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God Promises

Ricardo Graham



At any given moment, we are confronted with issues, problems, concerns and challenges. There is always the possibility that they can overwhelm us if we focus on them rather than on the prayer-answering God we serve.

Many years ago, I had an incident that I will never forget. I went to bed one night with a troubled mind over events in the church I was pastoring at the time. I woke up in the middle of the night and before I opened my eyes, I saw ISAIAH 41:10. I opened my eyes and looked at the digital clock on the bedroom dresser. It was exactly 4 a.m. My mind was clear, and I was wide-awake.

I got up and retrieved my Bible. Going to another room, I turned to the passage in the book of Isaiah. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Instantly, I felt relieved and confirmed in my decisions. When my family arose, I shared the event with them.

Later that day, I attended a pastors and Bible instructors meeting. When I returned home, I learned that a church member had called the house and shared with my wife that she had been awake reading the Bible and praying at 4 a.m. She placed her finger on the text in Isaiah 41:10 and prayed, "Lord, wake my pastor up right now and give him this text. He needs some encouragement."

In this text, there are at least three things God promised to Isaiah, and, I believe, to all who have faith in Him.

First, we should never face life in fear, because God has promised to be with us. This promise is repeated and reaffirmed throughout Scripture in such places as Matthew 28:20, and in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not

given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

As long as God is with us, and we are with Him, there is nothing to fear. We must confidently believe that God is at work on our behalf to address all our fears and concerns. This of course is a by-product of our submission to God, a surrender of ourselves to Him for His glory. "Complete subjection through Christ to the will of God is our only safety" (Ellen White, Manuscript 82, 1900).

Second, we are not to be dismayed or distressed by whatever life brings our way. Of course, our confidence must be in God Who has promised to be with us and to establish us so that we will not be overwhelmed by the power of evil or the evil one himself. As we focus on Christ and His work for us and in us, we will find strength to resist all that might bring us consternation or distress.

Finally, God promises to strengthen and help us. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

"In Christ, God has provided means for subduing every sinful trait, and resisting every temptation, however strong" (Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, 429).

While we submit to Christ and acknowledge our weakness, God reveals His strength and power in us — His power to keep us from sin and to reproduce His character in our lives. While we are fallen and enfeebled, we can live the life God has called us to in His power.

As we are confronted with issues, problems, concerns and challenges, let us continue to look to God who has promised to be with us.

As long as God is with us (which He promises to be), and we are with Him, there is nothing to fear. We must confidently believe that God is at work on our behalf.



Small School Pen Pals Finally Meet

Jeanie Drake

Early this spring, students from the Valley Adventist Christian School in the Southeastern California Conference traveled to the Whittier school in the Southern California Conference to meet their pen pals and attend classes together.

Valley Christian School teacher Pat Karp taught music, Jeanie Drake taught science, and both teachers led in reading. Students from VACS received a Nature Journal from Whittier students that they could use to identify plants, and also worked with their pen pals to plant marigolds that they could later take home. The Whittier students learned to play, “Who’s the King of the Jungle?” on hand bells

that VACS students had just used for a performance.

“When our schools got together,” said Karp, “my students came back with enthusiasm for writing stories, and they really enjoyed that. They enjoyed their journals that they received from WAES, and are working on the cactus. They now will be much more scientific, and more accurate about their descriptions. The journal idea is really great.”

“We got to write about the Mexican cactus that Mrs. Karp brought. She taught us to play the bells and the rhythm sticks,” said Jasmyn Gacula, third-grader at Whittier Adventist Elementary School. “It was exciting to meet our pen pals. We showed our pen pals our bean plants that we’ve been growing.”

Students from both schools had been writing to each other

throughout the school year, after their teachers came up with the idea at a Small Schools workshop in the fall of 2009. They wanted to explore different ways that Pathways reading was incorporated into the classroom.

“It was a good opportunity for the students to interact and have classes with another school, so that their small school experiences would not be limited,” commented Drake. “It was really a God-thing, because even from the beginning when Pat and I brainstormed ideas, I could tell this was going to be a workable project. Over time, everything just fell into place, and we were able to see how God led our efforts.”

Pat Karp teaches grades K-4 at VACS; Jeanie Drake teaches grades 1-4 at WAES.

Pen pals meet. WAES students stand behind their VACS pen pals, along with teachers Jeanie Drake, left, and Pat Karp.

Emmelynn Rosenthal





SCC Education Department Pilots Principals' Webinar Sessions

Betty Cooney

It was 10 a.m., the time of the monthly SCC Principals' Council, and education department staff members were at their desks, watching monitors and holding their phones.

Using Go To Meeting, a program that facilitates online meetings, SCC principals and the departmental staff conducted a meeting which normally requires a drive of as much as two hours for some principals in outlying areas. "It sure saves you a long drive," commented Gladys Cerna, principal of the Santa Barbara School.

"Yes, it does," responded Superintendent Richard Carey. "Now, if everyone will mute their phone so we don't get an echo, we'll begin. With that, Associate Superintendent Mario Negrete offered the opening prayer for the education department's second webinar.

"We have quite a few agenda items," said Carey, "but a number of them won't take very long. We'll start with a video titled, 'Cognitive

Associate Superintendent Allan Chase participated wearing headphones with a microphone attached, leaving his hands free to add materials, and also avoiding any echoing that might occur with multiple callers.



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Genesis,' which provides research results in an understandable and positive way." Citing recent Cognitive Genesis research findings, the video showed presenter Dick Duerksen honing in on the current high academic achievement levels and life-transforming potential of Adventist schools in North America. The large-scale study is the first ever done to determine how Adventist students are doing academically relative to students in other schools and based on nationally

recognized standard achievement tests. (The 10-minute video is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AEZbZTQkxA.)

The clip was viewed with great interest, though technical problems did arise. "This can happen if a video is streamed live," explained Associate Superintendent Allan Chase. "One way to avoid problems resulting from low bandwidth either at our office or at some participants' would be to send the clip beforehand. Then each principal would view it from their desktop during the webinar."

The department holds monthly Principals' Councils. "This is a pilot year for us," said Carey. "We plan on alternating face-to-face meetings with Go To Meeting sessions this year and next. This saves the cost of transportation, as well as the cost of having to get a substitute teacher while a principal is out of the office."



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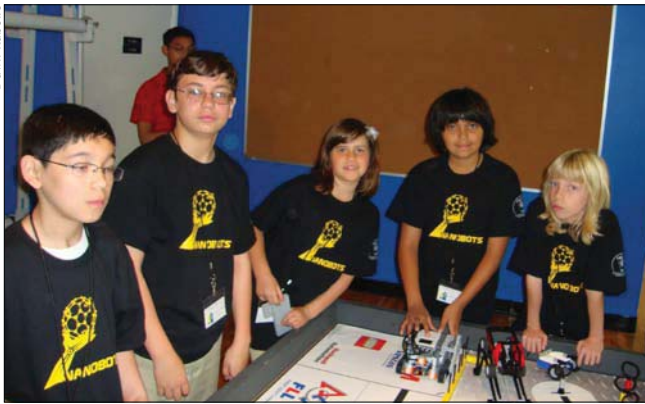
Superintendent Richard Carey organized the webinar and passed leadership to principals who presented or responded during the online session.



Students' Robotics Traffic Solutions Match Local Firm's

Betty Cooney

Down Rabello



The second-place trophy went to the Glendale Adventist Elementary "Nanobots" team: (l. to r.) Stuart Landaverde, Jonathan Nunez, Tiara Rabello, Kole Stephens, Kase Boguslawski.

presentations that would propose solutions for real-life

Eleven teams participated in the Smart Move 2010 Robotics Challenge: five teams from Adventist schools in Glendale, Ridgecrest and South Bay; and six teams from the neighboring areas of Mesa Grande, Oceanside and West Fullerton. SCC Education staff facilitated the challenge and six judges determined the three top winners. Every student participating in the challenge received a ribbon.

"Participating in the Robotics Challenge enables students, teachers and parents to see the benefit of using technology in completing the curriculum," said Associate Superintendent Allan Chase, who directs the annual SCC Robotics Challenge. "The challenge is an opportunity for schools to become involved in using technology to stimulate creativity and support learning in non-traditional ways."

The Adventist Christian School's Team Gold received the top trophy for their entry in the 2010 SCC "Smart Move: Transforming Transportation" Robotics Challenge. "We are excited about getting to go to Walla Walla for the National Adventist Robotics Challenge (held May 2)," said coach Lee Ann Burfeindt.

Second- and third-place trophy winners were Glendale Adventist Academy's "Nanobot" Team and South Bay Junior Academy's "Lions" team, respectively. "The students totally amazed me," said Lions' coach Chris Watkins. "They organized themselves into different roles and went about the business of problem solving, doing all the things that we as teachers try to teach them on a daily basis. It was really impressive."

In addition to preparing the timed robotic performance, a teamwork challenge and a technical report, participating teams were required to develop project

community traffic problems.

Team Gold proposed three possible solutions to traffic problems on the local U.S. Navy base. When the team presented their solutions to Navy personnel, Capt. Jeffrey Dodson praised their work. "The Center has paid several hundred thousand dollars to a firm to do a study, and your team came up with the same solutions the firm did,"

he responded. (His response later appeared in an article in the *Navy Rocketeer* newspaper.). The Center reportedly planned to start with a slight modification to the team's solution No. 2.

The *Navy Rocketeer* newspaper reported on Team Gold's project and the First Lego League.

Lee Ann Burfeindt

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Students build math and science skills through Legos

By Peggy Shoaf
NAFAC Public Affairs Officer

Seven students from Adventist Christian School gave a presentation March 30 to command us why the traffic situation behind Michelson Lab could be solved as part of their "community assistance" portion of a First Lego League Competition, which was held Monday, April 5.

According to Lee Ann Burfeindt, team coach, the challenge portion of the five-part competition was finding a solution to a traffic problem in their community, and the team chose the traffic difficulties that arose with the closing of Blandy between Colton Street and Knize Blvd. The presentation gave the students practice speaking before an audience prior to the actual competition in Los Angeles.

The fifth-to-eight grade students created four possible solutions to the road closure. Solutions included a new road going behind the Michelson Lab compound, widening the intersection at Ballard and Inyokern roads, putting in a traffic circle at the intersection of Ballard and Inyokern roads, and reopening Blandy Avenue, creating a bypass between the buildings.

The students even took the initiative to find out costs of asphalt and to figure out possible costs, not counting labor.

NAFAC's Lt. Col. Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson, Public Works Officer Capt. Stan Khoo, Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division Lt. Col. Don Miller and Roger Gossett, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, were impressed with the presentation.

"You really did a good job," said Dodson. "We poured several hundreds of thousand dollars into traffic engineering firm to do what you just did."

Gossett agreed, noting his solutions were exactly what his department had researched, with the final decision being to widening the intersection at Ballard and Inyokern roads.

The First Lego League Competition is designed to introduce students to real-world engineering challenges.

The other three parts of the competition include a two-and-a-half minute timed performance of a robot on a playing field, a teamwork challenge and a technical report on how they programmed and structured their robot. Each year the challenges change and teams have to purchase a new playing field that consists of a four-foot square playing surface and the Lego pieces that apply to that year's competition. Following the robot Lego assembly, students program their robot to perform tasks assigned for the competition.

The local Gold Team was first place in their competition against 11 Los Angeles teams.

More information about the league can be found at www.USFIRST.org.

Adventist Christian School students, (left to right) Cory Young, Zachary Burfeindt, Nathan Burfeindt, Aarik Riggs, Avery Riggs, Ryan MacIntyre and Jacoby McPherson pose NAFFAC Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Dodson and Roger Gossett, NAFAC Southwest, after their presentation of four possible solutions to the traffic problem that arose with the closure of Blandy Avenue from Corat Street to Knize Road.

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Churches Learn to Disciple Their Children with K.I.D. University

Betty Cooney

Pastors and lay people from six area churches came together in late April for three days of intensive instruction and small-group involvement in Kids in Discipleship training. “We do other discipleship programs,” said Alfredo Lee, SCC children’s ministry and Hispanic region director, “but we had not done discipleship programs for children. I believe this is a much needed program that involves teachers, parents, pastors and church members.”

“During the training, we learned that the crucial time for instilling our mission and leading children to Jesus is from ages 8 to 12,” said Luz Benitez, event coordinator. “Attendees learned some of the key reasons young people are not staying in the church: they face peer and media pressure at a time when both parents often need to work outside of the home. And when children cannot attend church school for any reason, and churches do not have discipling programs that help lead them to Christ, children become disengaged from the church.”

At the conclusion of the training, church groups formulated plans for implementing what they had learned, and shared brief presentations with the full group. After handing out certificates of completion, trainers and facilitators gathered attendees for a prayer of dedication.

“I can’t wait to share what I learned,” said Dennis Stirewalt,



(L. to r.) Patty Coronel, Avanguisht Guzman, Juan Parra and Nelly Silva work on a small-group assignment with Pastor Jaime Heras. Also participating were Camarillo, Indonesian American, Central Filipino, Paramount Spanish and Loma Linda Chinese churches. For a local church already pursuing the program, visit <http://santaclarita.adventistfaith.org/children-s-ministry>.

Camarillo church pastor. “My goal is to get the congregation involved in ‘transforming children into spiritual champions,’ which is the title of a book by well known author George Barna. We want to equip moms and dads to be the ones who help their children stay in relationship with Jesus. Even if children attend church school, parents are their children’s primary spiritual mentors.”

“I liked the concept of parents being the ones to lead their children into discipleship,” said Jaime Heras,

pastor of the Glendale Spanish church, who planned to launch his program in August. To assist other Spanish churches in getting involved, his church is translating the lessons into Spanish.

K.I.D. is a ministry developed by the Collegedale, Tenn., church that is dedicated to equipping parents to spiritually nurture their children to have personal relationships with Jesus Christ. For program details and information, visit www.kidsindiscipleship.org.



Nevada-Utah Elects Officers, Plans Outreach

Gerry Chudleigh

Every conference in the Pacific Union holds a constituency session every four or five years — to elect officers and set ministry directions. Most meet on a Sunday morning, and they try to finish their business as quickly as possible, sometimes in two or three hours.

Not in the Nevada-Utah Conference.

April 30 to May 2, the 32nd Nevada-Utah constituency session was combined with the Nevada-Utah conference convocation for three full days of inspiration, reports, planning and elections. The convocation included Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon meetings in the Las Vegas Paradise church, plus Sabbath morning services in the 2,000-seat Cashman

The Las Vegas Junior Academy choir sings during church in the Cashman Center. From left, Kirsten Hofilena, Isaiah King and Katrina Garcia, are all in the school's kindergarten class.

Center, a municipal convention center. Delegates heard reports and conducted business Saturday night and Sunday at a hotel in Henderson, Nev. — mostly in a large tent in the parking lot.

Delegates re-elected Larry Unterseher, president, and Jason Bergmann, secretary/treasurer. They also re-elected Kingsley Palmer to continue as Regional Ministries coordinator, but referred the appointment of the Hispanic Ministries coordinator to the conference executive committee for further study.

They also elected the members of the executive committee as



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recommended by the nominating committee. Departmental directors and associates were to be appointed by the new executive committee at that group's next meeting.

In his report, Unterseher mentioned that during the previous four years, "1,890 precious souls" were baptized, and the membership has grown from 7,160 to 8,459, an increase of more than 18 percent. "While this is remarkable," said Unterseher, "it points out that we have much left to do since there are more than 4.5 million people in our territory."

RIGHT: Tammy Losey, center, with microphone, addresses a question to President Larry Unterseher, front left, and secretary/treasurer Jason Bergmann.



Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of It Is Written and nearly invisible on the Cashman Center stage, speaks Sabbath morning during the Nevada-Utah convocation.



During the same four-year period, reported Bergmann, the annual title has increased by 6.88 percent, and the number of elementary schools has increased from seven to 11.

At the convocation, Unterseher announced that in 2011, *It Is Written*, with speaker/director Shawn Boonstra, will join with the Nevada-Utah Conference for a major evangelistic campaign in the greater Las Vegas area. Meetings will be held in the Cashman Center.

“We expect more than 200 volunteer literature evangelists and Bible workers to join our mem-

BELOW: Delegates vote on an agenda item Sunday morning.



ABOVE: Conference president Larry Unterseher, left, and his wife, Rhonda, pose Sunday afternoon with secretary/treasurer Jason Bergmann, his wife, Francine, and daughter Amanda.

bers and pastors to reach this city for God,” said Unterseher. “As we

prepare our hearts and churches for this event, let us earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us and to prepare the hearts of the people of this great city.”





Youth Rally Inspires Service to Others

Ofa Tupou-Manu

“Am Third” was the theme of the Northern Nevada R.O.C.K. Youth/Young Adult Federation Rally held April 16-17. Guest speaker Pastor Keith L. Gray, vice-president of enrollment for Southwestern Adventist University, brought an extra helping of the Holy Spirit via his “Sanctified Imagination” sermons.



Pastor Keith L. Gray preaches the Word of God during the youth/young adult rally.

The rally began Friday night with a song service, vespers through music, and personal testimony.

There were musical features from local churches and young people from the community. The worship service on Sabbath took place in an amphitheater in downtown Sparks.

After the church service, the youth and young adults ministered to the family shelter and tent city of Reno through food, music and prayer. “I really enjoyed feeding the less fortunate. Giving my attention to them really opened my eyes to appreciate what I have in my life.

What a true experience of putting myself third,” stated Justina Ortiz of Sparks.

“This is great! Good experience for youth,” said youth leader Pam Johnson of Fallon.

“Kids and adults went into the parking lot, and a few men went into tent city and let the people know that there was food available if they were interested,” said Susan Beckett of Sparks. “Next thing we knew, we had a large crowd. The kids were serving off of a cart, salad, French bread, spaghetti and juice. The rest of the kids were singing, visiting and showing care. It was amazing!”

One lady was moved to tears as she heard songs that reminded her of her childhood. As the hour was ending, the young people prayed in



The Reno church praise team leads in song.

groups and went out to offer prayer to the occupants.

The weekend ended with a sun-down vespers service at the Reno church, supper, an ice cream social, and fun and games in the Silver State Adventist School gym, sponsored by Pacific Union College and Monterey Bay Academy.



ABOVE: Pastor Keith Gray demonstrates being pulled in opposite directions by “Spirit and flesh.”

LEFT: Rally attendees participate in the service.



Hawaii Constituents Meet

Gerry Chudleigh

When the Hawaiian Mission became a part of the Pacific Union in 1929, union president J. E. Fulton devoted three weeks to visiting Adventists there, plus two weeks to travel to the islands and back. At the time, there were three churches on the islands: Honolulu (125 members), Hilo (80) and Maui (15), plus “a few believers on the Island of Kauai.”

Describing Honolulu, Fulton said, “Our mission headquarters, the church, and residences are in one place and a few blocks away is the school.” The latter, he said, “is in a beautiful part of the city where there are many residences all about, with palms and beautiful trees and shrubs.”

On Sunday, April 25, 2010, delegates from 30 churches (with nearly 6,000 members) gathered near those beautiful trees at Hawaiian Mission Academy to elect

conference leaders and to set mission directions for the next four or five years. They re-elected their three officers: Ralph S. Watts, III, president; Robert H. Lloyd, executive secretary; and Gary G. Johnson, treasurer. They also elected the members of the executive committee as recommended by the nominating committee.

Immediately after the constituency session, the new executive committee met and re-appointed all the departmental directors and associates.

In other business, the delegates voted to combine the association and the conference into one organization, and they voted to convene future constituency sessions every five years instead of every four years. One new church was voted into the fellowship of churches: the Chinese/Vietnamese church, based in Honolulu.

In his treasurer’s report, Johnson outlined the good and bad news from the previous four years. The bad news was that because of severe unemployment on



Gary Johnson, left, treasurer; Ralph Watts, president; and Rob Lloyd, secretary, pose for photo after they were re-elected for five more years of leadership.

the islands, tithe, which he called “the engine that drives the work of the church,” had declined steadily. The good financial news was as a result of cost-cutting measures — including closing the Adventist Book Center — both reserves and liquidity had improved to well over denominational requirements. In the next five years, he hopes to see: increased tithe, increased school enrollment, improvements in the Kahili Mountain Park business model, and possibly a new academy.

In his closing remarks, Watts referred to the “Each One Reach One” campaign. He urged delegates to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit and to make a renewed effort to reach every resident on the islands with the three angels messages.

Ralph Watts, blue shirt, talks with Pastor Frank and Christine Loi about the new Chinese/Vietnamese church in Honolulu.



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Anaheim Pastor Reflects on SDA Hymnal's 25 Years

Enno Müller

A quarter of a century ago, at the General Conference session in 1985, the current church hymnal was introduced. It was an exciting day, especially as 35,000 members sang the new hymn “Christ the Lord, All Power Possessing” in the New Orleans Superdome.

The *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* was published to replace the *Church Hymnal*, which was more than 40 years old. Merle Whitney, pastor of the Anaheim church, was one of the key people in creating the hymnal. I sat down with him to find out more about the process.

Enno Müller: *What qualifications did you have to join the committee that prepared the new hymnal?*

Merle Whitney: I was the only full-time pastor on the committee. I also had just finished my Doctor of Ministry (1979) from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. I did my doctoral project on music and worship within the Adventist Church and included a chapter with suggestions for a new hymnal. I sent a copy of my dissertation to the General Conference music department. A few years later, I was asked to join the hymnal committee.

EM: *Had you been aware that a new hymnal was being discussed within the church?*

MW: I had heard rumors about a new hymnal, but that the committee had not yet been formed. Many Adventist musicians were strongly

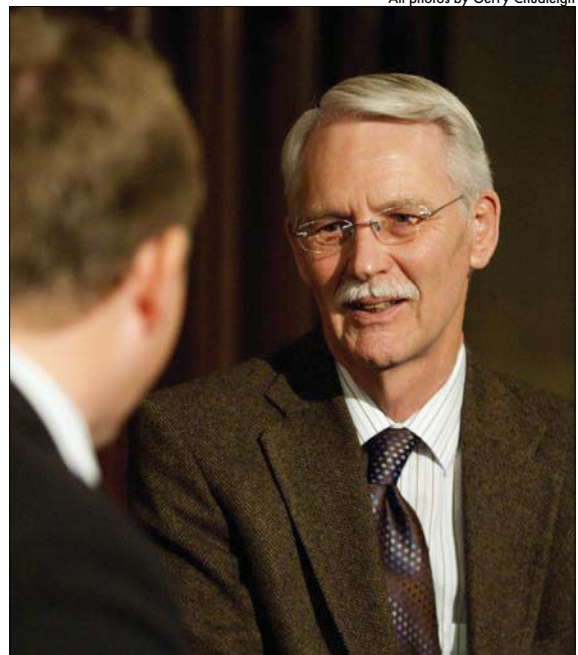
recommending and hoping a new hymnal would be created.

EM: *What was the mood of the committee?*

MW: Everyone on the committee was excited about the prospects of a new hymnal, because it had been over 40 years since the last one. There were many new hymns. We were given different hymnals from other denominations. I played through every single hymn of *The Worshipbook*, which was the Presbyterian hymnal of the time. I wanted to see what was in theirs and recommend hymns I thought should belong in our hymnal. There were at least six other hymnals that we, as a committee, were comparing ours to.

EM: *Was it important and useful to compare hymnals?*

MW: Yes, because it gave us a feel of what was current and what new hymns had been written. It also helped us to know what authors and composers we should look at. We started our committee work with over 3,000 hymns and knew that we could only keep around 700. There were surveys passed out to pastors to find out which hymns should be kept from the old



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Enno Müller listens to Merle Whitney's stories about working on the hymnal committee.

hymnal. And regardless of use, early Advent hymns were preserved and some added because of their historical value.

EM: *How did the meetings/committees work?*

MW: We met two to three times a year for three years. Between meetings we did a lot of homework. We normally met for three days in a row. It was necessary to have blocks of time like that. We would have the general meetings first, and then we broke into subcommittees.

There were four subcommittees. The text committee tried to find the best text. It checked the theology and changed wording to



meet Adventist theology. The tunes committee would find tunes to match the text. The worship materials committee created the Scripture readings. And finally there was the index and organizing committee that created the flow found in the hymnal.

We probably spent two-thirds of our time in our subcommittees. When we came back to meeting at large, each subcommittee would report on their work.

I was in charge of the worship materials subcommittee. The group voted on the Scripture readings, calls to worship, words of assurance and benedictions. I also wrote all the introductions for the sections. This part was new, since the old hymnal just had responsive readings.

EM: *What were the thoughts in creating the new sections?*

MW: As a pastor in charge of weekly worship, I was convinced there was a lot more that we could do than responsive readings. There were different areas that could be elevated in our worship service. I felt that we could use Scripture in a much more powerful way in worship. The Scripture readings were tripled in number from the old hymnal in order to have adequate choices for all the hymn topics, particularly in the area of praise and adoration.

EM: *What are some memories of the committee that still stand out in your mind?*

MW: The cohesiveness of the committee was outstanding. It was just really exciting to come to the committee meeting and to catch up with each other and to find out what hymns the others had discovered. As a committee, we worshipped together as we read the texts and sang the tunes. It was not a mechanical meeting, but we

genuinely worshipped as we went through the hymns.

There is a hymn entitled “Rise Up, O Church of God.” The original words beginning the four stanzas were “Rise up, O men of God.” The committee felt this was too exclusive. They did not want it to say “men” all the way through. So Otilie Stafford, an English professor, went back to her room that night and revised the text to “men of God,” “youth,” “women” and “church of God” to include everyone. And then we all sang it this way the next day. We were very excited about it.

EM: *What kind of work goes into writing a hymnal?*

MW: I don’t know how to answer that. I can answer for my own part that I spent the equivalent of probably three months of full-time work on my section alone.

EM: *Is it time to write a new hymnal?*

MW: Given the use of the Internet and video projectors in worship and the rapid turnover in praise and worship music, it’s hard to say.

The entire Christian music genre is much more commercially driven than hymn writing used to be. Many of the songs that are written today only last a few months.

EM: *In your current church assignment, how important is the hymnal and music?*

MW: We make significant use of the hymnal. My members every so often complain about using unknown hymns, yet I like to use hymns that specifically complement and enhance the message. Most of the time we sing at least two hymns. Before we got a screen, we sang three hymns. Now that we have a praise team, we use more recent songs for the gathering time, and we use hymns for the morning hymn/hymn of praise and for the hymn of response.

I think of music as a vital aspect of worship. There is a depth and meaning in the well-written hymns that cannot be duplicated by other means. Music reaches parts of our being and raises adoration and supplication to God in ways that words alone cannot.

Merle Whitney has a collection of hymnals, including *The Church Hymnal*, *Christ in Song*, *Hymns and Tunes*, and the current *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*. On his copy of the new hymnal is printed “One of the first 100! May 15, 1985.”





Second Calimesa Mission Team Ministers in Honduras

Jocelyn Fay

Thirty-four Calimesa church members spent March 21 to 28 on a mission trip in Roatán, Honduras. This is the second year the church has sent members to Roatán, the largest of Honduras’s Bay Islands.

The volunteers were divided into teams to provide medical and dental services, conduct children’s ministry activities and help improve the facilities there. Two associate pastors, Saúl Barcelo and Isaac Kim, accompanied them. They ministered to residents of Diamond Rock and the next-door town of Camp Bay, according to Barcelo.

Members of the medical team saw approximately 250 patients this year, ranging from infants to seniors, according to Sarah Giang, a physician.

“We did health screening, provided health education and treated



Chris Church, a physician, screens patients at the medical clinic.

a variety of medical conditions,” Giang reported.

“Another activity that the medical team was involved with again this year was providing continuing education for the physicians on the island,” Giang continued. “It was a good opportunity for us to interact and learn more about some of the medical conditions that are seen on Roatán and be able to provide information that will help the physicians there as they continue to provide care for the patients.”

The eight-member dental team served about 220 people. Using portable dental units they had taken with them from California, they cleaned teeth, removed abscessed or broken teeth, and restored decayed teeth.

Members of the facility improvement team did some electrical work and completed an interior painting project at the Adventist church in Diamond Rock. They also constructed a water tower to collect rainwater to flush the toilets in the Camp Bay School’s restrooms.

An average of 80 children attended the nightly “Power Up” meetings. The series, according to

the leader, Stephanie Church, “featured stories, activities and crafts reinforcing the things Jesus can help us ‘power up’ to do: be brave, be thankful, help others, live forever, and tell others about Him.”

Crystal Kandoll, a nurse on the medical team, reported that she didn’t know what to expect when she arrived in Diamond Rock.

“I quickly found and enjoyed my role in helping to take vital signs, check blood sugars, [give] vision tests, and attempting to talk to people with my limited Spanish,” she reported. When the number of medical patients tapered off in the afternoon, she assisted the dentists by holding children who needed to have their teeth extracted. Evenings she helped with children’s ministries.

“It never ceased to surprise me how excited these kids were, even though many of them had their teeth pulled just hours before,” Kandoll continued. “They didn’t stop to cry or complain about the pain in their mouth. Instead, they showed up at the church, maybe out of curiosity, to see what we were doing and maybe to learn about Jesus. It is my prayer, whatever their reason for attending, that these precious children saw the face of Jesus and that they will remember Him long after we have left the island and our presence is forgotten.”

JJ Lao, Alex Roddy, Michael Davidson, and Liam Davidson construct a water tower. The rainwater collected in it will flush toilets at the Camp Bay School.





Sharing Saving Grace: Quiet Hour Ministries Celebrates Evangelism Success

Steve Hamstra

Involving young people in evangelism is always something to celebrate. At an Ambassadors of Hope and board meeting weekend held April 16-18 in Temecula, Calif., Quiet Hour Ministries announced a strong increase in youth mission trip participation and shared numerous mission stories.



Students from Highland Academy sift dirt for making concrete during the Youth Mission Adventure mission trip to Isla Las Cañas, Panama.

Despite the recent economic uncertainty, a record 304 college students and 217 Youth Mission Adventure teenagers participated in QHM evangelism and service mission trips in 19 countries during 2009. They were involved in construction projects, health clinics, children's programs and evangelistic meetings.

Ambassadors of Hope attendees received a firsthand report from

YMA leaders Joedy and Judy Melashenko, who had just returned from a YMA mission trip to Panama. The Adventist congregation in Isla Las Cañas, Panama, worshipped in an open-air structure. Over the course of eight weeks, some 90 students and staff from Indiana Academy, Highland Academy and Collegedale Academy built a brand-new sturdy brick church, something the impoverished community could never afford. They worked in hot and humid conditions, slept in the open air — and even got by without Internet access.

“These were the nicest kids,” Joedy told the attendees, going on to describe the attitude of service the young people had.

Charlene West, QHM director for evangelism, gave a detailed report about the college stu-

dent evangelism projects. Many of these projects were held in Latin America, although college students also served in five African countries as well as Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. These trips bring college students to the front line of worldwide evangelism as they lead their own evangelistic series. West was moved to tears describing some of the letters she had received from college student participants.

West's mission report also revealed that some 315 people of all ages participated in QHM's lay evangelism trips last year. And a total of 37 countries were reached by QHM during 2009.

The Ambassadors of Hope weekend, featuring guest speaker José Rojas, was attended by 135 people, an increase of more than a third over 2009. Over the course of the weekend, donations totaling \$100,900 were pledged to QHM.

“The generosity of our supporters during the Ambassadors of Hope weekend was truly outstanding,” said Bill Tucker, QHM president and speaker. “We cannot thank them enough, and we praise God for their partnership with us.”

Concluding the weekend was the QHM annual board meeting, which saw some significant changes. This is an election year for the QHM board, and it also marked a reorganization of the body itself, with the number of members reduced from 20 to 14. QHM officers were also elected with president and speaker Bill Tucker, CEO Michael Porter and CFO Randy Bates all asked to continue their service.

In addition, a new advisory council was formed to provide greater constituent representation within QHM leadership and also to supply broader input on strategic issues. Some 18 individuals comprise the advisory council.



Delgado Turns from Organized Crime to Jesus

Caron Oswald

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In his past life, Jude Delgado’s* responsibility was to get things done. As a successful employee in an organized crime business, the pay and benefits were very, very good, and he made certain to excel in his profession.

Early on in his career, he hit a major speed bump — seven years in prison, which he describes as a university with a broad and varied curriculum. It was life-changing and beneficial, like making new friends and learning new skills.

“On the inside, I learned, among other things, computer skills. My knowledge was so vast that I was able to teach at a local technical school when I was released from prison,” he says.

A friend from tech school hooked him up with a law firm, where he worked for next 17 years. “I used a lot of their resources to help find people,” Delgado explains. He learned violent acts and torture techniques from some of his old prison friends.

Back in the organized crime business, Delgado’s new responsibility was finding people that owed the “business” money. He had decided to specialize in the “least violent section” — collections for loan sharks.

Crime and Bible Studies

“Being involved in organized crime or with any organized criminal activity, it is a given that you are going to hell. Once you are down that road, there is no turning back. In the meantime, while you are earning your pay, you enjoy the life and perks that naturally come with the job,” Delgado explains.

He had never been a Christian. “My family shunned me because I had disgraced them. And I had to divorce myself from them to keep them safe,” he says.

A Christian couple he knew was constantly inviting him to events and services at church. “I kept putting them off. Interestingly, they never chose not to be my friend. I knew that they were heaven sent, because any-

Jude Delgado, once a contractor for organized crime, now gets things done for Jesus.



one else would have given up on me a long time ago,” he says.

Finally, he ran out of reasons to say no. “I saw something I’d never seen before. I felt like a wolf among sheep and knew in my heart that I had no business being here,” he says.

So here I am, confused at what to do.

“Who do these people think they are,” he thought about their strange behavior. The way they carried themselves, the absence of foul language, even the children seemed from another world.

To make matters worse, his friends were not there when he arrived. Angry, he tried to leave. In the criminal world, being late was unacceptable and a serious breach of protocol. “No, don’t leave. They are in the parking lot,” a church member said.

“I was determined to blow them off. But my anger dissipated when my friend arrived, because she held my hand, smiled and said, ‘You made it!’ I stayed.”

The following week he was back. “The Sunday sermon was about the prodigal son. It felt like the pastor was talking to me,” he remembers. After worship, his friends introduced Delgado to the pastor, who led him through the sinner’s prayer for accepting Jesus as his Savior.

It felt forced, and nothing seemed to change. He continued his life of crime and his regular Bible studies with his friends. “I would lose face if I didn’t show up,” he explains.

Meeting the Family

Then his nieces arrived to live with him and attend college. “It was a very difficult transition, so foreign to me,” he says. “I had always, for

obvious reasons, lived alone, but with my nieces now with me, I soon began to love and care for them. I had never felt that before.”

He could see the impact of his lifestyle on his nieces. They enjoyed arriving at a packed club in luxury vehicles and being ushered in like

celebrities. The upscale home, the cars, restaurants, lavish expense accounts for clothes and travel were easy to get used to. He became scared for them.

Plagued with guilt, he went to a priest and told him all about his life and crimes. The priest offered him no hope. “He told me that God could not forgive me because my sins were just too atrocious.” Discouraged, he became more aggressive in “serving Satan,” but still continued Bible studies with his friends.

The Last Straw

It was a collection assignment that was his final straw. “There are rules,” Delgado says. “You never involve the family. But this client was using his young daughter as a human shield to protect himself from me.”

“So here I am, for the first time in my life, confused at what to do. This little girl with tears running down her cheeks begging me not to harm her scum of the earth dad was

keeping me at bay. All the bravado, all the machismo, in that crucial moment — gone. I didn’t want to do this anymore.”

He walked away. “I was a subcontractor, not a member of the family,” he explains. And he got serious about studying the Bible. “Early one Saturday morning he thought, ‘Are you sure you are doing everything right?’ Once I gave myself to Christ, I wanted in all the way.”

Opening his Bible to Exodus 20, he discovered the fourth commandment. When his friends were not able to biblically explain the reason for Sunday worship, he went searching for a Sabbath-keeping congregation. Watching a Doug Batchelor series on television brought him to an Adventist church.

“The first question I asked was about 1844,” Delgado remembers.

“There are other truths I’d like to share with you,” was the pastor’s response. Bible studies began immediately.

Soon Delgado’s nieces were studying too. All are now baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jude Delgado’s job is still to get things done and finding people.

“I work for God now. He uses me to reach out to other people,” he says about his door-to-door work with a local church Bible worker.

“I don’t want to represent Him in anyway that would not bring honor to Him. Being saved is just not a word, it is an experience.”

**For his protection, this is an alias.*

“Being involved in organized crime or with any organized criminal activity, it is a given that you are going to hell. Once you are down that road, there is no turning back.” Or so he thought.

130th Soquel Camp Meeting

July 15-24, 2010

His Word My Strength

Opening Weekend — July 16 & 17

Opening Night



Since he was 23-years-old, **David Asscherick** has preached the Good News of salvation all over the world. That was 13 years ago after reading *The Great Controversy* and becoming a Christian. His high energy presentations keep his listeners on the edge of their seats and make him a favorite with young adults and seniors alike. He and the ARISE evangelistic training school team now live in Sonora with their families, teaching and training people from around the world (and in Central, too) how to share Jesus.



Rudy Micelli

July 17 – 3:00 p.m.
Concert

Main Auditorium



Ron Smith, executive secretary of the Southern Union, is described as someone who is used by the Holy Spirit to deeply move hearts. He has served his Lord full-time for more than 37 years as a pastor, a vice president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and editor-in-chief of *Message Magazine*. Along the way he earned two doctoral degrees, one in ministry and one in psychology. Yet, he humbly admits that he is nothing without God and he has the scars and powerful testimony to prove it.



Revelation of Hope

July 24 – 3:00 p.m.
Concert

Spanish Tent



Pastor Jose Esposito grew up in a family of missionaries. As an adult, he has carried the torch for winning people for Christ and preparing the church for Jesus' return. Currently he is the Hispanic Ministries director and associate for Pastoral Ministries for the Potomac Conference. He has spent more than 20 years serving his Lord as a pastor, evangelist, ADRA director, Home and Family Ministries director.

Closing Weekend — July 23 & 24

Main Auditorium



Dwight Nelson is a dynamic speaker with a unique ability for preaching with clarity, understanding and relevance. He has a lot of practice, as his congregation is filled with collegiate students and professors. Since 1983 he has served as senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church located on the campus of Andrews University. He is also the speaker of a weekly radio and television program "New Perceptions," host of the television program "The Evidence," and an author of 10 books including *Creation and Evolution*, *Outrageous Grace*, and his latest book, *Pursuing the Passion of Jesus*.

Spanish Tent & Main Auditorium – July 22-24



Jose Rojas serves as director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division. Whether working with American's Promise Alliance, founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell, assisting two U.S. presidents with domestic policy initiatives for humanitarian leadership, or growing a volunteer database of more than 70,000 Adventist young people and adults, Jose believes that the fulfillment of *Joel 2:28* has come. One of Central's own, he is a Monterey Bay Academy graduate and served as a pastor and youth leader in CCC. He will share his time between the Spanish Tent and the Main Auditorium.

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Work Witness Leads Seeker Back to Jesus

Caron Oswald



Anyone who meets Lisa Manzanares, 21, soon learns how much she loves Jesus. But six years ago, it was a very different story. “I woke up one morning one way, and the next day I woke up and everything was bad,” she says.

Because of her huge disappointment in her Pentecostal pastor’s behavior, the 16-year-old stopped going to church. “I lost my trust in anything,” Manzanares says. She chose partying to fill the spiritual void. “My life was a landslide of disaster. It is really hard when you don’t have God. You need some other kind of mechanisms.”

At the time, she lived in Arizona with her blended family and needed a job. She was hired by In-N-Out Burger. “I spent the next two and one-half years traveling.” A four-month training class brought her to the Bay Area. “Life was very empty,” she says.

It was her placement in Fresno, Calif., that set her spiritual search in motion. Her grandmother lived there in a family-owned house. But when her grandmother went out of town for three months, Lisa fell into a deep depression. “Where am I from? Why am I here? Where am I going?” she kept asking herself.

“Enough!” she thought, and started visiting churches. “I wanted to really study the Bible, and it seemed like not very many people did that.”

A Co-Worker

At work, Manzanares shared her church seeking adventures with Joshua Fontinilla, a co-worker who was an Adventist. She was amazed by how much he knew about the Bible. “Every question I asked, he had multiple answers,” she says.

One night, Fontinilla said, “You know, we need to actually have a

Bible study.” They headed to Starbucks and studied for three hours.

When he invited her to church, she agreed, but was very judgmental. “By then I wasn’t expecting much after all I had heard and seen,” she says.

“On my first Sabbath, I was introduced to about 50 people,” she explains. “And I never felt like the sermon was being preached at me, but for me. It was something solid.” She asked her boss for Sabbaths off, and he agreed.

When she learned that Fontinilla was moving to Santa Cruz, she met Kristen Hoover, a church member, that offered to continue to study with her. Between schedules — Hoover was the librarian at Fresno Adventist Academy — the only time of day that worked for both was 7:30 a.m. Sometimes they met five times a week.

Manzanares was baptized Jan. 30. Her enthusiasm for Jesus is difficult to resist. She successfully invites others to church, including her manager, co-workers and college friends. And she is giving Bible studies with several new friends — Fresno State students she met going door-to-door on Sabbath. Recently, she handed out 4,000 GLOW literature tracts in just one week.

“My life has changed so much. I am so grateful for peace. I was always so stressed out, but now I am able to trust God and relax. I never realized that God is so loving. He really cares. God is huge!”

Lisa Manzanares (third from right) invites everyone she knows to join her at her Clovis, Calif., church. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mark and Kristen Hoover, Frankie Silva, Manzanares, her brother Joey Manzaneres, and Nia Gregly. Kristen Hoover gave Manzanares Bible studies, Silva and Gregly are Fresno State students taking Bible studies from Manzanares and Hoover. Joey is also studying for baptism.





Lodi-Fairmont Homecoming Celebrates 105 Years

Joyce Aaby Conner and Darlene Viall

On March 12 and 13, hundreds of people gathered for the Fairmont-Hilborn church homecoming to celebrate 105 years since the first official meeting of a group of German Adventists who established a church in Lodi. That group led to the construction of the Hilborn church in 1922. The homecoming also celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the current church structure on South Fairmont Avenue.

The weekend began Friday evening when George Knight, Andrews University emeritus professor of church history, gave the first of a three-part series detailing the growth of the Adventist church in North America. Knight also spoke for the worship service and on Sabbath evening.

A highlight of the weekend was the return of several former pastors who reminisced about memories and miracles during their time in Lodi. Edward Koenig, the first pastor of the Fairmont church from 1959-69, spoke Friday evening and

was followed at subsequent services by Ralph S. Watts, III, and Ron Carlson.

“I was thrilled to see Elder Koenig and many other former pastors,” said church member Lyda Schimke.

Some who began their membership at Hilborn are still attending members at Fairmont, including the oldest member Edward Ensinger, now 99. Also present was Sadie Jauch, now 103, who began attending at the location on Lodi Avenue before the Hilborn church was built.

“It was a joy to see so many people attending — many I hadn’t seen for a long time,” said long-time member Edgar Mertz.

Jack Gilliland led the Sabbath School program, which began with a traditional song service accompanied by a replica of the Hilborn church orchestra. Henry Niemann brought back memories of the days when services were conducted in German with his harmonica rendition of “Gott ist die Liebe.” Marlene Dollinger Adams, daughter of Pastor J. J. Dollinger, who spearheaded the inception of the Fairmont church, shared memories of the 1950s. And a plaque was presented to



The Fairmont Ladies Trio, Lyda Schimke, Tammie Rich and Doris Batch, have been a favorite for 40 plus years.

Nancy Axt Creiter, whose father Art Axt died accidentally during the construction of the church.

Overall homecoming coordinator Effie Reiswig and Fairmont Senior Pastor Bill McVay introduced the worship service, followed by a welcome and roll call led by past and current Fairmont senior pastors. After church, Ken and Diane Heffel and friends hosted a meal for more than 600 in the church fellowship hall.

The weekend’s music coordinator, Marilyn Kiesz-Carr, provided opportunities for members to enjoy a number of musical selections during the homecoming, including a Sabbath afternoon concert, which featured the Wedgewood Trio.

McVay summed up the feelings of many: “This weekend was a wonderful time of fellowship and renewing of acquaintances as a reminder of our unique calling and destiny as Seventh-day Adventists actively watching for the coming of our Lord.”



BELOW: Hilda Niemann greets Ruby and Wilbert Henneberg at the Sabbath luncheon.



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ABOVE: Long time members John and Irene Keszler anticipate the all-day Sabbath activities.



Camino Church Thanks Teacher with Chimes

Julie Lorenz

Denial and Leo Barr



EAS music teacher Carmen Swigart reacts as Elaine Larsen plays the chimes behind her. Camino church Pastor Craig Klatt and the rest of the church enjoyed the surprise.

When the Camino church decided to present a gift of appreciation to the local church school's music teacher, they expressed their gratitude with chimes.

Echo Ridge Adventist School teacher Carmen Swigart had wished for a set of tubular bells (or chimes), but she thought it was an unrealistic hope.

"Just in passing I've looked into the possibility of getting tubular chimes, but they're just so expensive," she said. "[I thought] our school is small, we have other concerns ... We can get by without them." And she had for the seven years that she has taught at EAS.

Camino church secretary Elaine Larsen plays the piano for Swigart's lower grade school choir, and she sees first hand all the work that the teacher puts in at the school, instructing students from kindergarten through 12th grade, including classroom music, band, choir and hand bells.

In January, "I got to thinking that it would be nice to do something special for Carmen for all the hard work she does in preparing the students for their music presentations," said Larsen. Right away, she thought of chimes. She enlisted the help of her husband, Earl, and her brother, Bob Overton, to make the idea a reality.

The three discovered that new chimes would cost at least \$5,000, "so eBay became our second focus," she said. They located a used set online, but it wasn't in very good condition.

"After lots of prayer, a different set of chimes became available that looked almost brand new for the same price as the first set," said Elaine Larsen. "The only drawback was someone had to go to Salem, Oregon, to pick them up." Earl Larsen and Overton made the round trip in two days.

"The Lord really led in the search and in fulfilling this project," said Camino church Pastor Craig Klatt. "It wound up being a source of great delight to us as a church."

"We just appreciate Mrs. Swigart so much, taking on such an enormous job of teaching music to all the kids in the school and steadily year by year bringing up the school to a higher level," said Camino church Pastor Craig Klatt.

On Sabbath, Feb. 20, Swigart's seventh and eighth grade hand bell choir performed at the Camino church. After their presentation, Klatt called Swigart to the microphone. While he was interviewing her and expressing appreciation for her work, the chimes were rolled out behind them, and Elaine Larsen struck some notes.

When Swigart heard the sound of chimes behind her, she turned around — completely surprised. "I couldn't believe it!" she said.

"She was totally blown away," said Klatt. "The church really had fun, and it was neat to surprise her."

"The kids have been thrilled that the church thought enough about us to do this," said Swigart.

Swigart says she is grateful for the support of both the school's constituent churches. "Both the Camino and Placerville churches are very, very supportive of our school. That's one reason our enrollment is going up. The support of the community and the pastors is just wonderful."

Elaine Larsen





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Save the date

- **Willie Johnson, Jr.**, Pastor, Oakland-Elmhurst Adventist Church
- **Jack Pefley**, Conference Evangelist
- **Alan Reinach and Ed Fergusson**, Church State Council

There will also be many seminars on a variety of topics, including equipping laity for evangelism, family life, health, prayer, religious liberty, and trust services. Also, don't miss the building of the Maranatha "One-Day Church" Redwood Camp Meeting Prayer Chapel on Friday, July 23. The chapel will then be dedicated on Sabbath, July 24.



"Redwood Camp Meeting has a way of recharging my spiritual batteries each year." - Jared (on Facebook)

"I have been attending camp meeting for 20 years now . . . I always leave feeling completely rejuvenated and wishing it never had to end!" - Katie (on Facebook)

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Local Church Camp Meetings

Delta Camp Meeting
June 18-June 26
(all evenings and Sabbath mornings)

"All About Jesus" revival seminar, with Lee and Marji Venden

Lodi-Fairmont Church, 730 S. Fairmont Ave., Lodi
For more information about the event or RV parking, call the church office: 209-334-1844.

Lassen Creek Camp Meeting
June 24-27 (beginning the 24th at 6 p.m.)

Presenters include Owen Bandy, Calistoga church pastor; Bruce Blum, Far Northeast district pastor; and Linda McConnell, lifestyle consultant

For information and directions, visit lassencreek.wordpress.com, or leave a message at the Alturas church: 530-233-5777.



NCC Choral Festival Features 611 Voice Choir

Coreen Hicks

Six hundred eleven students from 15 Northern California Conference schools joined together to participate in the bi-annual NCC choral festival, held March 4-6. Lodi Adventist Elementary hosted this year's festival, and the final choral performance was held at the Lodi-Fairmont church.

The choir clinician was Elizabeth Waterbury, an instructor of vocal and choral music at Shasta College and a recipient of the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education. Lodi Adventist Elementary music teacher Claudia Trenchuck coordinated the event, working with a team of parent, church and school volunteers.

"The clinician was extremely engaging and knowledgeable, keeping my kids focused even though some of the pieces were quite challenging," said Diana Hardin,

The choral festival was a positive musical experience for hundreds of NCC students.

Redding Adventist Academy music teacher. "The organization of this event was unbelievable, given the record number of kids in attendance. Claudia did an incredible job."

After learning the songs and practicing on their school campuses, the junior high students came together at the church on Thursday for a full-day group rehearsal (and a lunch complete with a special dessert). The next day, the high school students did the same.

The choirs traveled from as far as Redding, Ukiah, Chico, Paradise, Auburn and the surrounding Napa Valley areas, and they came from as close by as Pleasant Hill, Antioch, Placerville and Sacramento. Music teachers Tim Hansen (Paradise Adventist Academy), John Osio (Pine Hills Adventist Academy) and Michael Spencer (Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy) provided piano accompaniment.

On Sabbath afternoon, junior and senior high students came together at 3:30 p.m. to practice the two songs they were to perform as a combined choir in the program. The festival concert began at 5 p.m.

The students' voices filled the church with exuberance as they sang works by artists such as Shaw, Tindley and Hayes. The singers stood shoulder to shoulder, filling the front of the church and spilling into the surrounding areas. Family and friends packed the church to overflowing, including the balcony,



NCC school music teachers stand with Dr. Elizabeth Waterbury, the choral festival's clinician (seated). "The clinician achieved the right balance between stern taskmaster and gracious teacher, and the organization of the event was superb," said Glenda Purdy, Redwood Adventist Academy music teacher.

with additional onlookers standing at the back.

"This was the first time that our school participated, and my students thought it was a wonderful musical experience," said Ruth Wright, music teacher at Hilltop Christian School. "They enjoyed all the songs, but their favorite was 'With a Voice of Singing.'"

"Choir festival this year was a truly awesome experience for my students. I told them that they owed themselves the experience of singing in a huge choir, and they said I was right," said Redwood Adventist Academy music teacher Glenda Purdy. "They really enjoyed singing many of the songs, including 'Kyrie' and 'Storm is Passing Over.' One of the phrases that I hear the most was: 'That wasn't long enough!'"



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Camp Yavapines Museum Houses Frank Sherrill's Collections

Phil Draper

The Camp Yavapines Museum is an often-overlooked location filled with treasures obtained and professionally catalogued by former Arizona Conference President Frank Sherrill. This extensive collection has been accumulated through years of international travel and includes many artifacts native to Arizona.

The Arizona Conference Executive Committee was recently presented with an option to either continue housing the museum on-site or to transfer the contents to an Adventist university. It was voted unanimously to retain the museum as a part of the Camp Yavapines experience and to advertise it prior to the upcoming camp and camp meeting seasons.

A delegation met at the museum with Sherrill and listened as he recounted stories of his collection. His gift is a legacy that he wants Arizona constituents to enjoy as he has through the years.

Sherrill's collection began decades ago when he acquired the collection of another man named Martin Murray.

"Back in 1974," explained Sherrill, "one of my first appointments for the conference was in Nogales, where Will Degereti was pastor. Someone told him that I collected rocks, and he mentioned a fellow in Patagonia who had a nice rock collection. I said I'd like to see it. So we drove out to see Martin Murray. He was not a member

of our church, but his wife was. Murray was genuinely thrilled that somebody would like to see his collection.

"As he showed all the many things he had accumulated as he'd traveled all over the world in the Navy, I was impressed. He showed us things he had never shown anybody else. There were secret places in his bookcase. I really felt honored that he would share all these things with me.

"When I asked Murray what he planned to do with all this collection, he stated that he would like to give it to a museum. I didn't know of any museum at our universities then, so I started selling him on the idea of a museum at our youth camp.

"I remember looking him straight in the eye and told him that if we would build a suitable building at Camp Yavapines at Prescott, and make it quite a nice building with such amenities as carpet on the floor and display cabinets, would he consider giving this to the Arizona Conference?"

Murray's response: "I'd be delighted!"

Not too long after that visit, Dr. Delmar Mock at Patagonia called Sherrill with the news that Murray was gravely ill. "Frank, if you want this collection that Martin Murray had, you'd better come and get it. I just checked him in the

hospital in Tucson. He will not leave the hospital."

The collection was moved to the conference office warehouse until a suitable museum could be built. During the interim, an arsonist set a fire in the warehouse, but it didn't touch the collection nor was there any smoke damage. In the meantime, Sherrill continued collecting things as he traveled the world for work and pleasure.

"When you put time and energy into a project like this," he said, "you want somebody to appreciate it. I'm delighted that it is going to stay here in Arizona — as long as people are going to see it."

Sherrill hopes many people will visit the Camp Yavapines museum this summer and that the artifacts he's treasured for so long will bring blessings and joy to the many friends he made while serving as Arizona Conference president from 1974 to 1988.

Sherrill shows current President Tony Anobile, left, some of the artifacts he has collected and catalogued.



Phil Draper

La Sierra Professor Points Way To Teaching Excellence

Darla Martin Tucker

While columnists and pundits discuss the implications of national education reform efforts such as the current “Race to the Top” initiative, Sandra Balli, associate professor of curriculum and instruction in La Sierra University’s School of Education, cuts to the heart of the matter in her book about what makes an excellent teacher.

Balli’s 180-page volume titled *Making a Difference in the Classroom: Strategies that Connect with Students* uses touching and sometimes humorous student anecdotes to detail the makeup of exemplary teachers. Balli based her writing on the qualitative analysis of essays completed by 148 students, who wrote about an episode from their elementary, high school or early college years describing how a teacher in their academic experience demonstrated excellence. Balli’s analysis of the students’ answers turned up four key ideas underlying the essence of excellence:

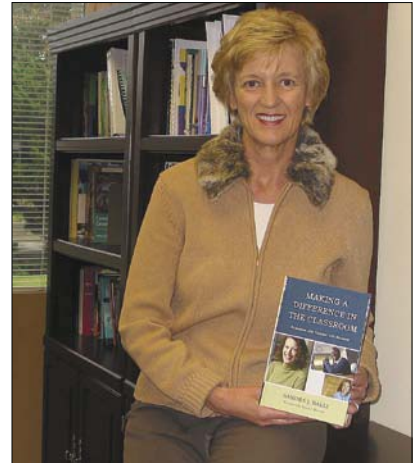
- Excellent teachers permeate the classroom with energy and joy and refuse to take irritations too personally or themselves too seriously;
- Excellent teachers are caring and nourish students unconditionally, including those who don’t reciprocate;
- Excellent teachers are responsible and steadfast in lesson preparation — they don’t wing it;

- Excellent teachers are serious about learning, have high expectations for all students and believe all students can learn, traveling in the trenches with each student in the process.

“These were students who wanted to be teachers,” said Balli of the students who wrote the essays. “My interest in teaching excellence was from the perspective of the students, so I was looking for the qualities and instructional strategies that make a teacher excellent. I was not so much looking for the popular teachers, but for teachers who really impacted student learning and their potential.”

Her book covers the full gamut of issues teachers face daily in the classroom, with 13 chapters on such topics as “Respect,” “Teacher-Student Friendships,” “Teaching Styles,” and “Classroom Management.” The chapter on “High Expectations” includes a vignette from a student named Jade who wrote that her former chemistry teacher “was the teacher everyone hated, including me. It wasn’t until college that I grew to appreciate and respect her. She accepted no excuse for less than our best. She had high expectations for every student. ... She patiently re-taught material when needed and remained available for extra help.”

Teachers have at their disposal “clear cut pathways” along the journey toward excellence, Balli writes.



Sandra Balli’s book *Making a Difference in the Classroom* reveals the details of how teachers can bring a higher level of excellence to their classrooms.

“Among them are conferring with trusted colleagues who also strive, journaling at the end of a teaching day, reading the collective wisdom of research and practice, participating in the community, attending meaningful conferences, and amending classroom strategies.” She concludes that the pursuit of excellence is a journey “with a destination, but no final stopping point.”

The book contains a four-page foreword by David C. Berliner, Regents’ Professor at the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education, Arizona State University. Berliner, an acclaimed author and educational psychologist, writes: Balli “reminds us that school should not be thought of as preparation for life, but is, in fact, life itself. I think that Sandy Balli has nailed it. Her advice and tutorials are compatible with the research on teacher expertise but much more vivid and lively because she knows classroom life so well.”



Adventist Health Creatively Collaborates for Success

Shawna Malvini

In large organizations, it's not uncommon for partnerships to emerge between coworkers, departments and even external organizations. At Adventist Health, it's not uncommon for those partnerships to generate amazing outcomes for the community.

Dreams Come True in East L.A.

Martha Romero grew up in housing projects near White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles. By the time she graduated from high school, she saw more than 20 friends and family members die in gang-related shootings. Her 2-year-old son's father, home on leave from the Marines, was killed in a drive-by shooting. Romero found respite in the Rio Hondo College

WMMC nurse Martha Romero won the Hospital Association of Southern California HASC Hero award for her outstanding caregiving. Romero is a graduate of the Rio Hondo College Nursing Program.



Nursing Program, but she and her family struggled emotionally and financially.

The turning point in her life was being awarded a scholarship through the White Memorial Medical Center/TELACU/Rio Hondo College partnership program, which paid for school and supplies. Romero graduated in 2007 and is now giving back to the community as a Spanish-speaking nurse at WMMC.

Romero is a role model not only among her fellow nurses, but for young women throughout the community. In November 2009, she was honored by the Hospital Association of Southern California with a HASC Hero award, for outstanding achievements. The award, given to nine caregivers from Southern California each year, honors those who represent their hospital's unique mission and values with outstanding contributions that directly impact patient care.

To date, the WMMC/TELACU/Rio Hondo College partnership program has provided scholarships that have allowed 85 Rio Hondo College students to become nurses. When students graduate and pass their nursing licensing exam, they're guaranteed a job at WMMC and begin as nursing residents in the White Memorial Nursing Residency Program. The program boasts 18 weeks of hands-on patient care training that helps nursing graduates transition into the clinical

environment. It provides preceptors and mentors, and new nurses establish relationships, build trust and receive support.

Partnership Improves Cancer Care in the Napa Valley

St. Helena Hospital's Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center and the University of California-San Francisco Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center are working together to provide North Bay patients access to clinical research trials and express referrals to cancer specialists through a convenient Napa Valley location.

The affiliation, initially set for five years, enhances Martin-O'Neil Cancer Center's services by providing access to a comprehensive array of services available at the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center — one of the nation's largest clinical and research cancer programs. The overarching goal of the UCSF collaboration is to improve access to high quality, evidence-based care for patients throughout the North Bay.

As part of the collaboration, physicians from SHH will have the opportunity to review select cases at the UCSF interdisciplinary tumor boards to determine the best course of treatment and assure patient access to the most advanced therapies. SHH physicians also will receive current information on UCSF's cancer clinical trials and plans are underway to have a designated



liaison to facilitate enrollment of appropriate patients into UCSF trials. In addition, the two organizations will work together to develop a symposium on cancer prevention and treatment for consumers and physicians in the Napa Valley.

Gold Country Cancer Care Benefits from Cooperation

Feather River Hospital's Cancer Center recently was accepted by Stanford Medical Center to participate in state-of-the-art cancer research studies. Specifically, the hospital has partnered with the Stanford Cancer Center in the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group to provide ECOG clinical trials in its community.

The studies will be conducted under the direction of board certified oncologist Sam Mazj, M.D. Patients will have the unique opportunity of access to promising new drugs while also receiving conventional treatment for their cancer.

In addition, the hospital's cancer program recently received notice of approval for accreditation from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons. The Commission on Cancer granted a three-year accreditation with commendation to the program. FRH has the only accredited ACoS CoC program in Butte County.

Teamwork Fosters Healthful Living in Hawaii

Castle Medical Center is partnering with KHON2 News for a 52-week special called "In Sickness & In Health." The project is a weekly series that highlights health topics that are relevant to Hawaii and its communities. The segments seek to ensure that audiences know that the hospital is there to serve them not only when they are sick, but when they are healthy as well. Wellness programs, preventative medicine and professional tips from CMC will help viewers to better live a balanced life.

Collaboration Will Improve Central California Health Care

Adventist Health has recently teamed up with Blue Shield of California and the California Healthcare Coalition on a pilot program to improve patient quality and reduce costs in California's Central Valley. As the health care debate plays out in Washington, the three organizations are moving forward on an innovative pilot program to improve quality and lower costs for thousands of patients each year.

The unique partnership brings together a health system, a health plan, and large group purchasers to launch the Hospital Quality Improvement pilot. The goal: to demonstrate that improvements in

Recent nursing graduates from the WMMC/TELACU/Rio Hondo College scholarship program will work at WMMC as nursing residents. By participating in the program, they are guaranteed jobs after they graduate.

quality and patient care not only benefit patients' well being, but lead to lower overall costs.

The partners will jointly review current hospital performance data to establish measurable quality improvement goals and are exploring ways to financially reward participating hospitals for meeting or exceeding top national quality standards. The three-year pilot will rely on data that hospitals currently collect and report to state and federal agencies.

Hospital quality in California varies widely. Different facilities see very diverse hospital-based infection and complication rates, medical error rates and rates of adherence to treatment guidelines. Sub-standard quality not only harms patients but inflates health care costs by increasing lengths of stay, readmissions and the use of health resources.

The Central Valley pilot will initially involve the following Adventist Health hospitals: Central Valley General Hospital and Hanford Community Medical Center (along with Selma Community Hospital), San Joaquin Community Hospital and Sonora Regional Medical Center.

21st President Brings New Vision to PUC

Lainey S. Cronk

On April 15, Pacific Union College hosted the inaugural ceremony and installation of Dr. Heather J. Knight as president. Knight, who is the first African-American woman to lead an Adventist college in the United States, began her presidential role at PUC in September 2009.

During the ceremony, Knight was welcomed with accolades and advice from local and national representatives. Following the presentation of the presidential medallion by PUC Board of Trustees chairman and Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham and immediate past PUC president Richard Osborn, Knight took the podium to express gratitude, speak about PUC's history and calling, and talk about the advantages of Adventist education.

Knight called this time a "moment for PUC to reaffirm our rich history and heritage and also to envision a bold and significant future, one in which we prove responsive to the major opportunities and challenges facing American higher education today, and one in which we articulate the great value of an education framed in the Christian liberal arts tradition."

Knight came to PUC following three years as provost of Andrews University and 18 years as a

Brianna Marie Clark-Fergie



Dr. Heather Knight serves as Pacific Union College's 21st president.

professor, assistant provost, and associate provost at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. Her husband, Dr. Norman Knight, now serves as the outreach chaplain for PUC. In an interview, Knight shares about her vision for PUC and Adventist higher education.

Q: *In a broad sense, how do you see your role at PUC?*

A: I believe the task of leadership is to help groups develop a shared sense of vision, direction and commitment. Therefore, as PUC's CEO, I want to provide intentional leadership to get us to the next

level of excellence, and we're looking at what that means for PUC at this particular historical moment. We certainly want to restore good financial health to the institution, and we want to grow our enrollment in order to be financially viable and to serve many more Seventh-day Adventist students and students in our local community as well.

Additionally, a president has to set a compelling academic and spiritual vision for her institution and inspire and empower others to do their best work and to achieve their hopes and dreams. I also want to focus on institutional sustainability by recruiting the best and the brightest faculty and staff to teach and mentor our students, both academically and spiritually.

Q: *How do you approach the challenge of integrating faith and learning on a college campus?*

A: I always start with the realization that God is the Author of all true knowledge, and He is an infinite God. Therefore, as a Christian intellectual, I am committed to critical inquiry and "thinking about my thinking" but always with the knowledge that I "see through a glass darkly." There are moments in my spiritual and intellectual journey when I may have to live with some ambiguity as God continues

Dr. Heather Knight receives the presidential medallion from PUC Board of Trustees chairman and Pacific Union Conference President Ricardo Graham and immediate past PUC president Richard Osborn.



Bob Wilson

to reveal Himself to me through the lens of faith.

This attempt to integrate faith and learning is an exciting lifelong project. My dissertation project at Stanford, for example, was an attempt to integrate religion and literature, and I am still passionate about the integration of faith and learning in my work as a Christian administrator.

Q: After 18 years working at a university outside the Adventist system, why did you decide to go to Andrews?

A: God had opened a variety of doors for me to have a very interesting educational journey. Howard then Oakwood. Loma Linda then Stanford. Harvard for post-graduate work. Eighteen years at the University of the Pacific, a distinctive institution of higher learning that used to be Methodist. All of these diverse experiences connected me to the

broad issues and trends in higher education and allowed me to focus on what constitutes “best practices” in higher education. High impact educational practices, essential learning outcomes, and inclusive excellence are all terms that became part of my vocabulary or academic discourse as I participated in the larger agenda of 21st century liberal arts education. In the end, I felt that it was time to marshal all of the gifts, talents and opportunities that God had given me and to give back

to my church in a way that could finally bring together all of my core values and spiritual commitments.

Q: What do you think an Adventist education should offer? What makes it special?

A: An Adventist education should be solidly based in the Seventh-day Adventist educational philosophy. This type of education is whole-person education, as Ellen G. White says in the book *Education*, “the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers.” It also intentionally integrates and engages faith and learning in a very powerful way, thus leading our young people to accept Christ as their personal Savior and to make a commitment to our church. This type of education helps us to have meaning and purpose in our lives and to possess the intellectual and spiritual skill sets to thrive in the 21st century and make a true difference in our communities. Of course, an Adventist education should also equip our students to find their true vocations in order to achieve success and happiness in service to God and humankind.

Dr. Heather Knight was welcomed with accolades and advice from local and national representatives.



Bob Wilson

Peace Corps Commemorates 15-Year Relationship with Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Heather Reifsnnyder

This year, 2010, is the 15th anniversary of Loma Linda University School of Public Health's partnership with the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps presented a plaque to the school commemorating this relationship on April 8.

Since 1995, LLU has been offering the Peace Corps Master's International program. This is designed for students earning a master's degree who plan to volunteer overseas with the Peace Corps after completing their coursework. Their 27-month Peace Corps assignment fulfills the field practicum requirement for their degree, and the School of Public Health provides a tuition scholarship for the practicum.

Peace Corps service is an opportunity for students to both make a difference in others' lives and their own lives, says Kate Reinsma, M.S., the school's Peace Corps coordinator and a returned volunteer herself.

Reinsma spent 2005 to 2007 in the African nation of Cameroon. Her main responsibility involved assisting two villages to restore their defunct water system. She also provided nutrition counseling to people with diabetes, people with HIV/AIDS, and mothers of young children. Another facet of her service was working with local religious leaders to provide care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS through organizing candle-light memorials and trainings.



Kevin Elliott (right) of the Peace Corps recruiting office in Los Angeles presents a plaque to the LLU School of Public Health in recognition of its Peace Corps programs. Accepting the plaque are David Dyjack, Dr.P.H. (left), dean, and Kate Reinsma, Peace Corps coordinator and fellow.

"It was while I was in Cameroon that I discovered my passion for public health and decided to pursue a doctorate in public health nutrition," says Reinsma, which she is now doing at LLU. She wants to continue doing international development and nutrition upon completion of her degree.

The Master's International program at LLU was first offered for students studying global health and environmental health, but five years ago, the school also began offering the option to health promotion and education, nutrition, and health policy students.

There are currently 10 students in LLU's Master's International

program who will be going out to serve after completing coursework.

Another four have already done their service and are now earning master's or doctoral degrees at the School of Public Health as part of its second Peace Corps program, Fellows/USA, offered since 2005.

Fellows/USA students are given advanced standing for the master's of public health field practicum and serve with United Way by working with community-based organizations. They also receive a stipend and partial tuition benefit from the School of Public Health. For more information, visit www.llu.edu/public-health or www.peacecorps.gov, or e-mail sphpcinfo@llu.edu.



Prayer Congress Directs Youth to “Salvation and Service”

Taashi Rowe

Though she was hundreds of miles away, 9-year-old Veronica Slack, who attends Capital Memorial church in Washington, D.C., decided to be baptized after watching, over the Internet, the Just Claim It 2 youth prayer congress in Columbus, Ohio.

While it is impossible to say how many others were similarly impacted by the four-day event, thousands of young people — 2,898 registered delegates and about 5,800 on Sabbath — from around the North American Division attended JCI2 for “Salvation and Service.”

With prayer at its core and youth leading in many aspects, the NAD Youth Ministries event was designed to train young people for effective ministries of their own. JCI2 combined the Youth Ministries Leadership Summit, the Just Claim It 2 Prayer Congress, Ignition — GODencounters for Young Adults, and the Children’s Worship Festival sponsored by the Ohio Conference.

Phoebe Anselmo, from the Ventura church, Ventura, Calif., writes on the prayer wall.



Gerry Chudleigh

Calling the different activities at the congress “filling stations for spiritual growth, training, motivation and encouragement,” pastors James Black Sr., NAD Youth Ministries director, and Manny Cruz, NAD associate Youth Ministries director, noted that delegates filled “their spiritual cups through prayer initiatives, community mission projects, evangelism outreach, teen preaching/testimonies, mass choir/orchestra, workshops/seminars, recreation and a Sabbath youth rally and parade.”

Lindsey Gibbons, 13, came all the way from the South Hampton church in Bermuda looking to fill her spiritual cup with knowledge. “I really enjoyed the workshop on diversity,” she said. “In a lot of our churches in Bermuda, we tend to put people in boxes, and I want to take what I learned here to make my church a better place.”

Matt Teller and his wife, Mayda, from the New Haven church in Kansas City, Kan., took several of their Midland Adventist Academy students to the event. “Some of the kids were really enthusiastic about outreach,” he observed.

One of his students, Jordan Wiles, 16, also a member of the New Haven church, said although getting out of school was an added benefit, “I wanted to witness to others and thought this would be a nice way to learn how.”

Dayna King, 17, Tevin Carter, 17, and Kellie Dehm, 18, all

members of Miracle Temple in Baltimore, found a service session reaching out to juvenile offenders life-changing. King noted that he could have been one of those offenders had he not accepted Christ.

Ann Roda, Family Ministries pastor at Chesapeake Conference’s New Hope church in Fulton, Md., coordinated various prayer experiences while in Columbus. One of those experiences included placing four massive boards in the convention center for young people to write their prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. “Most people need to feel, touch and hear Him before God becomes real,” she said.

Rogers Johnson, pastor of three churches in Texas, can already predict what youth will do with the training they received. He taught the hands-on street ministries seminar. “I’ve been doing this seminar for 10 years,” he said. “I’ve seen participants become more active in their churches and become youth leaders and youth directors. One guy even started a church.”

Guest speaker Eddie Hypolite summed up the week’s meetings in his Sabbath sermon when he warned leaders not to make the church’s doctrines a yoke and burden. “We are teaching the traditions of men ... as commands of God. But the centrality of who we are is Jesus. Jesus is not a doctrine.”

To see more photos from JCI2, visit www.adventistphoto.com.



Stained Glass: Three Church Documentaries Screened in Pacific Union

Betty Cooney and Julie Lorenz

Three films featuring Pacific Union churches premiered this spring. Produced by the NAD Church Resource Center, the series, titled “Stained Glass,” portrays each church’s attempt to engage its community for Christ.

“Church has its ups and downs, victories and defeats,” said Dave Gemmell, Resource Center associate director and an executive producer of the films. “We wanted to show a realistic picture of the power of church.”

Each film will be posted, one episode at a time, on www.vervent.org, and all are available for purchase at AdventSource.org.

“Stained Glass: Hollywood Blvd,” a documentary about the Hollywood church, was screened March 5 at the American Film Institute in Hollywood. Church members, friends and individuals interested

in filmmaking viewed the one-hour film and interacted with writer-director Melody George; producer Paul Kim; Pastor Ryan Bell and Scott Arany, then the church’s worship leader. The movie tells the story of the congregation coming together in a new way to meet the needs of its community, both within the church and in the community surrounding the church.

“I had just started attending in Hollywood and learned they had a Missional Action Team of young adults to re-envision the church’s mission,” said George. “I thought, ‘This needs to be shared; it’s a way that young people can be involved.’” She soon started filming.

A fellow filmmaker encouraged George to call Paul Kim, a multi-award-winning documentarian and “Stained Glass” producer. “Funds have already been allotted for the kind

of project you’ve described,” he said, “so we don’t need a lot of discussion.”

The “Hollywood Blvd” installment tells a story of a pastor, Ryan Bell, who invited a group of young adult members to answer the question: “How can we be a people among whom God dwells?” The skillfully edited film details two years in which the Missional Action Team prayed for God’s guidance as they worked through commitment and methodology issues, emerging with three “experiments” for their church to which they committed. In the process, church attendance more than doubled, with many talented young adults coming to be a part of the congregation. “I don’t know what God is doing, but He didn’t bring all these incredible people together for nothing,” said Leslie Foster, an active leader in the church. “He’s up to something!”

At the Rocklin-Sunset Oaks church, director Kevin Ekvall, Pastors Walt Groff and Greg Webster, church member Maxine Blome and executive producer Dan Day listen to a question from the audience. At each premier, people had the opportunity to ask questions of a panel made up of filmmakers and others.

Jim Lorenz





A church member prays during a scene from the film "Grand Avenue."

"Stained Glass: Grand Avenue" premiered in the Oakland-Grand Avenue church sanctuary on March 6. Instead of showing the church's recent growth and successes, the documentary focuses on its most challenging ministry — reaching out to homeless people who live near the church.

The film portrays the difficulties in helping people who struggle with addiction and mental illness. "I hope that Adventists look at this video and see that there are some ugly parts of ministry that we try to ignore," said Senior Pastor Jonathan Henderson.

Director Brian Bazemore wanted to show the tough parts of outreach. "At this church I found a group of Christians who were truly living their faith at its rawest form," said Bazemore. "I knew I wanted to capture and portray this story and these characters in the most honest way possible."

Making the film changed Bazemore's life. He moved to Oakland from Southern California, met Rebecca (his fiancée), and was baptized.

"I had been raised Adventist and had reached a point where I was unsure if I truly believed in God," he said. "Throughout the one and a half years I made this film, I was in constant contact with committed Christians who were applying their faith in a practical manner ... I really saw God working in this world.



NAD Church Resource Center

I was convinced that I wanted Him in my life."

"Stained Glass: Sunset Oaks" premiered on April 17 at the Rocklin-Sunset Oaks church. How does a suburban church reach out to a white-collar community that's not very interested in religion? The film shows the pastors and members exploring a variety of ways to answer that question and make Sunset Oaks its neighborhood's church.

"We're trying to do a lot of different things, and a lot of them

aren't succeeding and that's OK," said Senior Pastor Walt Groff.

"We're continuing to learn and keep growing."

The film's episodes show the congregation's beginnings as a church plant, its experiment with an "apartment missionary," and interviews with "secret shopper" visitors to the church. The leaders and congregation celebrate successful outreach and baptisms, and they wrestle with problems such as discouragement and the resignation of important lay leaders.

"In order to tell stories that matter, you have to be honest," said director Kevin Ekvall. "Paul encouraged us to tackle the challenges and failures going on in churches as well as the good stuff."

Ekvall filmed 110 hours of worship services, leadership meetings, and interviews; only one hour made it to the screen.

"I hope [people] see a bit of the compassion, love, fun and acceptance that can exist in church despite all its many imperfections," said Ekvall. "I also hope that it will lead to more honest storytelling in the church."

For more information about the "Stained Glass" series, visit advent-source.org.

Director Kevin Ekvall speaks to the audience at the premier of "Sunset Oaks."



Jim Lorenz



Union Committee Affirms Women in Ministry

Gerry Chudleigh

On May 12, the Pacific Union Executive Committee affirmed a statement (see sidebar) made by the same body 15 years earlier, supporting the ordination of women and their full and equal participation in all phases of ministry. Only three of the 47 current members of the committee were there 15 years earlier, so considerable background information was presented and discussed, some of which follows.

Every five years the General Conference meets in business session to elect leaders, adjust policies and announce worldwide evangelism initiatives. And just as often, at least in the North American Division, the ordination of women is discussed, sometimes during the GC sessions, sometimes not. According to GC President Jan Paulsen, the subject is not on the agenda for the 2010 session, which begins in late June in Atlanta.

The first worldwide discussion of the topic occurred at the 1990 session in Indianapolis, when the NAD proposed that worldwide policy be changed to allow the ordination of women. A Role of Women Commission, created in 1989, made two recommendations to the 1990 session:

1. "While the commission does not have a consensus as to whether or not the Scriptures and the writings of Ellen G. White explicitly advocate or deny the ordination of women to pastoral ministry, it concludes unanimously that these sources affirm a significant, wide-ranging and continuing ministry for women, which is being expressed and will be evidenced in the varied and expanding gifts according to the infilling of the Holy Spirit."
2. "Further, in view of the widespread lack of support for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry in the world church and in view of the possible risk of disunity, dissension and diversion from the mission of the church, we do not approve ordination of women to the gospel ministry."

That recommendation — to not ordain women in order to preserve unity around the world — passed by a vote of 1,173 to 377.

In 1995, at the session in Utrecht, The Netherlands, the NAD took a different approach, asking the General Conference to vest "in each division the right to authorize the ordination of individuals within its territory in harmony with established policies. In addition, where circumstances do not render it inadvisable, a division may authorize the ordination of qualified individuals without regard to gender."

After presentations by the NAD president and two seminary professors, one in favor of women's ordination and one against, plus discussion on the floor, the NAD's proposal failed by a vote of 673 to 1,481 — for the same reasons stated in 1990 — to preserve world unity and mission focus. That is when the Pacific Union Executive Committee voted the original statement.

One member of the 2010 executive committee asked: How can we say we are "loyal to the Seventh-day Adventist Church" and at the same time say we are "committed to the ordination of women? Aren't those mutually exclusive?" Another member responded, "We are being loyal, because we are following church policy. We are not ordaining women."

"But we are commissioning women," said another. "Isn't that the same thing?" A pastor responded that the difference is real. "There are three things a commissioned minister cannot do," he said. "They cannot establish or disband a church, they cannot ordain a minister, elder or deacon, and they are not authorized to act as a minister outside their assigned district."

Another member asked if every pastor is required to agree publicly with the statement. Ricardo Graham, union president, responded that there has been no talk anywhere of censuring anyone. This statement has been on record for 15 years and every pastor or member is free to agree or disagree. Graham noted that the statement is in harmony with the position of the North American Division. After more discussion, the statement was overwhelmingly reaffirmed.



Pacific Union Conference Commitment to Women's Ordination

Voted August 30, 1995; Reaffirmed May 12, 2010

The Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee, while being loyal to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is committed to the ordination of women to the gospel ministry and to working toward the day when that will happen. The Union Committee supports the following procedural and action recommendations:

1. To the Pacific Union conferences: take steps to enhance the role of women in ministry such as:
 - a. Developing a plan and commitment to call women into ministry; and
 - b. Inviting women to assume positions of leadership in union and local conference offices.
2. To the North American Division: work with the General Conference to change current policies within church structures where women pastors are treated differently from men such as:
 - a. Ordaining of local elders and deacons.
 - b. Performing pastoral functions outside their own district.
 - c. Organizing or disbanding churches.
 - d. Being a conference, union, division, or General Conference president.
3. To the General Conference through the North American Division: initiate a process that leads to:
 - a. Clarification of the Adventist theology of ordination culminating in the ordination of women; and
 - b. Action steps that lead to a clear understanding and member education regarding valid Adventist hermeneutical principles.
4. To those conducting ordination/commissioning services: in the interim while the church works to solve the overall problem, enhance the Commissioning Service, so as to bring it into equality with the Ordination Service in the sense of setting aside both men and women with the laying on of hands for a life of ministry.

In the interest of giving this process the best possibility of succeeding, it is urged that all entities resist unilateral action while working together for justice, in unity and in harmony with biblical principles and SDA fundamental beliefs.

Other Business

The reaffirmation of commitment to the ordination of women was not the only item of business for the executive committee. The meetings started with the annual report from Adventist Health.

According to president Bob Carmen, AH employs 18,600 people, and owns or manages 17 acute care hospitals, 14 home care agencies and 32 rural health clinics. AH is the largest provider of rural health clinics in California and possibly North America. In his financial report, CFO Doug Rebok commented that financial performance was better in 2009 than in many years, primarily due to increased volume. Several people reported on ministry and conversion to Christ in the medical facilities.

The committee approved the ordinations of nine people: from Arizona, Shane Davis; from Northern California, Garrison Chaffee, Don Smith and Fred Toailoa; and from Southern California, Carlos Acosta, Jin Seong, Nedad Didara, Giddell Garcia and Jesus Torres.

Branden Stoltz was approved for a ministerial scholarship. Tracy Baerg, Walt Groff and Scott Ward were approved for the Doctor of Ministry program.

The Amazing Facts bylaws stipulate that four members of the Pacific Union executive committee will serve as delegates to the AF constituency session. The committee appointed Alex Jayme and Ken Lockwood, with others to be named later by union administration.

Pacific Union finances are audited annually by the General Conference, then the audit report is carefully studied by the Pacific Union audit committee. Bruce Powers, chair of that committee, reported a clean and unqualified audit — for the 34th consecutive year.

Finally, the committee approved a request from La Sierra University for \$25,000 from the Union disaster relief fund for the LSU disaster relief fund, and they approved \$31,430 to cover the registration fees for 70 teachers from the Pacific Union to attend Differential Instruction training in July.



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Central California Conference

YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICE (May 29-Sept. 4, except 7/17) Lower River Amphitheater. Sponsored by CCC. Info: Edie and Ray DeFehr, 209-586-4325 or rayandedie@mlode.com.

TREASURERS' TRAINING (June 27) CCC office from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: Claudia, 559-347-3146 or carias@cccsda.org.

PRE-CAMP MEETING PRAYER WALK (July 10) Soquel, 10-1 p.m. & 3-6 p.m. Casual dress, bring your own lunch and Bible. Info: Onalee, 559-347-3198 or oshowalter@cccsda.org.

SOQUEL CAMP MEETING (July 15-24) For tent space or camper reservations, call Wanda Driver: 831-460-9811.

La Sierra University

BIG BAND CONCERT (June 5) 8:15 p.m. Hole Memorial Auditorium.

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COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND (June 11-13) Consecration, 6/11, 8 p.m., LSU church; Commencement Worship, 6/12, 10:45 a.m., LSU church; Educator Dedication, 6/12, 4 p.m., LSU church; Commencement Concert, 6/12, 6 p.m., Hole Memorial Auditorium; Conferring of Degrees, 6/13, 8 a.m., Founders' Green on campus.

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EVANGELISTIC EFFORT (June 2-12) "The Chronicles of Christ." 7-9 p.m. nightly, concluding during the worship service on the 12th. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: Pastor Reginald Horton, 916-381-5353.

MEN'S MINISTRY DAY (June 12) An early celebration of all men and fathers. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: Hassan Byrd, 916-381-5353.

DELTA CAMP MEETING (June 18-26) "All About Jesus," a revival series with Lee and Marji Venden. Lodi-Fairmont church, 730 S. Fairmont Ave., Lodi. Meetings will take place each evening and during church on Sabbath. Info about meetings and RV parking: 209-334-1844.

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GARDEN TEA PARTY (June 27) 1-3 p.m. Hosted by Women's Ministry; all women are invited. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: Melody Germany-White, 916-381-5353.

Nevada-Utah

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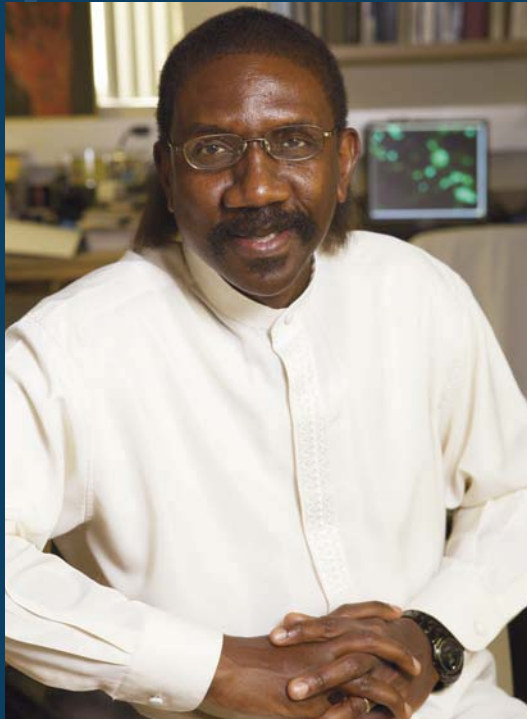


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ANDERSON, MARJORIE JESSE - b. Jan. 10, 1916, Battle Creek, Mich.; d. April 22, 2010, Roseburg, Ore. Survivors: husband, Claran; sons, Jim, Hank; daughter, Carol Follett; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

BASHAW, DEAN - b. April 4, 1925, Merville, Iowa; d. March 15, 2010, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ardis; sons, Dennis, Thomas, Timothy; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

BATES, DOROTHY GLADYS REN-NEWANZ OLIVEER NOYES BATES - b. July 24, 1911; d. March 6, 2010. Survivors: son, James; eight grandchildren; 13 grandchildren. Served as a teacher in Adventist schools for many years.

BAUGHMAN, BERTHA A. - b. Nov. 25, 1919, Paonia, Colo.; d. April 13, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Ron, Gary; four grandchildren. Was an Adventist Community Team Services driver for many years.

BROWN, ALBERT F. - b. March 6, 1907, Philadelphia, Pa.; d. March 21, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Sally Gibson, Marjorie Pritchard; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

BROWN, ALICE (DUNBAR) - b. April 29, 1927, Birmingham, Ala.; d. Feb. 13, 2010, Santa Maria, Calif. Survivors: husband, Kenneth; son, Robert; daughter, Linda Narey; four grandchildren, several great-grandchildren.

CHAFFIN, MERVIN - b. July 1, 1925, San Fernando, Calif.; d. March 26, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: wife, LaDonna; sons, Terry, Randy; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Participated in 35 Maranatha Volunteer projects and two Mission Church Builders projects; a long-time volunteer with Central California Conference.

CHU, TONI W - b. June 7, 1921, China; d. March 22, 2010, Mountain View, Calif. Survivors: sons, Simon, Tom; daughter, Victoria, Nancy; five grandchildren.

DAVIDSON, NORMAN LEE - b. Sept. 30, 1933, Willow Ranch, Calif.; d. April 7, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Lolita; sons, Jonathan, Berney; daughters, Lea Martin, Lisa Engels, Laura Castellanos, Lavonne Hitchcock.

EDWARDS, JAMIE C. - b. July 10, 1960, Washington, D.C.; d. Feb. 25, 2010, Chattanooga, Tenn. Survivors: parents, Jamie C. and Elfie G. Edwards; brother, Daniel M. Edwards; sister, Sheri M. Lilly.

EMIL, SHARI LYNN - b. Feb. 19, 1963, San Francisco, Calif.; d. Jan. 1, 2010, Hayward, Calif. Survivors: parents, Albert, Rosalia; brother, Glen.

GOOGE, HAROLD FREDRICK - b. June 6, 1934, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; d. Nov. 15, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Linda; son, Philip; daughters, Pamela Erickson, Pennie French, Patrice Medley; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

HAM GRUPP, WILMA GENEVIEVE (KLINE) - b. Feb. 19, 1912, Russell, Iowa; d. Feb. 16, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Donald; daughter, Eloise J. Hogle; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

HARDY, THOMAS - b. Feb. 16, 1924, Heidelberg, Miss.; d. April 6, 2010, Los Banos, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jessie; son, Daniel; daughter, Lufreta Bean; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

HAYMAN, GEORGE M., JR. - b. Nov. 2, 1945, Santa Monica, Calif.; d. April 2, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: mother, Mary; brother, Gary; sister, Cheryl Meteer.

HEMME, LEETA E. - b. April 24, 1919, Chowchilla, Calif.; d. April 4, 2010, Meadow Vista, Calif. Survivors: brother, Earl; sister, Thelma Wearer. Served as a teacher in California, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines.

HILL, MARY LOUISE - b. Dec. 31, 1926, San Diego, Calif.; d. Dec. 16, 2009, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: brother, David Crow; sister, Katherine Nelson.

HOLBROOK, JULIUS CHAMBERLAIN - b. Aug. 5, 1926, Washington, D.C.; d. July 30, 2009, Las Vegas, Nev. Survivors: wife, Lenora Jacques; son, Mark; daughters, Dawn Hill; four grandchildren.

JEWETT, MARK RICHARD - b. July 7, 1959, Lincoln, Neb.; d. Feb. 7, 2010, Scottsdale, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Julie Dee May; sons, Joshua, Aaron.

LAIRD, EUGENE "GENE" - b. Aug. 14, 1923, Marysville, Ohio; d. Feb. 16, 2010, Santa Maria, Calif. Survivors: wife, Norma; daughters, Linda, Donna Reed, Nancy Champion; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

LIEVANO, ESTHER - b. Aug. 5, 1918, Rio Frio, Colombia; d. March 30, 2010, Redondo Beach, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Nora, Natalia, Rubi, Marta, Yolanda, Leonor; 11 grandchildren; 14

great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters.

LING, IRENE - b. July 22, 1917, Kulangsu, China; d. April 6, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Timothy; son, Ben; daughter, Julia Miller; one granddaughter. Worked at the Review and Herald Publishing Association and Washington Adventist Hospital.

LOVE, DOLLIE - b. March 22, 1919, Faribault, Minn.; d. April 19, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif.

LOWE, VANESSA - b. Aug. 6, 1969, San Salvador, El Salvador; d. Jan. 28, 2009, San Francisco, Calif. Survivors: son, Manuel Hernandez; daughter, Nubita.

MASON, PAULINE - b. Sept. 14, 1919, Selma, Ala.; d. Nov. 16, 2009, San Leandro, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Charlene Lawson, five grandchildren.

MCNAUGHTON, DOROTHY JEAN - b. March 31, 1925, Sioux City, Iowa; d. March 28, 2010, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: brothers, Jack R. Booker, Jerry Booker.

MOORE, ARTHUR BRYSON - b. Nov. 17, 1918, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. April 15, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif.

Survivors: daughters, Bonnie Reynolds, Barbara Kinney; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

MORGAN, CLIFFORD - b. March 15, 1948, Painesville, Ohio; d. March 28, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: stepson, David Greenwood; brothers, Timothy, Douglas.

MURRAY, MILTON J. - b. April 6, 1922, Sao Paulo, Brazil; d. Dec. 9, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jeanne; son, Keith; daughter, Deanne. Served as General Conference director of Philanthropic Services for Institutions from 1973 to 1992.

NARBONA, KATHY M. - b. March 24, 1963, Glasgow, Mont.; d. Jan. 10, 2010, Ceres, Calif. Survivors: husband, David; son, Michael. Taught in Adventist schools for a number of years.

RAMEY, KATHRYN - b. Nov. 19, 1910, Philadelphia, Pa.; d. March 23, 2010, Paradise, Calif. Survivors: son, Leonard Jr.; daughters, Kathryn Mott, Lois Freeh; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

SCHERER, ELLE R. (HILDEGARDT) - b. Aug. 1, 1920, Stuttgart, Germany; d. March 6, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif.

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SHREAVES, EDWARD W. — b. Oct. 31, 1919, McTompkin, Va.; d. Oct. 22, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Carmen, three grandsons. Practiced dentistry in Glendale, Calif.

SINN, DAVID NGAI — b. Sept. 16, 1930, Guangxi, China; d. Feb. 12, 2010, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: wife, Grace; sons: Martin, Michael; daughter, Melinda; six grandchildren.

SMITH, FAY — b. Sept. 2, 1921, Torrance, Calif.; d. April 2, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sons, Fred, Roy; daughter, Carol Lynn Scott.

Correction: **SONNENBERG, ESTHER ANN** — b. Dec. 5, 1911, Winside, Neb.; d. March 18, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: sister-in-law, Alma, nephews, Craig, Mark; nieces Diane Slawson, Karen. Served as a teacher at Union College, Walla Walla University and was dean of women at Loma Linda University.

SPAINHOWER, JERRY — b. Dec. 16, 1938, Kaycee, Wyo.; d. Jan. 16, 2010, Enterprise, Ore. Survivors: wife, Laura; sons, Kevin, Tod. Jerry was a gospel musician and recording artist

who began his radio career in San Bernardino, Calif.

STEARNS, GEORGE ERMAN — b. July 14, 1921, Glendale, Calif.; d. Dec. 14, 2009, Yountville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Rhoda-Fyrnn; son, John; daughters, Kay, Betty Jean, Mary Anne; step-sons, Wilton, Lyle Helm; step-daughter, Nancy Weeks; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Served at Fresno, San Pasqual, Rio Lindo, Floral Crest academies.

STEPHENSON, LINDA SUE (BRADY) — b. Dec. 20, 1947, Riverside, Calif.; d. April 1, 2010, Tulare, Calif. Survivors: husband, David; step-son, David Doshier; daughters, Rhonda Schulze; Robin Halsey; six grandchildren.

STILSON, DONALD L. — b. March 27, 1918, Fort Worth, Texas; d. April 13, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mildred A. R.; son, Eric; two grandchildren. Was a physician at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

VETTER, ERNESTINE E. — b. March 27, 1921, San Francisco, Calif.; d. March 19, 2010, Roseville, Calif. Survivors: one grandchild; two great-grandchildren.

WILBUR, CONSTANCE POLLARD — b. March 5, 1943, Hartford, Conn.; d. April 8, 2010, Colton, Calif. Survivors: husband, David; sons, Colin, Tristan, Mark; daughter, Alyssa.

WILSON, GARY — b. Aug. 11, 1935; Oakhurst, Calif.; d. Nov. 24, 2009, Avondale, Ariz. Survivors: wife, Bonnie; son, Wayne; daughters, Vera Wooteen, Martha Arteaga. Served as bus driver for the Armona School; volunteered with the senior center.

WORSDELL, JON MICHAEL — b. May 4, 1948, Evanston, Ill.; d. April 16, 2010, Loma Linda. Survivors: wife, Denice; son, Charles; daughter Lindsey; two grandchildren.

WRIGHT, ETTA — b. Nov. 6, 1961, Shreveport, La.; d. Dec. 12, 2009, San Francisco, Calif. Survivor: father, Jesse.

WRIGHT, WARREN L. — b. Oct., 1930, Somis, Calif.; d. Feb. 5, 2010, Ventura, Calif. Survivors: wife, Phyllis; son, Steven; daughter, Cherie Wright-Morgan; six grandsons.

YOSHIDA, KIYOKO — b. May 22, 1913, Baker, Ore.; d. Dec. 27, 2009, San Bruno, Calif. Survivors: son, James; daughters, Grace Dawn, Alice Crawford, Florence; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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