his position toward the end of Schneider's presidency. "I learned a lot from him my first few months here at the NCC,"

said Rasmussen. "I will always be grateful to him for inviting me to join the team in Northern California."

Schneider began his ministry as a pastor in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference when he and his wife were newlyweds. Two years later, he received a Master of Arts in systematic theology and Christian philosophy from Andrews University. He then served as a pastor in the Minnesota Conference.

He used his leadership gifts in a wide variety of places—as departmental secretary in the Oklahoma, Oregon, and Central Union conferences and as president for the Wyoming, New Jersey,



Arkansas-Louisiana, and Rocky Mountain conferences before coming to Northern California.

After retiring, Schneider accepted a pastoral call to the Rocky Mountain Conference, where he served at the Denver South church until 2013.

Known for their love of Reformation history, Don and Marti Schneider led 42 tour groups in Germany and Rome.

Hal Thomsen served as assistant to the president under Schneider for his five years at the NCC. "Don had a special ability to 're-present' Jesus so that people who knew him were drawn

to Jesus and desired to be more like Him," he said. "People who worked with him say few people impacted their ministry the way Don did."

Ricardo Graham, president of the Pacific Union Conference, was an NCC pastor when Schneider was president. "He had a pastor's heart and a great sense of humor,"



said Graham. "Elder Schneider was a fun-loving person who could relate a humorous anecdote and get a crowd or congregation laughing out loud, but he was serious about reaching souls for Jesus. Don and Marti were a power couple for the Lord. He will be missed."

Schneider is survived by Marti, daughter Carol, son Don Jr., and daughter-in-law Dorothy.

Public College Ministries Establishes Ties

By Ron Pickell

Public College Ministries (PCM) is actively succeeding in bringing Adventist and Christian young adults together on public campuses across North America. Even though its goals at the beginning of the year seemed optimistic, it is accomplishing every one.

This year's highlight was the 2019 Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) Institute, which took place from May 20 to 25 at UC Berkeley. With 125 registrants, the largest attendance to date, students attending non-Adventist colleges and universities from across the North American Division (NAD), including the U.S.,

Canada, Bermuda, and Guam, gathered for campus ministry training. They learned practical skills for reaching out to their peers and teaching them about Christ, and they were introduced to a basic philosophy of Adventist campus ministry leadership.

Making this event even more



Attendees walk through campus singing songs about Jesus.



2019 ACF Institute Attendees

relevant, participants received a certificate that will endorse them as authorized campus ministry volunteers through the NAD Youth/Young Adult Department. Course credit in campus chaplaincy was also obtained through Andrews University Theological Seminary.

Additionally, PCM hosted a Campus Ministries Conference in conjunction with ACF Institute. PCM also organized a Northern California

ACF Winter Conference for the Central California Conference and Northern California Conference.

Thanks to PCM efforts, a new ACF chapter has been initiated at the University of Hawaii.

PCM is working with each Pacific Union conference youth director to establish a PCM coordinator to assist them. Our young adults are the future of our church. They don't all stay within the walls of Adventist

institutions for their education, and we must give them the tools and access they need to continually grow in the faith. They can be the light of the world—the city on the hill that cannot be hidden.

PCM provides the opportunity for those in public universities and colleges to gather with their brothers and sisters and invite others to the fold. May God continually bless their efforts.



(Left) Bran Radut shares about ACF Chapter at UC Davis. (Above) Pastor Moody speaking on how to have a devotional life.

Church State Council and PARL Advocates Help Churches Meet Needs of Local Communities

By Faith Hoyt

The Church State Council is a department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church devoted to issues of liberty of conscience and religion and the separation of church and state. The Council also works to mobilize effective grassroots responses to both state and federal legislation impacting religious freedom—work that is made possible by those who partner with the Council in advocacy.

“Our legislative advocacy ministry is about building bridges with legislators, staffers, and leaders of other faith communities around common interests and concerns,” said Alan J. Reinach, executive director of the Church State Council. “We develop local leadership and advocacy at the local church and community level.”

In addition to playing a role in how the church responds to legislation that impacts religious freedom through their work with the Council, advocates also step into the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) side of advocacy.

According to Dennis Seaton, director of government relations for the Church State Council, as a result of stepping into the conversation, advocates are also learning how local churches can learn about what is happening in their community so that they can address relevant needs.

“By showing up and getting involved in conversations about religious liberty, our advocates are getting to know the leaders in their community,” Seaton said. “We are at the table to discuss

important issues, and as a result we also start learning about needs in the community that we can meet.”

One such advocate who is making a difference is Pati Lawrence, an advocate for both the Church State Council and the PARL department of the Southern California Conference. As part of her work in advocacy, Lawrence pursues every opportunity she can to show up at events, town halls, and other forums on behalf of her faith community.

When a two-day film festival raising

awareness about human trafficking came to San Pedro, Calif., in late March, Lawrence attended in support. While there, she had an opportunity to speak to both community members and local government leaders about the work of the Church State Council as partners in advocacy—including the Council's work on preventive measures through legislation to help stop human trafficking.

“Showing up and having a consistent presence among community leaders



Pati Lawrence (left) poses for a photo on the red carpet with the director of the “See it End it” film and arts festival (middle) and the policy director for Congresswoman Nanette Barragan (right).

enforces our place as an asset and a resource to the public,” Lawrence said.

Attendance at events such as these gives Lawrence the chance to build relationships with community and government leaders. In doing so, she learns about the needs these leaders are working to meet and directs them to the resources that Adventist churches in the area provide, such as Adventist-operated food banks and ministries for the elderly.

When Congresswoman Nanette Barragan decided to host a town hall

addressing the numerous potholes in the city of Compton, Calif., Lawrence connected her team with Tamarind church pastor Lanston Sylvester so that Barragan could conduct the meeting in a larger space. Approximately 1,000 people from the community came to the town hall, and Lawrence believes that hosting the meeting gave the Tamarind church a practical way to show their interest in the community's needs.

Through advocacy, Lawrence has seen churches' avenues for supporting the community multiply.

“God opens the doors,” Lawrence shared. “I show up at town halls and community events; I introduce myself to the elected officials and their staff, thank them for their work, and let them know we're interested in partnering to help.”

For Lawrence and others, advocacy is an important way to show that Adventists are going beyond the walls of their churches.

To learn more about advocacy and how you can get involved, visit churchstate.org.

Muslim Ministries Reaches Out on Multiple Fronts

By Gerald Babanezhad

Muslim Ministries conducts presentations and seminars aimed at equipping churches to connect with Muslim communities. After receiving training, many church members begin reaching out in various ways. Many pastors have attended Muslim worship services at their local mosque and are engaging with local humanitarian needs.

Another emphasis of our ministry is engagement on social media. We maintain an active website exclusively for Iranians and Afghani Muslims to receive the Advent message. We have heard that many Muslims in different countries have accepted Jesus and have been baptized because of the resources and materials that have been offered on our websites, www.ahdejadeed.com and www.asureharvest.com.

For the past six months we have been conducting live seminars and symposiums on Islamic networks

using powerful social media platforms (which I won't mention here for security reasons). These weekly seminars share the Advent message with more than 10,000 recipients, using the Quran and the Bible as foundations. We have also been producing programs for television and the internet, addressing Muslim viewers rather than focusing primarily on a Christian audience. The television networks serving the Adventist church are not suited to broadcast them because they cater to Christians. My dream is to see a dedicated television network to bring the Advent message to Muslims in a context they can relate to.

We focus on the role of the Adventist church as the fulfillment of some of the proclamations of the Quran, mentioning the “Faithful People of the Book” and how that phrase identifies the Adventist movement, and pointing out how the Quran has admonished Muslims to reach out to this unique group of Christians, the

Adventists, for the answers to their uncertainties and doubts. We believe that the Advent movement was raised by God to bring the message of Jesus to all the world, including the nearly 1.6 billion Muslim brothers and sisters with whom we share a tremendous deal of theology and context.

We are in the process of finishing the production of Bible studies for our Muslim brothers and sisters. These studies have been inspired by the work and research of many pioneers that have gone before us. We are presenting these studies in our online seminars that lead Muslims—who know Jesus as one of the great prophets—to know Jesus as the Savior of mankind.

We intend to continue to make full use of media and make every effort to equip our church members to reach out to the unreached both in North America and across the globe while there is time to share the gospel of our Savior.

Prayer Ministries Can Involve Every Church and Every Member

By Yara Enamorado

Karen Martell, Pacific Union prayer ministries coordinator, has the goal to cultivate a prayer culture in every church of this union, and this plan is well underway. Each conference is actively involved in prayer ministry.

Various events such as prayer conferences, prayer breakfasts, and prayer workshops are taking place throughout the union. In May, Loma Linda held a prayer conference titled “Love One Another.” The Northern California Conference, Central California Conference, and Southern California Conference (SCC) recently held prayer conferences at their local churches as well. All were well attended, and attendees were blessed by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Ministries is working to appoint a prayer coordinator in each of our churches. They will work with the pastor and leadership to develop a deep-rooted prayer culture and promote the North American

Division’s “A Community House of Prayer” initiative. Martell is leading in the plan to train prayer leaders and lay members. She recently held a workshop, “God is in the Details—Growing a House of Prayer,” for SCC’s prayer leaders, pastors, and anyone who was interested. “I have discovered that churches are excited to get the resources and equipment that will enable and encourage their congregations to pray,” said Martell.

These prayer workshops provide tools, resources, and ideas to congregations. Even children will learn through tools such as “My 5 Finger Prayer,” and unique ideas like a prayer quilt help to make prayer tactile.

“I have seen young people rescued from the occult, spiritually dead people resurrected to new life, vibrant ministries born, ministries blessed, people and relationships healed,” Martell said. “An ordinary person, a humdrum ministry, a dying church, can call out to a waiting God for extraordinary answers to great big



The Southern California Conference prayer team gathers at the prayer room of the SCC Alive Convocation, hosted in Sept. 2017 in Los Angeles.

prayers. Revival and reformation start with prayer.”

Prayer is a catalyst for revival and the means to develop a relationship with Christ. Prayer Ministries believes all ministries in the church are born, nurtured, and matured through prayer, and prayer is key in the life and growth of the church. People who pray will continue ministering until the work is finished, Christ returns, and all His good and faithful servants finally go home with Him forever.

Pacific Union Members Come Together for Summer of Camp Meetings

Connie Jeffery, with Faith Hoyt

For more than 100 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been conducting camp meetings. We have a rich tradition in the Pacific Union of holding some of the best and largest

camp meetings in history. It was at a Yountville camp meeting in 1873 that the first California Conference was officially organized, with seven churches and 253 members. Pioneer missionary J. N. Loughborough

was elected the first conference president.

Camp meetings provide a time of spiritual renewal. Times have changed, but the message has not. Families reconnect, friends

meet, and children play when members and guests alike convene at campgrounds such as Soquel to worship our Creator. We salute all those who make these camp meetings and convocations possible.

Camp meetings are a part of our Adventist DNA. This summer in the Pacific Union, another slate of camp meetings will bring members together.

Among those hosting meetings in the Pacific Southwest is the Arizona Conference, which hosted their camp meeting at Camp Yavapines in early June, with the Hispanic Camp Meeting taking place directly after that in mid-June.

Soquel Camp Meeting, hosted by the Central California Conference, takes place July 11 to 20 in Soquel, Calif. This 10-day event is broadcast internationally and includes dynamic speakers, inspiring music, and activities for all ages.

Within the territory of the Nevada-Utah Conference is the



Redwood Camp Meeting, now in Redcrest, met in Hammond Grove from 1952 through 1975 on rented land, before purchasing the current location in 1976. Started in 1951, the camp meeting is over 65 years old.

Tahoe Camp Meeting, a yearly Adventist summer retreat to the forests of the South Lake Tahoe and

Reno area that brings members from multiple conferences together. Tahoe Camp Meeting is scheduled to be held July 28 to Aug. 3 at the Tahoe Valley Campground.

In the Northern California Conference, several camp meetings have been scheduled for the spring and summer. The Filipino Camp Meeting took place from May 24 to 26. Following that, the NCC's Urban Camp Meeting took place June 20 to 22 in Stockton, Calif. Additionally, the Redwood Camp Meeting, will take place July 18 to 27 in Redcrest, Calif.

Lastly, in the Southeastern California Conference territory, Black Ministries hosted camp meeting at the Mt. Rubidoux church in Riverside, Calif., from June 19 to 22. The Azure Hills church in Grand Terrace, Calif., hosts their fall camp meeting Oct. 18 and 19.

For a complete list of camp meetings and convocations, visit your conference website.



In 2018, the Central California Conference celebrated the 138th session of its Soquel Camp Meeting and the 70th anniversary of the event at its current location, the Soquel Conference Center.

Sandra Roberts on the Project in Blythe, CA

The Blythe Central church in Riverside County, Calif., has been in the public media for its work with asylum seekers and migrants. This small church of about 45 members is working closely with Riverside County officials to provide immediate assistance to families who have been given an appointment with authorities and have been released from custody by the Border Patrol to travel to the cities where they will eventually settle. The Blythe church is helping these families on their way by providing food, lodging, and clean clothes, as well as a Bible, books, and magazines in Spanish.

There are a number of churches in the Pacific Union that are ministering to migrants and refugees. Sandra Roberts, president of the Southeastern California Conference, provides some background and context for the importance of this work.

How did the Blythe Central Church become involved in this work?

In March, Riverside County was notified that Homeland Security would begin dropping off asylum seekers in Blythe. These are people with court dates who have been processed through the border in Yuma, Ariz. Many of them are traveling to the east coast, where they have sponsoring families.

The church had already built a relationship with the county by inviting county behavioral health and housing assistance workers to bring the homeless they were assisting to the church to take showers.

When the asylum seekers began to be dropped off, the county workers reached out and asked if the church would welcome them into their church complex to stay temporarily.

When the church was purchased years ago, an assisted living facility with rooms and showers was part of the building, but it had not been used. The church opened their building and their hearts and invited the refugees in.

Now people who are in transit from Yuma are dropped off at the church two to three times a day, in different numbers varying from six or seven people to 30 or 40 people at a time. County workers immediately register them and coordinate their travel and transportation. The families have paperwork that shows where their sponsor lives and when their court dates are. They get their travel plans confirmed, and their airline or bus

tickets are often purchased on computers in our pastor's office. They are usually here for one to three days, staying in the Sabbath School rooms and other parts of the church on cots donated by the Red Cross. Once their travel is booked, they either go on to another shelter in Coachella, closer to the bus station in Indio, or to the Palm Springs or Ontario airport if they have a flight.

Why is this an important ministry for Blythe, the Southeastern California Conference, and the Adventist Church?

First of all, I love that the Blythe church and its congregation are so excited about serving the community and having people from all over the world come through their doors every day. And I love that the church is opening its heart and its home to everybody who is dropped off. About half of the refugees are children, and our church members and local leaders are taking wonderful care of them. When the children walk through the door, one of the first things they do is pick out a toy.

The people who are dropped off come with next to nothing—the clothes on their back and their paperwork from the government, that's all most have. So the church is providing three hot meals a day, a clean set of



Sandra Roberts, president of the Southeastern California Conference

clothes, a place to shower and sleep, restroom facilities, medical attention when needed, and, most of all, an air-conditioned place in which to rest. This is the desert, where temperatures are regularly over 100 degrees even before summer! Our local church is providing this hospitality until the county workers transport the families either to the bus station or to the plane where they will travel to their final destination within the United States.

This has really brought the community of Blythe together. And it has energized our church here. There are about 20 churches of different faith traditions in Blythe, and volunteers are coming from our local congregation

and conference as well as the various other churches. They're working together, and new relationships are developing within this community. Our church members are getting to know people from other churches as they serve side by side for this ministry in our church facility.

How does this work further the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

We believe our mission is to expand the kingdom of God, and I believe this is kingdom-expanding work as we love and care for these people from all over the world. They come through our doors and receive hospitality and a love that is contagious, which they will spread as they move on. I've watched our volunteers praying with these people about the trauma that many of them have gone through.

These families are fleeing extreme violence and lawlessness. Clearly we must respond to their physical needs when we become aware of them—this is so basic to our faith and practice. But I think it is also time for us to look at the root causes of the problem. We can do both—help the impoverished and vulnerable already in our local com-

munity AND help the foreigner within our gates. And here our help is not just feeding and sheltering, but advocating for a much deeper understanding of their situation.

These are people who Jesus loves and who He came to save. Because of what we know about what we call the Great Controversy—the battle being waged between good and evil—I don't see how we can argue that we cannot help everyone or should only focus on our own problems. We as a country and a faith community can do both. We must do both.

The trauma many of these dear children and their families have gone through, the painful journey they've been on, so many of the things that have happened in their lives and in the countries from which they've fled, and the multiple reasons they're coming to our country to seek asylum—the stories can be heartbreaking. But I've watched these volunteers praying with them, putting their arms around them, encouraging them about how God has their future. I believe the ministry that happens in Blythe is a part of the gospel work.

I see Jesus in every smile, handshake, and hug, and in every meal

that's prepared in that little kitchen. Every time someone washes the hundreds of towels, every time someone gives a child something to play with, I see Jesus.

What's the future for this project?

We hope that this can become a long-term sustained ministry in this location. We believe it's perfectly located, and we have a facility that can truly be used for this kind of ministry. The church members say that they know why God blessed them with this unique building years ago.

Our church members and volunteers are putting in long hours, and I'm praying that God will sustain them. I'm also praying that more volunteers will be willing to come out to this place in the middle of the desert that gives such an opportunity to serve. Whether it's cleaning and folding laundry, chopping up vegetables for the soup, or playing with the children, I just pray for sustainability in presence of volunteers and support from the relevant authorities.

It's an inspiration to me, and I hope all of us will look around our own neighborhoods and communities to identify ways to serve. There's always more that needs to be done.



Nickolas Lind, MD, takes care of the migrants' medical needs; María Crespo-Lind, church treasurer, coordinates the day-to-day work; pastor Jesús Jacques provides spiritual care to the families, providing them with a new Bible.

CALENDAR

Central California Conference

Summer Camp (now-Aug. 4) at Camp Wawona. Theme: "Chosen," based on the life of David. Everyone can enjoy weeklong summer camp: cubs, juniors, tweens, teens, and families of all ages. Find the camp that is right for you and your family at CampWawona.org.

Prayer Walk (July 5-7) at the Soquel Conference Center. Join us for the pre-camp meeting prayer walk. For information or to register, call 559-696-3692.

Soquel Camp Meeting (July 11-20) at the Soquel Conference Center. Theme: "Looking Up." Speakers include Debleaire Snell, David Asscherick, Pavel Goia, Shawn Boonstra, and Alejandro Bullón, with concerts by Cyiza and the Heritage Singers. Reservations: 559-347-3128.

La Sierra University The Montecito International Music Festival (July 14-Aug. 2) includes public performances by some of the world's foremost classical artists. Info: visit <http://montecitomusicfestival.com> or call 213-500-6846. Concerts are free admission.

Robotics Summer Camp for ages 9 and up (July 8-12) 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Participants build their own robots for a robot competition. Tuition: \$290, includes an Arduino microprocessor kit. Info/registration: RobotsForFun.com or info@robotsforfun.com.

CSI Camp (July 22-25) 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for youth ages 14-18. Classes include fingerprint pattern recognition and forensics photography. Ontario Criminal Justice Campus, 3491 Concourse St., Ontario. Tuition is \$199. Visit Lasiera.edu/csicamp, or contact CSI

Coordinator Fred Eslao at 909-458-0039 or feslao@gmail.com.

Summer Youth Programs.

La Sierra University's Golden Eagles athletics program offers Golden Eaglets summer programs for children and youth that include introductory swimming lessons, a youth swim team, Sky Hawks sports clinics, and an All Sports Camp. Info: visit <https://lasiera.edu/summer-events/> or lsugoldeneagles.com/clubs_and_leagues, call 951-785-2608, or email bcarroll@lasiera.edu.

Northern California Conference

Prayer Ride (July 13) 3 p.m. Redwood Area Camp, 2437 Dyerville Loop Road, Redcrest. Meet in the security area at the main entrance. Participants will ride on the camp shuttle and pray at each meeting area. Info: email, nccinfo@nccsda.com.

Redwood Camp Meeting (July 18-27) Redwood Area Camp, 2437 Dyerville Loop Road, Redcrest. Meetings for all ages, Summer on the Run kids' activities, various seminars, Community Service Day, Hispanic Camp Meeting. Info: nccsda.com/redwood.

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Vacation Bible School at Rialto church (July 15-19) 5-8 p.m. 1560 N Lilac Ave., Rialto. Theme: "Roar." Info: 909-875-8028, rialtosdachurch@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School at Fullerton church (July 15-20) 6-8:15 p.m. 2355 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton. Info: 714-525-4561.

Vacation Bible School at San Diego Broadway church (July 22-26) 5 p.m. 2411 E. Broadway St., San Diego. Theme: "Roar." Info: Iliana Verduzco, 619-381-3184, verduzcoily75@hotmail.com.

Adventurers and Families Day (July 28). Join Adventurers for a fun day at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. Cost is \$50 per person and includes a \$14 lunch voucher. Info: jjeffreys@seccsda.org, 951-509-2265.

Southern California Conference

Purpose Youth Sports (June 24-Aug. 1) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Summer sports camps for basketball, soccer, and volleyball. Ages 7-18. The cost of each camp per child per week is \$125. San Gabriel Academy gymnasium or field, 8827 E. Broadway, San Gabriel 91776. Info: www.purposeyouthsports.com.

Whittier Church "Blood 4 Life" Blood Drive (June 30) 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Up to three lives can be

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Second Saturday Series Concert (July 13) 5 p.m. Pianist Brendan White featuring music by Chopin, Scriabin, and Liszt. Admission is by free-will offering, reception to follow. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave., Glendale 91206. Info: 818-244-7241.

Sunday Brunch Seminar (July 21) 9 a.m. Presented by James Brown, MBA, CSPG, president of Western Adventist Foundation, Scottsdale, Ariz. Walk-ins welcome! Scholl Canyon Estates, 1551 E. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale 91206. Info: 818-546-8421 or email GeofPark@gpark@sccsda.org.

NAD Chinese Church Camp Meeting (Aug. 2-4). Theme: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Keynote speakers are Pacific Union President Ricardo Graham and Iki Taimi, SCC director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Everyone is invited! Chino Valley Chinese church, 4136 Riverside Dr., Chino 91710. Info: 626-217-5782.

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Sunset Calendar July 2019

City	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Alturas	9:22	9:19	9:14	9:07
Angwin	8:37	8:35	8:31	8:25
Bakersfield	8:14	8:12	8:09	8:04
Calexico	7:53	7:51	7:48	7:44
Chico	8:38	8:35	8:31	8:26
Death Valley (Furnace Ck)	8:49	8:47	8:42	8:36
Eureka	8:51	8:48	8:44	8:38
Four Corners [E]	8:39	8:37	8:33	8:28
Fresno	8:22	8:20	8:17	8:12
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	7:55	7:53	7:49	7:44
Half Dome	8:23	8:21	8:17	8:12
Hilo	7:03	7:02	7:01	6:59
Holbrook	7:37	7:35	7:32	7:27
Honolulu	7:17	7:17	7:15	7:13
Joshua Tree	8:00	7:58	7:55	7:51
Lake Tahoe	8:28	8:26	8:22	8:16
Las Vegas	8:01	7:59	7:55	7:50
Lodi-Stockton	8:06	8:04	8:01	7:56
Loma Linda	8:03	8:02	7:59	7:54
Los Angeles	8:07	8:06	8:03	7:58
McDermitt [N]	8:29	8:26	8:21	8:15
Moab	8:45	8:43	8:39	8:34
Monterey Bay	8:30	8:28	8:24	8:19
Mt. Whitney	8:01	7:59	7:56	7:52
Napa	8:35	8:33	8:29	8:24
Nogales [S]	7:43	7:43	7:42	7:40
Oakland	8:34	8:32	8:28	8:23
Paradise, CA	8:37	8:35	8:31	8:25
Phoenix	7:41	7:39	7:36	7:32
Puuuwai, Ni'ihau [W]	7:25	7:25	7:23	7:21
Reno	8:30	8:28	8:24	8:19
Riverside	8:04	8:02	7:59	7:55
Sacramento	8:33	8:31	8:27	8:22
Salt Lake City	9:01	8:59	8:55	8:49
San Diego	8:00	7:58	7:55	7:51
San Francisco	8:34	8:32	8:28	8:23
San Jose	8:31	8:29	8:25	8:20
Santa Rosa	8:38	8:35	8:31	8:26
Sunset Beach	9:03	9:00	8:56	8:50
Thousand Oaks	8:11	8:09	8:06	8:02
Tucson	7:34	7:32	7:29	7:25

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Bickner, Edwina Delores (Rueb)

– b. May 20, 1934, Shafter, Calif.; d. May 15, 2019, Palm Springs, Calif. Survivors: son, Don; daughters, Donjia Huffmon, Laurie Dounies; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Bowman, Lawrence Eugene

– b. Dec. 27, 1922, Princeton, Ill.; d. May 9, 2019, Enterprize, Ore. Survivors: wife, Velma Louise; sons, Dwight (Bonnie), Glen (Nance), Tim (Seles), Art (Lisette); 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Served at San Pasqual Academy near Escondido.

Burr III, Harrison Russell

– b. Sept. 1, 1945, Denver, Colo. d. March 1, 2019, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Gail; sons, Jason, Alex.

Crawford-Smith, Marion

– b. March 17, 1917, New Brunswick, Canada; d. March

13, 2019, Porterville, Calif. Survivor: granddaughter, Debbie Wagner.

Ellis, Pat

– b. April 7, 1939, Fairmount, Minn.; d. April 11, 2019, Moberly, Mo. Survivors: son, Michael Ellis; daughter, Tracy Ridgeway; two granddaughters; sisters, Joan Gordon, Helen Varela.

Ernst, Mervin W.

– b. June 18, 1930, Soldier, Kan.; d. May 7, 2019, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Orvella; sons, Lyndon, Kenny; daughters, Sherle, Marcia, Maria, Denise; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; brother, Delbert Ernst; sisters, June Bentley, Ilo Mae Burns. Served as a teacher in one-room grade schools in Pennsylvania and Arizona, as a Pathfinder leader, and at Thunderbird Academy furniture factory.

Hancock, Charlotte May (Lollie)

– b. Dec. 4, 1924, Pine Bush, N.Y.; d. April 4, 2019, Yucaipa, Calif. Survivors: son, Daniel Keller; daughter, Lori Brown; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Soderblom. She was a member of the Calimesa church for many years.

Hennet, Amelie M.

– b. July 1, 1924, Oklahoma City, Okla.; d. Nov. 9, 2018, Lancaster, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Adele Hagen; two grandsons; four great-granddaughters.

Kirk, Stanley Jay

– b. July 12, 1925, Fruita, Colo.; d. Sept. 2, 2018, Paso Robles, Calif. Survivors: wife, Janet; sons, Alan, Brian, Loren, Richard; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Lawrence, Brenton

– b. June 23, 1927, Nassau, Bahamas; d. April 16, 2019, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ann; three

children; five grandchildren.

Matthews, Gloria

– b. Feb. 16, 1938, Hood River, Ore.; d. March 19, 2019, Lindsay, Calif. Survivors: husband, Thomas; daughters, Karen, Kellie, Kimberley; four grandchildren.

Millot, Jan (Hernandez)

– b. May 12, 1949, Turlock, Calif.; d. Dec. 20, 2018, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Ernest Millot III; son, Mario Hernandez; daughter, Celia Hernandez; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Mitoma, Dorothy (Tsunoda)

– b. Oct. 29, 1916, Fresno, Calif.; d. April 17, 2019, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: son, Tim; two grandchildren.

Morfin Madrigal, Clementina

– b. March 14, 1920, Jalisco, Mexico; d. Jan. 1, 2019, Visalia, Calif. Survivors: sons, Raymundo Madrigal, Elidoro Madrigal, Hector Madrigal, Jose Madrigal, Ricardo Madrigal, Jaime Madrigal; daughters, Elva Madrigal, Alicia Madrigal, Graciela Madrigal, Lovena Madrigal; 36 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

Panjaitan, Samuel

– b. Feb. 17, 1965, Indonesia; d. April 1, 2019, Duarte, Calif. Survivors: wife, Conny; daughters, Alyssa, Adriana; parents, Edward and Tiurlan Sainipar.

Quinn, A. John

– b. Feb. 3, 1927, Bangalore, India; d. April 30, 2019, Palm Springs, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Sandra, Janice, Joan, Andrea; five grandchildren. Served as a general surgeon for Glendale, White Memorial, and Sutter hospitals; chief of staff, chief of surgery, and chairman of surgery at Sacramento County Hospital; operated his own

practice in Sacramento, Calif.

Ramseier, Pierre A.

– b. June 2, 1943, Burgdorf, Switzerland; d. April 8, 2019, San Marcos, Calif. Survivors: wife, Janice; sons, James, Peter, John; five grandchildren. Served as a missionary in Rwanda and Burundi.

Rieke, Sr., Bernard Wilbur

– b. Jan. 6, 1928, Glendale, Calif.; d. Dec. 25, 2018, Fresno, Calif. Survivors: wife, Leela Maxene; sons, Bernie Jr., Johnny, Wayne; daughters, Lelene, Diana Gardner, Caraisa Crain; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren. Served at Golden Gate Academy and Pacific Union College; spent summers working at Wawona; helped to build the Kerman and Oakhurst churches and Hanford SDA Hospital.

Sundean, Marjorie L. (Hauselt)

– b. June 29, 1931, Santa Cruz, Calif.; d. May 4, 2019, Santa Cruz, Calif. Survivors: sons, Marvin, Mel; daughters, Connie Wittlake, Julie; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Served as church organist and PTO president.

Witt, Charles

– b. March 17, 1929, Washington, D.C.; d. April 26, 2019, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: wife, Colette (Beach) Witt; sons, Walter, Charles; daughter, Alexandra; seven grandchildren. Served the church as a pianist.

Zurmuhlen, Marcene Dolores (Strong)

– b. March 6, 1933, Hildreth, Neb. d. March 26, 2019, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: husband, Phil; son, Richard; daughter, Linda; brother, Glen Strong; sisters, Georgia Dehart, Karen Oberkramer, two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

(Right) Connie Vandeman Jeffery interviews William Johnsson, author of *Authentic Adventism*, a book published by Oak and Acorn. (Far right) All God's People host Connie Vandeman Jeffery and Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham pose for a photo during the first season of the show.



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Hosted by Connie Vandeman



Elder Ricardo Graham shares a devotional thought in the recording studio at the Pacific Union Conference building.

Jeffery, most episodes are shot at the modest production facility established in a few rooms at the Pacific Union headquarters. The production team has had the opportunity to travel to several conferences to shoot on-location stories during the first three seasons, including Pacific Union College for a focus on the Reformation; Pine Springs Ranch to look at summer camps; and Adventist WestPoint—in Long Beach, Calif., last year and Reno, Nev., this year.

"We've shared heartbreaking stories of tragedy, resilience, and hope, including the devastating fire that destroyed Redwood Adventist Academy in 2017 and the Camp Fire that so ravaged the communities around Paradise, Calif., in Nov. 2018," Jeffery recounted in the 100th episode. "We've marked the passing of beloved giants: Del Delker; Bailey Gillespie; healthcare pioneers like Drs. Coggin, Wareham, Slater, and Bailey. And we've brought you Adventist Health stories—like the NICU babies 'graduating' at Lodi Memorial and Adventist Health Castle in Hawaii winning the Baldrige Award. We've

also brought you dozens of interviews with Adventists across our union.

"We've brought you camp meeting reports, like Soquel's 70th last year. We've brought you special songs and poems and inspiration at Christmas and Easter. We've kept you informed about the business of the church with reports from NAD year-end meetings and local conference constituency meetings."

From the very start, the video blog has been a team effort. "The Pacific Union Conference Administration has been so supportive and personally involved in getting this weekly program underway and well established," said Ray Tetz, executive producer. "We are indebted as well to the communication professionals in our conferences and institutions for their invaluable support and assistance."

"For 100 episodes we have begun each episode with heartfelt gratitude and enthusiasm for all God's people and for the work God is doing in the Pacific Union. I hope our stories reflect that appreciation," Jeffery said at the close of the 100th episode.

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