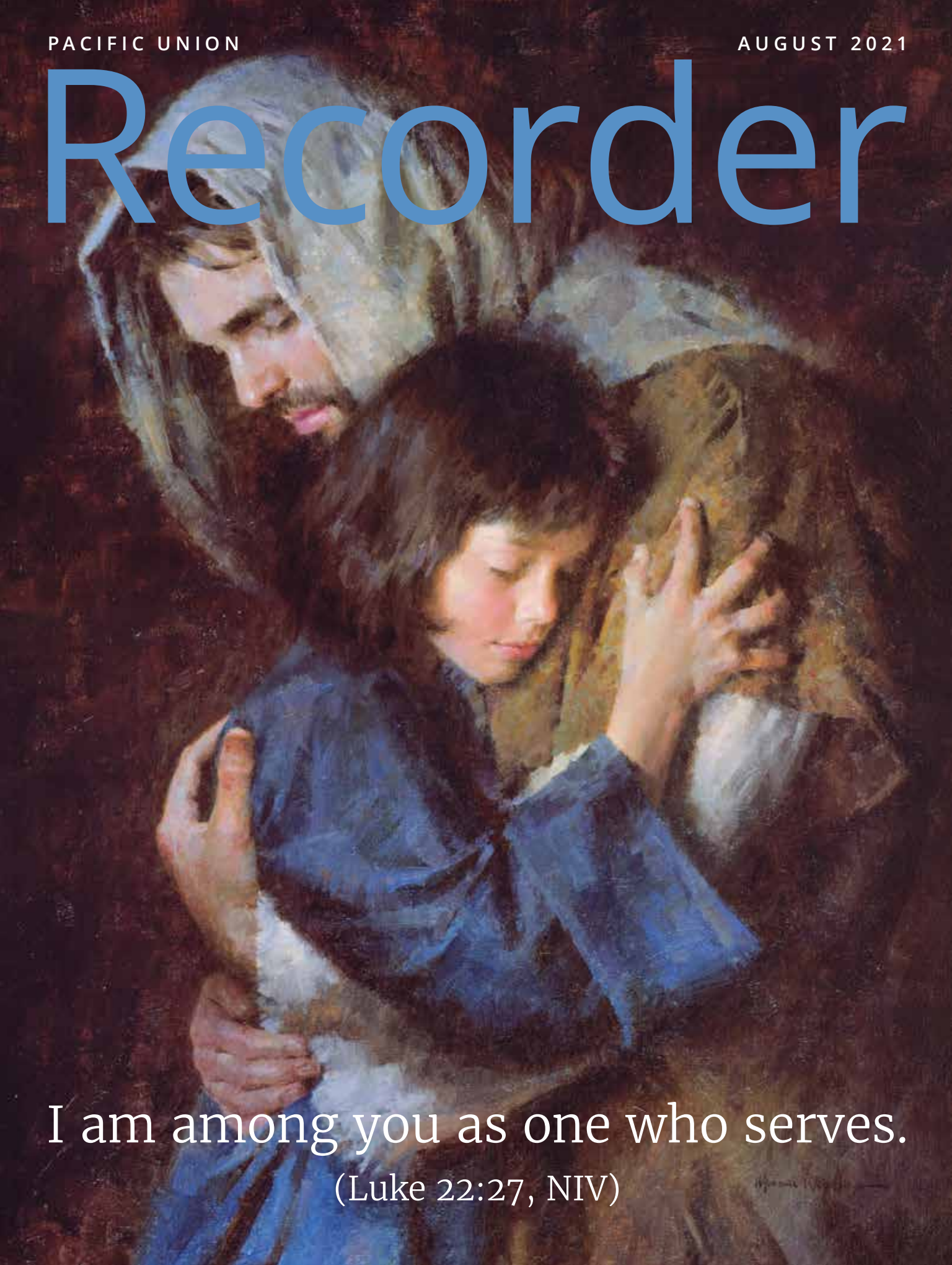


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A painting depicting Jesus with a young girl. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, is shown from the chest up, wearing a brown robe. He has his arms around the girl, looking down at her with a gentle expression. The girl has dark hair and is wearing a blue dress with a white collar. She is looking down and touching the brown robe of the man. The background is dark and textured, suggesting an indoor setting. The overall mood is intimate and tender.

I am among you as one who serves.
(Luke 22:27, NIV)

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, with fingers interlaced to form a heart shape. The person is seen from the side, with their hair styled in braids. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the skin and the fabric of the person's light-colored sweater.

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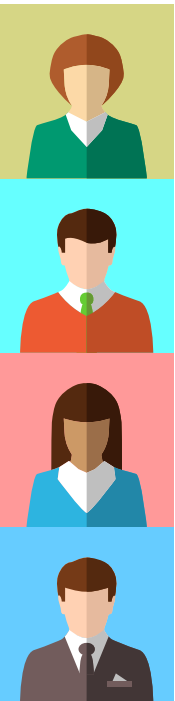
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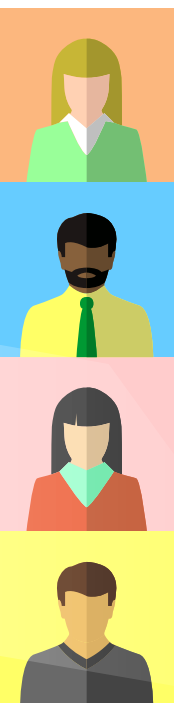
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By Ricardo Graham

Over the nearly 46 years of my pastoral and administrative ministry, I, like other longtime members of Adventism, have often studied passages from the writings of Ellen G. White, heard people quote and refer to her works, and read EGW excerpts in articles. Some of these quotations have been so often repeated, I can practically recite them from memory. Here is one of those well-known quotations that speaks to me often:

for Service



“The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to ‘the principalities and powers in heavenly places,’ the final and full display of the love of God” (Ellen G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 9).

Let’s unpack this statement a bit. The church is God’s vehicle for transmitting—as part of His divine plan for salvation—the gospel to the world.

As we saw manifestly during the pandemic, the word *church* doesn’t refer exclusively to the building where the congregation meets for worship and training for its mission.

We are to serve God by carrying out the mission: reflecting His fullness and His sufficiency and bringing glory to Him.

The *church* we are referring to here is true to the etymology of the Greek word *ekklesia*, which, biblical scholars inform us, means “the called-out ones”—those who have responded to the invitation of Christ to come to Him (Matthew 11:28), abandon or reject the values of secularism, and receive His yoke.

The yoke was used to enable a pair of animals to work together as their master directed them to plow or pull a heavy load. I once heard a sermon wherein the speaker indicated that at any one time, only one animal was actually pulling the load—the other animal was there to provide companionship. I realize that all illustrations have limited applications, but this idea emphasizes that it is Christ Jesus who has done the work of our salvation.

Furthermore, we benefit from His work of justification and sanctification (and eventual glorification) by our continued deferral to His wisdom, experience, and victory over sin, Satan, and death.

But this does not mean that the called-out ones are to be idle. We are to serve God by carrying out the mission: reflecting His fullness and His sufficiency and bringing glory to Him.

That is a tall order, a lofty goal to strive for. So how is it going in your congregation? How is it going in your personal deployment of the Great Commission, which is spelled out in Matthew 28:19: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (NKJV).

Discipleship is the goal.

Disciples in Christ’s day affixed themselves to a master teacher or rabbi for approximately three years, focusing on every detail of the life and philosophy of their teacher, so that they could serve as their master did.

Service is the key word.

I once belonged to a service organization, mostly comprised of businesspeople, which had specific methods designed to support people who needed all types of help in meeting the issues of life. While I have not been a participating member for many years, I learned a lot by associating with this group of unrelated people, usually advanced in their calling or careers, who came together for one purpose. I may be mistaken, but I don’t remember any schisms or fragmenting of the group while we approached the goal of supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. We were focused on the mission.

As followers of Christ, our service includes creating a close affiliation around the mission of the Church, to accomplish what God intended to be accomplished. I’ll repeat again the oft-repeated Ellen White passage I quoted above: “The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to ‘the principalities and powers in heavenly places,’ the final and full display of the love of God.”

I am continually drawn to the idea of “the final and full display of the love of God,” which will be made manifest through the Church and the

modern-day disciples.

We can only accomplish this while in correct relationship with our Lord, Jesus. I am thinking of the words *alignment* and *synchronous*. We must be in the right alignment, or in sync with God's great heart of love, to point people to the great love of God.

Our service to God is to reveal His love for sinners. We are already equipped by God to serve through the gifts of the Spirit that Paul chronicles in his writings. Our work is to love, as a reflection of God's love.

Love as work? This is not about emotion; rather, it's a principle of loving acceptance of all people, treating them as Jesus taught in Matthew 25:31-45 in His parable of the sheep and the goats.

The loving concern that God has for us is reflected when we express a version of loving service to others. God's providence opens avenues for us to serve Him by serving others in sometimes unusual ways.

The evening before I finished this article, Dr. Leon Brown, president of the Nevada-Utah Conference, invited me to share a meal with him. While we were talking about our experiences in ministry, a group of teenagers entered the restaurant and sat at a table near our booth.

Suddenly, we noticed that one of the teenagers was gasping and coughing; he couldn't breathe. Apparently, his airway was blocked. One of the group attempted the Heimlich maneuver, but he was not successful. Pastor Brown jumped up, went over to the young man, and successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver. When he could speak, Logan introduced himself, and he and his friends thanked Pastor Brown repeatedly and profusely for saving his life.

When we invited them to a prayer of thanks to God for saving Logan, we learned that they were a youth group from a nearby Pentecostal church, and

we all praised God together for saving Logan's life through the service of Pastor Brown.

This was a powerful demonstration of loving service. In the aftermath, Pastor Brown declared that a divine appointment placed us at that restaurant at that exact time to save a life. He shared that he had learned CPR as a Pathfinder, many years ago, and this was the first time he had ever performed the procedure—and he got it right.

All service opportunities are not as powerful or exciting as the one in this true story, but God gives us multiple opportunities to serve every day. Each time we do so, we glorify Him.

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Heroes



By Bradford C. Newton

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Who are your heroes? In the recorded history of every culture, the hero embodies the noblest traits of character. By overcoming adversity and danger with courage and grit, the hero emerges from the test with honor and acclaim. Often it is sacrifice—even death—that ensures the heroes' welcome into the pantheon of eternal glory.

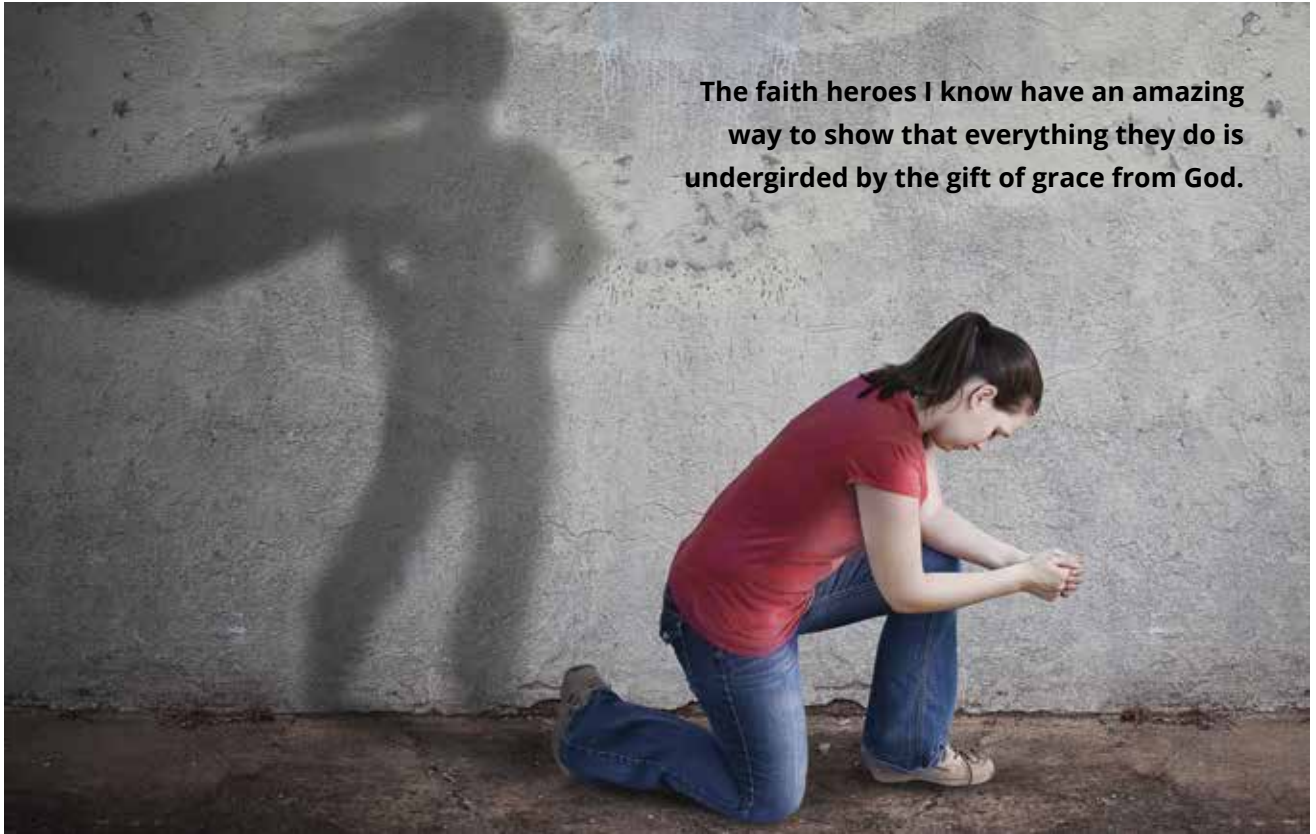
The heroic tales of Greek and Roman mythology were well known to New Testament Christians. Amphitheaters scattered throughout the Roman Empire provided sports and gladiatorial contests as an entertainment spectacle. The names of the heroes of these events are lost. However, Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, himself a citizen of the Empire, redeemed the image of these contests. The life of faith, he writes to the Corinthian believers, is like one of these competitions. "Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!" (1 Corinthians 9:24, NLT).

Heroic stories of faith are in our Bibles from Genesis to Revelation. One notable summary comes from Hebrews 11, where noble deeds are gathered under the organizing theme of faith. "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation" (verses 1-2, NLT). What is the reality and the evidence that brings us hope? It is the lives of those who have lived in such a way that they "earned a good reputation." One way to know the reality of hopeful faith is to track the lives of the heroes of faith. Hebrews 11 summarizes the lives of women and men from Inspired History that can help grow our own stamina for today's struggles.

Must we limit our heroic stories to tales recorded thousands of years ago? By no means! Beginning with early church stories by writers such as Eusebius to the era of the Reformers and on into our current age, we are provided life lessons in faithfulness and sacrifice. More recently, our own Seventh-day Adventist history is filled with stories of women and men who placed faithfulness to God ahead of all to live godly lives in their time.

At no time in our history as a people is it more vital to understand our history as God's remnant church. Challenges that feel new are old. Solutions for today's problems lie buried and ready for us if we but look and consider their application

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today. Might I suggest Arthur L. White's six volume biography of Ellen G. White, or *The Great Second Advent Movement: Its Rise and Progress* by J.N. Loughborough, and Calvin B. Rock's recent book, *Protest and Progress: Black Seventh-day Adventist Leadership and the Push for Parity*. You can also delve into the easy-to-navigate Seventh-day Adventist Archives (<https://www.adventistarchives.org/>) and discover a treasure store of gems from the past two centuries, including every *Pacific Union Recorder* since 1901.

Ellen White herself admonished us to remember and apply our own past when she penned, "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. *We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us,*

and His teaching in our past history' (*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White*, p. 196, emphasis added). This quote can only be valid if we apply her admonition and know our own history. How we came to our beliefs, structure, and missionary strategy is rooted in history. The heroes of our past will help guide our present. Without this girding of historical truth, we are vulnerable to voices who make assertions to us and about us—whether those voices are from inside or outside our own ranks—for which we may have difficulty providing a ready answer.

But what of faith heroes today? Hebrews 12:1-2 urges us ever forward: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects

our faith" (NLT). There are modern heroes of the kingdom that surround us today. Few are celebrated in books or grace magazine covers, yet they remain inspirations for our walk with God today.

I think of the heroes that have crossed my pathway at just the right moment throughout my faith journey. Sabbath School teachers when I was a child and into my teen years who helped me grow as a young disciple. College and seminary professors who gently shaped my Adventist worldview. Pastoral colleagues who were listening ears with wise counsel when I was discouraged, uncertain, or just needing a friend.

However, the greatest heroes for my faith have been my family. Beginning with my father and mother, who modeled the balance of grace and accountability for me. I learned how to pray and read the Bible for myself from my mother's teaching. Jennifer, my wife of almost 40 years, remains the most profound spiritual influence on me, as she knows me better than any other human being and has journeyed with me throughout my adult life. I'm a better disciple of Christ, father, and minister because of her. No doubt you too can recall that list of special people who have been heroes of faith to you and helped you "keep your eyes on Jesus."

So, what does it take to be a hero of faith? You and I can aspire to be in that "huge crowd of witnesses," bringing reality and evidence to hope in Jesus. When I read Scripture and observe faith heroes today, they share certain traits:

First, faith heroes speak often of the goodness of God. They are not naïve or simplistic but ascertain the ways to see opportunities in which the hand of the Lord is guiding them and their circumstances. This "eye of faith" elicits courage and hope in those around them.

Second, faith heroes are honest about their struggles. The Bible never papered over the failures of women and men in Scripture. When you read beyond the headlines of faith in Hebrews 11, you find that every one of these people failed God at times.


Faith heroes of the Bible lied, committed adultery (King David—the man after God's own heart), shirked their duties, denied Jesus, backed away from what God wanted, and much more. Why is all that in the Bible? To remind us that real heroes are also real people. The heroes I know today aren't phony, plastic dolls that are always perfect. They are authentic about the ups and downs of walking with Jesus. We find courage when we are honest together.

Third, faith heroes align their profession with their practice. Nothing turns young people away from the church more than when adults say one thing and then act another way. Most of us never outgrow the deep sense of loss when we see spiritual leaders act in ways that are not consistent with Scripture. But when we see our faith heroes standing up with love and courage when it's tough to do so, there is a surge of hope and faith within.

Fourth, the faith heroes I know have an amazing way to show that everything they do is undergirded by the gift of grace from God. They live with a sense of personal humility in their relationships with others. They understand the power of saying, "I'm sorry" when they let others down. But mostly, they bask in a sense of the unconditional love of Jesus that they in turn impart in their relationships at home, work, church, and community. These are the people that radiate hope and faith to those around them. And it's contagious.

Psalm 16: 2-3 declares, "I said to the Lord, 'You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you.' *The godly people in the land are my true heroes!*" (NLT, emphasis added). As the many voices call out for your attention and allegiance today—politicians, sport and entertainment figures, news commentators, and even religious leaders—remember what true faith heroes look like. As we journey to the time of Jesus' soon return, let each of us aspire to be a faith hero for someone every day.

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If You are Willing

By Charles Mills

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Leprosy. While it's rare today, there was a time when it was one of the most feared diseases in the world. Those so afflicted were considered outcasts, undesirables, and dangerous. They were forced to live a life of isolation and abandonment.

Consider this description: Signs of leprosy are painless ulcers, skin lesions of hypopigmented macules (flat, pale areas of skin), and eye damage (dryness, reduced blinking). Later, large ulcerations, loss of digits, skin nodules, and facial disfigurement may develop. The infection spreads from person to person by nasal secretions or droplets (medicinenet.com).

If there was ever a reason to shun an individual—to keep your distance, to drive a person into seclusion—this would seem to be it. Yet, someone suffering from leprosy approached Jesus in a small town near the shores of Galilee. This man wasn't at the beginning stages of his disease. He was covered with it.

"When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean'" (Luke 5:12, NIV).

"If you are willing." There was no question of ability. He wasn't saying, "If you are *able*." The leper knew of Christ's power to heal. He'd overheard stories about Him. He had confidence that this man—this stranger, this traveling teacher—could rid him of his deadly curse.

"Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man" (verse 13).

Jesus *touched* him. You didn't touch lepers. You didn't even come close to them. Why? Because the disease could pass from them to you. Everyone believed it was highly contagious. To touch a leper was



to put yourself in danger. But Jesus reached out His hand and did the unthinkable.

Then, His gentle touch was followed by an announcement that changed that man's life. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean! And immediately the leprosy left him" (verse 13).

Willing to do the work

The destructive pattern of social injustice can be broken. However, it takes individuals who are willing to do the work. Like Jesus, you and I have resources available to us to accomplish amazing things in the name of love.

I'm reminded of the many Adventist medical clinics I've visited. Some were in jungle clearings, some tucked away in small towns, others housed in grand hospitals. I was born in a missionary medical facility on a windswept hill outside of the city of Seoul, Korea. I lived next door to the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital in the Philippines and spent a year living on the second floor of a one-doctor clinic while serving as a student missionary in Kobe, Japan. Patients who came to these wonderful establishments had faith in the medical staff. Their question wasn't "Can you help me?" It was, "Are you willing to help me?"

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people. Some are victims of their own choices. But many—possibly most—are victims of something just as damaging. Their mental and physical conditions are often the result of overt or hidden racism, discrimination, and social injustice. The blessings so many of us enjoy are withheld from them. They're considered outcasts, undesirables, or even dangerous. They've been abandoned and scorned by society.

Then they come to us, not asking, "Can you help me?" No. Their question is, "Are you willing to help me?" We're able. They know that. We have the resources, skills, knowledge, and tools they desperately need.

How we answer their plea is a clear demonstration of how eager we are to reflect the God we worship. Are we willing to reach out and touch them?



Gifts Wrapped in Love

By Charles Mills

“How can she
live there?”
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terrible.”

Heidi pressed her nose against the cold window glass of the car as Mother drove home from the store. The girl was excited because in two days it would be Christmas. “Oh look,” she said, pointing toward a young girl walking along the snowy sidewalk at the edge of town. “That’s Cindy. She’s in my class at school!”

Heidi was about to roll down the window and shout “Merry Christmas” when she saw the girl turn and start walking up to a house tucked between a small grocery store and a gas station. The words stuck in her throat. The house was barely standing, its foundation crumbling and porch roof tilted to one side. There was trash in the yard, and an old car up on cement blocks rested in the gravel driveway.

“How can she live there?” Heidi whispered to her mom. “That house is terrible.”

Her mother nodded. “It sure is. I’m certain they’d like to live somewhere else if they could.”

Heidi sat back in her seat and thought for a long moment as the car continued its journey home. She was quiet during supper and didn’t even laugh when her older brother accidentally dropped his sandwich on his lap. When Mother reminded her that it was her turn to wash the dishes, she just said, “OK,” and went and did it.

“Are you alright?” Mother asked, standing in the doorway of Heidi’s room later that evening. “You’re not your usual energetic self. Are you sick?”

“No,” the girl responded. “I’m just worried.”

“About what?”



"About Cindy. I don't think she's going to have a very nice Christmas. They can't even afford to fix the porch, or their car. And, come to think of it, at lunchtime at school, Cindy eats a lot of food, like she's really hungry. Then she takes some extra crackers and apples and puts them in her book bag. I thought she just liked to eat." The girl paused. "But now I think she's taking food home to her mother. That's so sad. What can I do to help her?"

"That's not the right question," her mom stated quietly.

"It's not?"

"No. You should ask yourself, 'Am I willing to help her?' If you are, you'll figure out what to do."

A tear slipped down Heidi's soft cheek. "I'm willing, Mom. I really am."

Early the next morning, Mother found her daughter deep in her messy closet, shuffling around like a mouse looking for cheese. "What on earth are you doing?" she asked.

"Being willing," the girl stated with a smile. "I'm gathering up clothes that don't fit me so good anymore and toys and stuff I don't play with much. Oh, and I'd like for you to bake some of those coconut cookies—you know, the ones with the yellow frosting."

"Sure. Is there a special occasion coming up?"

"Sort of," the girl said with a smile. "I'm making a Christmas box for Cindy. She and I are almost the same size, and I know she likes the same kind of dolls I like. When I'm done, I'm going to take them to her house with that baby Jesus figurine I bought a couple years ago. Oh, and the cookies. I know she likes cookies." The girl paused. "Just one problem. We don't have any more Christmas wrapping paper."

Mother sat down on the bed. "Don't worry," she said. "You can wrap your gifts in love. Cindy and her mom will be so pleased. You're giving her a wonderful Christmas gift."

Heidi held up a colorful doll dress. "You mean this?" she asked.

"No," Mother said. "You're willing. That's the best gift of all."



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"Margie the Matriarch"



Church and School Work Together for Christ

Located on the southern edge of Phoenix's sprawling metropolitan area, a small church and school embody the missionary spirit that harkens back to the beginning of work in the Southwest. The Maricopa Village church was founded on Gila River Indian Community tribal land in 1936, and the Maricopa Village Christian School (MVCS) followed 10 years later as a mission to serve the native people.

"Margie the Matriarch" has been a passionate advocate of the church and school for 76 years. When there has been no elder or pastor, there was always Margie.

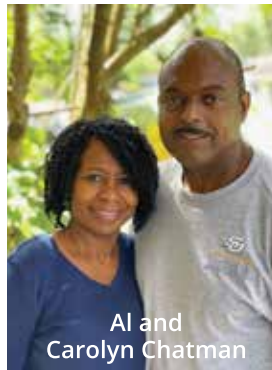
Margie's parents, Phillip and Grace Monahan, raised six children in a one-room mud house. Grace Monahan joined the Maricopa Village church first and learned about the power of prayer from Elder Follette. When her son became gravely ill and doctors had given up any hope of recovery, her faith in prayer was put to the test.

"If it's really true that you can do anything, I will go to church on Saturdays if you heal my son," Grace prayed before going to sleep. When she awoke, her son was up and playing. Grace kept her part of the bargain and brought her family to the church and enrolled Margie and her sister in MVCS.

Margie eventually went to Holbrook Indian School and graduated from eighth grade before continuing her education at Thunderbird Adventist Academy. Despite her hard work baking bread, cleaning houses, and working in the Thunderbird Furniture Factory, Margie

was unable to afford finishing at Thunderbird. But she studied and passed her GED, got a nursing degree, and had a 32-year career at St. Joseph's Hospital in downtown Phoenix.

She never stopped serving her home community and continued to help the mission of the Maricopa Village church. She visited houses to pass out bread, invited people to church, and helped Elder and Mrs. Berg with Native American camp meetings. Now she sees the same passion for service in Al and Carolyn Chatman.



Al and Carolyn Chatman

"I thought Elder Al and Carolyn would leave like many others did after a few months. But they have been here 10 years," she said. "Elder Al works here in the heat after his full-time job in IT. Carolyn is

our angel and great with children. They fought for us."

The respect is mutual. "Margie the Matriarch' is the glue, the champion of the school," Carolyn said. "She is Elder Al's right hand in all things needed at the church and school."

As was the case with Margie, the Maricopa Village Christian School community allows students to grow, develop, and continue their Adventist education despite challenges.

Many of the Native American students that attend MVCS for elementary



Slade Notah

school come from impoverished and traumatic situations. Slade Notah is currently a sophomore at Holbrook Indian School. But he faced adversity, including losing a close family member, his 16-year-old cousin, who was shot and killed in 2018.

"Growing up," Slade said, "we prayed for seven years before 11 of us family members moved into new homes and out of our small house that was built for three."

Slade continued, "I am so grateful to Elder Al, his wife, Carolyn, and Pastor Eddie Turner for their support."

While attending MVCS, Slade developed an interest in law when he participated in the Court Works program. The youth enrichment program, hosted annually at the Federal Courthouse in Phoenix, introduces students to careers in the legal system, and Slade is now considering becoming a lawyer.

"We look for what motivates kids to finish, but God's work is the ultimate goal," stated Al Chatman.

Nahzoni Haycock attended MVCS for her elementary education and recently graduated from Thunderbird Adventist Academy.

"Elder Al and Carolyn are my Christian mentors," Nahzoni said.

Nahzoni was actively involved in National Honor Society, Campus Ministries, and the Student Association while at TAA, and she plans to study biophysics at Andrews University.

Much like Slade, Nahzoni and her siblings faced challenges. The kids moved between their mother's and father's houses across states. However, in 2014, they moved permanently to Arizona to live with their dad. "It was tough shifting to mom's house with alcohol and cigarettes and dad's house with church," Nahzoni recalled.

"God brought the kids back to me," Larry reflected, "and brought us all back to the church through the school. The Maricopa Village church shows love."

By Tennille Feldbush and Jeff Rogers



Nahzoni Haycock



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2nd QUINQUENNIAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

The 31st Regular Constituency Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

**Sunday, October 24, 2021
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (or until business is completed)
Mesa Convention Center
263 N Center Street, Mesa, AZ 85201**

The purpose of this meeting is to receive departmental reports, to elect Conference Officers, Departmental Directors, Executive Committee, Bylaws Committee, and the Adventist Scholarship Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates during this meeting.

*Ed Keyes, President
Jorge A. Ramirez, Executive Secretary*

**NOTICE OF ARIZONA CONFERENCE CORPORATION
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
31st REGULAR CONSTITUENCY MEETING
2nd QUINQUENNIAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

The Nominating Committee for the 31st Regular Constituency Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene as follows:

**Sunday, October 10, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.
Arizona Conference Corporation
13405 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254**

The purpose of this meeting is to submit the following recommendations for approval to the delegates during the Constituency Meeting:

1. Officers of the Conference
2. Directors of Departments and/or Services
3. Ethnic Coordinators
4. Arizona Conference Executive Committee
5. Standing Bylaws Committee
6. Arizona Adventist Scholarship Committee

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Armona Union Academy, May 29 – 15 graduates



Central Valley Christian School, June 6 – 12 graduates

Proclaim the Praises and Rejoice with Joy with our 2021 Graduates!

Those who graduated from eighth grade are in the Central Acts insert.

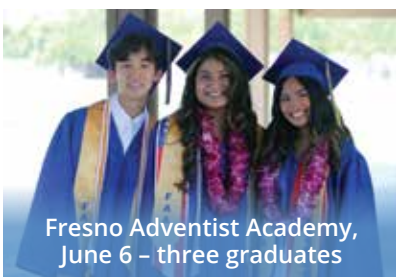
Looking into the faces of graduates from our academies in the Central California Conference (CCC) this year brings hope and optimism for the future. These young people and their teachers faced obstacles and challenges because of the pandemic, yet they endured. They are special, and each one of them needs our continued prayers and support as they move to fulfill their lifelong dreams and goals.

Again, look at each of the faces of the 103 graduates from our two senior academies (Mountain View and our boarding school at Monterey Bay) and the four K-12 Adventist academies (Armona, Bakersfield, Central Valley, and Fresno). Even if that face is covered with a mask, take time to pray for each one despite not knowing their name or circumstance. These young people are our future leaders and co-workers and will hopefully be used by God to hasten Christ's coming. They "are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may *proclaim the praises* of Him who called [them] out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9, NKJV, emphasis added).

As Ellen White would urge, "Students, if you will watch and pray, and make earnest efforts in the right direction, you will be thoroughly imbued with the

spirit of Christ.... If you will heed the instruction given in the word of God you may go forth with a development of intellectual and moral power that will cause even *angels to rejoice, and God will joy over you with singing*" (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 103, emphasis added).

CONGRAT



Fresno Adventist Academy, June 6 – three graduates



Mountain View Academy, June 6 – 24 graduates



Bakersfield Adventist Academy, June 6 – six graduates

Isn't that what we want for our students? Can you imagine how awesome it might be to hear God sing? Their teachers have had the tremendous privilege of watching the visible results of all the patient and persevering service of love they have given to these graduates over the years.

While congratulations are in order for this milestone in these graduates' educational journey, it is now our turn to pray that each of them will be "developing characters that will make them noble and useful men and women, fitted to occupy positions of responsibility and trust—men and women who in the future will wield a power to hold in check evil influences and help in dispelling the moral darkness of the world" (Ellen G. White, *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 104).

By Deloris Trujillo

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!



Monterey Bay Academy, June 4 – 43 graduates
(not all pictured; international students unable to attend)

Evangelism at its best:

Adventist Education was perhaps the longest and largest evangelistic outreach in the CCC during the months of the 2020-2021 school year. Consider these points:

- Nineteen locations (schools), 1,260 attendees (students), 130 evangelists (teachers).
- Resulting in 31 baptisms, innumerable decisions for Jesus (not all students are old enough to be baptized), and discipleship training for those already baptized or thinking about it.
- Over 20,000 hours of evangelism and Bible studies during the year (estimating one hour of Bible class and worship per day x 180 school days x 118 classrooms, including Weeks of Prayer and assemblies).
- What started in 1897 in Fresno has continued to grow ever since throughout CCC.
- Because of the pandemic, some numbers can only be approximate; nevertheless, they clearly show that Adventist Education has significance for eternity and is worthy of our support.

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Hawaiian Mission Academy
Windward Campus



Hawaiian Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki

Hawaii Celebrates Eighth-Grade Graduations

Hawaiian Mission Academy Windward Campus

Hawaiian Mission Academy (HMA) Windward Campus graduated 10 students from eighth grade on Wednesday evening, June 2. Many hands worked together to make it an extra memorable event. The graduation ceremony was held at Central church in Honolulu, which was the perfect venue with plenty of seating and added space for social distancing between family groups. The seventh-grade families created the beautiful stage backdrop displaying the class colors: black, white, and gold.

As the guest speaker, Melanie Ramirez shared wisdom with the graduates. She had met with the eighth-grade girls for weekly Bible studies throughout this school year, and the class was excited to invite her to speak at the graduation.

The class motto is a quote by Tim McGraw, "Chase your dreams, but always remember the way back home again." The class scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (NKJV).

At the end of the graduation ceremony, the graduates greeted their friends and families in the courtyard by their designated tables, which had been decorated and marked for each student. There was a photo booth set up outside to capture the memories of this event. Individually wrapped graduation cookies were given to the families in lieu of a potluck reception.

The graduates shared tear-filled goodbyes, thanking their teachers and classmates for a successful journey through their elementary school years and for the sweet memories made along the way.

Congratulations, class of 2021! You are loved by all of us at HMA Windward—and especially by our Father in heaven, who walks alongside you every step of your way.

By Hilda Scott

Hawaiian Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki

On Thursday, June third, 14 eighth-grade students graduated from Hawaiian Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki. The ceremony started at 7 p.m. at Honolulu Central church. It was conducted with social distancing in mind and with each family sitting in family groups. Despite the safety measures that had to be put in place, the graduation ceremony was fantastic—honoring the hard work that all of the eighth-grade students had put in.

The graduation could not have taken place without the support of all of the faculty and staff at HMA Ka Lama Iki. We also would like to thank the numerous parents and volunteers who donated their time and energy to decorate the church and the foyer.

In the end, we had an amazing program that celebrated these young men and women on the completion of this step of their journey.

By Kyler Martin

Kona Adventist Christian School

Eighth-graders Liz Avendano, Jacob Domingo, and Saray Silva celebrated the end of their final year at Kona Adventist Christian School with their classmates, teachers, family, and friends on Friday, May 28, at 11 a.m.

It was an unforgettable year, with COVID-19 challenges to overcome, lots of learning, and love for Jesus expressed every day.

Class president Jacob Domingo hopes to attend Hawaiian Mission Academy someday like his brother and sister, Joey and Jaylene. His goal is to become an auto mechanic or auto shop operator. Liz Avendano would like to use her talents to serve the Lord as a lawyer in the future. Saray Silva hopes to become a teacher someday.

For the graduation ceremony, Saray Silva, Liz Avendano, Deivy Melquiades, and Jasmine Zavala sang "Sohre Todo" (Above All) in Spanish.

Pastor Nick DeLima gave the commencement address, encouraging the class of 2021 to "Cast Your Burdens Unto Jesus." To illustrate, he gave small pebbles to the five kindergarten graduates and larger rocks to the three eighth-graders. As we get older, our burdens may seem to increase in weight and size, but Jesus continues to care for us!

Diplomas and remarks were given by Principal Beverly Church and aides Jaylene Ventura and Joey Domingo, wishing God's blessings for the students.

All the upper-grade students participated in a sign language song under the direction of aide Jaylene Ventura. Our closing song, "Hawaii Aloha," was sung by all our students, accompanied on the ukulele by Jacob, Liz, and Saray. Mahalo to the organist, Cindy Parks, for the beautiful processional and recessional.

Our graduates were honored with many leis, tres leches cake, and delightful reception foods provided by parents.

Kona Adventist Christian School is operated for Kona Coast students in grades K through eight by the Kona Adventist church in Captain Cook and the Kona Hispanic church in Kailua-Kona. May God guide all our precious students.

By Beverly Church



Notice of Constituency Meeting of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Quinquennial Constituency Meeting of the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2313 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports, to elect conference officers and the Executive Committee, and to transact other business as may properly come before the constituency meeting.

Each organized church shall be represented by one (1) delegate and one (1) additional delegate for each forty (40) members, or major fraction thereof.

*Ralph S. Watts, III President
Jay Warren, Secretary*

Hawaiian Mission Academy Maui

Graduation marks the end of a remarkable chapter in a young person's life. For Makaylah Saiyuri Baker and Colton Ryan Lounsbury, eighth-grade graduates of Hawaiian Mission Academy Maui, their graduation ceremony celebrated their achievements in Christian education.



Graduation also marks the beginning of a new chapter. It is not only the culmination of years of study, it is also a coming-of-age, a moment when, equipped with Christ-like qualities and values, they step into the next chapter of continued education known as high school.

Makaylah and Colton celebrated their graduation at Kahului church on May 23 at 4 p.m. Pastor Erik Vandenburg was the guest speaker, along with Pastor Koji and Pastor Vass. Families, friends, and fellow students were among those who witnessed this special event. Through God's blessings and lots of prayers, in spite of all the obstacles of this unusual school year, the formal tradition of eighth-grade graduation continued for the class of 2021.

By Johnnette Cremer



Pastor Ludy Mahinay

MAPS: Spiritual Growth at Holbrook Indian School

We have been looking at **MAPS**, an acronym for the four pillars of our educational program at Holbrook Indian School (HIS).

These four pillars are:

Mental,
Academic/Artistic,
Physical,
Spiritual.

This month we are looking at the final pillar in our program, the spiritual.

One big challenge in presenting Christianity to our students at Holbrook Indian School (HIS) has to do with the historical “witness” or exposure that many

older Native Americans have experienced in the name of Christianity. That experience has had a ripple effect through the generations. It has often created tension between students who might develop an interest in learning about the Bible and their older relatives.

Our MAPS program, and much of what we do as a whole, is designed to help in healing these historical wounds.

There are many things we do at HIS that contribute to the spiritual growth of our students.

Bible class

A typical Bible class begins with a devotional. Mr.



Bible class

Mahinay then utilizes simple activities tailored to the subject matter for his lessons. Since different spiritual backgrounds and levels of interest can pose a challenge, Mr. Mahinay uses materials designed for a learning context where students of various faiths share in the power of story, grapple with real issues openly, then make discoveries for themselves. It's a place where investigation is invited. The Encounter Adventist Curriculum is the primary guide in their studies.

Spiritual events

At the beginning of the school year, a week of prayer is held for our students. We also have dorm chapel periods involving personal development, educational, and spiritually focused themes. Friday evenings include vespers for the students primarily, and Sabbath worship is also well attended by our students. All of these events provide ample opportunities for our students to participate in singing and reading.



Reactions

The student reactions to what we believe and teach here at HIS range from indifference to mere curiosity to sincere interest. Many students ask questions about the things taught, some to the point of taking personal ownership of the beliefs once they understand them.

On May 1, 2021, after a group of students finished studying the topic of baptism, 16 students were baptized. That is the most on record that we are aware of.

One of our greatest concerns is the response of the parents to their child's decision. We always inform our students' parents to ensure they are OK with their child's decision. Without consent from them, we would only be exacerbating any unfavorable feelings. However, the Holy Spirit was working miraculously in this group—not only in the hearts of the students but in their parents/guardians as well.

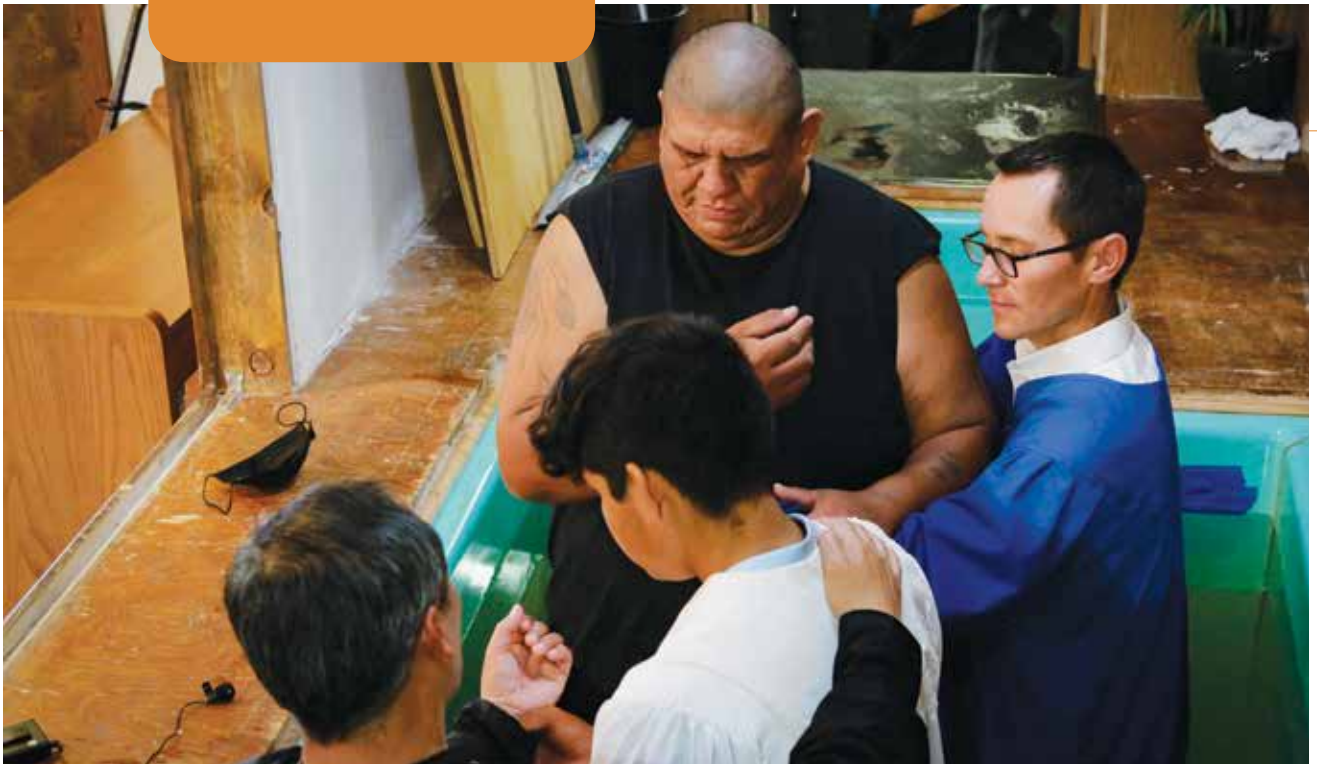
In addition to the 16 students, three parents were also baptized, along with two graduate students, and five staff children—for a total of 26.





“The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian.”

— Ellen White





Love in action

The primary person working in the fulfillment of baptisms is Pastor Ludy Mahinay. As the school's Bible teacher, chaplain, and pastor, he spends a lot of his time in the spiritual arena with our students. However, he would be the first to tell you that these baptisms are the result of a collaborative work of Divine power and a staff that loves their students—and those are not just flowery words. A survey found that this is quite literally the case, as Pastor Mahinay discovered for himself.

"I did a random survey in class, asking our students what inspired them to accept God or get baptized," he said. "The multiple-choice options included various specific teachings/doctrines or topics of the Bible and a space for an 'other' response."

The responses were heartwarming.

"Some answered with specific topics that convinced them," Pastor Mahinay recalled, "but generally, they wrote that what convinced them is how all the staff here treated them, cared for them, and loved them. To me, this is a perfect reflection of God's love through action and not just in words."



God's work

The reflection of God's love in action created a ripple that reached the hearts of the parents and guardians as well. In one such family, the parents asked if they could get baptized together with their three children here at HIS. This was right before the date for baptism, so it presented a slight concern about having adequate preparation for the baptism and Bible studies.

Pastor Mahinay made the necessary consultations with Senior Pastor Walcott, and together they decided to baptize the eager parents, explaining to them the purpose of baptism. Pastor Walcott will be doing the follow-up with the family to accommodate their location.

This is how God works: utilizing a network of human vessels, from the supporters of Holbrook Indian School who help make the resources and staff possible, to the staff who in turn provide direct education, love, and care.

This is how God works: utilizing a network of human vessels ...

Thank you for your help

Thanks to you, we have been able to provide this comprehensive program we call MAPS. You are part of the legacy of supporters who have helped make these intentions a reality for 75 years. We hope that with this background information on each component, you will realize how much of an impact you are actually making.

By Chevon Petgrave

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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School of Pharmacy Recognized Nationally for Community Response During Pandemic

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy has been recognized nationally for the school's community outreach during the pandemic, receiving the "Rookie Award" at the 10th annual 2021 Medication Adherence Team Challenge.

The award is part of the national Script Your Future public awareness campaign coordinated by the National Consumers League (NCL) with support from its partners and the Challenge sponsors. The contest saw participation by 78 health profession schools in 13 states, and teams directly counseled nearly 150,000 patients nationwide.

Established in 2011, the Team Challenge encourages health profession students and faculty across the nation to develop interprofessional initiatives and raise public awareness about the importance of medication adherence in improving health outcomes and reducing total healthcare costs. Vaccine confidence and adherence were included in this year's challenge, given the anticipated availability of COVID-19 vaccines, which presented an opportunity to address vaccine hesitancy and also improve immunization health literacy.

The challenge leadership team, led by Lisa Hong, associate professor at LLU School of Pharmacy, was composed of faculty and students from the School of Pharmacy, School of Allied Health Professions, and School of Public Health. Many other professional programs across campus also took part in the outreach efforts.

An NCL representative said Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy led and conducted "astonishing outreach" for their first year of participation. During the Team Challenge period, from February to April, the



interprofessional LLU team helped alleviate vaccine hesitancy through patient education, distribution of fliers addressing common myths, delivery of vaccine-related information in community food boxes, and creating radio messages in English and Spanish.

In total, the LLU team participated in 15 vaccine clinics and one student-run free clinic for homeless men, reaching an average of 1,087 individuals per clinic. At these clinics, the team communicated with the public about their medications and provided medication wallet cards to improve adherence.

Over the course of the Team Challenge, the LLU team successfully counseled over 63,000 patients and inoculated over 60,000 individuals against COVID-19 in their community. The team also observed an impressive high rate of return for the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, where 85% and 96% of patients who received the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, respectively, returned to complete their vaccine series.

Michael Hogue, PharmD, FAPhA, FNAP, dean of LLU School of Pharmacy, said he was proud of the school's achievement during its first year of participation in the Team Challenge. "We are committed to providing opportunities like these for our students, to nurture adherence-minded values in future generations of pharmacists entering the workplace," he said.

By Donajayne Potts

See the latest news and Health & Wellness stories from Loma Linda University Health at news.llu.edu.

La Sierra Graduates 506; 321 Drive Through Commencement

Sisters Marlyn and Jassel Vargas stood in line June 13 for their official portraits after receiving their Bachelor of Social Work degrees on stage at La Sierra University. It was the bright culmination of a year of steep personal challenges amidst a devastating pandemic.

Waiting to enter the photographer's kiosk, Marlyn noted, "I don't think it has hit me yet, but I probably will be crying later. Honestly, I'm extremely happy that this day finally came after many years."

She and Jassel each achieved advanced standing in the Master of Social Work program at Loma Linda University, where they will next pursue their goals. Their achievements are particularly meaningful in light of their family's struggles, which involved a kidney transplant during spring quarter for Marlyn while she was completing an internship.

"All the hard work and all the challenges—it just proved that if we can do it, a lot of people can do it," said Jassel.

The Vargas sisters were among 506 students who completed their degrees following a stressful 15 months of campus shut down and Zoom-based studies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the graduates, 321 opted to participate in the university's drive-through graduation, held in keeping with public health protocol while providing a memorable experience for grads and their guests.

With excited family and friends often crowded into backs of trucks, inside SUVs, cars, buses and limos, seniors paraded into campus, their vehicles decked out in balloons, banners, flags, and other décor. As they traveled slowly along, they received gifts at kiosks and were cheered by sign-waving faculty, many dressed in regalia. The vehicles stopped in front of a commencement stage headed by a bank of yellow and dark purple flowers in the shape of "2021" and flanked by a jumbotron, allowing maximum viewing of the event's high point. As organ renditions of "Pomp and

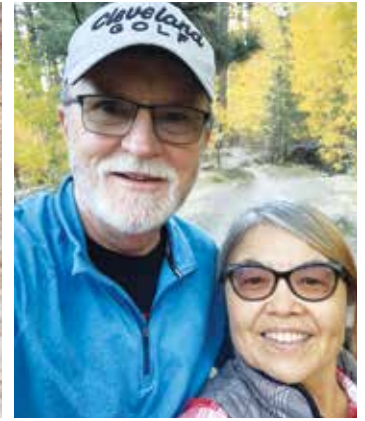


Sisters Jassel (left) and Marlyn Vargas pose for a photo after receiving their diplomas during La Sierra University's graduation on June 13.

Circumstance," "Star Wars" marching themes, and other tunes played on loudspeakers, graduates exited their vehicles to walk on stage and receive their diploma holders, along with congratulations from university administration.

As Amy Miller, an incoming Redlands Adventist Academy teacher, walked toward the stage for her degree, her mother, Mar Miller, cheered from her place among family members seated in the back of a truck: "She's got her master's degree in education and she's out to change the world."

By Darla Martin Tucker



LEFT: In recent years Denice Raphael, head teacher of Vegas Valley Adventist Academy, has come to take her fitness more seriously. She is now a fitness trainer—and first-place winner. **MIDDLE:** Second-place winner Delberth Castillo scores mileage points hiking with his family—daughter Evaneth, wife Brissa, and son Evan. **RIGHT:** Glenn Bentjen, Riverview Christian Academy head teacher and third-place winner, is joined in the challenge by his wife SangNam Diane.

Mile-a-Thon Inspires Fun and Fitness

Fitness is something talked about often in churches around the Nevada-Utah Conference (NUC) and in the conference office. However, it is easier to talk about it than to work toward it. Brissa Castillo, human resources director for the NUC, decided to see if she could find a way to motivate employees and their families throughout the NUC territory to take their fitness more seriously. Thus, the Nevada-Utah Mile-a-Thon was created.

Even though NUC membership is relatively small in the Pacific Union, the geographical area is huge, encompassing over 220,000 square miles. To travel from the conference office to each of the areas that have one or more of the 63 congregations and eight schools would entail a trip of about 3,085 miles. Castillo's idea was to create a map of the conference, marking each area and the distance from one to the next, with the ultimate goal of virtually traveling the entire conference in one month's time.

Thirty-six energetic souls accepted the challenge and began the virtual race. Mileage points were given for steps taken, active minutes doing gardening or workouts, and daily devotions. Each week the milestones were posted, enticing some to put in a little more effort during the next week. Participants watched their point totals leapfrog over one another until the very end. The results surpassed the goal, with a total of about 5,559 miles!

Besides helping the participants meet their required exercise points for the employee health insurance plan, other benefits were realized. After covering 508 miles, second-place winner Delberth Castillo, NUC's Adventist Community Service director, said, "This challenge not only encouraged me to be physically active but also to spend time with God. It was a joy to be able to have friendly competition with other employees across the conference. I looked forward to seeing who was leading so I could work toward getting ahead of them!"

There were some surprises too. Denice Raphael, head teacher for Vegas Valley Academy, and first-place winner with 535 miles, revealed her recent conversion to healthful living and the fact that she is a fitness trainer. She said, "Working out helps improve my physical health, assists with coping with stresses of life, and just helps me be in a better mood."

Many NUC employees and family members have expressed the desire to have the event repeated. Riverview Christian Academy head teacher Glenn Bentjen, third-place winner with 414 miles, shared the sentiment of many when he stated, "We love to keep moving in the Nevada-Utah Conference."

Brissa Castillo's hope is that this article will inspire others to adopt a similar challenge in their workplace and share new ideas with her.

By Michelle Ward

Tomorrow's Church

It's no secret that many rural Adventist churches appear to be dying. The members who have worked tirelessly to keep the churches open and running are getting older, and many churches have no one to come behind and fill in the gaps. As the oldest church in the Nevada-Utah Conference, Fallon church has not been immune to this malady. Fortunately, there is a solution: training the youth today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Jose Karry, volunteer lay pastor of the Fallon church, has a real burden for the youth. Even before becoming pastor of the church, Karry revived the Youth/Young Adult Sabbath School class. On June 5, Kamden Wesner-Steen, Khloee Rodriguez, and Willie Cross, three students from the Sabbath School class, were baptized.

Pam Moore has been faithfully bringing her grandkids to church and Sabbath School for years and was thrilled to watch Khloee and Willie dedicate their lives to Jesus. "Our sincerest appreciation to Kathy Melendy [a former teacher] and to our pastor, Jose Karry, for helping to bring these kids to Christ by being an example of joy and love," Moore said. "These kids were so excited to dedicate their lives to Christ. They've made a promise to join Mrs. Melendy in heaven to swim with the dolphins."

Kamden's grandfather, Mike Wesner, an elder in the Fallon church for many years, was a great example of God's love in Kamden's life. Mike's influence was one reason Kamden wanted to get baptized. Sadly, Mike passed away earlier this year, so he was not able to witness Kamden's baptism. However, Kamden said he can't wait until resurrection morning to tell his



Pastor Jose Karry baptizes Ian Hamilton and Rozaida Reedy.



grandpa about being baptized!

The next Sabbath, Pastor Karry had the privilege of baptizing two more young people with whom he had been studying: Ian Hamilton and Roziada Reedy, students at Fallon Adventist Christian School. Roziada's grandmother, Theresa Reedy, understands the value of Christian education and fellowship. Because of this, she drives about 60 miles every morning to bring her grandkids to church and school.

Before Pastor Karry agreed to baptize any of these young people, he had a question for all of them: "Why do you want to get baptized?" Some answers included, "Because I love Jesus," "I want to follow Jesus," or "I want to be saved." Then he asked, "Are you getting baptized because your mom or dad asked you to do it?" All of them said no. Pastor Karry exclaimed, "Then in Jesus's name, I will do it!"

John F. Kennedy once said, "The future promise of any nation can be directly measured by the present prospects of its youth." And even more important than the future of this nation is the future of God's work. May we all strive to support the youth as God's future church. Congratulations Ian, Kamden, Khloee, Willie, and Rozaida.

By Moriah Ward



Kamden Steen-Wesner, Khloee Rodriguez, and Willie Cross, students of Pastor Jose Karry's Sabbath School, join him following their baptism.

Gridley church members engage their community during the annual Red Suspenders Day.

Giant Cabbage Helps Outreach Efforts



PHOTOS: LISA EKDAHL

In mid-May, Gridley church members hosted three booths at the annual Red Suspenders Day—the largest community-wide event of the year in Gridley, attracting thousands of visitors.

Located in a Butte County farming community, Gridley is a small city of about 6,700 people.

One booth featured a show-stopping cabbage, weighing more than 20 pounds, grown by farmer Brad Johnson. Attracted by the massive vegetable and seeing a photo opportunity, hundreds of people visited the booth. Johnson and other church volunteers gave away hundreds of watermelon plants and seeds, Scripture-based handouts, and two cases of Pacific Press books.

"I thought gardening created a lot of interest, and I found many identified with it as something we have in common," said Johnson. "I met business people and community leaders, farmers, gardeners, classmates from school, people from the gym, and families."

Physicians Randy and Christine Sloop were at another booth, teaching natural preventative measures for avoiding dementia and Alzheimer's disease. "We had one lady visit us who said she had been raised an Adventist and hadn't been to church in over 20

years," said Christine Sloop. "After talking with us, she said she was going to come and visit our church."

Retired schoolteacher Barbara Gately ran a third booth for children. She offered nature "grab bags" filled with shells, polished rocks, seeds, and more. Each child also received a memory verse card and an *Our Little Friend* magazine. "This Red Suspenders project was very positive and a successful event for us," she said. "We are still receiving raves as to how well it was received by our community."

As a gift to those who came to the event, Lisa Ekdahl made hundreds of beaded bookmarks and added them to little gift bags that church members had spent weeks stuffing with GLOW tracts. Throughout the day, members gave away about 6,000 tracts!

"We wanted to be intentional in our activities, to represent who we are—people with a health message, people of the Book, who are willing to share God with others," said Peggy Morentin, head of the church's local evangelism efforts. "We prayed that God would prepare us to be His representatives and thanked Him for how He would bless."



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By Lisa Ekdahl



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NCC President Marc Woodson presents San Leandro Spanish church Senior Pastor Luis Fernando Manrique with the certificate of organization. BELOW: The San Leandro Spanish group first met in the home of Carlos and Elizabeth Del Cid.

NCC Organizes San Leandro Spanish Church

On Sabbath afternoon, June 5, Northern California Conference (NCC) administrators officially organized the San Leandro Spanish church.

The organization ceremony took place in the Golden Gate Academy (GGA) auditorium. "It was a wonderful and spiritual service," said Luis Fernando Manrique, who has served as pastor of the congregation since early 2020. "The members were very happy and excited for this moment they had been waiting for."

The congregation began in early 2009 as a "daughter" group of the Oakland Spanish church, then led by Pastor Paul Guevara. "We heard that there was no Adventist presence in San Leandro, and we took that as a challenge," he said. "We had a big enough church to support a church plant, we had the right leadership, and we believed in the mission."

Led by Aníbal Moreno, 11 core members began meeting in the San Leandro home of Carlos and Elizabeth Del Cid. Four young girls attended the first children's Sabbath School class, held in the home's kitchen. After the group grew to more than 30, some members had to stand outside and watch the service through the windows.

In 2015, the congregation moved to the GGA cafeteria building, where they still worship while they raise funds for a building of their own in San Leandro. They were officially organized as a church company in 2016.

The congregation now has about 100 members, and they continue adding more! Very soon after the

organization, the church hosted an evangelistic campaign, during which eight people were baptized. "From its inception, the San Leandro Spanish congregation has shown an unwavering commitment to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," said Roman Leal, NCC Hispanic ministries coordinator.

"They have enthusiastically responded to the call to be a mission-driven church," said NCC Executive Secretary Jose Marin. "They understand that being organized as a church is to be more impactful in preaching the gospel of Christ in San Leandro."

By Julie Lorenz



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Engage Your Church in Planting is one of the NCC's three strategic initiatives. The goal is to plant 12 missional churches by 2022. Currently,

five NCC churches are in the process of planting missional groups.

"Our mission is to bring the gospel to unreached people groups in ways they can understand and relate to," said Executive Secretary Jose Marin. "Our vision is to expand God's kingdom by multiplication through a church planting support system."



ENGAGE YOUR CHURCH IN PLANTING

ER Nurse Embraces New Calling as Hospital Chaplain

Sara Martinez understands that sense of skepticism when someone tells you they feel called to do something. She's been there. But, as an ER nurse turned hospital chaplain, her advice for anyone who senses a calling from God is, "You should listen. Because you can run, but you can't hide. You know when God has placed a very specific call on your heart and on your being," she said. "Doors begin to open. Opportunities begin to be presented."

Martinez first felt an inkling of a call to help care for the spiritual journeys of others at Pine Springs Ranch when she worked at summer camp as a college student and again when working as part of the student association chaplain team at Loma Linda University. Those experiences, combined with mission trips and other outreach involvement, helped her see firsthand the importance of caring for every aspect of a person—body, mind, and spirit. "So, I wanted—I felt called—to pursue education and a second career that would allow me to be able to do that," she said.

After graduating from nursing school, Martinez worked full time as an ER nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center while she pursued a Master of Science degree in chaplaincy at Loma Linda. Earlier this year, after completing her master's in 2020, she joined the chaplain team at Adventist Health Simi Valley.

"People ask, 'Are you tired of being an ER nurse?' and the answer is, 'No.' I actually very much love being an ER nurse. I just felt chaplaincy was placed on my heart. So I chose to leave my full-time ER job and a wonderful team who had become family and chose to pursue the next door God has given me," said Martinez.

Spiritual care services are an integral part of caring for patients at Adventist Health. A stay at the hospital can bring feelings of fear and vulnerability, and chaplains are there to provide emotional and spiritual support for patients and their loved ones as they journey through the process of healing. All Adventist Health chaplains are credentialed and licensed Seventh-day Adventist ministers and have a minimum of master's-level education. Chaplain teams also provide spiritual care for people of all faiths.

Chaplaincy support for emotional and spiritual needs also extends to caring for hospital staff members.



Sara Martinez

"That's my bread and butter—my passion. I have experienced firsthand the importance and need for staff spiritual care," said Martinez, who added that caring for the spiritual needs of staff has the potential to improve how the whole team cares for their patients and each other. While Martinez spends much of each workday visiting, praying, and journeying with patients, her role also extends to formal presentations for new hospital employees about their own resilience and self-care, what that looks like, and why it's important.

As she settles into her role at Simi Valley, she says she feels very blessed. "I don't think it was a coincidence that I spent all that time in the emergency room and then get to be a chaplain somewhere where they are wanting to see the spiritual care program grow. It's taking things to the next level. Ten years ago, no one would have ever said I would have been a nurse in the emergency room and then pursue chaplaincy, but I'm excited about the future and hope to combine them beautifully."

To learn more about the Adventist Health presence in Simi Valley, visit adventisthealth.org/simi-valley.

By Kim Strobel



Dr. Ralph Trecartin Begins Role as PUC's New President

July 1 was an exciting day on the campus of Pacific Union College as Dr. Ralph Trecartin began his first day as the college's new president. PUC welcomed Trecartin as the 24th president in its 138-year history.

"We are extremely happy to welcome Dr. Trecartin to PUC," said Milbert Mariano, PUC's vice president for academic administration and academic dean. "His experience and leadership are tremendous assets for us as we continue to shape PUC's future, and we welcome his insight and perspective."

Trecartin brings with him more than 30 years of valuable higher education experience. Before joining PUC, Trecartin served most recently as the associate provost and dean of the College of Professions for Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

One of the highest priorities for Trecartin as he begins his role is continuing the work on PUC's Vision for the Future, which lays out a comprehensive outline for the school's next several years. In his first message to campus, Trecartin shared that he hopes every member of the PUC campus family will feel a sense of ownership when it comes to the Vision.

"The broad structure is already in place and the initial steps have been articulated, but now let's find ways to expand PUC's reach and influence," Trecartin

stated. "We will move forward with decisive action. Not every detail has been anticipated and, as with any vision, this needs to be a shared vision and a living document that can be adjusted as we continue to meet both obstacles and opportunities."

Dr. Trecartin's commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education has a clear connection to his family. He follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, Lowell Rasmussen, who served as the Pacific Union Conference's education director before moving on to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His parents and siblings have also dedicated their lives to church service.

"Building a vibrant Adventist educational offering is what captures my imagination," said Dr. Trecartin. "Education is one of the most powerful ways to model joyous life and to influence aspiring young people to reach for the highest levels of achievement while growing closer to God."

Dr. Trecartin believes in a strong student-focused learning environment. "Our campus needs to be a place where students love to be and feel like they belong," he said. "I want the PUC experience to include opportunities not available anywhere else."

By Ashley Eisele

Mentone Church Hosts International Food Festival—COVID Style

If there is one common ground that almost everyone can enjoy, it is gathering together for a wonderful meal. Until 2020, the Mentone church had a long-standing tradition of hosting a weekly fellowship dinner as well as many additional events that would bring the congregation together. This year, as COVID restrictions started to ease, the church sought to rebuild that community feeling by planning a celebration of the diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds within their congregation. On April 25, the church welcomed over 200 members and guests to the International Food Festival.

"We hosted the first International Food Festival three years ago," said Pastor John Anderson. "After having to take a break for 2020, we were blessed with a huge attendance this year, and we hope to make this an annual tradition."

To ensure safety and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) compliance, food items at the festival were individually wrapped and ready to serve. Over 30 countries were represented by the international flavors, which included Colombian arepas, Lebanese hummus and tabouli, Indian gulab jamun, Bolivian alfahores, Korean veggie yachaejeon, German sauerkraut, Nigerian jollof rice, Guatemalan nance, Brazilian desserts, Romanian polenta, and Filipino palabok. As a finishing dessert, a church member brought

cupcakes sporting national flags from around the world.

After a year of physical distancing from church family, those who attended were overjoyed. "As a newly transferred member to the Mentone church, I wanted to attend all the events they had," said Karen Lafferty. "The International Food Festival was a wonderful opportunity for the church members to come together and socialize. And no one went away hungry!"

Many of those who attended wore the colorful indigenous attire of a variety of nations. Grace Pimentel, a Mentone church youth member, wore a beautifully handmade Apache camp dress while she enjoyed the festival. "It's hard for me to say which of the costumes or dishes would've been my favorite," Pimentel said. "They were all so unique, delicious, and beautiful."

Visitors from the neighborhood surrounding the church were invited, and many came to enjoy an environment of fellowship and friendship. Sherry Yap, the event coordinator, was pleased with the final result of the weeks of preparation. "By celebrating our diverse cultures and backgrounds, the International Food Festival was a way to fulfill our church's mission statement," said Yap. "We aim to educate and empower members to take the three angels' messages to all the world."

By Suzette Catalon Peterson and Tricia Murdoch Zmaj



ABOVE LEFT: Handmade Apache camp dress worn by Grace Pimentel. ABOVE: The Wong family delighted the attendees with their beautiful fans. RIGHT: Adelina Kittle mans the Romanian booth. FAR RIGHT: Belize national information and individually wrapped treats.



Project Living Water: South Bay Church Launches Stand-Up Paddleboard Ministry

South Bay church Senior Pastor Meshach Soli has found a way to tap into the natural beauty of San Diego to provide a unique experience for pastors and church members alike. Every Friday for the last several years, Pastor Soli has invited area SDA pastors to join him with their stand-up paddleboards for “pastoral board meetings” on the waters of Mission Bay, Coronado, or Point Loma. After seeing the benefits that the pastors gained from this supportive fellowship while floating on the water, Soli decided to expand his outreach to the entire church congregation.

“The Pacific Union provides grants to four churches every year for creative evangelism,” said Soli. “We applied for funding for the paddleboards, paddles, and life jackets, and we were so thankful to be one of the four churches that was chosen!”

Due to the generosity of Isle, a local paddleboard shop, Soli was able to stretch the endowment funds that he received. “I shared with the owners that I was purchasing the equipment for a new ministry, and they gave us a significant discount,” Soli said. “We were able to purchase 11 paddleboards, paddles, and life jackets. The smallest paddleboards that were purchased could hold an adult, while the largest paddleboard could hold an entire family.”

Once the paddleboards had been purchased, Soli began to look for a method to transport them from the church to the ocean. “One of our community members donated a never-before-used trailer to the ministry that he had been storing in Redlands,” said Soli. “There is enough room in the trailer for the paddleboards and any kayaks and other equipment

that we would like to add as the ministry grows.”

Project Living Water was launched on Sunday, June 20, at the J-Street Marina. The South Bay church traditionally hosts a Father’s Day celebration at the beach, and this was the perfect time to introduce the new paddleboard ministry. “We publicized the event to area churches and had a full group attend,” said Soli. “We had newly baptized and long-standing members join us as well as our community members.”

Church member Marty Guevara brought his son to paddleboard on the first day. “I wasn’t sure if I was ready to paddleboard, but my ten-year-old son really wanted to go,” said Guevara. “By the time we were done I was hooked, and I knew that I was going to bring my wife and entire family the next time that we came back.”

Soli said that Project Living Water will be held every other Sunday throughout the summer from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Paddleboards, equipment, and lessons are free to individuals, couples, and families from the church and the community. Soli invites members throughout the Southeastern California Conference to sign up and join. More information can be found on the South Bay church website at www.southbaychurch.com or by emailing info@southbaychurch.com.

Those who have participated in Project Living Water agree with Pastor Soli that a paddleboard ministry will provide a new way to fellowship and to benefit from nature. “There were a dozen families who were blessed on the first day of this ministry,” said Guevara. “Pastor Solis has a heart for service. He leads by example.”

By Tricia Murdoch Zmaj

San Fernando Valley Filipino Company's Breakfast Ministry Resumes

Hi, good morning, would you like some breakfast?" is a greeting once again expressed by members of the San Fernando Valley Filipino company to their unhoused neighbors. After halting for more than a year due to the pandemic, the homeless breakfast ministry resumed this April.

Two Sundays each month, volunteers from San Fernando Valley Filipino company rise early to pray together, purchase more than 50 breakfast platters from a local Jack in the Box, and load up their church van to distribute the meals, bottles of water, and GLOW tracts.

"The main purpose of this ministry is to reach out to some of the less fortunate children of God who might not be reached by any other means," said Rueben Rafanan, pastor of San Fernando Valley Filipino company. "We believe we are planting seeds

through the care we are giving. We tell ourselves that only in eternity will we know what the results will be."

Noah Asfaw, first elder of San Fernando Valley Filipino company, first shared the idea for the ministry with Rafanan about three years ago, before presenting it to the board, who unanimously approved. A resident of the San Fernando Valley, Asfaw saw the extent of homelessness in the area and felt compelled to act.

"For me, it's an expression of my personal gratitude toward God meeting my needs," Asfaw said. "The greatest form of expression of gratitude is action. We do it because we love the Lord."

Because the company does not own its facility and rents space from San Fernando Valley Academy, setting up a food pantry or preparing their own food are not viable options. Members had to get creative to figure out how they could best meet this need of their community with the resources available to them.

"There is more than one way to do this," added Asfaw. "We're able to create a personal touch when we go to them."

"We are intentionally going out and meeting people where they are," Rafanan shared. "We don't wait for them to come get food from us; we go to

them. Even though it's only breakfast, one meal can make a difference."

By Araya Moss

Volunteer Marjory Agagas helps load the van with breakfast platters in reusable grocery bags.

Notice of Southern California Conference Special Constituency Session

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

Location: Meeting will be held virtually.

Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this session is to receive a comprehensive report from the Ad Hoc Region Structure Evaluation Committee, with the committee's assessment and analysis.

Delegates are invited to join with the SCC Prayer Team for prayer from 8:00 – 8:50 a.m.

*Velino A. Salazar, President
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FAR LEFT: A student stands in front of what is left of the old cafeteria during the renovation.

LEFT: Students gather in the newly renovated cafeteria. The new space was used to hold a health fair for Global Youth Day in March, even before the renovation was complete.

Local Church in SCC Creates Safe, Healthy Campus Environment for Students in Thailand

In the midst of an ongoing pandemic, with concerns about health and safety at an all-time high, Delaware Avenue church provided funding for the Naung Bo Den (NBD) Learning Center in Mae Sot, Thailand—first for shower rooms, and later for a new cafeteria. Both of these additions have helped to create a healthier campus environment and have contributed to the overall growth of the school.

This funding is the result of a collaboration between Delaware Avenue church and the continued mission work of church member Fedly Bonneau, who has been on the ground in Thailand with the school since the start of the pandemic last year.

“We were moved by compassion,” said Roger Frazier, pastor of Delaware Avenue church. “The folks there are unable to take care of their needs adequately. I asked Fedly what their greatest need was, and he said showers.”

Earlier this year, the church board approved funding to have shower rooms built—five rooms for the boys and five rooms for the girls. After the showers had been built, the congregation came together again to ask what else could be done for the students at the school. Bonneau identified a tremendous need for a bathroom and/or cafeteria renovation. After much thought, the cafeteria was deemed the biggest need and was ultimately selected for renovation.

The former cafeteria was a small, cramped space, but the renovation enlarged it to include new

equipment, proper ventilation, storage, a kitchen, and a meeting place. According to Bonneau, the new cafeteria serves a dual purpose: “The first purpose is the ability to now practice healthy food preparation and cooking practices by the school and students,” Bonneau said. “The second purpose, which went into the design of the cafeteria, is a place we could use to let children sleep at night if there was an influx of children coming from Myanmar because of the military coup. We can accommodate an extra 60-100 students.”

The growth of the NBD Learning Center, which has been operating since June 2017, has been a concerted effort among different organizations in the Pacific Union Conference through the years, beginning with the San Luis Obispo church in the Central California Conference.

“We say health is the right arm of the gospel message, which is true,” Bonneau said. “Education should be the left arm of the gospel, because it allows us to introduce Jesus to so many children who turn and take Jesus back to their homes and villages. What Delaware Avenue church has done has been a tremendous blessing in watering the Naung Bo Den seed, and I hope others will follow their example to continue watering this seed.”

“We do what we can to push the gospel,” Frazier added. “We’re grateful to do whatever we can to support both home and abroad.”

By Araya Moss

Newsdesk this month is devoted to the five-year retrospectives from the administrators and ethnic ministries coordinators of the Pacific Union, who are nurturing discipleship and spiritual growth and reaching out to the communities of the Pacific Southwest.

President's Report



As I review the blessings of the Lord in what looks to be the end of the pandemic, I can truly praise God for what He has done. Certainly, this has been the worst disease

to grip the world since the 1918 influenza pandemic. While we mourn the loss of friends and family who succumbed to this disease, or any other cause, during the last year, we look forward to the great and grand reunion when Jesus, as He promised, returns to save us out of this world and escort us to heaven for 1,000 years and then return us to the earth made new.

We are so grateful for all the first responders in our territory: nurses, physicians, technicians, hospital administrators, fireman, EMT personnel, police officers, and others who stepped up to help people through this pandemic. We owe all of them our heartfelt gratitude, and we thank God for them.

We have endured the closure of our church buildings. However, since the church is by definition the “called-out ones” or the members, the actual church has never closed. Jesus correctly stated that “the gates of hell shall not prevail against” the church of which He is head (Matthew 16:18, KJV).

We continue our mission given to us by our Lord, summed up in our session theme, “So Send I You.” As you have read in past articles and current reports, ministries directed by faithful souls have continued, often in different formats than previously used. We are indebted to those who learned to creatively adapt methodologies so we could continue our service to our loving Lord in spite of stay-at-home orders and social distancing.

During the last five years, as I have traveled to

different events in the union for various reasons, such as fulfilling a speaking request from one of our churches or attending a meeting, I have been asked, “How is the union doing?” While I have not always been sure what the questioner intended to learn from this inquiry, I did have a “first thought” response to that question: “The union does as well as the seven local conferences are doing.”

You see, the union is really the conferences operating in concert to fulfill the purposes for which we were established: to accomplish the work of building up God’s church in the Southwest corner of the United States. And this is carried out by the faithful souls in every conference.

Together, for the last five years, the entire forces of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have been marshaled together to accomplish the purposes of the union as found in its bylaws:

“The purposes for which this Union is formed are:

A. To teach the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14 and to lovingly persuade people to become His disciples and responsible members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

B. To coordinate Christian ministries including but not limited to pastoral, teaching, literature, and health ministries.

C. To promote the worldwide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

D. To provide opportunity for the sharing of resources, thus encouraging the accomplishment of the Church’s mission throughout the entire territory of the Union.”

That is the wording of our legal document. It

is another way of saying that we are responding positively to Jesus' call to each and every one of us: "So Send I You." We have adopted the motto of "Love. Serve. Lead." as a way of focusing our mission from the union perspective. We love people. We serve them in whatever way we can. And most of all, we want to lead them to Jesus. So while we may at times during this session deal with the many administrative actions that are needed, they are all designed to implement that motto—helping us to demonstrate our love for Jesus and for all people, serving others as Jesus did, and providing the servant leadership of Jesus so that many more can come to Him.

As you will read in the following reports of the elected personnel who have served in the past quinquennium, God's ministry, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the empowerment of His Spirit, is being facilitated and is ongoing throughout our territory.

The people who live and serve in the seven conferences and five states in which our conference members dwell (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah) have been fulfilling the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout our territory in their own unique way. The details of samplings of these various activities are included in the monthly mailing of the *Pacific Union Recorder*.

There are approximately 54,600,459 souls in our territory. That is a huge number of people whom we have been entrusted to reach for God's cause.

I believe in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and have committed myself to participating in it personally and professionally for 46.7 years of my life. I have come to realize through my many years of observation that the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, while expressed in a worldwide or global manner, is made specific through

the deployment of the spiritual gifts. Individuals living in a particular contextual setting at a particular time have been given these gifts for use in the service of the gospel and the upbuilding of God's church.

The various cultures of the citizens in the Pacific Union differ greatly one from another, and in many cases, are drastically different from most other places in the country or, for that matter, the rest of the world. This has shaped our mission strategies as we seek to reach this diverse population for God, wanting to tell of His saving goodness.

Our approach in the territory we live in has often, but not always, taken the particularities of our context in mind as we move to continuously fulfill the calling that God has given us. While the folks who live in the large metropolitan areas of the union have found those souls who will respond to one method of outreach or evangelism, there are other methods utilized in more rural areas. Some approaches that yielded "fruit" in years gone by are no longer as effective as they may have been in the past.

This has necessitated new methods, without forsaking the core of our biblically-founded beliefs. Ellen White wrote, "New methods must be introduced. God's people must awake to the necessities of the time in which they are living. God has men whom He will call into His service,—men who will not carry forward the work in the lifeless way in which it has been carried forward in the past.

G. Alexander Bryant, president of the North American Division, states, "The hope and truth that we have is [built on] more than just what we've done in the past. We can take the truths we've embraced as a church and make them applicable to today's challenges in society....

We can be a voice that people go to in these

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certainty that we know God is going to get us through.”

In our union, we have attempted to devise and employ appropriate new methods to reach the large number of people in our territory. One way we have done this is to grant funds to new efforts through the Pacific Union Evangelism Endowment (which has come to be known as the Creative Evangelism Endowment because of the previous formula that gave points to a request—which needed to include 20 creativity points to be successful). I am sure our Treasurer’s report can give more details about this process.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been awarded to churches and conferences with the intent of reaching souls for whom Christ died with the three angels’ messages, uplifting Jesus as the answer to a fallen world.

And this brings me back to thanksgiving.

I am very thankful to God for directing His work. We pray daily for God to give us direction, to show us how to follow His leading in advancing His work. We are grateful to every pastor and every member of our churches who has faithfully stood in their place to build up the kingdom of God. We thank our members for returning tithe and giving offerings to

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finance the operations of the church in our territory and beyond.

As has been previously announced, I will be retiring this fall after 46.7 years of full-time ministry to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. While I cannot say that it has been all “sunshine and light,” it has been a privilege to serve God and His people in an official capacity. As a pastor and administrator, I can truly say, “God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.”

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this Pacific Union territory since 1984. Audrey and I have been blessed in the friendships we have made, and we have grown by the grace of God as we have met each challenge through which God has led us.

It is our heartfelt prayer that God will continue to lead through the new leadership team that will be voted into office at this upcoming constituency session.

In conclusion, I would like to point you to an appropriate Bible verse. As we consider the work of the Good Shepherd and hear His call “So Send I You,” let us meditate on His words that are so full of meaning:

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10, KJV).

Executive Secretary's Report



“**A**nd Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, *I am with you always*, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV, emphasis added).

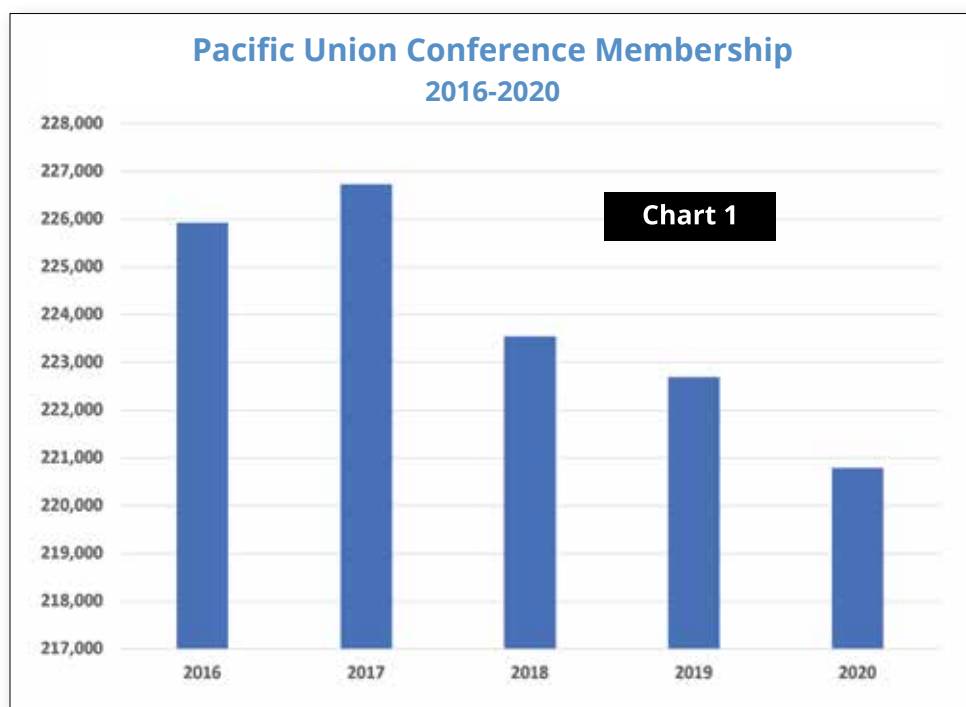
“The church is God's *appointed agency* for the salvation of men. It was *organized for service*, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The *members of the church*, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and *through the church* will eventually be made manifest” (Ellen G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 10, emphasis added).

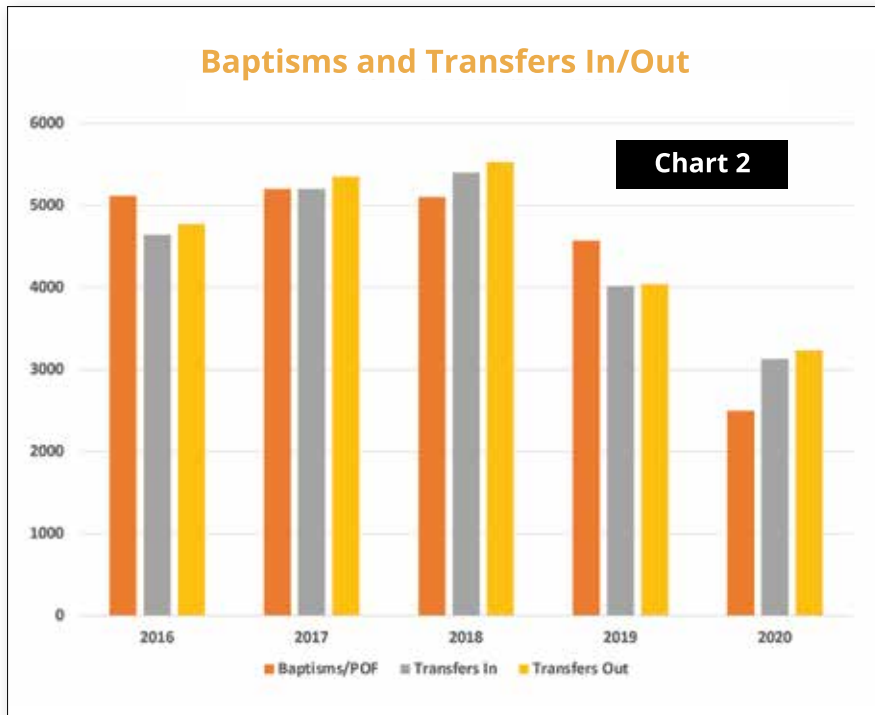
As the inspired words cited above declare to us, the gospel work is to be conducted through the organized efforts of God's people acting in harmony and in concert with one another. Therefore, the imperative of sharing the love of the soon-returning Savior Jesus Christ to this

world is the single motivator for all the work of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The members, pastors, chaplains, educators, and administrators in the seven conferences of this territory awaken each morning with an eye toward what we often call “a finished work.” Of course, that work will only be completed through the power of the Holy Spirit working within us. Therefore, we pray each day to be instruments in the hands of our Heavenly Father to reach the hearts and minds of our family, friends, and community.

It is an impossible task to represent in a brief narrative such as this the unending sacrifice and tremendous commitment of the leaders and members of our union. The charts that accompany this report are but a shadow of the flesh and blood reality of what was required to be faithful to the missionary task before us in our territory. While this report comprises the time span of 2016 to 2021, the work in our field is really divided by the

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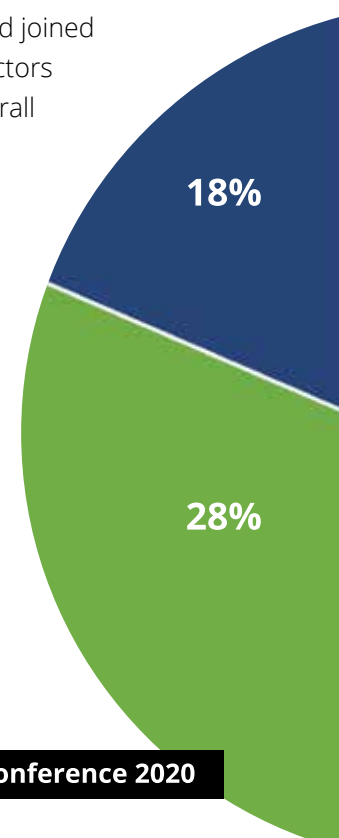
(Hebrews 4:16, NKJV).

Church statistics are representatives of the stories of faith lived out by real people in the Pacific Union Conference. These are lives that have been blessed as they join God’s remnant church, disruptions as they move into or out of our territory, sorrow as loved ones are laid to their rest, and disappointments as those who once professed faith no longer do so. Each of our union’s **220,791** church members (**Chart 1**) is precious to the Lord and a witness to the work of God being done in our midst.

We can rejoice with the

22,487 decisions for baptism that have occurred during the previous five years (**Chart 2**) as well as those who have moved to our territory and joined a local congregation (**Chart 2**). Yet we also note that more Seventh-day Adventist members have left the Pacific Union field and joined churches in new homes. These factors are part of understanding the overall membership profile of this union.

Successful ministry in the Pacific Union Conference comes from the people and those that lead them. One indicator of that success in our eyes is the diversity of our field. Revelation 14:6 declares: “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation,



Baptisms by Conference 2020

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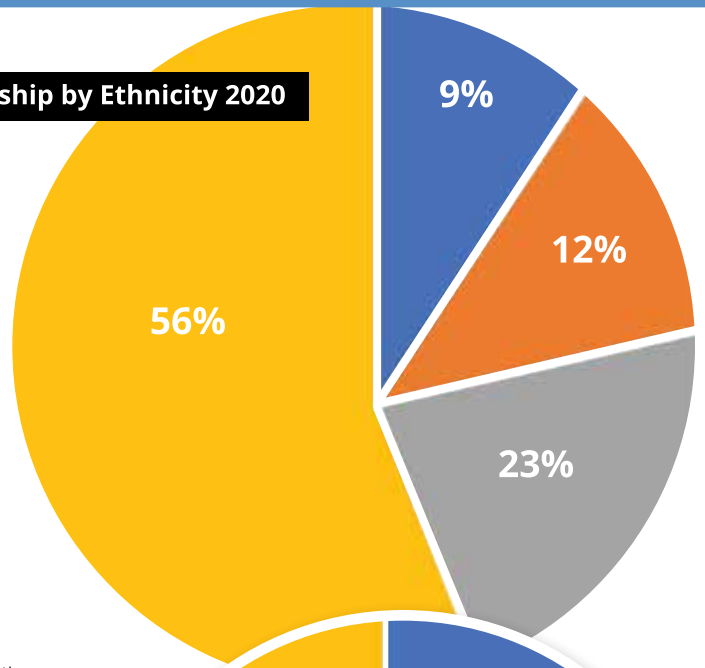
in recent memory has the devotion of our people been more tested and tried than by the scourge of the pandemic of COVID-19 that struck our nation in 2020 and continues in its effects today.

From the time of stay-at-home orders in March 2020 to now, our church and school programs have been stretched and pulled to the breaking point as they continue to carry out their calling to minister and serve those in their care. This work is being accomplished because of the passion, talent, and spiritual commitment of extraordinary teachers, pastors, members, and conference leaders. Children and young adults are receiving school instruction, sermons and Bible studies are presented, and spiritual care is being provided through new and innovative means all around this union. We do not know how the next chapters of ministry and education will be written. But we do know with certainty that there is One who promises that as we minister in His name that we are not alone. We have His wonderful promise, “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”

reality of 2020. At no time

- Asian/Pacific
- African American
- Hispanic
- Caucasian/Other

Membership by Ethnicity 2020



tribe, tongue, and people" (NKJV, emphasis added). It is with joy that we reflect upon the way in which God has blessed the work among all His people these past five years. We see in **Charts 3-5** the membership and soul-winning work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all people, making the words of the revelator a reality.

There is a great work for us to accomplish today in His name when we work together. Circumstances will daily challenge and even discourage us at times. Yet in those difficult periods, the Spirit of God works anew upon our hearts to bring a reminder of Him who has walked the road before us. He has also faced temptation, trial, and opposition, yet for us He has overcome every obstacle. Hebrews 12:2 entreats

us to lift our eyes from the hard road and daunting task and see our Heavenly Brother and Lord right beside us—"Looking unto

Jesus, the author and finisher

of our faith" (NKJV). I am so

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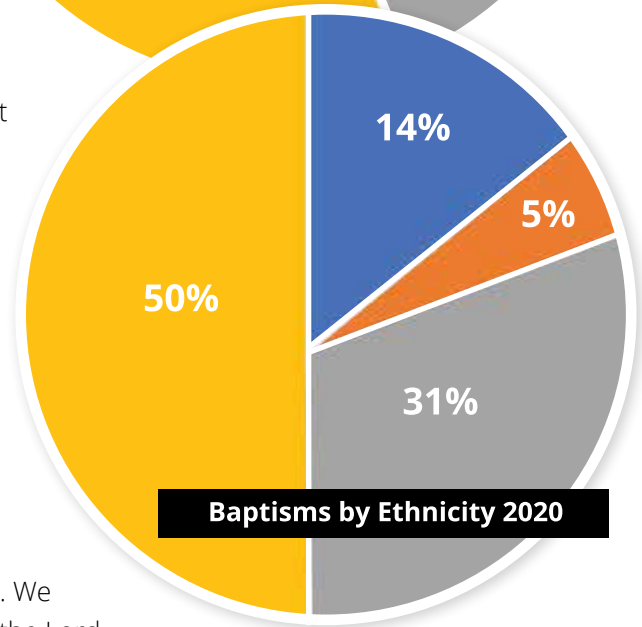
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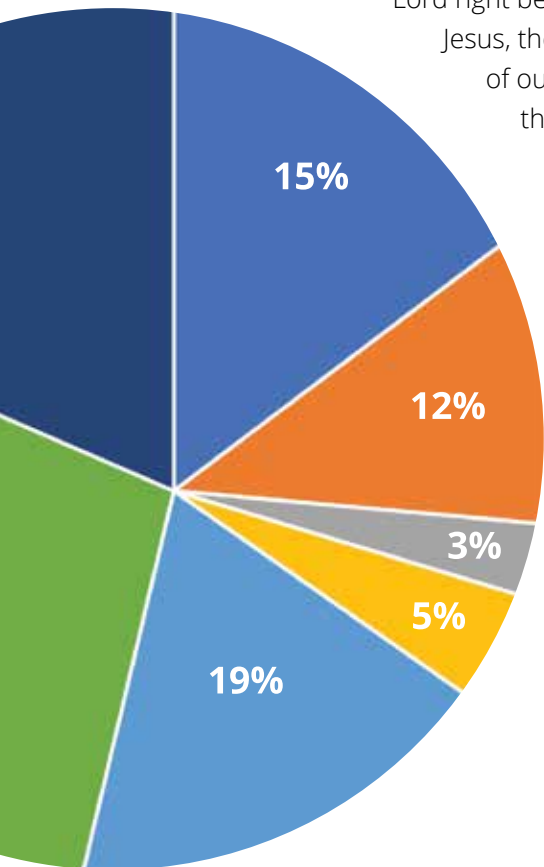
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riches of the grace of Christ." Maranatha!



Baptisms by Ethnicity 2020



- Arizona Conference
- Central California Conference
- Hawaii Conference
- Nevada Utah Conference
- Northern California Conference
- Southeastern California Conference
- Southern California Conference

Treasurer's Report

Pacific Union Finances Continue to Demonstrate God's Blessings



When I think about all the ways that giving in the Pacific Union Conference could have been negatively impacted during the recent coronavirus pandemic,

it is obvious to me that the Lord is in control. We have been living through a worldwide health crisis with great uncertainties, and yet we continue to see God's faithfulness displayed through the giving of His family.

Time and time again, I am awestruck as to how good God is while I'm concerned to balance budgets. I see how God quietly and sometimes dramatically reveals His goodness through the gifts provided by each one of you. Thank you for your faithfulness, O Lord, and thank you for your gifts, church family. This consistent giving has meant that we have been able to fund the various ministries dedicated to sharing the gospel and supporting members as we all follow the theme of this constituency session, "So Send I You."

Because the Lord has blessed so abundantly, we have been hard at work in the treasury department.

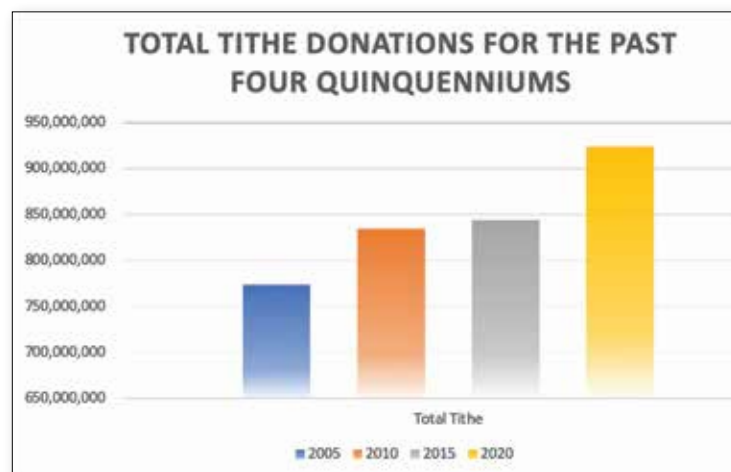
Before I share with you the good financial news, I want to express my gratitude to the former treasurer, Theodore R. Benson, for prayerfully listening to the Lord and following His leading. Much of what will be reported is due to Ted's ability to expertly follow the Lord's leading with wisdom and compassion. Ted was a true friend to all and a beloved mentor to me.

Tithe giving

Tithe is main source of income that funds the ministries of the Pacific Union. Total tithe during the past five years was \$924M, which is an increase of \$80M over the previous five years (\$844M). Tithe growth has averaged 1.1% annually over the last 10 years. During 2018, the Pacific Union experienced the highest giving ever recorded, with over \$189M given in a single year, a 5.25% increase. Additionally, while 2020 (due to the pandemic) was forecast to see tithe reduced anywhere from 5 to 15%, miraculously the Pacific Union experienced a tithe gain of .08% over the previous year. Again, we see more examples of God's abundant blessings!

Tithe retained at the local conference increased

Through working together and increases from other fields, the amount of tithe passed up to the General Conference and North American Division has steadily been decreasing. Over the past five years, the amount has decreased from 16.0% in 2016 to 15.0% in 2020. Additionally, beginning in January 2021, an additional 2% of tithe will be reduced from the amount being sent over the next four years. I'm so pleased that more funding will be available for local operations. I know this has helped further the work in the local fields.





Mission giving

Mission offerings continue to trend downward. While tithe has trended higher, giving for overseas mission work has declined \$3.7M over the past five years. Mission funds this past five years was \$14.8M compared to \$18.4M in the previous five years. There does, however, seem to be a trend moving to specific giving for specific mission projects. Unfortunately, that is not tracked at the union level, so I'm unable to give specific numbers.

Tithe utilization

Tithe, along with restricted income from various entities, is utilized to fulfill the mission and is generally broken down into two main areas. The following is a breakdown of how the funds were spent in the last five years by category:

Program Services

Education.....	19%	\$23.9M
Evangelism.....	4%	\$5.4M
Appropriations	43%	\$54.7M
Auditing	2%	\$2.3M
Capital reversion.....	4%	\$5.3M
Missions	4%	\$4.8M
Religious liberty.....	3%	\$3.6M
Recorder	3%	\$4.4M

Support Services

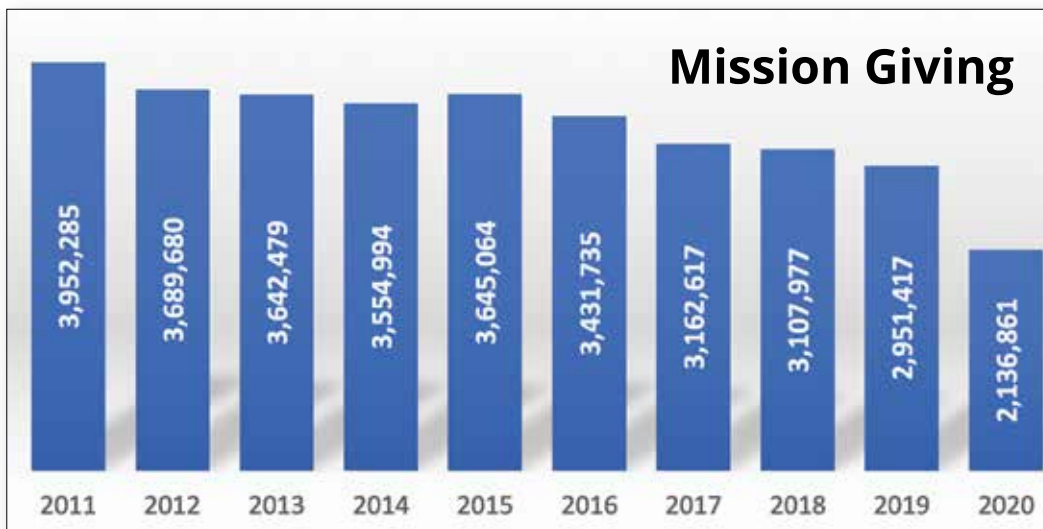
Administration.....	6%	\$10.9M
Retirement DB plan.....	7%	\$12.0M
	100%	\$127.5M

Special use funds

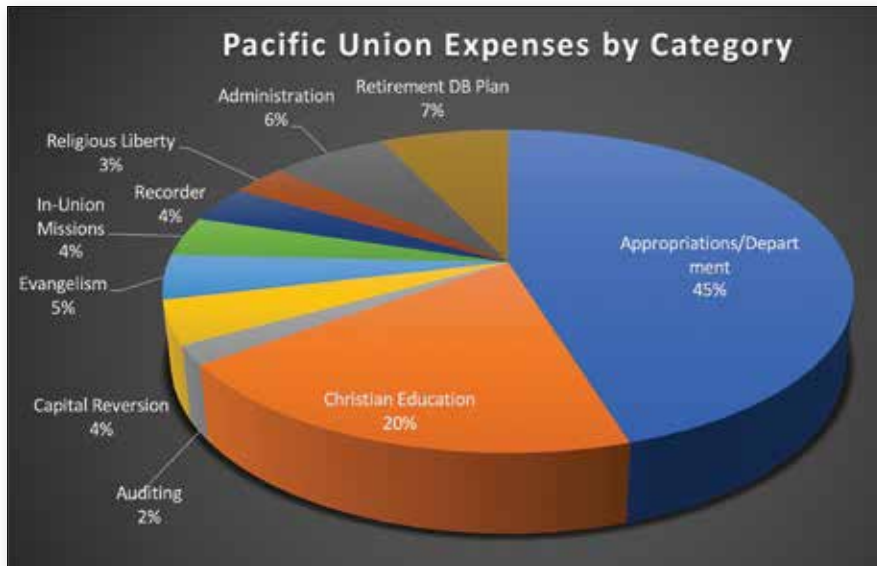
The Pacific Union has five main special use funds to support the work within our territory outside of the Tithe (Operating) Fund, Current Fund, and Plant Fund.

1) Evangelism Endowment Fund – This fund (started in 1990s with the proceeds of a matured trust and an allocation of \$800,000 from other funds) has been the engine that has driven the Creative Evangelism Fund. As of December 2020, the fund has grown to \$16.1M, while releasing 6% of the net asset annually for local church/conference-based evangelism projects. In 2020 we reached a milestone, providing \$1M for the first time for projects to be allocated in 2021. Praise the Lord!

2) Education Endowment Fund – This fund was greatly enhanced in 1998 and, along with the Evangelism Endowment Fund, began receiving proceeds of the newly wholly-owned Church and School



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have been established with most entities as cashflow security so that operating costs and payroll can be covered in cases of liquidity needs. This fund has been a blessing over and over again through the years! Praise God for the foresight to provide for this need.

5) California Workers Compensation Self-Insured Fund – In 2016 this fund was brought in under the Pacific Union Conference. It had been a stand-alone fund, backed by the Pacific Union but held as

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Loan Fund. The allocation

to each Endowment of 40% of the earnings, along with prudent asset management and the Lord's blessing, has grown the Education Endowment Fund from \$2.3M in 1998 to \$15M as of December 2020. This fund also releases 6% of the net assets for various educational scholarships, with a record \$814K provided in 2020. I am so thankful for those who came before me who have provided this fund for the education work of His mission.

3) Church and School Loan Fund and Income Fund – The loan funds of the Pacific Union are critical to keeping capital available for new church purchases, renovations, expansions, and emergency repairs. Additionally, the Income Fund provides a safe deposit option for our entities that want additional income while still helping other Adventist entities that need loans. These two funds provided loans to roughly 225 entities, with a combined loan balance outstanding of \$110M. When I look back at the year 1995, there were loans to 224 entities, but the balance was only \$35M. How times change!

4) Economic Recovery and Emergency Fund (Contingency Fund) – This fund too was created as a way to plan for the future. This fund was established to provide safety net access to capital and liquidity as needed for our Pacific Union entities. Lines of Credit

separate assets. By bringing this fund inside the Pacific Union, we have been able to reduce costs substantially and further improve the fund, benefiting the California Conferences and employees covered by the fund. The fund has done so well in reducing injuries, death, and claims costs that in 2020 conferences were able to cut contribution costs by a collective \$1M. Additionally, in 2015 the fund began a reinvestment campaign to proactively invest in preventative safety enhancement that has now allocated \$6.2M back to California entities as grants. I can only imagine how many injuries have been prevented to our most valuable assets, our employees. Again, I thank the Lord for His goodness!

In conclusion, I would like to add my voice in support of not only the theme of this constituency session but also our union objective summarized in the words "Love. Serve. Lead." As we contemplate the work of the Good Shepherd and His invitation to work with Him, I am reminded of Jesus words in John 10:9. "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture" (NIV). May that be true for every one of us!

While much of this report has concerned numbers and financial reporting, all this is only important as we serve the needs of the church and those who need to find Jesus. To this end your treasury staff commit themselves in humble support.

Vice President's Report



We are proud of our ministries.

The Pacific Union has a wide variety of volunteer ministries that work together and have done excellent work over the past five years. These include Adventist

Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), Children's Ministries, Family Life Ministry, Health Ministries, Jewish Ministries, Muslim Ministry, Native Ministries, Personal Ministries/Sabbath School Ministries, Prayer Ministry, Prison Ministry, Public Campus Ministry, Shepherdess, Women's Ministries, and Youth Ministry/Pathfinder Ministry.

We are blessed by and proud of these ministries, which are directed by outstanding volunteer pastors and lay leaders. They love Jesus, and their lives are committed to Him. Through their particular ministries and leadership, they have pulled together people and churches across our union to engage and participate in diverse ministry activities.

Sharing the love of Jesus is the focus of every ministry.

Every ministry in our union has a passion for imparting the love of Jesus. Our volunteers have impacted many lives and have been the instrument used by God to bring souls to His loving arms. It has been my privilege to be present during some of the seminars the ministries hold in different churches. These volunteers have expressed to me the joy they receive from working with people and sharing God's love. In so many ways, they give life to our session theme, "So Send I You," because they do just that and help others to do the same.

All of our volunteer ministries seek to make the love of Jesus real and tangible and to make the Adventist message more relevant and attractive. The union theme of "Love. Serve. Lead." shines through in all these activities.

Member engagement makes it work.

All ministries depend on the engagement of the more than 220,000 members, leaders, pastors, and teachers who are a part of the churches and schools throughout the Pacific Union Conference—urban, suburban, and rural; small and large churches and schools; from every ethnicity; young and old. I praise God for these volunteer directors, and I'm gratified by their work. They are devoted to sharing the love of Jesus, following His command "So Send I You."

An invitation to a dedicated engagement in evangelism.

Since 2018, the PUC officers, conference presidents, and executive committee members have been brainstorming on approaches to evangelism endeavors. The president's council and executive committee voted on September 18, 2019, to promote a week of any type of evangelistic meeting from March through June of 2021. Due to the unexpected pandemic, the dates were changed to September through December of 2021. It was also voted that this would be the year of evangelism for the PUC territory.

All would be involved and committed to do evangelism such as:

- Traditional evangelism
- Small groups
- Health evangelism
- Youth evangelism
- Evangelism in the classroom
- Literature and Souls West
- 14 volunteer ministries would engage in evangelism
- TMI – Total Member Involvement materials

We started planning through our strategic evangelism committee

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and other committees. Our excitement grew over statements such as:

- “We need to open our minds and talk about multiplicity.”
- “We have to be inclusive of all people and all methods of reaching people for Jesus.”
- “The question needs to be asked: What does it mean to do evangelism in such a diverse group of churches and communities in this union?”
- “We must communicate this idea within many different cultures.”

The starting point must be spiritual, and we must also make sure training is available to members. We look forward to attracting people to Jesus, reaping the harvest, and transitioning people into discipleship.

The theme chosen for the evangelistic meetings is CHRIST>crisis.

We voted a budget to be allocated to churches that would engage in any type of evangelism. The budget was divided according to the membership of the four major ethnic groups comprising the Pacific Union Conference territory.

COVID-19 has not stopped our evangelism plans for September through December 2021. Our goals are still the same:

- Baptisms—Add 10% of the total baptisms recorded during the 2009 union-wide evangelistic meetings
- 50% of churches and schools participating
- TMI—Total Member Involvement
- Church planting—One per conference
- Small groups throughout the PUC territory

We are still working from home and having meetings and seminars by Zoom or YouTube, but

the work that God called us to do will continue. The mission is alive, and we will continue doing God’s work—where we are responsible to connect, and God is responsible to convert.

Let us all gather in the upper room as we pray to God and seek His Holy Spirit. I believe with all my heart that we will come down from that room filled and anointed with His Spirit and with strength and power to obey and to do His mission here in the Pacific Union. Our Lord Jesus was sent to this world to finish a mission, and now He has sent us to do the same: “So Send I You.”

He says in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always” (NKJV).

This is the Great Commission: Go and make disciples. This is the meaning of being active in evangelism. God will bless and equip our efforts. I have faith and assurance that by the grace of God, faithful administrators, ministers, teachers, lay persons, men and women, elderly and young, Caucasians, Hispanics, Blacks, and Asians—all together we will bring many beautiful people to the cross and the feet of Jesus.

As we think of the work of the Good Shepherd during this session, let’s remember the words of Jesus in John 10:16: “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd” (NIV).

My sincere thanks to all, and may God bless you as we continue getting ready for the coming of the Lord.

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He has sent us to do the same: “So Send I You.”

Asian/Pacific Ministries Report

Reaching a More Diverse Nation



Asian/Pacific Ministries (APM) has never been as vibrant as in the past five years, and they expect to accelerate growth momentum as the coming of the Lord Jesus

Christ draws near. From the first Asian immigrants (Filipinos who arrived in Morro Bay in 1587, long before the gold rush) to the first Asian Adventist congregation (founded in Mountain View by Japanese immigrants in 1926), APM continues to inspire multicultural outreach. APM now serves 33 language groups, with established congregations in 15 languages.

APM aligns its work with the Pacific Union Conference's chosen theme of "Love. Serve. Lead." We believe that this well summarizes our commitment to the Asian and Pacific peoples in our union as we demonstrate our love for them, work to serve them, and lead them to Jesus.

VicLouis Arreola III, APM Director for the Pacific Union Conference (PUC), reports tremendous missional enthusiasm among Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across the union territory. Net membership has remained steady at 21,109, with 869 recorded baptisms in five years. APM added eight churches, five companies, and two mission groups, including Tongan, Filipino, Indonesian, Cantonese, Korean, and the first Fijian and Hmong churches in the North American Division. Dr. Arreola himself conducted 21 Our Great Hope evangelistic series.

APM efforts thrived at the height of the pandemic with the establishment of 18 media presences, the translation of Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy into several Asian languages, and the circulation of 1,000 copies of eMyGrant, a quarterly magazine

aimed at reaching non-Adventist AAPI families and friends.

Other initiatives included lay-pastoral training through the Pacific Institute of Christian Ministry and annual conventions with 400 to 500 participants boldly affirming the APM battle cry, "Many Cultures, One Message, One Savior." Below are conference-specific highlights over the last quinquennium:

Arizona Conference

- Annual convocations, revival, and family ministries workshop
- Organized a Fil-Am church and a Kenyan congregation through public evangelism

Central California Conference

- Total of 24 churches with 18 pastors; organized the first Hmong church in the NAD
- Operated a food bank and distributed GLOW tracks in the Bay Area
- Established Behold Ministries and Sabbath evangelistic meetings reaching a weekly audience of over 1,000

Hawaii Conference

- Tongan Ministry lay training and Youth Ministries collaboration with Samoan churches
- Filipino/Ilocano livestreams reach mainland audience and Pacific and Caribbean islands

Northern California Conference

- Organized three new language churches in Sacramento: Tongan, Indonesian, and Fijian (first in the NAD)

Nevada-Utah Conference

- Annual Christmas outreach programs and Vacation Bible School

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serving 100+ children

- Community and online evangelism initiatives mobilized through 10 small groups; distributed 10,000 pieces of literature

Southern California Conference

- Organized a Mongolian mission group and three companies: Cantonese, Filipino, and an international congregation
- Strategic positioning of the APM Region ministry aimed at seven anchors

Southeastern California Conference

- Annual tithe increase totaling \$50.8 million, 599 baptisms, 32 churches, two companies, and nine mission groups
- Added one Korean and two Indonesian churches and one Tongan mission group
- 65% involvement in mission trips to home countries, including a medical/dental mission to Haiti; conducted a Reformation Tour for pastors and a leadership convention for the youth
- Developed *Post-baptism Syllabus* study series that involves local church leaders as facilitators and engages new members in fellowship

The U.S. Asian population grew more than 82% in the past 20 years and is projected to comprise 36% of all immigrants by 2050, to top other ethnic groups. Pastor Arreola believes the prophetic missional focus of APM will continue to be the outreach to burgeoning people groups in

North America. "If we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel's message into all the nations of earth" (Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, Oct. 29, 1914).

To support PUC strategic growth through 2025, APM will expand language groups church planting through the NADEI ACTS residency, youth and lay-pastoral leadership pipeline development, post-modern post-millennial generational ministries, and Innovative Social Media Evangelism (TMI Is Me) personal-virtual platforms.

By God's grace, APM will continue to trailblaze in mission as PUC remains the largest AAPI frontier, with 7.8 million people residing within its territory. The prayer is to establish five congregations in new languages, increase 20% overall membership, and 5% tithe impact year on year.

At APM we closely identify with the session theme of "So Send I You." We are convinced that God is calling all of us to be His witnesses, and for us particularly this means reaching out to the Asian and Pacific peoples around us. For this reason, the image of the Good Shepherd is compelling, as we work with Him as His under-shepherds to lead others to become part of His flock, following His voice. We commit ourselves again to doing just this, full of joy to be part of this work of calling others to come to the Good Shepherd. "When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice" (John 10:4, NIV).

We commit ourselves again to doing just this, full of joy to be part of this work of calling others to come to the Good Shepherd.

Hispanic Ministries Report



The third angel's message is the true light that encourages Hispanic Ministries to keep sharing with the nearly 21 million Spanish and Portuguese people who live

in the Pacific Union territory. We do this so they can be awakened to the importance of this time and the significance of the events that are now taking place. While the powers of darkness are constantly attempting to destroy the world, God's almighty powers continue to meet the emergencies that we are now facing.

Our mission, then, is to represent Jesus through effective ministries. Most of the goals we aimed to establish throughout these past five years have been met by the grace of God. We provided opportunities for our 226 congregations and their 141 pastors to strengthen their faith and to experience spiritual growth and renewal so they can model the character of Christ and attract souls to Him. In this way we implement our union theme of "Love. Serve. Lead." by carrying out these principles in practice.

Despite declining church attendance due to the pandemic, our work has not stopped. We see progress and enthusiasm in our conferences. The results of our efforts to increase our membership through soul-winning in the pandemic year reflected the difficult circumstances; however, with God's help, we anticipate better times.

This report will showcase just a few of the events that our faithful pastors organized during the last quinquennium.

Year 2016 – Youth Evangelism "Olas de Compasión" [Waves of Compassion]. By applying the golden rule to love our neighbors, our young people reached thousands of homeless with the gospel.

Baptisms: 2,030

Tithe: \$25,873,172

Membership: 51,010

Year 2017 – Small Groups. In February, over 500 pastors and leaders of small groups gathered at Pine Springs Ranch to launch this massive evangelism effort. By the summer, 900 small groups had been established.

Baptisms: 2,070

Tithe: \$26,296,889

Membership: 51,348

Year 2018 – "My greatest desire is that our God be glorified, proclaimed, and announced in all the Spanish communities of the Pacific Union" were the words of Pastor Ingleton who was appointed the new leader of Hispanic Ministries. Many successful events were held this year.

Baptisms: 1,955

Tithe: \$28,029,735

Membership: 49,824

Year 2019 – SECC hosts FEJA Youth Congress at La Sierra University. 1,200 young people gathered to learn more about God's love, to grow spiritually from Christian friendship, and to enjoy physical exercise. Hundreds renewed their commitment to Jesus and expressed their gratitude for events like these.

Baptisms: 1,852

Tithe: \$28,319, 520

Membership: 50,043

Year 2020 – A difficult year! Pastors and church leaders faced the difficulties of the pandemic, but they responded to the challenges and initiated virtual worship and programs throughout the Pacific Union.

Baptisms: 764

Tithe: \$26,008,084

Membership: 50,040

Pacific Union Hispanic Ministries: 160 congregations across the union territory launched a virtual evangelistic outreach series titled "An Encounter with Jesus," with Alberto Ingleton as the speaker. Thousands

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of people were reached, and so far about 300 people have been baptized.

Arizona: A virtual couples retreat was held in June with the theme: "United and Happy Despite the Crisis."

Central California: 9,000 men joined online for a virtual men's retreat with the theme "Priesthood in the End Time." They also organized an evangelistic campaign titled "Jesus in the Middle of the Storm." More than 8,000 people tuned in online, and over 100 were baptized!

Nevada-Utah: A virtual crusade was held titled "Everything is Possible." Thousands joined online.

Northern California: FEJA prepared a virtual week of prayer titled "Jesus in my City." The youth were the preachers, and hundreds joined online. Also, the Hayward Spanish church distributed more than 250 food packages weekly.

Southeastern California: Many of its Spanish churches have become centers of compassion. Tons of foods were distributed to assist families in the communities.

Southern California: A lay evangelism series was held from January through March. A spiritual retreat for pastors took place in March.

Initiatives for the next five years

1. Holistic ministerial development. The goal is to provide our ministerial force with training, resources, and coaching to support a group of ministers who will offer the best quality of pastoral service to our churches.

2. Local church leadership formation. Training seminars for the leaders of all the departments will be presented. We believe well trained leaders will translate into very productive churches.

3. Discipleship for our second and third generations. The purpose is to equip them with tools for training for mission and discipleship.

4. Evangelism. This initiative will help our churches in adding new members, nurturing, training future disciples, and preparing new members for the mission.

We are grateful to God for all that has been achieved, yet we look for more. We share in the theme of this session, "So Send I You," believing this applies to all our membership as we look forward to Jesus' soon return. We are so happy to help others respond to Jesus' call to follow Him, recognizing that "his sheep follow him because they know his voice" (John 10:4 NIV). Our passion is to help people know and follow the voice of Jesus!

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Regional Ministries Office of African American Affairs Report

“Ever-Changing Times”



Regional Ministries has continued to invest in the communities we serve in creative and innovative ways, touching lives with God's love in these ever-changing times.

Despite domestic terrorism, natural disasters, social injustice, political game changers, and a pandemic, God's people remained active and faithfully supported the work of the Lord.

We share in the Pacific Union Conference's chosen theme of "Love. Serve. Lead." This well identifies the activities listed below that make up the work of Regional Ministries. By putting "Love. Serve. Lead." into action, we are fulfilling the Great Commission given to us by our loving Lord.

The tithe base for Regional Ministries remained stable. Pastors, leaders, and members went the distance to support and encourage the congregation and community during the pandemic. Young adults used social media and delivery apps to take care of individuals and families who contracted COVID-19. Volunteers delivered PPE supplies and found creative and innovative ways to address felt needs.

While church parking lots turned into vaccination and drive-by food distribution sites, worship services transitioned to streaming with YouTube, Facebook, and Zoom technology. In some cases, viewership doubled or tripled. As the world tuned-in, so did missing members, family, and friends. Individuals took advantage of the chat to inquire, "How do I accept Jesus as my personal Savior?" or "How

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- Pandemic activities (continuing)
- Parking lot services
- Parking lot and Zoom communion
- Youth and Young Adult Sabbath School
- No-touch food distribution
- Church parking lots became vaccination sites
- Creative programming for virtual children's Sabbath School
- Drive-by baby showers, graduations, birthday parties, and health fairs
- Back-to-school backpack drives with no-touch delivery
- Virtual VBS, prayer meetings, and concerts
- Bible Instructor's Guild (BIG) conduct studies in the park
- BIG virtual Bible studies
- Continued baptisms
- COVID-restricted weddings
- Pop-up weddings
- Homeless meals
- Grandparent reading program
- Service projects with community organizations
- Free showers for homeless in LA
- Capitol City opened fellowship hall for a shelter
- Mayfair and Capitol City produced a movie
- Free mask and PPE distribution to community
- Bakersfield Southside drive-through health fair
- Virtual camp meeting and convocations
- Virtual Conscience and Justice conferences
- West Coast Black Caucus virtual conference

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can I get baptized?"

Groups of friends went out to feed the homeless without assistance from church budgets. Homeless men and women often reported that they had not eaten anything in days. Volunteers said they felt humbled by their experiences. Besides food, winter gear, sleeping bags, toiletries, socks, clothing, tarps, and tents were distributed during the shutdown to keep the homeless population throughout the Pacific Union encouraged by God's love.

The Capitol City church in Sacramento opened its fellowship hall as an overnight shelter during the winter months. The 54th Street church in Los Angeles relinquished a part of the parking lot for a mobile shower unit for the homeless. Bakersfield Southside teamed up with Pacific Health to host Pull up-Pick up Health Resource fairs—more than 12 of these events have occurred during the pandemic.

One of the best highlights of the past five years was the West Coast Youth Conference (WCYC) of 2018 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario,

Calif. Hosting more than 800 youth, young adults, and pastoral families, the theme "EMPOWER" aimed to inspire a generation with passion, creativity, and a willingness to serve. Leadership training, spiritual enrichment, and service projects were featured throughout the three-day event. The year 2023 has been adopted by the union as the Year of Youth Evangelism, and the WCYC, with the theme "INFLUENCERS," will be the premier event to touch the lives of 12- to 17-year-olds in the Pacific Union. WCYC is hosted by the West Coast Black Administrative Caucus; however, it is a multi-cultural event that youth have been experiencing for 20 years.

Regional members, with passion and impact, are still finding ways to serve their communities in these ever-changing times. We wish to involve all our members in the theme of this session, following the Lord's command, "So Send I You." With the image of the Good Shepherd before us, we encourage others to follow Him, the one who said, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" (John 10:9, NIV).

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La Sierra University

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Fall 2021 Reopening. La Sierra University is moving ahead with plans to re-open its campus this September for the 2021-22 school year. Details are subject to public health guidelines. Please visit lasierra.edu/covid-19/campus-operations/ for continuing re-opening protocol updates.



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City/Location	AUG 6	AUG 13	AUG 20	AUG 27
Alturas	8:13	8:04	7:54	7:43
Angwin	8:14	8:05	7:56	7:46
Bakersfield	7:54	7:46	7:38	7:29
Calexico	7:35	7:28	7:20	7:12
Chico	8:14	8:05	7:55	7:45
Death Valley (Furnace Ck)	7:47	7:40	7:31	7:21
Eureka	8:25	8:16	8:06	7:56
Four Corners [E]	8:17	8:09	8:00	7:51
Fresno	8:00	7:52	7:43	7:33
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	7:28	7:20	7:11	7:02
Half Dome	8:01	7:52	7:43	7:34
Hilo	6:53	6:49	6:44	6:39
Holbrook	7:18	7:10	7:02	6:53
Honolulu	7:07	7:02	6:57	6:51
Joshua Tree	7:41	7:34	7:25	7:17
Lake Tahoe	8:05	7:56	7:47	7:37
Las Vegas	7:40	7:32	7:24	7:14
Lodi-Stockton	8:08	8:00	7:51	7:41
Loma Linda	7:44	7:37	7:29	7:20
Los Angeles	7:48	7:41	7:32	7:24
McDermitt [N]	8:03	7:53	7:43	7:32
Moab	8:22	8:14	8:05	7:55
Monterey Bay	8:08	8:00	7:51	7:42
Mt. Whitney	7:53	7:45	7:37	7:27
Napa	8:13	8:04	7:55	7:45
Nogales [S]	7:18	7:11	7:03	6:55
Oakland	8:12	8:03	7:54	7:45
Paradise, CA	8:13	8:04	7:55	7:44
Phoenix	7:23	7:16	7:08	6:59
Pu'uwaiau, Ni'ihau [W]	6:55	6:51	6:46	6:40
Reno	8:08	7:57	7:47	7:37
Riverside	7:45	7:38	7:30	7:21
Sacramento	8:10	8:02	7:52	7:42
Salt Lake City	8:36	8:27	8:17	8:07
San Diego	7:42	7:35	7:27	7:19
San Francisco	8:12	8:04	7:55	7:45
San Jose	8:09	8:01	7:52	7:42
Santa Rosa	8:15	8:06	7:57	7:47
Sunset Beach	8:08	8:00	7:51	7:42
Thousand Oaks	7:51	7:44	7:36	7:27
Tucson	7:51	7:44	7:36	7:27

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Fancher, Duane Cole – Sept. 18, 1941, Grand Ledge, Mich.; d. April 25, 2021, Ukiah, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carol Wotring-Fancher; son, Keefer Kane (aka Doug

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Fancher); daughter, Jen Fancher-Collins. Co-owner and operator of Redwood Manor elderly care home in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Cared for lawn and grounds of the Lake Union Conference for 35 years.

Floodman, John A. – b. Jan. 10, 1934, Glendale, Calif.; d. Feb. 27, 2021, Exeter, Calif. Survivors: wife, Arlene; sons, Dan, Scott; numerous grandchildren. He served at Monterey Bay Academy from 1973-77 and Hanford Community Hospital from 1977-95.

King, Helen (Emori) – b. April 10, 1936, Stockton, Calif.; d. June 20, 2021, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Bill, Brian; daughters-in-law, Debbie, Cynthia; daughters, Donna Matthews, Debra; son-in-law, Lyle Matthews; sister, Grace Emori Elder; brother-in-law, Harvey Elder; brother, David Emori; sister-in-law, Eileen; eight grandchildren. Dean of the School of Nursing from 1981-2005.

Linares, John – b. Oct. 10, 1930, Pacific Grove, Calif.; d. May 2, 2021, Salinas, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marjorie.

Minton, Betty – b. Sept. 29, 1931, Cambridge, Mass.;

d. Dec. 26, 2020, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: husband, Reuel “Bud”; daughters, Elizabeth Spence, Julia Bowen; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren. Betty served 23 years as a church clerk at La Sierra University church. She also worked for 10 years at University of California Riverside in plant pathology.

Myers, Gerald – b. Aug. 13, 1937, Ill.; d. April 20, 2021, Taft, Calif. Survivors: wife, Toni; two daughters.

Nagy, Andy – b. Feb. 6, 1941, Alameda, Calif.; d. April 23, 2021, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ginger; son, Greg; daughter, Brenda Nagy-Windom; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Peaverini, Milton – b. Nov. 13, 1932, Paysandu, Uruguay; d. June 27, 2021, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Eunice; son, Ricardo; daughters, Graciela, Susana; brother, Tulio; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Townsend, Elaine – b. Aug. 31, 1934, Utica, N.Y.; d. April 15, 2021, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sister, Vivien Robinson; nephews, Riva, Ron; niece, Rhonda.

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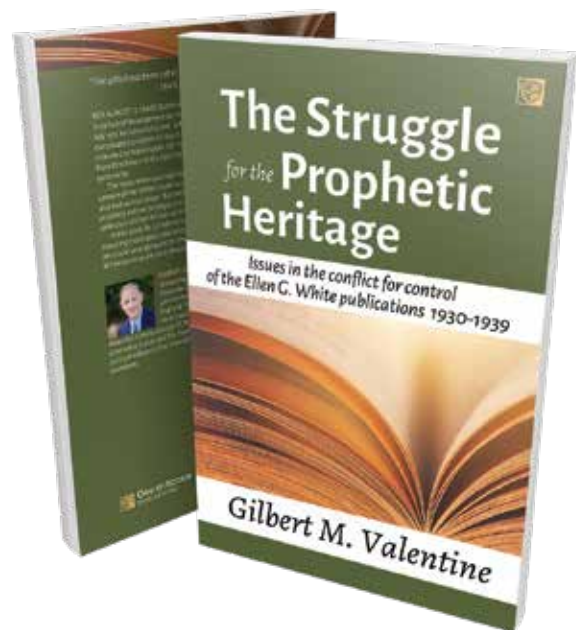
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