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Psalm 65:9



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## ACS CONVENTION FINDS ITS CENTER IN JESUS

“Community service brings us together because of one key ingredient — Jesus. He must be at the center of everything thing we do.”

Those words from Dan Jackson, North American Division president, echoed a common theme at this year’s Adventist Community Services (ACS) Convention, held in Gladstone, Ore., Sept. 7–10.

More than 200 community outreach leaders from throughout the nation and beyond gathered for the event hosted by the North American Division ACS and co-sponsored by the North Pacific Union Conference. They enjoyed inspirational messages interwoven with training workshops and informational tours.

Sung Kwon, Adventist Community Services executive director, provided the initial keynote message on the first evening of the convention. Other presenters throughout the event included Bill Knott, *Adventist Review* editor; Zack Plantak, Loma Linda (Calif.) University professor of religion and ethics; and May-Ellen and Gaspar Colon, co-authors of the third quarter Sabbath School lessons.

Jackson continued his Christ-centered theme throughout his Friday evening keynote and during the Sabbath morning sermon. “Peaceful co-existence within the body of Christ is not our calling,” he



Sung Kwon, ACS executive director, welcomes the Friday evening crowd at the Gladstone Park Conference Center.



Dan Jackson, North American Division president

noted. “Fellowship that is just social interaction with one another is not enough. Only when we embrace our calling to a common mission of service with the mind and spirit of Jesus will we grow into what He intended for His church.”

Those who came attended for various reasons. Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director, felt the session would help enhance her ability to actively provide support for outreach efforts within her conference. Paul Cole, Portland (Ore.) Adventist Community Services (PACS) director, found additional ideas for creative endeavors from other participants. He also helped

coordinate eight separate tour groups of the PACS facilities during two days of the convention.

Dedication to the active ministry of outreach in Jesus’ name is a common characteristic of Adventist Community Services personnel throughout North America. Those who have returned to their local posts of responsibility from this convention have received a very important reminder: We all serve our communities best when we follow Jesus first.



## LETTER

### About Those Goats ...

[Regarding Let’s Talk, “Goats,” October] I had 11 horses. If I had 10 strands of wire for a fence, one of those horses would find her way through. That was Lady, the filly; she would always find a way to get through those 10 wires to get to the other side.

Sometimes I just put one wire up in between the fields, and my other 10 horses would stay in the field where I wanted them to be. They weren’t perfect, but they were like good sheep. Years later I bought goats for brush control.

After a short time I realized why Jesus said the goats would be on His left and the sheep would be on His right. (And why Grandma sometimes would yell at Grandpa, “You old goat!”) The 40 goats were high-maintenance, always having health issues and getting out. And they would not stay together. But searching for them and healing them helped me have patience and realize what a Good Shepherd was. Pastors and others, go look for those goats missing from your pasture.

*Rand Meyers, via email*



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# NPUC CONSTITUENTS ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT

**John Freedman has been elected president of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) by delegates to the union's regular constituency session held September 25 in Portland, Oregon. Freedman replaces Max Torkelsen II, whose retirement became effective at the end of the session.**



Delegates also re-elected John Loor Jr. and Mark Remboldt to their respective posts as executive vice president for administration and chief financial officer (CFO). Loor has been NPUC executive secretary since 2010. Remboldt has been with the NPUC since 2005, serving as treasurer/CFO since 2008.

Freedman has served as president of the Washington Conference, headquartered in Federal Way, Washington, since 2002. Prior to that, he spent three years as the conference ministerial and evangelism director and another year as vice president for administration. His extensive experience as a pastor includes churches in New Jersey, Colorado and California.

(From left) John Loor Jr., executive secretary; John Freedman, president; Mark Remboldt, treasurer.



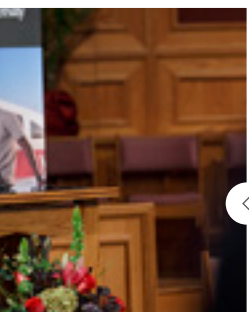
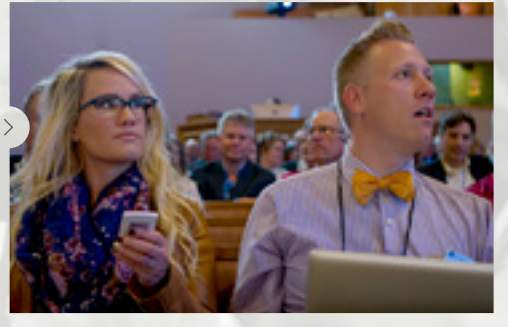


***“GOD’S PROMISE IS THAT HE WILL DRAW ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO HIM. OUR JOB IS TO LIFT HIM UP. WE MUST PRAY THAT HE WILL POUR HIS LOVE INTO OUR HEARTS SO THAT WE CAN LOVE OTHERS AS HE DOES.”***

**— JOHN FREEDMAN**

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Handheld electronic voting devices were used by delegates for some of the critical decisions during the session.



Joyce Newmyer, Adventist Health Northwest Region CEO, shares stories of compassionate care at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon.

While Freedman began duties at the NPUC immediately, he and his wife, Malinda, will be wrapping up existing responsibilities for the Washington Conference, with a full transition expected by early 2017.

Dan Jackson, North American Division (NAD) president, chaired the nominating committee’s report, which was the catalyst for some discussion. When Gene Heinrich, committee secretary, brought Freedman’s name forward as the nominee for president, several motions were made from the floor to refer the nomination

back to the committee for further input from delegates.

That discussion related in part to concerns expressed by some members prior to the session over Freedman’s position as Washington Conference president in a 2015 executive committee decision to expand the role of commissioned ministers within the conference. The nominating committee had been fully aware of the concerns involved, and while some delegates wanted to rehash those issues on the floor of the session, Jackson stressed that church policy did not allow discussions of individual nominations from the floor.

Each motion attempting to refer the name back was defeated by nearly two-thirds of those voting. When delegates did move ahead on the nominations, Freedman was elected by 72 percent, Loor with 96 percent and Remboldt by 94 percent of the delegate votes.

Jackson set the tone for the day early on with a devotional message that reflected upon the experience of Jonah, who had his own selfish agenda changed dramatically through God’s direction and providence. “The call of God to an individual is never about the individual,” said Jackson. “God has not called us here today because we bring a collective wisdom in ourselves. If you’ve come here today thinking you will fix whatever you think is broken, you should instead get on your knees and ask God to ‘fix me.’ We’ve been called here together to understand not what we want, but what God wants.”

Delegate interaction during the day largely reflected that spirit. Agenda items throughout the day included several important reports.

As executive secretary, John Loor Jr. reported that total NPUC membership has surpassed 100,000, but that a growth



Dan Jackson, North American Division president, gives the morning devotional.



John and Malinda Freedman are formally introduced to the delegates after his election as president.



John McVay reports on the work and mission of Walla Walla University.

rate of less than 1 percent is a matter of concern echoed by other regions throughout the NAD.

Mark Remboldt's treasurer's report highlighted a modest growth in tithes, an improving cash basis for operational ministry and an increase of 30 percent in funds provided to local conferences for evangelism.

Scott Reiner, Adventist Health CEO, noted the hospital system's opportunity to touch 1.5 million new people every year. "Adventist Health," he said, "ministers at the intersection of physical, spiritual and community health."

Joyce Newmyer, Adventist Health Northwest Region president added the local touch. "We never lose sight of the fact that what we do in our hospitals is truly ministry," she said. "Everything we do is filtered through the lens of our mission. We don't just do ministry; we are ministry. Jesus is alive and well in our hospitals. Pray that we will have more opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

Torkelsen confirmed an NPUC focus in favor of women in active ministry for the church. He echoed the consensus of the NPUC executive committee: "We affirm Christ as the center of our theology and mission. We affirm the appropriateness of women serving as elders in our local churches and as pastors and in other professional ministry roles on behalf of our church's mission. We will seek to grow

the opportunities for women in ministry." He noted there are currently 12 full-time women pastors serving within the NPUC. "In these last days," Torkelsen remarked, "we need everybody on board in the mission of the church."

Heinrich, who is chairing a member re-engagement committee for the NPUC, challenged each delegate with a personal call. "We must find a way to engage each of our children in a relationship with Jesus Christ and with our church," he said. "Your prayers for your children may get your kids to the doors of the church, but it is the people within those doors that determine whether those kids will stay. It will take somebody in the church, perhaps you, sacrificially investing in their lives." This committee will continue to study tangible ways to make a positive difference.

Two segments of the day required a separate convening of delegates: the NPUC Association and Walla Walla University (WWU).

The WWU constituency adds members of the university board of trustees to the existing NPUC delegates on hand. This separate agenda included several changes to articles and bylaws and nominations for the ongoing WWU board of trustees. The newly elected trustees will be listed as soon as possible on the WWU website. WWU bylaws changes were also intended to create greater accountability of the administration to the board

of trustees, and in turn, accountability of the board to the larger church constituency throughout the NPUC. President John McVay shared special appreciation for those who had ably served the board of trustees for the past term. "They have enabled the mission of Adventist higher education to flourish at WWU," he said, noting what is dear to WWU's identity: Excellence in Thought ... Generosity in Service ... Beauty in Expression ... Faith in God.

John Loor and Dave Cannard, NPUC constitution and bylaws committee chair and secretary, reviewed several recommended changes for delegates to consider. After careful discussion, and in addition to other editing and formatting changes, delegates approved the following:

- » A change to the form of NPUC governance from an unincorporated association to a nonprofit religious corporation. This allows the treasury department to work more seamlessly with financial institutions on the mission of the church, since many of them now require signers on large financial accounts to have valid corporate titles. This does not appreciably change the structure or function of the NPUC, but provides nomenclature in the bylaws to define the switch to a corporate definition.
- » Including the election of nonexecutive vice presidents (currently vice president





for Hispanic ministries, vice president for regional affairs and vice president for education) by the constituency. The NPUC nominating committee will bring recommendations regarding these positions for a vote at the next executive committee on November 6. They will also be included as nominations along with the officers at the next regular constituency session in five years.

» Specifying the General Conference Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure for all NPUC meetings.

Delegates approved a new NPUC executive committee, which will initiate the next five-year term. The full list of that committee, including ex officio and elected members is listed to the right and at [GleanerNow.com](http://GleanerNow.com).

Torkelsen capped off the day by turning the last few words over to Freedman, the newly elected president. “These people have become my family,” said Torkelsen with feeling. “Take good care of them.”

Freedman responded with a heartfelt call toward unity in the mission and ministry of Jesus. “We have many who have left that we need to reach,” he observed, “but we also have millions in this territory who need to hear, perhaps for the first time, the last day message of Jesus Christ. God’s promise is that He will draw all men, women and children to Him. Our job is to lift Him up. We must pray that He will pour His love into our hearts so that we can love others as He does.”

NPUC department directors and associates will be approved by the executive committee at the November 6 meeting.

The day’s proceedings were streamed live at [npuc.org](http://npuc.org) and linked to social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The video archive of the session is available there, as well as Torkelsen’s video report. Further comments or questions about the session can be directed to John Loor Jr., the executive vice president for administration.

*Steve Vistaumet, Gleaner editor*

# INTRODUCING THE NEW NPUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Approved by delegates to the 28th NPUC Constituency Session on September 25, 2016, the following individuals will serve as the NPUC executive committee.

### Ex Officio Positions

- John Freedman, NPUC president
- John Loor Jr., NPUC vice president for administration
- Mark Remboldt, NPUC chief financial officer
- Alphonso McCarthy, NPUC vice president for regional affairs
- César De León, NPUC vice president for Hispanic ministries
- Dennis Plubell, NPUC vice president for education
- John McVay, WWU president
- Kevin Miller, Alaska Conference president
- David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president
- Merlin Knowles, Montana Conference president
- Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president
- Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president
- Dale Galusha, Pacific Press Publishing Association president
- Joyce Newmyer, Adventist Health Northwest Region president
- David Freedman, Oregon Conference treasurer
- Jim Jensen, Alaska Conference treasurer
- Washington Conference president (to be determined)

### Elected Positions

- Steve Evenson, Alaska pastor
- S.R. Thorward, Alaska lay member
- Paul Woodward, Alaska lay member
- Michael Pearson, Idaho pastor
- Ila Cockrum, Idaho lay member
- Jerry Nickell, Idaho lay member
- Jim Jenkins, Montana pastor
- Earl [Redacted], Montana lay member
- Kabrina Vinglass, Montana lay member
- Edwin Vargas, Oregon pastor
- Gretchen Bowers, Oregon lay member
- Dale Bryson, Oregon lay member
- Maria Lopez, Oregon lay member
- Pedro Pozos, Oregon lay member
- Rory Wold, Oregon lay member
- Terrance Taylor, Upper Columbia pastor
- Mable Dunbar, Upper Columbia lay member
- Maria Duron, Upper Columbia lay member
- Alyce Ispirecu, Upper Columbia lay member
- Julie Sanders Keymer, Upper Columbia lay member
- Paul Rasmussen, Upper Columbia lay member
- Gary Fogelquist, Washington pastor
- Jon Altman, Washington lay member
- Mileen Loeffler, Washington lay member
- Don Mead, Washington lay member
- Jack Woosley, Washington lay member

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## DÓNDE MORAS

Recuerdas como Jesús reclutó a sus primeros discípulos? El Señor es seguido por dos discípulos de Juan el Bautista, acaban de escuchar decir que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios. La Biblia no nos dice cuánto tiempo siguieron Andrés y Pedro a Jesús, lo cierto es que en un momento dado Jesús se da vuelta y les hace una pregunta: “¿Qué buscáis?” (Juan 2:28). Ellos están curiosos de saber más de este hombre, y lo primero que se les ocurre decir ante tan inesperada pregunta es: “¿Donde moras?” Jesús pudo haber contestado esta pregunta en veinte mil maneras, por ejemplo pudo haber dicho; vivo en la calle Main y la avenida Belén, o cerca de la puerta la Hermosa. Pero Jesús vio una oportunidad de impactar a estos dos hombres y lo hizo de una manera sencilla pero efectiva, invitándolos a venir a su casa.

Los conocedores del campo psicológico nos dicen que desde el momento que nacemos pasamos la vida experimentando dos experiencias polares. La experiencia de la inclusión y exclusión y el tiempo acumulativo entre ambas experiencias nos alimenta

nuestra estima propia o no las daña y minimiza. Cuando nuestros padres nos dicen, “vengan hijos vamos a jugar,” nos toca una fibra psicológica muy fuerte que nos trae mucha alegría y nos gozamos el poder ser incluidos en el círculo familiar. Lo mismo sucede cuando en la escuela los amigos nos decían “ven, queremos que seas parte de nuestro equipo.” El tomarnos en cuenta e incluirnos en las diversas actividades nos hacía sentir bien y nos sentíamos importantes.

Pero lo opuesto es también cierto, cuando papá y mamá nos decían, “No, no puedes venir con nosotros ahora, este tiempo es para nosotros, vete a tu cuarto o a jugar afuera.” Por más que no querramos, nos sentíamos un poquito desconcertados. Así pasan los años, a veces siendo incluidos y a veces excluidos. Desafortunadamente aquellos de nosotros que pasado la vida siendo excluidos más que incluidos terminamos sintiéndonos desvalorizados, socialmente inadecuados y frágiles emocionalmente.

Recientemente fui movido de California a Washington. Un ayudante en la mudanza era Adam, un joven mormón que fue traído



César De León, sentado en su oficina en la Unión del Norte del Pacífico.

y recogido por su esposa. Cuando salió del auto a esperar que el esposo terminara con su trabajo, me di cuenta que ella estaba bien avanzada en su embarazo. La invité a pasar a la casa, le puse una silla en la sala y le invité a tomar de la Pizza que habíamos comprado para los trabajadores. Después de una hora, salió del camión de mudanza un mueble que se me ocurrió ponerlo en frente para que ella pudiera elevar sus pies y estar más cómoda. Cuando llegó la hora de partida, fue una gran sorpresa escuchar a Adam preguntarme: “¿Podemos ir con usted a la iglesia mañana?” Dos mormones invitándose a asistir a la iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día.

Jesús le dijo a Andrés y Pedro, “Venid y ved” y con esto lo hizo sentirse importantes y valiosos.

Inclusión, una experiencia psicológica tan necesaria para el desarrollo normal de la experiencia humana. Adam y su esposa fueron mis visitas durante mi primer sábado en una iglesia Adventista en el estado de Washington. La sierva de Dios dice, “Sólo el método de Cristo será el que dará éxito para llegar a la gente. El Salvador trataba con los hombres como quien deseaba hacerles bien. Les mostraba simpatía, atendía a sus necesidades y se ganaba su confianza. Entonces les decía: “Seguidme.” (Ministerio de Curación, 102) Te invito a ser la diferencia en tu comunidad donde hay miles de personas sufriendo emocionalmente por sentirse excluidas y devaluadas.

*César De León, sentado en su oficina en la Unión del Norte del Pacífico*



## CAMP POLARIS BENEFITS FROM 13TH SABBATH OFFERING

“**W**e just want a flush toilet.” Campers who attend Camp Polaris on Lake Aleknagik near Dillingham, Alaska, were actually heard when they made this simple request. Their request was a “shot heard around the world” through the avenue of the 13th Sabbath Offering, sponsored by the General Conference, and became Project Polaris.

Campers at Camp Polaris have been using outhouses (which were moved annually around the property) for more than 50 years. Next summer, thanks to all of you around the entire world, campers will enjoy the conveniences of modernity. You gave in generous proportions, and the camp even received enough to add showers and a sauna to each of the two facilities.

Along with these donations, volunteers showed up to put the materials together. They responded from California, Washington, Arizona, Montana, Alaska and as far away as Maine.

The camp staff also pitched in, adding new skills to their growing repertoires. All together more than 100 workers young and old, skilled and unskilled, male and female, and of varied ethnic backgrounds added fine touches and heavy blows to create two new masterpieces “for the kids.”

The kids are excited. Although the first rose-petal flush won’t happen until next May, they are making their plans to be there with their friends. Many of them don’t have showers in their own homes, and they have exclaimed they are looking forward to going to camp to take a shower.

What seems simple to many is a resort-style luxury to them. And thanks to you, they can feel cleaner as they move a little closer to heaven and Jesus.

Feel free to come use the facility sometime ... though you might want to call ahead.

*Laurie Hosey, former Alaska Conference education director*



Steve Evenson, Juneau/Sitka District pastor (left) helps celebrate Fairbanks college, high school and academy graduates.

## FAIRBANKS CHURCH RECOGNIZES SENIOR STUDENTS

**A**t the end of this past school year, the Fairbanks Church created a special senior recognition Sabbath and dedication to the seniors graduating from college, high school and academy.

Mallory Wetherington gave a challenge and encouragement to the graduates. She was eloquent, direct and to the point of her message encouraging the students to follow after God and His ways and to make a difference in this world while preparing for the next. She graduated from University of Alaska Fairbanks, with a major in Russian studies.

There was a picnic and a nature walk at Chena Lakes Recreation Area after church.

Two others also graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks: Ariana Casey, who received a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences with a minor in Japanese, and Micah Bador, who received

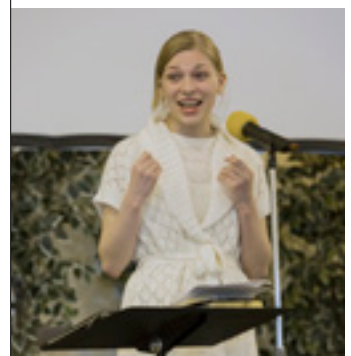
a Bachelor of Science in biological sciences.

Graduating from high school in Fairbanks were Symca Gillette, Hannah Bador, Aaron Dasher, Andrew Hammett, Saskia Harrison and Felicia Thruston.

Graduating from Adventist academies were Kristina Bergeron, Auburn (Wash.) Adventist Academy; Braden Ladd, Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash.; and Deanna Marsh, Great Lakes Academy in Cedar Lake, Mich.

*Steve Evenson, Juneau/Sitka District pastor*

Mallory Wetherington addresses the Fairbanks seniors.



## FACE TO FACE OR FACEBOOK TO FACEBOOK?

**“Hi! My name is Kris. Would you like to hear about a miracle?” Thus begins the witness of a church member in the Twin Falls Church.**

Kris Klemmetson shared his story with me earlier this year, at the suggestion of David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president. Kris said after a diagnosis of cancer, “I got back with Jesus. Before, I might have prayed before meals. I didn’t study the Sabbath School lesson. Now I have reconnected with Jesus. I built a prayer room in my cabin. And I share my story.” Following is the testimony he shares with those who respond to his query with a “yes.”

“Thank you for taking the time with me, and hopefully this will bless you as it has blessed me. I have been blessed since birth, as I was born three months premature. Back in 1952, many premature babies became blind as a result of receiving too much oxygen. My doctor was smart, and I did not receive that treatment. I am not blind,” Kris shares.

“In December 2015, I was in the hospital for cancer treatment, for surgery,” he explains.

He also adds, “I got a huge pile of gold! One gold nugget is that my nurses and doctors were like angels. I was only in the hospital for three days: Friday, Sabbath and Sunday. I spent Sunday walking 8 miles around the nurses’ station. The doctor sent me home on Monday. Three months later after a scan, my wife and I met with him for a report on my cancer. He said there wasn’t any cancer left and that I was a miracle. The doctor continued that he had never had this happen with any patient.

I was told about chemotherapy, but declined and said, ‘Let’s do scans every three months.’”

Kris continues, “Never be afraid to go to a hospital. And please share my story as far as you can.”

Kris impressed me with the trust he has in God, which is the reason for not being afraid. One wouldn’t consider Kris to be a “man of the world.” He has an uncomplicated faith



Kris Klemmetson is eager to share his testimony to everyone he meets.

relationship with God. The other thing that impressed me is that Kris is so willing to share his story — with strangers.

Not only does he share it, he offers a GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tract to the person he’s talking with, as God impresses him. He carries a supply of various topics wherever he goes.

In this age of smartphones, tablets, the internet and social media, face-to-face communication can be forgotten. The fact that miracles happen can be overlooked or rationalized as

coincidence or the wonders of medical science.

We work hard as a church to share the good news of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection via print, podcasts, live streaming, DVDs, and radio and television communication. That’s a good thing. Jesus didn’t use such tools when He walked on the Earth. Instead, He spoke face to face, touched people and spent time with them . . . kind of like Kris does when sharing his story.

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director*





# IDAHO, MONTANA PATHFINDERS HOLD JOINT CAMPOREE

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The morning started off clear and cold for the middle of summer.

The Idaho and Montana Conference Pathfinder staff began getting ready for the Pathfinders to arrive for the first Idaho and Montana Joint Pathfinder Camporee, which was held at Steel Creek Campground just outside of Dubois, Idaho. By Thursday evening 127 Pathfinders and staff were encamped in the small valley along Steel Creek.

The theme for the Camporee was “If Paul Had Twitter.” Kids and adults alike enjoyed the talks by featured speaker Barry Curtis, chaplain of Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Mont.

On Friday the campers spent the day at Yellowstone National Park working on the newest Idaho honor, Geysers. They took lots of pictures and had many stories about what they saw and did when they returned that night.

Because the area is in prime bear habitat, campers were encouraged to eat in the main eating area of the campground. This also allowed everyone from both conferences to get to know each other.

Sabbath morning brought club inspections and worship



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Pathfinders prepare a flag for its retirement.

with more stories and “tweets” Paul might have tweeted. Sabbath afternoon was spent exploring nature.

Some of the Pathfinders worked on the Geocaching honor taught by Josh Holloway, director of the Kalispell, Mont., Pathfinder club. The caches were a challenge to find. If the Pathfinders were not out geocaching, they were learning how to read maps and plot courses for the Orienteering honor taught by Ken Christensen, Idaho Conference teen event coordinator.

The evening vespers included stories about Paul as told by Rick Nosik, co-director of the Caldwell, Idaho, Pathfinder club. After vespers, the fire was built up.

Veterans, active-duty military, current or retired law enforcement, and firefighters

were given places of honor as an honor guard, formed by teens from both conferences, escorted the flag-bearer, Mike Gilbert, Idaho’s Master TLT, as he carried a flag that was being retired. The flag was displayed one last time as everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance. Darrin James, Montana

associate Pathfinder director, and Dan Gilbert, Idaho Pathfinder director prepared the flag to be cremated, per the Flag Code. The event ended with the singing of the national anthem and “America the Beautiful.”

On Sunday campsites were packed up, and the clubs started their return trips. Many said they wanted to do it again.

One weekend highlight was how, with absolutely no cell service anywhere close by, kids were not buried in their electronic devices and spent more time socializing with each other — and not via Twitter.

*Dan Gilbert, Caldwell Flames  
Pathfinder Club assistant director*

Pathfinders pump water the old-fashioned way.



DAN GILBERT

## MISSOULA PATHFINDERS, ADVENTURERS JOIN FORCES FOR FOOD BANK

Every year the Mountain View Elementary School grounds are transformed into the Missoula Maze.

This year, trains have taken over the maze. Parents and students, old and young, are learning about trains as they navigate through the maze. During the maze, one day is dedicated to help raise money and food for the Missoula Food Bank.

The Nemissoolatakoo Pathfinder Club and Missoula Adventurer Club members went in pairs door to door spreading the word this fall about the food drive. They also received several donations from people who would be unable to come to the maze.

One Pathfinder mentioned he enjoys going door to door because his parents never let him. An Adventurer came across an automatic sensor that would not stop making noise. Overall, the Pathfinders and Adventurers had fun and enjoyed being able to help their community.

Every time we go out into the community, we build new memories and connections with the people of our towns. These kids are looking forward to seeing more people participate in this community event this year.

*Shannon Gross, Missoula Pathfinder director*



The Nemissoolatakoo Pathfinder Club and Missoula Adventurer Club went in pairs door to door collecting food to help out the local food bank.



Blodgett View Christian School students work on their own garden.

## STUDENTS GARDEN FROM SEED TO PLATE

Students at Blodgett View Christian School in Hamilton have been working on growing their own garden. Angela Binder, the Blodgett View Christian School teacher, works with the students to learn how to plant in the garden.

Last year the students who participated in Pathfinders were able to get the Gardening honor for their work. The students are learning how to plant seeds, water and weed the garden, know when to pick the vegetables and fruit, and cook with the food they pick.

At the end of last year, the students got to choose what they wanted to plant in the garden. They planted carrots, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, mint, jalapeños and more.

The students were so excited coming back to the school to see what had grown over the summer. The school allots about 30 minutes a week for the students to work in the garden. Older students pair with the younger students in order to teach them about each plant. Binder walks around and mentors them as they pick the produce.

They take the produce back to the kitchen to clean and process. The students work together to wash, cut and bag the produce.

Back in the classroom, the students pick what they want



After picking the fresh vegetables from their garden, the students take the produce back to the kitchen to clean and process.

to cook with the fresh fruits and vegetables they worked so hard to grow. They chose carrot cake, salsa, spaghetti sauce, and strawberry and raspberry pies. They sat and ate their homemade salsa and chips while Binder read to them. The students are looking forward to many more creative ways to use their produce and herbs.

*Angela Binder, Blodgett View Christian School teacher*



## LENTS HEALTH TALKS EXPAND WITH GUEST-MOTIVATED PRAYER CIRCLE

**J**ackie Whitt came to Lents Better Living Center with a yearning to improve her physical and spiritual life. She had been to the Impact Your Health free weekend clinic in Portland and had obtained eye glasses. While at the clinic, she had been invited to the Lents Church program Life More Abundantly, which was coming Sept. 7–10. She attended the three-part program for each of the four evening

After the formal meeting ended, church members talked and prayed with Whitt because she had noted on her registration form she would like to pray with someone. During these prayer sessions, church members learned about Whitt’s personal trials and challenges, both past and present. She mentioned she has three teenage children. Lois Smith, who had made decorative veggie plates and trays, gave these to Jackie to take home to her family. Smith also carved out designs on watermelons and gave them to attendees as prizes.

The Lents team was blessed by association with other guests too. A Latino couple had a Spanish Adventist couple translate for them. Two Chinese sisters were assisted by a Chinese couple from our church. A Muslim lady came twice for the cooking and health portions.

Most remarkably, however, Whitt’s prayer circle grew night by night. The health team members were drawn in. They felt more in touch with themselves and others after their interactions with Whitt, a special blessing. The next Sabbath after the Abundant Life Program, Whitt came for the church service. Local members plan to follow up with this open-hearted lady who provides more insight into themselves.

*Carol Specht, Lents Church communication leader*

Carved watermelons were given to some attendees as special prizes.

sessions and shared her gratitude for the presentations.

Ron and Silvy Rihenna, both registered nurses, led this program, with Steve Madsen, Lents Church pastor, advising. Silvy Rihenna and her assistants prepared meals to serve to the guests, who watched a demonstration of the recipes. Joyce Choe, a physician, shared why certain health practices help us live better lives. Jonny Wilkening, a lay preacher, gave visual presentations with the purpose of answering life’s most perplexing questions by sharing Bible texts and, most importantly, salvation through Jesus.



Never too late: Richard Nelson and Betty Mills celebrate newfound love in McMinnville.

## MCMINNVILLE CHURCH MEMBERS CELEBRATE VINTAGE LOVE

**A**t an age when few people are blessed to celebrate birthdays, these McMinnville (Ore.) Church members celebrated new love.

Richard Nelson, a 90-year-old widower, and Betty Mills, 89-year-old widow, pledged their love and commitment on Sept. 18 before a sanctuary full of friends and family. It was the first time Jerry Joubert, McMinnville Church pastor, could remember uniting a couple of that “vintage,” and there was some good-natured banter during the ceremony. Before introducing the new couple to the guests, Joubert presented the couple with a pair of fancy canes.

After the wedding ceremony, everyone retired to the friendship hall for the reception and buffet. Most commonly heard from well-wishers

was that this was the most fun wedding celebration anyone had experienced. Perhaps that is the secret to both Richard’s and Betty’s long and active lives — “a merry heart doeth good like a medicine” (Prov. 17:22).

*Michelle McMillen, McMinnville Church communication leader*



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## IMPACT YOUR HEALTH COMES TO PORTLAND

PHOTOS BY DICK DUERKSEN

**L**ittle Maria\* looked up into the dentist's face from the chair. At the tender age of 4, she already had six cavities. The pediatric dental team filled Maria's six cavities.

She was just one of more than 800 people who flocked to the gym of Portland Adventist Academy for the two-day Impact Your Health—Portland clinic designed to provide free medical, dental and vision assistance to those in need.

Sponsored by the Oregon Conference, ASI (Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries)

Northwest and local churches, the event saw temperatures reach well into the 90s on Friday. Nevertheless, volunteers arrived at 6 a.m. Friday morning and worked through the heat doing everything from dental X-rays and tooth extractions to vision exams, haircuts, lifestyle counseling and even foot-washing. Child



care was also available so parents could have procedures done without worrying about their children.

By 8:30 a.m. the school was abuzz as people came through registration, where volunteers took down each person's information and needs.

Once registered, one of the many florescent green-shirted volunteers would escort the person to their first stop. The biggest needs were dental, eye and medical care.

There were four eye exam stations and, if needed, the opportunity to obtain a free pair of glasses, to be delivered to an Adventist church near each patient. A patient named Jackie said, "I'm so excited because my mom and I get to





- 1** Dentists and assistants, all volunteers, gave time and talent to this weekend of service.
- 2** From very young “Maria” to very old, the care was given freely and generously.
- 3** What better way to say “thank you” for the free services than a free hug.

have our eyes checked, and we can’t afford to go into an eye clinic.”

Jim\* was found waiting to see a dentist. “I’ve had a tooth hurting for a long time now and just had it pulled, so hopefully the pain will go away.”

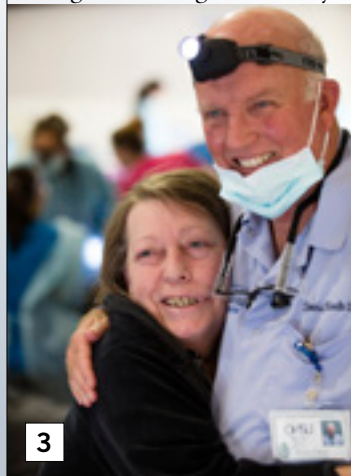
Retired dentist Dennis Nicola, who now teaches dentistry at a local teaching hospital, recruited two other dental teachers and 12 dental students to help at the event as well. Many of the volunteers he brought aren’t Adventist but share an interest in helping others.

Nicola sees projects like Impact Your Health as ways he can give back to the community, and he sees his students continuing to give to the future. He demonstrates compassion to his students and is amazed at the gratitude the patients express.

Arnold Petersen was the medical director for the Impact Your Health–Portland event and is excited about the connection between this event and what Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) provides at their ongoing free health clinic. Petersen says, “It’s our duty to do events such as these. We can’t reach these people in our clinics because

they can’t afford it, so they don’t come. Also, when you do free clinics like this you never know what you’re going to see. It’s like doing missionary work in the bush.”

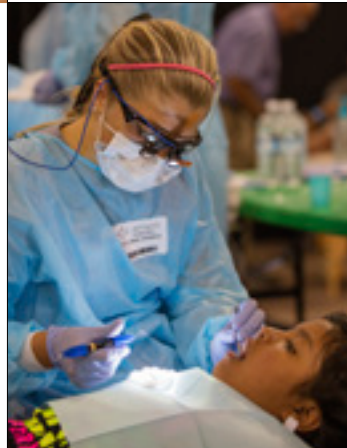
Buffy Piper works for a local hospital. When asked why she decided to be part of Impact Your Health–Portland, she said, “I’ve never done anything like this and don’t think I could go do it in the bush, so I thought I would give this a try.



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I had a great time.”

Brandon Dawson, a pharmacist, came from Vancouver, Wash., where he attends the Seventh-day Adventist Community Church of Vancouver. He heard about the event and said he had to be a part of it. They don’t distribute pharma-



ceuticals at this kind of event, so he just came to see how he could help.

He sat with patients while they waited to be seen by a physician and talked with them about the medications they were on. He was able to facilitate the conversation between the patient and doctor. Dawson said he “hope[s] this event becomes an annual deal.”

Jackie Whitt became an Adventist about three years ago while she was in prison. Through prison ministries, Whitt became the first in her low-income family to become an Adventist. A couple of weeks ago, Whitt heard about the Impact Your Health event through one of her local Adventist church members and was to be able to invite her mom to the event. Her mom was amazed the church Whitt was involved with would do

something like this for free for the community.

After 28 surgeries and \$12 million dollars of medical bills from being hit by a truck, Elijah\* can’t afford other medical needs. He said, “It’s a godsend, at the right time in my life. I’m here today because God keeps me alive.”

Emily, a Portland Adventist Academy student helping with massages, said, “I want to make a difference ... one person at a time.”

Joan Fuller,\* a loving grandmother, attends Portland’s Tabernacle Church and has been feeding the homeless at O’Bryant Square in downtown Portland. One Sunday morning she was flipping French toast at the square when her eyes met the eyes of Sole. “We talk every time we see each other there,” Fuller says. “I invited him to come to Impact Your Health so he could get some care.”

Did you catch that? She became his friend and then personally invited him. *This* is why we do what we do.

Like lifestyle counselor Jeanne Norris said, “Hope is what we’re all about here. We’re here to give hope.”

\*Names have been changed.

*Krissy Barber, Oregon Conference communication assistant*

## MILO STUDENTS GET FIT

Every student at Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek is using a Fitbit to track their progress for fitness class this year. “My goal is to bring the whole school together in practicing healthy habits through fitness and to carry these habits on through the remainder of their lives,” says Justin Braman, athletic director. “Our goal with this program is to encourage exercise in the morning to get their day started right. Studies show that exercise for just 15 minutes of moderate intensity daily will increase the students’ focus, improve test scores [and] mood, and decrease the chance of illness.”

Students select their own exercise activities with the Fitbits tracking their movements. Some choose to run each morning with staff members to nearby Camp Umpqua and back, while others walk laps around the covered walkway in the evenings or participate

in organized sports.

The Fitbits allow the teens lots of choices and flexibility for their fitness plans. They join Milo’s Fitbit community group so Braman can easily assess their progress, and each day they connect their Fitbits via USB to a computer where they upload their data to the community group.

Senior varsity soccer team captain Nick Portra says, “It motivates me to exercise and get my 13,000 steps per day.” Nonvarsity students have a goal of 10,000 steps, which earns them 100 points each day. Everyone participates for the first and third quarters, and if they choose to continue they will earn physical education credit for that semester.

For more information about the fitness program, contact Braman at [justin.braman@miloacademy.org](mailto:justin.braman@miloacademy.org).

*Kathy Hernandez, Milo Adventist Academy teacher and recruiter*



Milo students Aboma Olana, Michael Barry, Cody Whitchurch, Nick Portra and Kyra Daugherty wear Fitbits all day to track their exercise.



Aaron Payne speaks for chapel services before renovations.

## CAA WARMS UP

Warmer days are coming to Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash. — or at least a warmer chapel. This winter, students will no longer need to hunker down under their heavy coats and hats during chapel services. “It’s so cold people dread going [to chapel] in the winter,” says Mikey Burdick, a CAA junior.

Thanks to donations from the supportive community, renovations began in September to bring some important changes to the chapel building, including all-new heating and cooling. The roof, fascia and gutters are also being replaced. New sound equipment will be plugged into a new electrical system better able to handle its job without blowing. Installation of stage lighting will complete the updates and new look.

The building, a shared space with the cafeteria, was designed to be a large cafeteria and dining area. Now a thin divider separates the chapel space from the dining area. Aaron Payne, the campus chaplain, says, “I want people to walk in and not think ‘cafeteria’ but ‘worship center.’”

He envisions a comfortable, warm, inviting room with technology for an engaging worship service. The renovations will bring that goal

closer to completion.

Still on the to-do list is a new soundproof divider between the chapel and the cafeteria and energy-efficient windows, which will make the new heating and cooling system more effective. Cosmetic dreams for the chapel include new flooring and a refinished ceiling.

Sophomore and student association student chaplain Mitchell Powers hopes the



Roof work is under way on the building.

chapel can be a “place where people are comfortable, relaxed and joyful.” And, of course, warm.

*Stacy Knight, Columbia Adventist Academy Gleaner correspondent*



## PAA MOMS LIFT SCHOOL UP IN PRAYER

I feel a burden to pray for our children,” says Kimberly Shryer, a mother closely connected to Portland Adventist Academy (PAA). Shryer’s burden inspired her to form a weekly mothers’ prayer group that has been meeting at PAA for more than a year.

“Prayer is one of the pillars of our faith as Seventh-day Adventist Christians,” says Sheldon Parris, PAA principal. “PAA is so blessed to have moms who are gracious enough to lift us up in prayer each week. God is doing great new things at PAA, and we know that those prayers are making a tremendous impact

on our campus.”

“Our time together has made me more aware of the people in our school,” says Linda Mackett, whose grandson attends PAA. “While the impact of prayers can’t always be measured, I have seen that praying directly for someone makes us more sensitive to their needs. We are reaching out to students and teachers because our prayers have opened our eyes.”

With open eyes, God’s power is in view. “We are so much more aware of the miracles around us. We’ve had many answers to prayer,” says Mackett with joy. “But the most dramatic stories are

nothing we can share. They’re private but truly amazing.”

Confidentiality is a core value of Moms in Prayer. “Whatever is shared during the meeting stays in the group,” says Shryer. “That’s how we establish trust between each other and feel safe to bring heartfelt prayer requests for our children. Because of this we have grown to love each other and care for each other’s children. It is a rare to have dry eyes at the end of a meeting.”

These Moms in Prayer are not alone. The community of teachers, pastors and parents

praying individually or collectively strengthens PAA and directly impacts young lives.

“You know, it’s easy to get so busy in life that we miss moments to pause and notice others, even the most precious people to us. But prayer helps this,” says Mackett. “I believe in prayer. It’s the only way to live.”

There is always room for more prayers. To be a part of this powerful movement, contact Shryer at [mjsk825@gmail.com](mailto:mjsk825@gmail.com).

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent*

(From left) Silvia Gomez, Jenny Neil, Rise Rafferty, Kimberly Shryer and Linda Mackett faithfully pray for the PAA family.



## SPOKANE VALLEY CHURCH REACHES MILESTONES

**S**pokane Valley Church members marked two milestones Sept. 17: the 65th anniversary of this church family and the 20th anniversary at their present location on East 16th Avenue and South Sullivan Road.

Many former members and pastors were present for this special occasion. Gerald Haeger, pastor from 1985 to 1990, gave an important charge to attendees: “Go for the Gold.” He said they should be more in earnest for the eternal prize than to win a physical prize. The key difference between the physical and spiritual race is that in the spiritual race we come closer to the coach, Jesus. He encourage all to set goals in their spiritual development.

Other weekend speakers included Curtis Rittenour, 2000–10; Stan Hudson, 2000–07; Ed Gienger, 1968–71; Marilee Thomas, Spokane Valley Adventist School (SVAS) teacher from 1968 to 1978; Gayle Haeger, SVAS, 1988–91; and Mel Wachtel, SVAS teacher, 1981–95. Many former members came and more participated in praise songs, panel discussions and special music. It was a high Sabbath for all.



Ron Eastman, head elder; Randy Eastman, Sabbath School wing building contractor; and Bob Hayes burn the Sabbath School wing mortgage.

The pioneers in Spokane Valley began God’s work with the opening of a church school at Orchard Avenue in 1906, which developed into Orchard Avenue Church. By 1910 another group began meeting in members homes in the Veradale area, and later a school was built for the children of these families. For the next 25 years, people of vision and faith in these two churches were busy with witnessing, education and evangelism programs.

During the late 1940s, it was felt the work in the valley would be more effective from one central base. With encouragement of the local conference, the churches combined their assets and

capabilities and merged into one group to be known as the Spokane Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Work in the valley began with children, and they are still an integral part of the congregation.







MICHELE BORDERS

## FIVE TRIBES ATTEND NATIVE SPIRITUAL GATHERING

**D**ale and Gerri St. Clair, members of the All Nations Center in Wapato, Wash., are having the time of their lives, studying the Bible with a Yakama Native mother and daughter. Because of a recent death in their family, the daughter, 17-year-old Vanessa, told Steve Huey, All Nations pastor, that she would like to be baptized. That's how the St. Clairs got started studying each week through the Native New Day Bible course.

Then, when the Native Spiritual Gathering was held on Sept. 9 and 10, the St. Clairs invited Tamara and Vanessa to go with them. They were glad to meet the speaker, Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference Native ministries director.

While All Nations Center hosts the annual event, members from the Native nations in Upper Columbia Conference join in, including many from the Yakama, Colville, Umatilla, Spokane and Coeur d'Alene reservations. (Two other tribes, the Nez Perce and the Kootenai, also lie within the conference territory.) Monte Church's theme was "I Have Accepted Jesus; Now What?" Two seminars were conducted, focusing on needs within the Native community.

Viola Kaiser of Gambell,

Alaska, spoke on mending broken relationships. A Cherokee physician, Tom Matheson from Pendleton, Ore., presented information on suicide prevention. As a special feature, Brent Carter and Coyote Short, geologists from Boise State University in Idaho, talked of the ancient petroglyphs that tell of creation, the flood, the 10 Commandments and other Biblical themes. Short, a Paiute Indian, is one of three recognized authorities in the world for interpreting the pictures in the stones.

The event was a weekend to remember.

*Mary Logan, All Nations Center Adventist Church member*

Coyote Short, a geologist from Boise State University, wears Native dress during one of her presentations.



The lesson study is led by Curtis Rittenour, moderator, and panel members Gayle Haeger, Jim Giem, Conrad Thomas and Jay Williams.

Over the years, additional classrooms, Johnson Hall and the gymnasium were added to the school facility. Improvements to the church over the years include the foyer addition and a pastor's study as well as remodeling the platform and interior.

The church began with a charter membership of 174. A new congregation was formed in 1977 on the South Hill, followed by another in Otis Orchards in 1983. Even with planting those churches, the Spokane Valley membership stood at about 500 in 1979, necessitating plans for building a larger facility.

Under the leadership of Haeger, a search committee was established to find a new church and school site. Prayers ascended for guidance, and the church purchased 16 acres at today's location for \$260,000. In the fall of 1991, Charles Ferguson became the pastor and challenged members to retire the remaining property debt, which they did quickly. They burned the mortgage in January 1992.

The building committee forged ahead, and by 1993 they began developing plans

for the new church building. They held the groundbreaking ceremony for the new sanctuary Oct. 1, 1995. The church was completed in 1996, and in March of that same year the school, built with volunteer labor, had its ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the school.

The school classrooms were used for Sabbath School classrooms until fundraising began in earnest in 2012. Groundbreaking for a new Sabbath School wing took place in May 2013. The official grand opening was held the first Sabbath of the new year, Jan. 4, 2014.

This Sabbath School wing was paid off the summer of 2016, and the burning of this last mortgage was enjoyed during the anniversary celebration. God has truly led the members in the Spokane Valley to be there for all ages to share the love of Jesus.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant*



## UCA: THANKFUL FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

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**A**s the holidays approach, it is a great time to reflect on God's blessings ... especially for Upper Columbia Academy (UCA). UCA is blessed with more than 200 young people choosing to further their education and grow closer to Jesus by attending this academy in Spangle, Wash.

"It is an awesome privilege to teach and share the love

the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on their campus. After singing and sharing Scripture, the students and staff divided into groups of four or five and earnestly prayed for the Holy Spirit.

The results have been amazing. When the seniors returned from senior survival, they decided this should happen every day. They are taking the lead to have a student-led prayer time right before lunch.

The Prayer PATCH program, which began more than 20 years ago, continues to thrive. If you would like to pray for a UCA student or staff, email [prayer.patch@ucca.org](mailto:prayer.patch@ucca.org) for their prayer requests.

Another blessing came from individuals who donated more than \$13,000 so 90 very

old mattresses were able to be replaced with new ones. "It is things like this that seem little, but can make a big difference in the morale of the students in the dorm," says Joe Hess, men's dean. Once \$6,000 more is raised, UCA will be able to replace all of the mattresses in the girls' dorm as well.

As the expression goes, "God is good all the time, and all the time God is good." We may not always understand why things happen, but we know who sees the bigger picture. The Lord has blessed UCA for 70 years and Yakima Valley Academy for more than 20 years before that. Thank you for your prayers for UCA that the Lord will continue to bless His school until He comes.



JOE HESS



TAMARA TERRY

Thanks to individuals who together donated more than \$13,000, dozens of old mattresses in the guys' dorm have been replaced.

of Jesus with these students," says John Winslow, UCA principal. "The faculty and staff are praying on a regular basis for these students and for guidance to direct them in the path He has for them."

At the beginning of the school year, students and staff met every day on the Water Tower Plaza to pray for



TAMARA TERRY

Students and staff meet every day on the Water Tower Plaza for Prayer on the Plaza. They pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on their campus.

An adopt-a-student prayer program, called Prayer PATCH, began more than 20 years ago and continues to thrive as people all over the world are praying for UCA students.

For more information about UCA or to view its school programs, visit [ucca.org](http://ucca.org).

*Tamara Michalenko Terry, UCA communication coordinator, with Eric Johnson, UCA vice principal for development and alumni relations*



## PRAYERS OF BLESSING ENCOMPASS FREEDMANS

**H**ow do you celebrate how God is leading in a leader's life? With a day of prayer and a special weekday concert!

A few days before the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) constituency session, Washington Conference held a day of prayer for John Freedman, Washington Conference president, who was nominated and eventually elected to become the new NPUC president.

"Wider responsibility requires a wider prayer circle," says Randy Maxwell, Renton Church pastor and one of the day of prayer devotional speakers.

The day of prayer service included devotional messages

from local pastors, small-group prayers and a weekday concert. Pianist Kelly Mowrer shared a collection of favorite hymns of U.S. presidents and the stories behind the presidents' hymn selections.

The hymn selection ranged from a Dwight Eisenhower medley of "What a Friend," "A Mighty Fortress" and "Abide in Me" to Abraham Lincoln's favorite, "At the Cross," James Garfield's favorite, "Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah," and Calvin Coolidge's "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go." The weekday concert concluded with "Amazing Grace," a favorite of many presidents.

Staff surrounded the Freedmans to pray words of

blessing for their family and marriage, for leadership vision and discernment, for faithfulness in following Jesus, and for a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"We wanted to pray prayers of thanksgiving for God's blessings throughout the years of the Freedmans' ministry here in western Wash-

ington," says Kevin Wilfley, Washington Conference spiritual growth coordinator. "We see how God's been preparing John and Malinda for this calling and for this moment."

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

Washington Conference staff pray words of blessing and thanksgiving for God's leading in John and Malinda Freedman's (on the right) ministry.



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

## A GIFT OF PEACE

**O**ur world is in a state of turmoil: war, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, the threat of pandemics, escalating crime, a shaky global economy and a volatile stock market. Our whole world is on edge! Millions are asking, "What on earth will happen next?"

Revelation Speaks Peace, a powerful multi-night seminar, is coming to western Washington in the spring of 2017 to offer the South Sound community a gift of peace in the midst of chaos. Here's a

quick timeline of activities in the next few months:

### Fall 2016

- » 322,000 Bible invitation cards sent to South Sound homes
- » Voice of Prophecy Bible study training for 200 members from 35 churches

### Winter 2016–2017

- » Community events hosted by 18 local partner churches (follow Washington Conference on Facebook and/or view [washingtonconference.org/calendar](http://washingtonconference.org/calendar) for a listing of specific events)

- » Bible workers and trained members will respond to Bible study requests in the community

### Spring 2017

- » March 3–7 | Archaeology Seminar
- » March 10–April 8 | Revelation Speaks Peace seminar on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights

Stay connected with Revelation Speaks Peace activities at [washingtonconference.org/peace!](http://washingtonconference.org/peace!)



# 'FROM SICKNESS TO HEALTH' SEMINAR REACHES COMMUNITY

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**T**acoma Central Community Outreach Project reached out to the community by hosting a five-day health seminar that began Aug. 24 at Tacoma Community College (TCC). The seminar presented was the From Sickness to Health seminar taught by Rico Hill of the Beehive Organization in Arizona.

"Overall, I think the seminar was very successful,

and communication coordinators."

Dennis Falls of Tacoma Central Church was a table captain who also thought the program was successful. "Its design was to put us with people who attended in order to make friends," he says. "It's an appropriate form of evangelism that had many ways of meeting people and where we go out into the community in place of them coming to us."

Mark Witzel, program host, says, "I like the idea of how this was put together. We even had event sponsors from the community, that we share a commonality with, who brought their followers out to attend the meeting as well. And TCC was an excellent venue of a known and neutral



From Sickness to Health guests visit and interact with sponsors and fellow attendees.

location for everyone to feel comfortable. And we can't forget the giveaways of mountain bikes, cookbooks, recipes and other items that were donated."

"Will we be doing this event again in the near future? Absolutely!" exclaims Darlene Ali, Tacoma Central Church health superintendent. "We've

even began cooking classes for healthy eating at one of Tacoma's low-income apartment complex. This program is very powerful in reaching out to the community, and I see Bible studies resulting from this. I'm even told that we may have a bigger venue during our next event."

Tacoma Central Church has designed and hosted events such as From Sickness to Health, the Art of Marriage and Financial Peace as stepping stones and segues to evangelistic meetings and reaping series. The From Sickness to Health seminar is continuing with an 10-week program at Tacoma Central Church, which a majority of the community members are attending along with church members.

*Justin Budd, Tacoma Central Church member*



Priscilla Sanders with her mom, Amanda, pose for a photo with the well-liked puppet man at From Sickness to Health.

[and] we averaged 55 people from the community who attended," explains Scott Tyman, Tacoma Central Church senior pastor. "Being the first time we've executed a program like this, the credit of its success goes to the team we put together of greeters, ushers, parking, registration, child care



Rosetta Stout and Dortha-Jean Washington prepare food samples for From Sickness to Health guests.

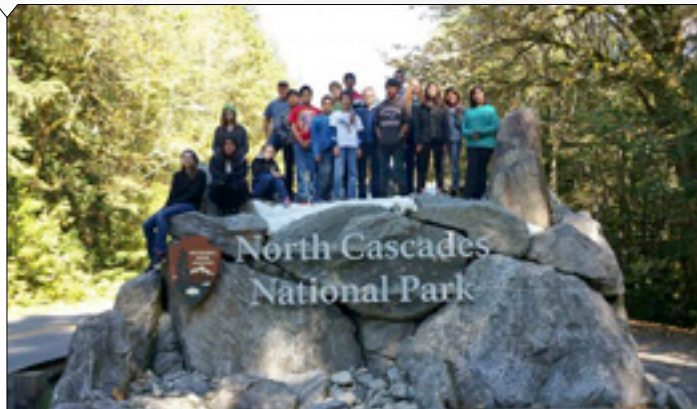


## SAA EXPLORES MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

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ountain School, located on beautiful Lake Diablo in the North Cascades National Park, is the site of a three-day outdoor learning experience.

The seventh- and eighth-grade students from Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA) in Burlington were excited to



The seventh- and eighth-grade students from Skagit Adventist Academy (SAA) in Burlington participate in outdoor classroom activities.

ing in the Mountain School, their response was an enthusiastic, “It was lit” (epic or awesome). They would have liked to stay a little longer in God’s second book to explore even more.

Many expressed joy in hiking to the waterfall and dunking their head into the ice-cold water. They even held a contest to see who could hold their head under for at least 11 seconds. Some mentioned seeing claw marks on a tree made by a bear.

Mia bravely touched some animals the mountain school had frozen. Games like kick the can and camouflage were reported by Jon. Sophia really enjoyed the humorous instructors who taught and led them on an exploration of nature. Shayla’s favorite thing was stories around the campfire. Sydney’s highlight was a “solo sit” on a ledge, giving her a feeling of being on top of the world.

Parents also appreciated the Mountain School experience and expressed thanks that SAA students could have this opportunity to experience God’s second book of nature firsthand.

*Tressa Farnsworth, Skagit Adventist Academy parent*



Skagit Adventist Academy students experience God from observations of the minutest atom to the splendor of vistas at Mountain School.

explore this wonderful national treasure. The students participated in outdoor as well as classroom activities. This variety allowed them to enjoy the “big picture” of the mountains and get a microscopic view of the organisms that live there.

A strong focus was on learning about the plants and animals found there. The staff at the institute provided activities that engaged the students

as they hiked and enjoyed God’s second book, nature. One activity required the students to learn about a plant or tree then teach the others in their trail group about their new knowledge.

This program was a perfect mix of hiking, games and

creative activities to keep the students wanting more. With comfortable facilities, it was a perfect way to help students connect with the organisms found right in their backyard.

Aubrey Fautheree, SAA teacher, says in a discussion with students after participat-



Mountain School staff provide activities that engage the students as they hiked and enjoyed God’s second book of nature.



## AUBURN BUILDS LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS

AAA students participate in the second annual The Longest Table.

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**A**uburn Adventist Academy started out its year by getting to know students, connecting with church community and building relationships.

Student leaders led out in a traditional handshake on the first day of school.

"It's a good way to meet people face-to-face," says Christopher Ziegele, student body president and senior from Bonney Lake.

"You learn how to recognize people," adds Destinie Stopsen, a senior from Black Diamond.

After the first-day handshake, students got into the routine of classes, met more classmates, understood academic expectations and got acquainted with class locations.

In a new tradition, Auburn students met the church

community through The Longest Table, during which the Auburn Adventist Academy Church family served a collection of small potluck to a long, outdoor series of tables.

"Every table is different, and you get to interact with a lot of people," says Melanie Tsun, a senior from Taiwan. "The fun part is that you can hang out with your friends and make new friends too."

Auburn also brought back an all-school picnic. The day started with breakfast for all dorm and village students before students departed for Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson for an activity-filled day including hiking, biking, basketball and volleyball.

"It was a mental health day to take a break from the stressful start of school," says McKenna Butler, student body spiritual vice president and a

junior from Buckley.

"I talked with people I don't normally talk to," adds Emily Brown, a senior from Federal Way. "I made new friends that I talk to now."

Faculty and staff see the benefit of students building lifelong relationships at the beginning of a school year. "We want to build community

because students who feel like they belong excel academically, spiritually and socially," says Roxanne Wickward, vice principal for academics. "We're not just here to graduate students from high school, but to heaven."

*AAA media literacy class members*

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## SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS EXPAND INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**A**nne Harrison and Melissa Adams, two Walla Walla University Master of Social Work (MSW) students, recently spent a month conducting field practicum work in the northern European country of Estonia. They worked in the city of Tartu, with the Tartu City Government Social Work Department (TCGSWD) on a variety of social service projects. As the first WWU MSW students to complete practicum work in Estonia, Harrison and Adams paved the way for possible future practicum collaboration between the WWU School of Social Work and Tartu.

“This has been the test year,” says Helo Oidjarv, WWU assistant professor of social work and sociology. “This year will determine how we will move forward with the program.”

Oidjarv spearheaded this unique practicum opportunity during one of her annual visits to Tartu, where she was born and grew up. She made contact with local social service agencies to explore if a connection between WWU and the city of Tartu was possible. The

TCGSWD, which provides funding for most of the social work agencies in the city, offered to coordinate a program between the university and Tartu. “That’s led to where we are now,” says Oidjarv.

Harrison and Adams spent a month in Tartu this summer gaining a broad range of experience. Each day they moved from one area of social work to another. “We worked

a food bank, the local Lutheran church, and so on,” explains Harrison.

“The main goal was for them to get a good idea of how the social welfare system functions in Estonia in a variety of areas in comparison to the social welfare system that is in place here in the United States,” said Oidjarv.

Each WWU student pursuing a bachelor’s or master’s degree in social work completes field practicum work. For this internship portion of their study programs, they work with experienced social work professionals in social services agencies to integrate classroom knowledge, skills, values and research with agency experiences. A wide variety of agency settings and well-qualified field instructors make it possible to individualize the practice interests of students even for international work, such as in Estonia.

Harrison says she felt like God led her to Estonia for a

reason, specifically “to see the good things happening there.”

“While in Estonia, I saw poverty, but I also saw good-hearted people stepping in to help. It made my heart sing to see people so well cared for and loved. Overall, it was a great experience,” says Harrison.

Despite language barriers and missing family back home, Harrison and Adams achieved what they set out to accomplish — to observe and learn and to help others throughout the process.

*Elisabeth Brassington, WWU marketing and university relations student writer*



Melissa Adams and Anne Harrison, WWU Master of Social Work students, in Estonia.



Two WWU social work students completed field practicum work in Estonia this summer, partially at Tartu University, where the campus is a mix of new construction and Soviet-era buildings.

with hospital social workers, child protective services, the unemployment office, services to the elderly and disabled, domestic abuse, youth services,

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## PAYING IT FORWARD



**L**ike clockwork for the past three years, Dave starts his Tuesday mornings at the farmer's market, before he heads to the Adventist Health hospice house where he delivers bouquets of flowers, smiles and words of good cheer. Like the actions displayed in the movie *Pay It Forward*, Dave's weekly visits create a similar ripple effect all their own.

Dave's routine originated when his wife was receiving chemotherapy treatments at the Adventist Health Cancer Center. Bringing flowers gave Dave something to do and something to bring. When his wife transitioned to hospice, he continued the ritual as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation.

"I've been impressed with hospice care from the moment Dianne, my wife of 50 years and two months, began receiving care," said Dave. "It's simply my way of saying 'thank you' to the entire hospice staff for the relentlessly positive attitude they display each and every day."

For patients faced with a life-limiting illnesses, hospice care is available and tailored to meet the individual needs of the patients and families. An interdisciplinary team that includes volunteers provides whole-person care, which includes nursing, counseling, spiritual care and bereavement support.

Across America more than a million people are served by hospice agencies each year. Volunteers are a valued and integral part of the hospice team, providing important services to the patients and families served. Adventist Health hospice volunteers donated more than 7,300 hours of service in 2015.

**Typical volunteer duties include:**

- » Listening to a patient's concerns and being a supportive presence;
- » Letting hospice staff know the needs of the patient and family;
- » Providing respite for the caregiver to take care of him/herself;
- » Provide socialization and companionship.

**Benefits of volunteering include:**

- » Volunteers have less depression, better weight control, improved sleep and a stronger immune system;
- » Volunteers are well-rounded and learn skills they can use on the job, at home or in communicating with others;
- » Volunteering gives the opportunity to work with people from all walks of life and backgrounds;
- » Volunteering shows commitment, dedication and interest and may inspire that passion in others too.

**Volunteer Testimonial**

"At first my mother was in complete denial, but as the result of our honest and

positive communication she was willing to consider staying at home and have help come to her," says Sharee Gray. "The hospice nurses, health aides, social workers and doctors delivered the kind, caring support that my mother needed and even looked forward to, with just one rule: My mother would have to have her makeup on before they arrived. The staff always got a kick out of this and followed the rule. Today I am a volunteer for hospice doing my very best to 'pay it forward.'"

Visit [Hospice.ah.org](http://Hospice.ah.org) to learn more about services and volunteer opportunities. Adventist Health provides hospice services in Portland and Tillamook, Ore.

## FAMILY MILESTONES



Carolyn and Donald Bohlman

### Bohlman 60th

Once upon a time, on Aug. 26, 1956, there was a girl from Jacksonville, Ore., who married a boy from College Place, Wash. Donald Bohlman and Carolyn Owen said their nuptials in the Village Church at College Place.

Their honeymoon was spent camping at a family favorite spot, Priest Lake, Idaho, which wouldn't seem too unusual except six of their friends followed. Needless to say they have remained good friends ever since.

Two children arrived in their first three years of marriage.

Don became a family practice doctor and set up his practice in Portland, Ore. He retired from practice 18 years ago, and now the Bohlmans spend their time between Woodburn, Ore., and Palm Springs, Calif., plus many other places in between.

To celebrate their 60 years, their kids took them on an early vacation to the east coast, from Florida to South Carolina. Golfing, shopping, sight-seeing and, of course, eating were at the top of the list.

Don and Carolyn love being with their family and friends and church family. Always looking forward to more adventure, but even more importantly very grateful for what the Lord has blessed them with.

The Bohlman family includes Lori and Audie Marcoff of Jacksonville, Ore.; Brock and Laura (Regula) Bohlman of Meridian, Idaho; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

### Munson 50th

Lloyd and Jeanne Munson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 2016, with a reception in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Lloyd Munson first met Jeanne Kurtz at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., during music theory class. They were married Sept. 4, 1966, at the East Oakland Church. After an uncle had to step in as a last-minute groomsman at their wedding due to engine trouble, the rest



Lloyd and Jeanne Munson

of the marriage was a smooth ride.

The newlyweds moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., where Lloyd took his first placement as a youth pastor. Following the seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., the Munsons were called to minister in various capacities within the Northern California Conference for a combined 23 years. Lloyd pastored and taught Bible classes.

A few years of teaching during this time were at Lloyd's alma mater, Far Eastern Academy, in Singapore. A calling to Upper Columbia Conference found them pastoring

churches in Wenatchee, Wash., and College Place, Wash., for the next 10 years.

After pastoring a few years in the Central California Conference it was off to the islands. Lloyd and Jeanne finished their ministry at the Aiea Church on Oahu in the Hawaii Conference. Sixty years earlier George Munson, Lloyd's father, had started the Aiea Church in a mission tent during evangelistic meetings.

Through 50 years of marriage and service to the Lord, Jeanne ministered alongside Lloyd with her music and her heart for serving others, but her most beloved role was "mother" to their son and two daughters. They retired back in the Pacific Northwest in 2010 and thoroughly enjoy living within 75 miles of all their children and grandchildren.

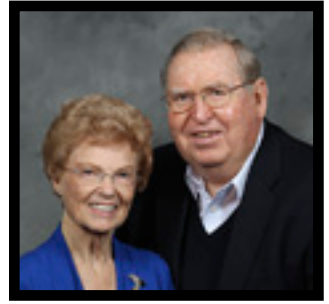
The Munson family includes Loren and Jennifer (Hegg) Munson of LaCleve, Idaho; Lana (Munson) and Matt Young of Priest River, Idaho; LouAnn (Munson) and Andy Henneberg of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and 7 grandchildren.

### Plubell 65th

Gil and Winnie Plubell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family, friends and education leaders of the Oregon Conference on July 22, 2016.

They were married July 22, 1951, in Placerville, Calif. They both attended Pacific Union College (PUC) in Angwin, Calif., with Gil graduating in 1954 with a major in religion and secondary education. Winnie's collegiate education was interrupted by the birth of their son, Dennis.

Gil began his education career in the fall of 1954 at Sierra View Junior Academy in the



Winnie and Gil Plubell

Central California Conference. A second son, Robert, was born during the six years they lived in Visalia, Calif. After completing a master's degree at PUC during summer school sessions, Gil and Winnie moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1960.

During the eight years they lived in the islands, Gil served as principal Hawaiian Mission Elementary School and then Hawaiian Mission Academy, while Winnie served as school secretary part time.

Gil and Winnie returned to the Central California Conference in 1968 where Gil served as superintendent of schools and Winnie worked in the conference trust department for the next eight years.

In 1976, Gil accepted a call to be superintendent of schools for the Oregon Conference. During his tenure in Oregon, he completed a doctorate degree in educational administration.

Gil was elected to be the North Pacific Union Conference director of education in 1981. Eight years later he was called to be the North American Division education director and the General Conference education associate.

During their time at the world headquarters, Winnie was administrative assistant to the Adventist Colleges Abroad program.

Both retired in January 1996 and returned to their home in Boring, Ore. After retirement, Gil helped out part time for 15 years in the



Oregon Conference Office of Education.

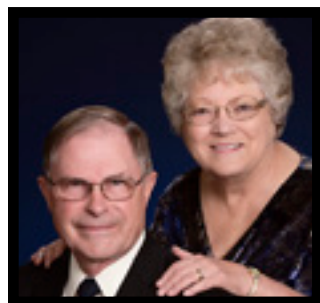
Gil and Winnie both feel blessed by the Lord and are grateful for their family that includes Dennis and Barbara of Gresham, Ore.; Robert Plubell of Fresno, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, plus a host of extended family members.

### Ruud 50th

Phil and Linda Ruud celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception, hosted by their children, for a close group of friends and family at the Pendleton (Ore.) Church on July 30, 2016.

Philip met Linda Magsulit while attending Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University). They were married Aug. 28, 1966, at the First Methodist Church in Salem, Ore. They lived in College Place, Wash., while Phil finished his medical technology degree.

After finishing an internship in Portland, Ore., and



Phil and Linda Ruud

graduating in August 1968, Phil was drafted into the U.S. Army in January 1969. Following the birth of Eric, their first child, Phil was sent to Vietnam in October 1969. Phil was based in Chu Lai, Vietnam, near Danang, until his honorable discharge in October 1970.

During this time Linda continued to raise their young

family in Portland. Linda supported the family by working as a receptionist at a local doctor's office. After the birth of their second child, Sean, the family was reunited in late 1970, and they made their home in Corvallis, Ore.

Shortly after their daughter, Karin, was born, they moved to Endicott, Wash., in eastern Washington to farm wheat. Later the family moved to Pendleton, where Phil took over his father's hearing aid business, Ruud's Hearing Aid Service, and Linda opened Memories Forever Gift Boutique. Though retirement is eminent, Phil and Linda continue to minister to the hearing needs of residents throughout Oregon and Washington.

The couple enjoys spending time with their children, grandchildren and extended families from the Pacific Northwest to Virginia and California to Panama. They also enjoy the ocean beaches, camping, traveling and singing with Inland NorthWest Musicians. They are certified in Disaster Relief with Adventist Community Services. While Linda enjoys needlework and making cards and Phil makes "Papa's Pickles" and works on clocks, they revel in agate hunting and gardening together.

The Ruud family includes Eric and Heidi (Clendenon) Ruud of Yakima, Wash.; Sean and Lynda (Witzel) Ruud of Pendleton, Ore.; Karin and Ray Trees II of Walla Walla, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

### Whitehouse 60th

Alvin and Kathy Whitehouse celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 17, 2016, with a sandwich and salad buffet at the Priest River Event Center in Priest

River, Idaho.

Alvin married Kathy Mandigo in Newport, Wash., on July 7, 1956. Soon after they moved to College Place, Wash., where they had three children. After leaving College Place, they moved to Oregon, where they had a fourth child.

They lived in Oregon until 1974 when they moved back to Newport, and they have lived there ever since.

Their family includes Julie Whitehouse Hoppis of Yakima Wash.; Jann Whitehouse of Gaston, Ore.; Jeff Whitehouse of Newport; Jerry Whitehouse of Newport; 6 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

### Woodruff 90th

Family and friends gathered on July 10, 2016, to a catered lunch at the Red Lion Inn in Salem, Ore., to celebrate Edith Woodruff's 90th birthday.

Edith Eleanor Lawson was born July 8, 1926, to Herbert and Inez Lawson in New Bedford, Mass. At the age of 5, her parents accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message at an evangelistic series by John Ford.

Edith attended Brookside Academy in Taunton, Mass. She attended one year at Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Mass., then was asked to teach a one-room school for 15 students (grades one through eight) in Middleborough, Mass., after their teacher got sick.

She went back to Atlantic Union College and completed her sophomore and junior years. While at college, she met Marion Woodruff. After her junior year, she married Marion in a double wedding with her sister and sister's fiancé.

After spending that summer in Utah and getting

to know Marion's large family, she and Marion moved to Falls City, Ore., in 1947. Edith taught school and Marion worked in his brother's sawmill. They had six children over a period of 16 years (three boys and three girls). Edith continued to teach school while she went back to school to finish her teaching degree. Marion worked at various lumber mills. Edith was always very active at church and held many church offices while they were raising their family. She was always very active in the community (many people know and love her) and was director of the Falls City



Edith Woodruff

Church Adventist Community Services for many years.

Edith retired from teaching in 1981. Marion died in July 30, 2011. Edith loves gardening, continues to live in her own home, still plays the piano and organ for church and would like to continue to be a witness wherever she can. She is looking forward to the Second Coming of Jesus and seeing Marion again.

Edith has six children, all living in Oregon: Janet Owen of Salem; David Woodruff of The Dalles; Donna Dugan of Turner; Judy Grant of Dallas; Doug Woodruff of Falls City; Rick Woodruff of Falls City; 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

## FAMILY WEDDINGS

### EDSTROM-REMBOLDT

Kathryn “Katie” Lynnae Edstrom and Anthony Mark Remboldt were married Aug. 28, 2016, in Puyallup, Wash. They are making their home in Denver, Colo. Katie is the daughter of Kenneth and Jean (Ocheltree) Edstrom. Anthony is the son of Mark and Janette (Gimbel) Remboldt.

## FAMILY AT REST

### ANDERSON

— Iva Mae (Johnson), 86; born May 25, 1929, Bismarck, N.D.; died Jan. 6, 2016, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Pamela House, Vancouver, Wash.; sister, Viola Pritchett, McMinnville, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

### BABCOCK

— Charlotte Francis (Lewis), 99; born Jan. 4, 1917, Lincoln, Neb.; died July 10, 2016, Clarkston, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Doris Bevins, Clarkston; Bonnie Carley, Kapaa, Hawaii; 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

### BURNS

— Duane E., 97; born Aug. 8, 1918, Jamestown, N.D.; died April 25, 2016, Pateros, Wash. Surviving: wife, Dolores “Lorry” (Cobb) Yates; son, Lowell “Ed” Burns, Brewster, Wash.; stepson, Dennis Yates, the Marshall Islands; daughter, Lola Mae (Burns) Worth, Pateros; stepdaughters, Sheila Schroeder, Pasco, Wash.; Connie Bissell, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**DORNER** — Roger J., 83; born Sept. 27, 1932, Council Bluffs, Iowa; died June 22, 2016, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: wife, June (Brooks); son, Duke, Wenatchee; daughter, Dixie Hunt, Troy, Idaho; and 4 grandchildren.

**EATHERTON** — Marci Del (Towler), 52; born Nov. 24,

1963, Redwood City, Calif.; died June 15, 2016, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: sons, Isaac, Joshua and Luke; and parents, Delmar and Carol Towler.

**ELLISON** — Gerald Henry, 75; born Aug. 11, 1940, Tuberoose, Saskatchewan, Canada; died June 28, 2016, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: wife, Deanna (Bish); son, Doug, Yakima; daughters, Donna Trammell, Yakima; Dalee Fleury, Bow, Wash.; sisters, Joyce Wallewein, Yakima; Marilyn Glaim, Calistoga, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

### GENSTLER

— Pearl V. (Lodahl), 97; born Nov. 9, 1918, Dagmar, Mont.; died May 14, 2016, Albany, Ore. Surviving: sons, Darrell, Albany; Curtis, Everett, Wash.; daughter, Arla Baelli, Topeka, Kan.; and 7 grandchildren.

### HILLBERG

— Robert E., 95; born Sept. 30, 1920, Anyox, British Columbia, Canada; died April 6, 2016, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Janice Vigil, Damascus, Ore.; Carol Healy, Vancouver, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

**JENKS** — Frank Nelson, 95; born Feb. 19, 1921, Berkeley, Calif.; died May 31, 2016, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Alice (Chedester); sons, Larry, Colville, Wash.; Paul, Spangle, Wash.; daughter, Janelle Dixon, Spangle; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**LUND** — Paul George, 97; born June 25, 1919, Geysler, Mont.; died July 9, 2016, Auburn, Calif. Surviving: sons, Arnold, Colfax, Calif.; Gary, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada; daughter, Deanna Arnett, Clayton, Ind.; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**NUSSBAUM** — William “Bill,” 88; born Sept. 9, 1927, Lake Creek, Ore.; died June 13, 2016, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jean; sons, Stewart, Ashley and Kevin, all of Eagle Point, Ore.; Sidney, Montague, Calif.; daughters,

Marcia Rogers, Signal Hill, Calif.; Tracy Suzuki, Yokohama, Japan; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**OLSEN** — Berton P., 78; born March 4, 1937, New Plymouth, Idaho; died Feb. 23, 2016, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Jasmer); sons, Doug, Caldwell; Tim, Nampa, Idaho; sisters, Olene Valdez, San Leandro, Calif.; Linda Fitzwater, New Plymouth; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**PROHASKA** — Nina Louise (Stewart), 89; born Sept. 27, 1926, Giltner, Neb.; died June 2, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, L. Jay, Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Karen K. Adams, Walla Walla; sister, Barbara Easter, Boise, Idaho; 2 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**SEELY** — Howard Clayton, 95; born Jan. 16, 1921, Rubgy, N.D.; died May 19, 2016, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sylvia L. (Rodacker), College Place, Wash.; son, Zane E., Steen Lake, Wash.; daughters, Sydney Mae Seely, College Place; Cathy Ann Kahn, Kennewick, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**STENTZEL** — Ruth Tryphena (Odgen), 85; born March 5, 1931, Walla Walla, Wash.; died July 13, 2016, Paradise, Calif. Surviving: son, Martin, Paradise; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**TRUSSELL** — Kenneth Blair, 93; born July 20, 1922, Clearwater, Neb.; died March 28, 2016, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lorene (Fipps); daughter, Lanae Trussell, Salem; brother, Glenn, Hubbard, Ore.; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

**WALL** — Ruth Frances (Smith), 89; born Dec. 9, 1926, Yakima, Wash.; died March 2, 2016, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Dana Spohn, Caldwell; and a grandchild.

**WATTS** — Clويد Elmer, 90; born Sept. 27, 1925, Jorosa,

Colo.; died April 21, 2016, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: wife, Patricia; sons, Doug, Richland, Wash.; Don, Roslyn, Wash.; Loren, Richland; daughter, Laurie Watts Aden, Kennewick; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**WOODRUFF** — Betty Ann (Woods), 88; born July 27, 1927, Nashville, Tenn.; died April 9, 2016, Anchorage, Alaska. Surviving: daughters, Ruth Ann Farnsworth, Anchorage; Patricia Leigh Gilliland, Burlington, Wash.; Judith Lynn Williamson, Loveland, Colo.; 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**ZACHRISON** — Myron “Bobby,” 70; born Oct. 26, 1945, Forks, Wash.; died April 20, 2016, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: brothers, James, Boring, Ore.; Leonard, Surprise, Ariz.; and sister, Kaye Casebier, Lacey, Wash.

**ZOLBER** — Robert J., 88; born Aug. 6, 1927, Craigmont, Idaho; died April 24, 2016, Lewiston, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Flinn); son, Tony Phillips, Port Angeles, Wash.; daughters, Bobbi Butler, Golden Valley, Ariz.; Micki Linehan, Clarkston, Wash.; Peggy Smith, Winchester, Idaho; 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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### NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

#### Offering

- Nov. 5** — Local Church Budget;
- Nov. 12** — Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission);
- Nov. 19** — Local Church Budget;
- Nov. 26** — Local Conference Advance.

#### Marriage Conversion Webcast

**Nov. 4–5** — An intimate, interactive web-streamed event at 7 p.m. — building biblical marriage across the Pacific Northwest with Richie and Timi Brower. Learn more and register to join this free online event at [MarriageConversionUniversity.com/webcast](http://MarriageConversionUniversity.com/webcast)

### WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

#### Parent Sabbath and Nurses' Dedication

**Nov. 11–12** — The annual WWU Parent Sabbath and Nurses' Dedication will take place on the WWU Portland, Ore., campus. Events will include supper and vespers Friday evening, church service at the Sunnyside Church with guest speaker Paul Dybdahl, professor of mission and New Testament, and complimentary Sabbath dinner for students and their parents.

#### Alumni Dinner

**Nov. 12** — Join WWU president John McVay and alumni and advancement staff for a complimentary alumni dinner at 7:30 p.m., at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas, Ore. Seating

is limited. RSVP no later than Nov. 9, at 800-377-2586 or [alumni@wallawalla.edu](mailto:alumni@wallawalla.edu).

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#### North American Division 'He Said Go' Missions Conference

**Nov. 18–20** — This conference in San Diego, Calif., will serve as a catalyst for missions, not only overseas, but also in domestic service across the North American Division. It is our prayer that everyone who attends will become active in his or her community and abroad. Speakers include Dwight Nelson, Dan Jackson, Alex Bryant and many more. Please register online or call PlusLine at 800-732-7587. More information available at [glnr.in/hesaidgo](http://glnr.in/hesaidgo).

#### Alumni Reunion La Sierra Academy

**April 28–29** — Alumni Reunion La Sierra Academy, 4900 Golden Ave., Riverside, Calif., 95th-Year Celebration. Honor classes ending in 2 and 7. Welcome reception Friday at 7 p.m., LSA Library. Honor class services registration, April 29 at 9 a.m. Services at 10 a.m., followed by potluck luncheon. Alumni/varsity basketball at 8:30 p.m. Please update your contact information at [JNelson@lsak12.com](mailto:JNelson@lsak12.com), 951-351-1445 ext. 244; or [lsack12.com](http://lsack12.com).

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# THE CULTURE TEST

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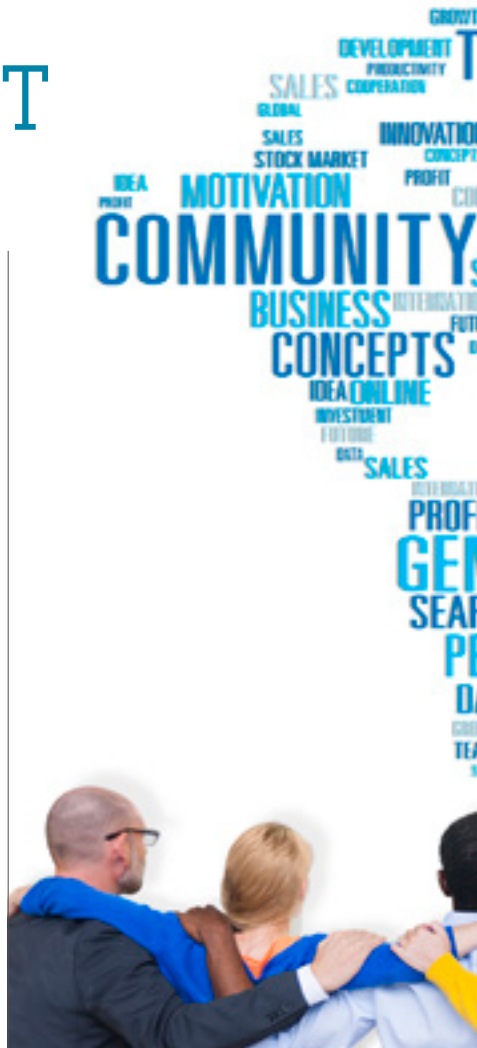
That’s the fun of it all — it’s all classified as rice, but they aren’t the same. One wrong move, and my wife’s menu is messed up.

Even if by some miracle I select the correct rice, I have to be careful because I will arrive home, and there is a bonus question at the end of the grocery list test: “What store did you go to?”

“Uh ... the grocery one?”

I have to be aware of my surroundings because there is a difference between Bargain Market, Wal-Mart, WinCo, Safeway, Fred Meyer and Whole Foods — differences in price, differences in produce and differences in the kind of people who shop there.

When different people come together they create something called “culture.” It’s what we make of the world and how we make sense of the world by making the world. And the culture we make



AUTHOR Seth Pierce

leads to more cultural creations, which changes culture and leads us to ask, “How do we live in the culture?”

One sociologist says “culture” is the second-most complicated word in the English language, next to “nature.” The complication is heightened for Christians in John 17:14–19, where Jesus prays His followers not be taken out of the world.

We shorten the verse to an aphorism, “Be in the world, but not of the world” — and often interpret this as “stay out of the world.” The church is in church, and the “world” is somewhere else.

This leads to lumping together everyone “out there” as





cultures. Culture is everywhere — even in Jesus’ life. “He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read” (Luke 4:16).

Jesus engaged in numerous other Jewish cultural practices, and yet He also ate with non-Jews, talked with women at Samaritan wells, trusted women with testimony, spent time in cemeteries and even touched lepers — people whose culture was meant to be outside the culture. And in the Great Commission, He says, “Go therefore and make disciples of ALL nations ...” (Matt. 28:19).

In Rev. 14:9, John looks and sees a great multitude that no one could number, and here’s what’s important about this redeemed army of the Lord: Even after redemption, it is still seen they have come from every tribe, every tongue, every nation — every culture — not just one. Even though they are gathered as one, different nuances in appearance and speech and manner can be seen. Heaven has diversity of culture.

Each of us lives in and is influenced by multiple cultures — not “the culture” — and we need to do the hard work to understand them so we can see how God is at work in each culture, so we can be too.

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“the world,” or “the culture.” Christians say, “Well, we need to speak to ‘the culture.’ The church needs to reach the culture and ‘change the culture’ to be more like the church.”

Christian sociologist Andy Crouch says, “There is no ‘the culture,’ and any tempts to talk about ‘the culture,’ especially in terms of transforming the culture, is misled and misleading.”

“The culture” does not exist — a plurality of cultures exists in overlapping spheres. There are office cultures, and within office cultures are different cultures — working for Google is not the same as working for the DMV. There

are music cultures, but country music culture is not the same as Swedish techno.

Every time someone gets married, they bring family cultures with them. Each family deals with sexuality, conflict, finances, roles and faith differently, and sometimes those two cultures come together. My house is different from my parents’ house, which is different from my grandparents’ house — yet we are all people IN the SAME family.

When people become comfortable referring to “the culture,” it embeds the belief that it is possible to live unaffected by culture — like

somehow Christians can hide in a corner of the community and be culture-free. The time you eat dinner, if you eat dinner, or pray before dinner, if it’s a long prayer, a group prayer, or an individual prayer, whether you take shoes off in the house, or give hugs publicly, or say I love you out loud to family members, whether you’re organized or chaotic — everything from the type of rice we buy at our favorite grocery store, right on down to the way you replace the toilet paper roll — are all cultural acts.

The church is not immune from surrounding

# TIME TO VOTE

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his month, the brash and bruising presidential campaign finally ends and Americans will vote. Many find it difficult to choose. Meanwhile, there's another election that offers a clear choice, with eternal significance.

Two competing candidates in the Great Controversy between good and evil campaign for our vote to be lord of our lives — with drastically different motives and outcomes. “I am the Good Shepherd,” Jesus declares. The devil “comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:11, 10).

Eden's tree of temptation was Adam's voting booth for life or death. In rejecting the giver of life, Adam chose death for us all.

Hey, wait a minute! What gave Adam such power over us? Because he was the father of humanity, and whatever fathers

do affects their families. When dad is drunk, the family endures his hangover. If he divorces their faithful mom, kids suffer the loss.

Did you know that the name “Adam” means “man” or “humanity”? He was our representative — a bus driver with us all on board. In twisting the steering wheel of his own free choice the wrong way, he wrecked the lives of us all. Thus “sin came into the world through one man, and death



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through sin, and so death spread to all men” (Rom. 5:12).

Unfair! Indeed. That's why God provided another option, so we can ourselves vote between eternal life or death.

## CHRIST'S ALTERNATIVE HUMANITY

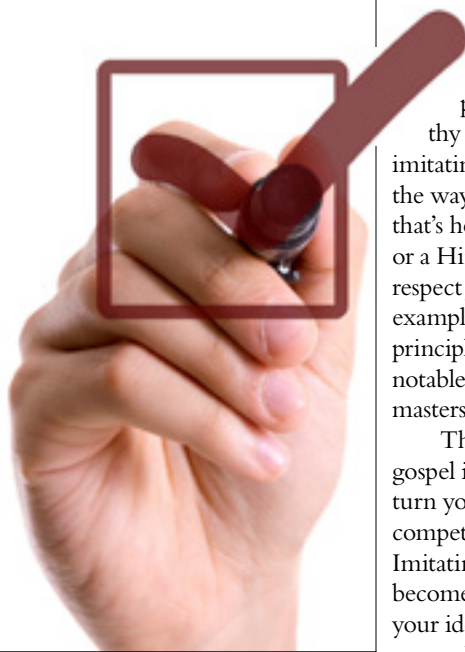
Enter Jesus, humanity's new representative. God so loved the world, He sacrificed His Son for all humanity to restore everything we lost in fallen Adam.

The Bible describes Jesus as another Adam (1 Cor. 15:45) — head of a new humanity. All of us died in the old Adam, and all of us died in the new Adam: “One has





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Let's make this practical. Maybe you've thought that proving yourself a worthy person by successfully imitating the life of Christ is the way to be a Christian. No, that's how to be a Buddhist or a Hindu. Millions of them respect Jesus as a worthy example and teacher of ethical principles, along with other notable gurus and ascended masters.

The good news of the gospel is not that God can turn you into a little Jesus to compete with the real Jesus. Imitating Christ is not how to become a Christian. Accepting your identity in Christ is how we are born again.

I used to imagine if I followed Jesus faithfully enough, God might one day, with eyebrows raised, grant me provisional status as a disciple. But when we read the Gospels, we discover that's not how Jesus gets disciples. He accepts them right up front. "Follow me," He invited Peter, James, John and the others. He drew them into His presence with full acceptance despite all their shortcomings. The only uncertainty was whether they would choose to forsake business as usual and accept Christ's acceptance.

Not everyone did. Jesus

offered a rich young ruler His salvation — who rejected it and returned to his old familiar life.

#### WORTH A MILLION?

Suppose tomorrow a real estate agent knocks on your door. Her client in a limo out there wants to buy your house for a million dollars. "Look!" she says. "He's even signed the contract."

You could keep them waiting while you spent the day worrying that your house isn't worth a million dollars or fantasizing what you might do to make it worthy. Or you could gratefully choose to accept your benefactor's guaranteed offer and live out its benefits for the rest of your life, freely giving as you have received.

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died for all, therefore all have died" (2 Cor. 5:14). So Jesus not only died *for* us, He died *as* us — as the Son of Man, our representative.

The old Adam died our death at a tree, in Eden. The new Adam also died our death at a tree and "tasted death for everyone" (Heb. 2:9). The old Adam's humanity brought us to ruin, but in Christ's new humanity we are restored to God's presence. Both humanities are available to us. Eternal life or death depends upon our choice between the two.

#### ACCEPTING GOD'S ACCEPTANCE

America's coming election involves not just the presidency but the House of Representatives. Suppose your congressperson is voting for things you don't agree with. The solution is simple — elect a new representative.

See the connection? Adam as your representative cast a vote for death at the tree in the Garden of Eden. If you don't like that, you can vote him out of office in your life by choosing Jesus as your representative. That's how you get saved.



## INDIFFERENCE



I confess to being mired in philosophical muck as I ponder this year's presidential election.

How should I as an Adventist Christian relate to the spectrum of thought — or lack of it — being flung like buckshot? What is Christ's call upon me as one determined to follow

**“Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”**  
**Elie Wiesel**



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His appeal to be light and salt in this world?

It is tempting to recoil from the vitriol, to retreat from the fray, to resign from accepting any responsibility for the outcome. It is tempting to wish that the strident voices in our country could call a “Jerusalem Council,” determine to work together for the common good and let differences take a back seat. But inaction is itself a vote, allowing the polarization of our land to continue unabated.

How can Christians avoid the polar extremes of hate and indifference in their communities or even within their own ranks?

Eliezer “Elie” Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, had a hundred reasons to hate those responsible for the atrocities he witnessed. But when he died this summer, the legacy he left

was stamped with unmistakable messages of peace, atonement and human dignity.

His activist work toward human rights underscored something he once observed. “The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference,” he noted. “The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.”

While not exactly Scripture, those thoughts resonate with a divine remonstrance on behalf of Laodecia: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot” (Rev. 3:15, NKJV). But they also run counter to a world that has become hyperfocused on hate.

Eradicating hate is a new obsession. And, who among us can argue with such an apparently righteous cause? Yet zealots in this war against hate are painting slogans with such broad brushstrokes that traditional Christian teachings of sin and salvation are sometimes labeled hate speech. Americans are increasingly giving nondiscrimination the nod over religious liberty.

Certainly some so-called Christians are little more than bullies under the guise of the gospel. But the relentless tide of current thought also tempts Christians of all persuasions, including Adventists, to back off,

to blend in, to avoid ruffling feathers, to become irrelevant.

Neutrality in the face of wrong is at odds with the mission and calling of the Savior. From his own faith perspective, Wiesel observed: “We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

Jesus' reminder — “My kingdom is not of this world” — guides us away from a dependence on political power to effect righteous change. But it is not an excuse to flee the scene of action. Instead, His example moves us from indifference toward positive engagement with our communities — the way He ministered throughout Galilea.

What are the needs of your local Galilea today? Perhaps it is your calling to find out and respond. In doing so, your attitudes and actions will demonstrate that neither hate or indifference have a place within our Adventist mission.

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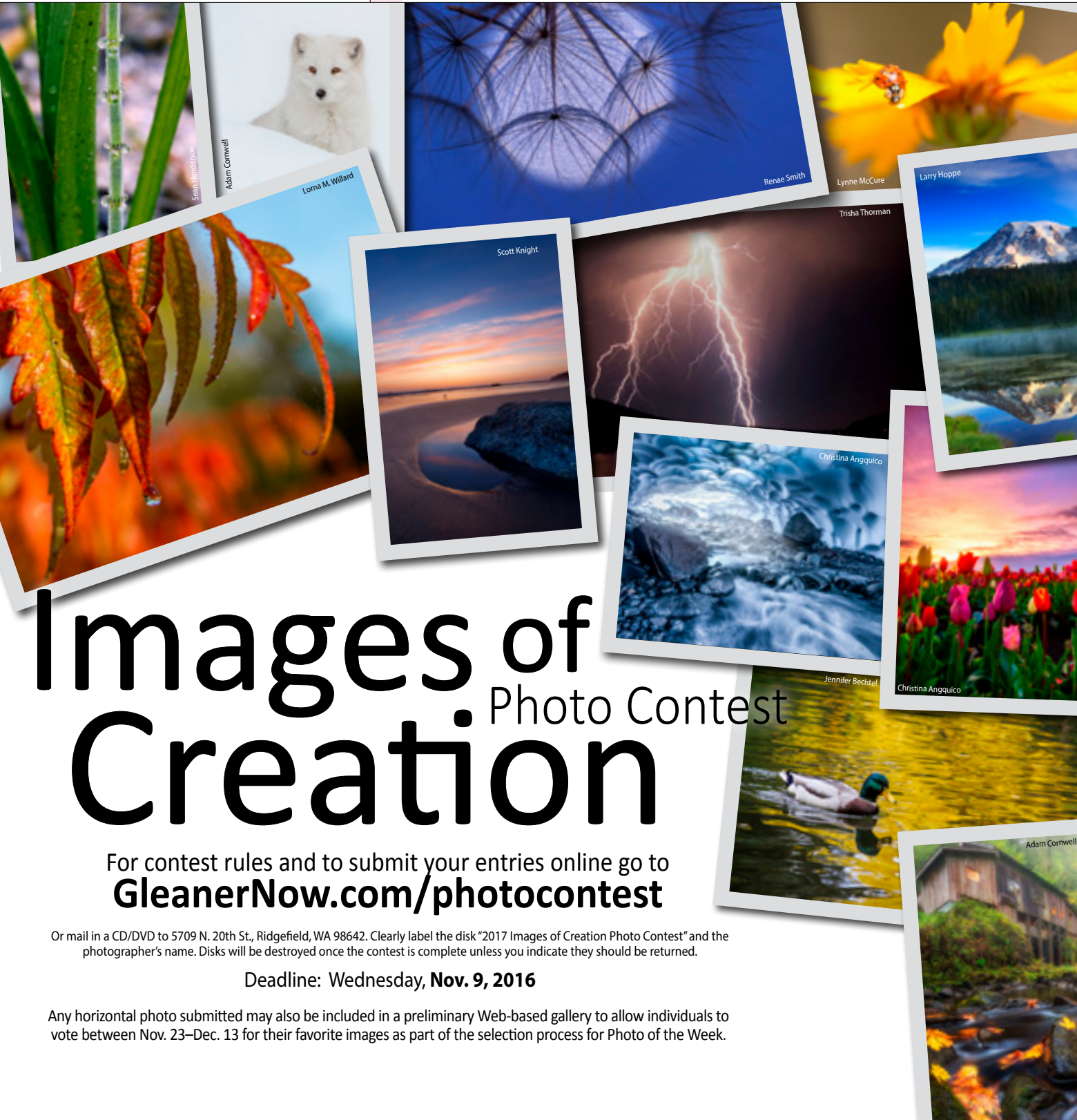
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