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A photograph of a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a mist at the base. The surrounding rocks are dark and textured, with patches of moss and ferns. The background is filled with tall, thin trees, some with yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall scene is lush and natural.

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**"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning  
and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the  
spring of the water of life without payment."  
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# TIME TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS

**EARLY ONE MORNING, I WAS ASKED WHAT TIME IT WAS. MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS IT WAS DARK. ANYONE HALF AWAKE KNOWS WE ARE LIVING IN A VERY DARK TIME. SOME SAY THESE ARE APOCALYPTIC TIMES. DEATH AND GRIEF ARE EVERYWHERE. EVIL IS ON FULL DISPLAY. DARKNESS IS COVERING THE EARTH.**



Reflecting on this, I've come to realize that, when the world gets dark, we must keep moving forward with courage and hope. We must turn on the lights and "prove yourselves to be ... children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15, NASB).

Our eternal God "dwells in unapproachable light" (1 Tim. 6:16). "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of the darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). God's light and glory is His character. Jesus is the express image of God. Jesus glorified God in His life on earth and revealed God's character in human flesh.

If we seek to know Jesus, who is the image of God, we will be transformed into the same image. God's character of love, kindness, forgiveness, mercy and grace will, over time, become our character. When the light is in you, the light can shine out to others.

Jesus, the Light of the world, also called us to be lights in a dark world. The Bible reveals that, in the last day's of Earth's history, difficult times will come. Men and women

will be lovers of self rather than lovers of God, and even Christians will deny, by the lives they live, the power of Christ to change the human heart. In other words, every day, I'm either a witness *for* or *against* Jesus Christ. I'm either shining the light of His love and grace toward others, or I'm living in darkness and denying Him. One way to test ourselves is to be honest about how we treat each other when we disagree.

There are many issues in our society where people, even committed Christians, may disagree. The real issue is not the disagreement. The real issue is how we treat each other when we disagree. Do we start wars, as we see between Russia and Ukraine? Or are we peacemakers? Does my opinion need to be right? Or is it more important that I shine as a light?

Kindness, love and respect for others is rapidly disappearing in our world. Yet Christians are told to "love one another as Christ has loved you." I'm not saying it is easy to love others when disagreeing on issues. In fact, it is impossible to love others in our own strength and power.

Christians are called to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness—His character—through the Holy Spirit, by faith. The Holy Spirit is the living presence of Jesus, and He lives in our hearts through faith. Through faith, the Spirit will live out the life of Christ in us. Thus, we are empowered, by faith, to love those with whom we disagree.

As Christians, we must remember the living Christ in you will not fight with, disrespect or humiliate the living Christ in another. We

are never more like Jesus than when we love and forgive each other as Jesus loves and forgives us. When we do, He is glorified. When we don't, Jesus is denied.

Therefore, the Christian struggle is not against other men and women of different opinions. Our struggle is against the rulers of darkness and the forces of spiritual wickedness who tempt us to do evil deeds. Our weapons are also not of the flesh, but of the power of God, to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Remember, the flesh cannot crucify the flesh. Only the Spirit of God can crucify the flesh. Hatred cannot defeat hatred. Only love will overcome hatred.

Our weapons are prayer and the Word of God. There is power in both. The Word of God will transform the human heart. Prayer is the opening of the heart to God, as to a friend. To pray without ceasing is the unbroken union of the soul with God. The Holy Spirit will teach us all truth and lead us to spend time with God in prayer. Forgiveness of others, as Christ has forgiven us, is necessary to receive all the Spirit desires to give us. In these things we find the secret power to loving others—even those with whom we disagree.

The final and full display of the love of God will be made to the world through the church before Christ returns. In other words, we, the church, are called to shine the light of His love and grace in this dark world. This is an incredible truth that challenges me every day.

So, what time is it? It's time to turn on the lights!

JOHN FREEDMAN  
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**GREEN IN LOVE**





# JESUS

SAW THE WORLD

DIFFERENTLY THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE. HE ARGUED WITH THE PHARISEES ABOUT HOW TO KEEP THE SABBATH<sup>1</sup>, CALLED OUT THEIR HYPOCRISY ON A REGULAR BASIS<sup>2</sup> AND SPENT TIME WITH PEOPLE WITH WHOM IT WASN'T SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE TO ASSOCIATE<sup>3</sup>. HE EVEN REGULARLY TOOK QUITE A DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN HIS OWN DISCIPLES — PRETTY MUCH ANY TIME HE TRIED TO TEACH THEM SOMETHING. AND, OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WHEN JESUS DISCOVERED THE TEMPLE BEING USED AS A MARKET<sup>4</sup>.





So if we are to follow Christ's example, what does that mean when it comes to disagreements?

The key to understanding and emulating Christ's example is noting the motivation behind His contrary behavior and beliefs. His actions didn't come from a place of pride, greed, cruelty or control; they had roots in His deep love for all of humanity and His desire to see them accept the grace and love of God the Father. And, generally speaking, Jesus was a peaceful protester, but He also knew how to read the room.

Ellen White used the phrase "cruel kindness" (*Christian Education*, p. 10), says Alden Thompson, professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla University. "There are times when we think that if we're going to disagree in love we have to be flexible and kind, but at some point, if you don't have enough muscle in it, you're not being helpful and may in fact be enabling further harm."

Sometimes that "muscle" is simply having courage enough to confront someone for whom you care deeply.

"Love is not always dressed in 'nice,'" said Carolann De León, North Pacific Union Hispanic, family ministries and ministerial associate director. "Nice can actually be unloving because 'nice' and 'kind' are not the same thing. The person being confronted may not see it as nice, but it is a loving action from those who care. The real issue is motivation. Is it love, or is it self?"

# A WILLINGNESS TO QUESTION

Katelyn Weakley, Mount Tabor Church pastor in Portland, met Steven\* while sitting in a cafe a few years ago.

"He was reading at the table next to me, and the title of the book caught my attention," Weakley said. "I told him it sounded like an interesting read, and we spent the next two hours talking."

Over the next several months, Weakley and her husband met Steven – who identifies as a "post-anarchist, anti-feminist tribalist" – many times for conversation on a variety of topics. Though Weakley and her husband don't necessarily identify with the same markers Steven does, "the dialogue is fantastic," Weakley said.

"It's because we all value relationships over being right," she added. "Like my husband

and I, Steven has a willingness and excitement to question, and coming into the conversation with curiosity rather than defense makes disagreeing in love a lot easier."

The Weakleys and Steven consider each other friends, despite their differences, which is why Weakley felt comfortable confronting Steven about some destructive behaviors he was engaging in.

"Because I love him, I absolutely wanted to bring this up with him," she said, "but I only felt comfortable broaching the subject because we have established a positive relationship, and together we can recognize that what I say comes from a place of love."

*\*name has been changed*



# “IT’S NOT ABOUT RIGHTNESS”

In her book *The Ministry of Healing*, Ellen White wrote: “Every association of life calls for the exercise of self-control, forbearance and sympathy. We differ so widely in disposition, habits, education, that our ways of looking at things vary. ... Our understanding of truth, our ideas in regard to the conduct of life, are not in all respects the same. There are no two whose experience is alike in every particular. ... Each [person] should be careful in the estimate [they place] upon another” (p. 483).

Diversity and disagreement are a guarantee in most parts of our lives, but that doesn’t have to mean conflict and contempt. It starts with removing assumptions from the situation and approaching interactions with curiosity—a willingness to listen and humility.

“If we think, ‘It’s my way or the highway,’ we won’t make any progress whatsoever,” said Thompson. “If we are to disagree in love, we

must make it clear they don’t have to see it our way, but we do need to allow each other’s views to be on the table at the same time. It’s not about rightness; it’s about relationship.”

This is the very definition of love, as outlined in what we know as “The Love Chapter” of the Bible, 1 Cor. 13: “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. *It does not insist on its own way*; it is not irritable or resentful” (Cor. 13:4–5, emphasis added).

While not all interactions and associations are completely within our control—like: work colleagues, fellow church members, the people you run into at the DMV, classmates, extended family—developing and maintaining relationships are completely by choice. And that choice is simple, though not always easy: to love or not to love.

“On an everyday personal level, we experience this regularly,” said De León. “People share their own perspectives, and we are faced with a choice: Do we cut them off or ignore them? Or do we choose to remain in a loving relationship with people we know we disagree with fundamentally?”

To successfully navigate these waters, we have to be willing to consider that the window through which we see the world does not offer the same view as the window through which others see it. We may also need to reevaluate the window through which we see ourselves.

“In love, there is a lot of room for humility,” said George Knight, Adventist historian, author and educator. “When we take ourselves too seriously, there is no room for growth or discovering and acknowledging that we don’t in fact have it all right



## SWITCHING GLASSES

# COMING INTO THE CONVERSATION WITH **CURIOSITY** RATHER THAN DEFENSE **MAKES DISAGREEING IN LOVE A LOT EASIER.**



every time. Disagreeing is an educational experience.”

Love is, in fact, the litmus test for Christians, as De León pointed out. One of the key elements of discipleship is how we deal with those who don't share our views. It doesn't mean we have to concede right-of-way in every discussion, but it does mean taking a step back from our pride and allowing something more positive to fill that space.

In his book *Beyond Common Ground*, Thompson uses the analogy of a woman who visited her optometrist. As she peered into the instruments, the doctor asked her questions and made adjustments accordingly: “Is it clearer this way, with John, or this way, with Paul? What does a touch of Matthew do? Help or hinder? How about a little bit of Proverbs? Better or worse? Lamentations? Too much

Lamentations? Philippians? How about a psalm? Does that help?” (p. 254).

When he concluded his exam, the optometrist was able to prescribe a set of lenses that fit the woman's needs perfectly. The analogy continues:

“Sometimes they would switch glasses – not in order to see more clearly, but to remind each other that their eyes really were quite different. Then they would both be grateful

for their own. And with very different glasses they would gaze together at the distant mountains, rejoicing that they could both see them so clearly” (p. 254).

“Disagreeing in love doesn't mean abandoning my own beliefs and thoughts,” Weakley stated. “It means I'm positioning myself in such a way that I can more humbly engage with someone. If I'm never in disagreement with anyone, I'm never giving myself opportunities to learn and grow. I need to be in those positions. We all do. To disagree in love is to allow space for discovering truth.”

## DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

In the first chapter of 1 Corinthians we read Paul's words to the people of the church of Corinth, whom he had heard were divided. They were choosing sides behind their favorite preachers: Apollos, Paul, Cephas or Christ. “Is Christ divided?” Paul writes (1 Cor. 1:13). He implores them to “be united in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

But what does it mean to “be united?”

“Unity is not uniformity,” Knight stated. “If you want uniformity, you're probably going to destroy whatever of value you have. That's an autocracy, and that never works in any relationship. If you want to be unified in principle, that's a whole other thing. True unity is letting people be themselves within the framework of authority

and mutual understanding of the fact that we're individuals. We're not clones.”

This individuality seems to be intentional. While humanity could have been designed uniformly, we were in fact given unique skills, abilities, interests, feelings and desires. We are different by design.

“Diversity is not an accident; it was created by God,” De León said. “Encountering people who are different from us challenges us to be respectful and makes us better people when we learn to honor diversity instead of repelling it. It's God's way of transforming us into agents of love and respect.”

It's also the only way to have a functional organism. Life itself rejects uniformity; every leaf on a tree, every snowflake, the pattern on every cheetah, the shading of each

feather on every bird—each is unique, even if they serve the same purpose as another.

If we are to truly be the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12–27), we must become comfortable with differences and disagreements, knowing that despite our lack of uniformity, we are united as an effective instrument in the hands of a loving and gracious God. Whether this means flexing our muscles of loving confrontation or simply learning to listen without assumption or anger, we must honor and value diversity—not just in ethnicity or culture, but also in thought.

Ellen White points out “the Creator of all ideas may impress different minds with the same thought, but each may express it in a different way, yet without contradiction. The fact that this difference exists should not perplex or confuse us. It is seldom that two persons will view and express truth in the very same way. Each dwells on particular points which [their] constitution and education have fitted [them] to appreciate” (*15 Letters and Manuscripts*, Letter 53).

# THE TRUE MARK OF A CHRISTIAN

Once we have acknowledged and accepted the value of diversity of thought, what is our response to be when we find ourselves at odds with someone on an issue about which we both feel passionately? How can we acknowledge their different perspectives and not sacrifice our own? What does a loving disagreement look like?

For De León, it starts with prayer. “If I know a conversation is going to be heated, I ask if we can pray before we begin,” she explained. “I invite the Spirit into the conversation and ask for ears to hear each other and the ability to empathize with each other’s differentness.”

It also helps to keep in mind that everyone has a reason they think and believe how they do, Weakley asserted. Just because their thoughts and beliefs don’t match our own doesn’t make the other person wrong, and if we aren’t taking ourselves too seriously, as Knight suggests we ought not, there is plenty of room for listening and understanding. Plenty of room for love.

“We all bring our background and experiences into our opinions and beliefs,” Weakley added. “Implementing the golden rule is crucial here—to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I don’t want to be convinced

I’m wrong, and I don’t want to be treated like I’m stupid for holding a particular idea. The person I disagree with doesn’t want those things either, which is why a loving approach is so integral for profitable disagreements.”

The reality is that, much like parents and teachers learn that every child requires a different disciplinary style, disagreeing in love will look different in nearly every scenario. There is no step-by-step instruction manual, no formula to follow to get the same results every time, because love looks different to everyone. Seeing the situation and relationship through the other person’s eyes can guide our response and help us determine what a loving disagreement would look like in a given situation.





“Life has been likened to a stream in which you never have exactly the same situation twice,” Knight said. “Every one of us is changed by every interaction we have with someone else. So my wife and I, for example, can argue on the same topic several months apart, but it’s not exactly the same dynamic. We should have learned something in the meantime and should be able to handle the disagreement better, or at least differently, than we did the first time.”

However, as Knight also

points out, not everyone is equally flexible in their ability to shift gears or adopt new perspectives. And not everyone involved in a disagreeable conversation is prepared or able to do so in love. So, regardless of how lovingly we enter into a disagreement, there is never a guarantee that the response will be positive or the result desirable. The only reasonable approach, therefore, is to follow the example of Christ and do it in love anyway. For love is the true mark of a Christian.

White wrote, “It is not earthly rank, nor birth, nor nationality, nor religious privilege, which proves that we are members of the family of God; it is love, a love that

embraces all humanity” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings*, p. 75).

“Anywhere we go we’ll be in a diverse group of people with diverse opinions and perspectives, and that is God-ordained,” De León said. “We will celebrate eternity with a diverse group of people, and we will all have one thing in common: Love.”

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<sup>1</sup> (Matt. 12:1–14, Mark 2:23–28)

<sup>2</sup> (Matt. 23:1–39, Luke 11:37–52)

<sup>3</sup> (Luke 8:43–48, Matt. 8:1–3, John 4:4–42)

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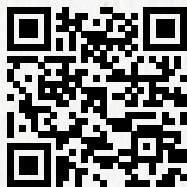
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## Isaac Hammond

AMAZING GRACE ACADEMY

Isaac Hammond joined the Amazing Grace Academy family this year and has actively sought out ways to be kind to others and be a positive leader. He has a love of music and has led out in our daily morning worship. His music leadership has extended to the Palmer Church as well, where he shares worship music frequently.

When Isaac came to AGA this year, he immediately started setting an example of being kind to others and being careful about what he says about others. When working with younger students in family groups, he is patient and gentle with the young students while helping them follow directions and work together.

Isaac's positive sportsmanship has been a great asset to the volleyball team and any intramural activities he's involved in. Isaac has shown thoughtful leadership as the spiritual vice president of the student association.

We are looking forward to seeing how God continues to work in Isaac's life and how He will continue to lead Isaac to positively impact others.



## Isabella Branson

AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Isabella Branson, a junior at Auburn Adventist Academy, is a kind, motivated, hard-working leader. As the associated student body social vice president, she uses her leadership qualities to help create activities that bring the student body together.

Isabella was instrumental in bringing back an all-school banquet, which had not taken place since 2019 due to COVID-19. Stephanie Brito, assistant girls' dean, shared this about Isabella. "She was very self-sufficient and proactive. She could see what needed to be done and would do a great job doing it."

Joy Fackenthall, Spanish teacher said, "Isabella Branson always strives for excellence! She is also willing to use her understanding [of a subject] to help any student around her who needs extra support."

Her kindness toward others who need extra support resulted in her co-founding a student mentorship club on campus. Isabella was described by Eddy Darisme, AAA chaplain, as a "strong critical thinker in the classroom and loves to debate. She is respectful of perspectives that are different from hers and strives to do her best."

These qualities are also evident in her work ethic as a student employee. Bryce Sampsel, science and math teacher, said, "She is responsible and helps a lot with organization. I appreciate her willingness to do any classroom task without complaining—from cleaning to data entry. She is also kind and works well with co-workers."

Her cheerfulness, willingness to take on new challenges, strength, creativity and a great attitude are her many attributes. For these reasons, the faculty and staff at AAA are honored to recognize Isabella Branson as the recipient of the 2022 Caring Hearts Award.

## Josué Mendez

COLUMBIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

From a very young age, the desire to know God has played an integral part in directing the path Josué has chosen. His desire to know God leads to caring for and blessing others and glorifying God. With a heart for God, family and friends, and a great admiration for his mother as his first spiritual mentor, he has taken advantage of every opportunity to develop his devotional life and become a humble, earnest student of Scripture with Spirit-led depth.

Always anxious to do what is right, this desire is exhibited wherever he goes,



whether in a church leading worship in singing and speaking, in his community helping and caring for others or on the field playing soccer. Quick to offer friendship, he is uplifting, encouraging and a role model and mentor to all. He has been the student chaplain for three years at CAA, taking initiative and ownership beyond most.

Aaron Payne, mentor and CAA chaplain said, "Not only does Josué have a heart for Jesus, but he 'gets' ministry and is always searching for ways to grow: watching sermons, talking with pastors and reading books."

Some might be surprised that a high school senior is such a great leader. But as a family friend once said, "If you've ever heard his mom pray for him, it's no surprise."

His internship with Crosswalk Church this summer will continue to shape him. And while we will miss his presence and friendship on our campus, his influence and spirit will continue. For that, we thank him and give praise to God.

## Stuart McPherson

CASCADE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Caring and committed are two words that describe Stuart McPherson, Cascade Christian Academy senior and Caring Heart Award winner. Stuart is a student who is always ready to help out.

Quiet and hardworking, Stuart shows his love for Jesus more through his actions than through his words. Recently, Stuart spent 10 days on a school mission trip laying pipe, pouring foundations, staining wood, and doing yard work and repairs at Camp Waianae in Oahu, Hawaii. When he returned, he was one of the student speakers for the K-12 week of worship.



A member of cross-country and track, he is always on the run. He is a French horn player in the advanced band and a part of the high school hand bell choir. He is also the photo editor for the yearbook.

"Stuart puts his heart and soul into everything he does," said Kyle Pepple, senior sponsor and math teacher. "He leads by example and is respected by all students and staff. Whether he is speaking for week of worship, attacking the hurdles at a track meet or leading a work crew on our mission trip to Camp Waianae, Stuart brings a fearless, can-do attitude to the table."

Next year, he plans to attend Walla Walla University and study engineering. Pepple said, "Good luck at Walla Walla, Stuart. The engineering department is lucky to have you."



## Rachael Littman

LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Rachael Littman is a junior at Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Oregon.

As a class officer, a spiritual leader and a music leader, Rachael is very involved in campus leadership. She is a dedicated student, and she helps her class stay organized and on task. She is frequently seen encouraging students in all classes. She was also instrumental in helping plan week of prayer activities on campus.

At her home church in Eugene, Rachael plays piano for Sabbath School and helps lead music with a praise team once a month. She also plays piano at school and works to include others in music-making endeavors.

Rachael is a person who can always be counted on to get things done. No matter who needs help, she is always one of the first to step up and provide assistance. She is very organized and accomplishes challenging tasks with the spirit of Col. 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Thank you, Rachael, for your godly spirit and caring heart.



## Ivy Baltazar

GEM STATE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Ivy Baltazar, a junior at Gem State Adventist Academy, has a big heart and would do anything for her family and friends. She is very artistic and a hard worker in class, always doing her part and never too busy to assist and inspire others. This year, Ivy is the spiritual vice president for her class and has served well in that position planning vespers, Sabbath School programs and giving a sermon during student week of prayer.

During spring break 2022, Ivy participated in a mission trip to Alaska. To help raise funds for the trip, she put her artistic talent to work and sold commissioned original artwork. While on the trip, group leaders appreciated her quiet care for everyone around her, from phoning home every day to talk to her little sister to sharing food with her teammates and caring for them all. In addition, she interacted well with the local children attending the Vacation Bible School and was an appreciated part of the team.

Ivy believes that missionary work may be part of her future after finishing academy. She is prayerfully considering the paths on which God may lead her.





**Zechariah Heston**  
MILO ADVENTIST ACADEMY

With his infectious laugh, energetic attitude and a bounce in his steps, Zechariah Ethan Montgomery Heston, a Milo Adventist Academy senior, has made a lasting impression on the entire staff and student body during his three years at Milo. He has shown himself to be a loyal friend and strong supporter of his peers with his listening ear. He has earned the trust and confidence of so many through his concern for their well-being.

Zech's care and concern for others have especially been felt through his role as a student chaplain. His enthusiasm and advice for living a life of meaning and purpose for others can best be summed up in his own words. During a talk to his fellow students earlier this year, he said, "Vibe as who you are, which means to be a cool kid, be a genuine person."

Putting his own advice into practice each week, Zech prepares and sets up the tools and vehicles for Milo's weekly service-day outreach. The program serves the local community every Friday morning. It is not uncommon to hear Zech cheerfully whistling or singing down the hallway as he prepares and organizes everything needed to run the program smoothly.

Zech's mission to help people while also utilizing his artistic talents and skills are attributes Zech hopes to use in a future career in art and computer animation. He is anxiously awaiting the doors God opens for his educational path. His parents are Mark and Lydia Heston from Stites, Idaho.

**Shelby Waller**  
MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY

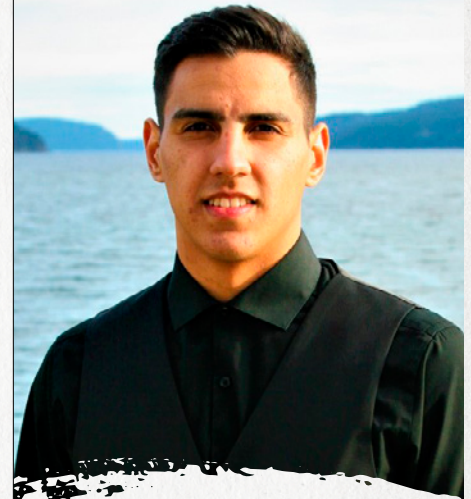
Shelby Waller was born in Washington and grew up in Montana and Colorado. Shelby enjoys family, the great outdoors, horses, music, and helping friends and classmates with class work or issues they might be dealing with.

Shelby completed her first three years of high school at Champion Academy in Colorado. There, she excelled academically, was involved in a small worship group and became a Teen Leader in Training (TLT) in the Loveland Pathfinder troop. Shelby met friends who challenged her to grow in her relationship with God and to begin her thought process of a life in ministry.

Shelby transferred to Mount Ellis Academy her senior year. She joined with other students from each grade level to take on chaplaincy duties for the school in the absence of a staff chaplain. As the senior class chaplain, she assisted in starting small group Bible studies, she organized and presented for week of prayer—both at the academy and elementary school—and preached when needed.



After graduation, Shelby plans to continue leading as a TLT. She will also continue to cultivate her desire for ministry, with a focus on foreign missions. She looks forward to a future of working for Jesus wherever that may take her. "Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go," she says.



**Alexander Diego Rivera**  
ORCAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Whether you are looking for help running a station at a school event, serving food at a community dinner, playing worship music at chapel or moving the contents of a classroom across campus after a pipe bursts, Alexander Diego Rivera will be there ready and willing to help. His quiet strength, confidence and natural affinity for leadership have made him an asset to Orcas Christian School. For four years, OCS has been blessed to have him in the classroom, on the basketball court and at church.

Not only does Diego work hard to serve others, he is also a member of the National Honors Society, first in his graduating class and is pursuing his private pilot certificate. In the classroom, he is engaged, inquisitive and ready to help support others' learning.

Most recently, Diego showed his caring heart by attending the school's mission trip to San Pedro, Belize. Despite having no prior building experience, Diego was not deterred from helping expand the roof of the school's pavilion. He jumped into the project without hesitation, eager to help and eager to learn.

It has been OCS's privilege to teach and encourage Diego for four years. The OCS teachers and staff pray that God continues to use Diego's hands to bless others.

## Shamara Daniels

PORTLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Shamara Daniels is a self-sacrificing, humble and dedicated Christian. Shamara has made a strong impression during her four years at Portland Adventist Academy.

She is a compassionate listener who provides unwavering support to other students. Shamara has exemplified the loving character of her Creator. She seeks to find the best in others and can pull out the hidden strengths found in those around her.



In a school community where students are encouraged to make a difference in the lives of others, Shamara has provided support to her family, her church community, and the students and staff of Portland Adventist Academy. Shamara's core foundation is to live a life filled with a gentle spirit, which shines with the light of Christ. She is an outspoken witness to her walk with God and is loyal to Him above all else.

Shamara is a caretaker to her peers. She seeks to lift up those who are hurting. She celebrates those who are striving to reach a goal. She brings out the best in others. Shamara lives her life like the widow who put her money quietly into the collection plate. She seeks no reward or accolades for her actions or service, and she works for the Lord unapologetically. Shamara leaves a legacy at PAA for others to follow. It is a legacy of strength in the foundation of her salvation-seeking joy, a loyalty to her peers and Christ-centered compassion, offered to all.

## Tyler Sing

PUGET SOUND ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Because Tyler Sing is eager to help his fellow students and the staff at Puget Sound Adventist Academy, he was selected, by teachers and staff, to receive this year's Caring Heart Award. Throughout his four years on our campus, he has demonstrated this heart of service countless times. Staff have often witnessed these acts of service and have noted how he does so quietly, showing no desire for congratulations. Many times, he has taken initiative to ask staff and students if help is needed on a project they are working on.

Tyler stands out as a student who truly cares about his school and community. His desire and dependability to take initiative have made a noticeable impact on PSAA, and we know that he will continue to do so wherever he goes. For these reasons, PSAA is pleased to recognize Tyler Sing as this year's Caring Heart Award recipient.

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## Jeremy Haddad

ROGUE VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Jeremy Haddad is a believer in community service. He recognizes and responds to those in need, whether it be on a school-sponsored mission trip, in his local community or in his daily interactions with others.

The Rogue Valley Adventist Academy staff can always rely on Jeremy to lend a helping hand. The community service coordinator appreciates Jeremy for seeking him out to ask if there is anything he can help with.

Jeremy is the son of Dr. Haitham and Sheila Haddad. He has an older sister, Jasmine, and a twin brother, David. Jeremy has lived most of his life in Grants Pass, Oregon, where he also attended Grants Pass Adventist School throughout his elementary years. He joined Rogue Valley Adventist Academy his freshman year. Currently, he plans to attend Walla Walla University this fall.

Being kind is a quality Jeremy extends to everyone he meets. It is easy to recognize his caring heart because of his desire to serve, care and help those in need. It is for these reasons the staff and teachers at RVAA are privileged to extend the Caring Heart Award to Jeremy Haddad.





**Shayla Mountain**  
SKAGIT ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Skagit Adventist Academy is pleased to nominate senior, Shayla Mountain, as this year's Caring Heart Award recipient. Shayla's caring and thoughtful spirit is seen during outreach activities at her local church. She is known for helping at Vacation Bible School and Children's Church, joining the youth to invite the local community to meetings at the church and doing yard work and cleanup for housebound seniors.

SAA has been blessed with Shayla's creativity as a two-year member of the yearbook staff. She shared her artistic talents last year by designing the 2020-2021 yearbook cover. During the pandemic days of distance-learning, Shayla used watercolors to illustrate encouraging Bible verses that brightened the lives of others who were stuck inside. In addition to her creativity, Shayla has been involved in intramural activities and the school's football team. She was a part of football tournaments in 2019 and 2020.

Her career goal is to be an art teacher. Shayla is contemplating starting at her local community college to fulfill her prerequisite classes and then finishing her four-year degree at Walla Walla University. Her parents are Aaron and Rachel Mountain.

**Calina Prouty**  
UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY

Calina Prouty is a shining example of Christ-like character and genuine kindness. Within her large family, she is a pillar of positivity as she cares for five younger siblings as well as her parents and grandparents. At school, she is always full of joy and will go out of her way to serve anyone around her that needs help or a word of encouragement.

Calina grew up in a variety of different faiths as her family moved around. It wasn't until they spent some time living with her grandparents that she was introduced to the Adventist Church and found peace and a closer walk with God. She has grown in her shining witness of Christian values and authenticity and often talks about her relationship with God and how much her faith has supported herself and her family through challenging life experiences.



It has been an absolute pleasure to have Calina as a student at Upper Columbia Academy. Her soft-spoken nature impacts her volunteer work. She actively helps staff and students alike with any task or emotional support that might be needed. Even on hard days, Calina sacrifices her time and resources to improve the day of those around her.

UCA is proud to share this year's Caring Heart Award with Calina Prouty. May everyone learn to love like Calina and Jesus!



**Raymond Trees III**  
WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY

Raymond Trees III, Walla Walla Valley Academy graduating senior, loves airplanes. He plans to become a pilot and learn how to do necessary repairs.

Ray is also a very talented trumpet player. He started playing trumpet during his fifth-grade year at Rogers Adventist School, has been the leading musician in the trumpet section since junior high and throughout high school. Ray is involved in the community by playing with the Walla Walla Valley Bands and the Inland Northwest Musicians. As a leader in the school band, Ray has encouraged and helped his peers to always strive to do their best and give one hundred percent.

Ray is always willing to help out whenever asked. He has used his talents with audio/visual and computers for the many plays and events held at WWVA. Throughout the pandemic, Ray helped with livestreaming classes and events.

Ray is also a member of National Honors Society and volunteers in community outreach with his peers. Ray has participated in baseball all four years of high school, was a senator for his class as a sophomore and junior, and is currently the senior class president.

Ray's life has exemplified Walla Walla Valley Academy's mission – Spiritual Awakening, Academic Distinction, Teamwork and Collaboration, Community Connection and Service and a Culture of Gratitude. WWVA will miss Ray, but knows he will be doing great things in the future.

# NPUC Men Accept Challenge

**NEARLY 80 MEN** accepted the invitation to enjoy a full weekend of fellowship, instruction, praise and recreation at the first North Pacific Union Men's Leadership Training weekend, held April 29–May 1.

The complementary Men's Leadership Training program supplements and strengthens the body of Christ. This 10-module course aims to remind men of their identities in Christ and their responsibilities and privileges as mission-focused, servant leaders to exemplify Christ's sacrificial love in their personal lives as well as their marriages, families, churches, workplaces and communities.

Speakers Minner Labrador, Claudio Consuegra, Bill Roberts, Eric Brown, Florencio Bueno and César De León, communicating in both English and Spanish language, gave presentations covered a variety of topics. These included effective local church ministry, men of God as fathers and husbands, and leading successful events.

This Spirit-directed weekend ended on Sunday morning with a solemn service. Attendees received a special anointing to heal and release them from anything that would encumber a desire to live out their mission and purpose.

Ellen White's eloquent words are especially relevant

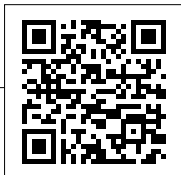


today: "To the man who is a husband and a father, I would say, be sure that a pure, holy atmosphere surrounds your soul. ... You are to learn daily of Christ. Never, never are you to show a tyrannical spirit in the home. The man who does this is working in partnership with satanic agencies. Bring your will into submission to the will of God. Do all in your power to make the life of your wife pleasant and happy. Take the Word of God as the man of your counsel. In the home, live out the teachings of the word. Then you will live them out in the church and will take them with

you to your place of business. The principles of heaven will ennoble all your transactions. Angels of God will cooperate with you, helping you to reveal Christ to the world" (*Adventist Home*, p. 213–214).

For more information on future Adventist men's ministries training in your region, contact your local conference men's or ministerial director.

CAROLANN DE LEÓN  
*North Pacific Union Hispanic ministries associate director*



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IGLESIA

# Los Hombres Aceptan el Desafío Para Ser Líderes



de Líderes del Ministerio de Hombres en nuestra unión del pacífico norte, celebrada del 29 de abril al 1 de mayo.

Los oradores incluyeron a el Dr. Minner Labrador, el Dr. Claudio Consuegra, el Dr. César De León, y el Ptr. Bill Roberts, el Ptr. Eric Brown, y el Ptr. Florencio Bueno. Estos presentadores se comunicaron en ambos idiomas, inglés y español, y presentaron una variedad de temas incluyendo, un ministerio efectivo en la iglesia local, hombres de Dios



**NUESTRO MOVIMIENTO ADVENTISTA** ofrece un programa de capacitación para nuestros líderes del Ministerio de Hombres que complementa y fortalece el cuerpo de Cristo. Este curso de 10 módulos tiene como objetivo de reavivar a cada hombre a su identidad en Cristo y a sus responsabilidades y privilegios como un líder cristiano que desea reflejar el amor sacrificial de Cristo en su vida personal, en su matrimonio, familia, iglesia, lugar de trabajo y en su comunidad.

Cerca de 80 hombres aceptaron la invitación para disfrutar de un fin de semana de compañerismo, instrucción, alabanza y recreación durante nuestra primera capacitación



como padres y esposos, y liderazgo de eventos exitosos.

El fin de semana —dirigido por el Espíritu— concluyó con un solemne servicio donde los hombres fueron consagrados y ungidos para recibir la sanidad y liberación de cualquier cosa que pudiera entorpecer su deseo de vivir su misión y propósito

de reflejar el liderazgo servicial de Cristo en todas las áreas de sus vidas.

Las siguientes palabras de la pluma inspirada siguen siendo relevantes hoy, "A un hombre que es esposo y padre, yo diría: Asegúrese de que roda su alma una atmósfera pura y santa ... Debe aprender diariamente de Cristo. Nunca ha de manifestar un espíritu tiránico en el hogar. El hombre que lo hace obra asociado con agentes satánicos. Someta su voluntad a la de Dios. Haga cuanto pueda para que la vida de su esposa sea placentera y feliz. Haga de la Palabra de Dios su consejera. Viva en el hogar de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de ella. Entonces vivirá así en la iglesia y llevará estas

enseñanzas consigo al lugar donde trabaja. Los principios del cielo ennoblecerán todas sus transacciones. Los ángeles de Dios cooperarán con Ud. Y le ayudarán a revelar a Cristo ante el mundo." White, *El Hogar Cristiano*, 190-191.

Para obtener más información sobre capacitación del ministerio de hombres en su región, comunicarse con el director ministerial o el director de hombres de su conferencia local.

CAROLANN DE LEÓN  
*Hispano ministerios director asociado de la Unión del Pacífico Norte*

MISSION AND OUTREACH

# Abundant Blessings

**THE ANNUAL ARCTIC CAMP MEETING LAUNCHED THROUGHOUT RURAL ALASKA IN FEBRUARY. ALASKA CONFERENCE STAFF AND GUESTS TRAVELED TO VILLAGES SUCH AS BETHEL, UTQIAGVIK AND DILLINGHAM TO ENJOY THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR.**

In March, Tandi Perkins, development director, and Brenda Campbell-Johnson, communications director, had the opportunity to worship with members of the Dillingham and Togiak churches for their combined camp meeting.

Friday evening, March 11, began with a Singspiration gathering, a special occasion in the Alaska Native culture.

Singspiration is a time of song and testimony where people lift each other up through sharing their personal struggles and triumphs. Songs of praise were sung in both the English and Yupik languages, and a message was given by speaker Monte Church, former North Pacific Union Native ministries director.

While the Dillingham and Togiak churches are small in membership, they are rich in genuine connection and love for Jesus. Led by Todd Parker, pastor, and wife Eugina Parker, visitors witness their warmth and caring for the people and



Mount Pisgah student and Jasper Canyon VBS mascot "Rocky" shop for supplies.



Mount Pisgah students prepare for their flight home to North Carolina.

community they serve. Parker regularly makes the 35-minute trip by plane to Togiak village to minister to faithful members while Eugina shares her talents by supporting the church and school. Arctic Mission Adventure is blessed to have a dedicated couple who demonstrates the "hands and feet of Jesus" in their daily walk.



Members from Dillingham and Togiak sing songs of praise in the native Yupik language.

Yet, God was not done blessing the community for its faithfulness. Students, staff and parents from Mount Pisgah Academy in North Carolina chose to come to Dillingham for their spring break trip. The group of 26 traveled to the village at the edge of Bristol Bay to support the school and community. The group presented a Jasper Canyon Vacation Bible School for children. More than 30 kids attended, and most were not Adventists.

The Mount Pisgah group also shared their construction talents to complete school repairs and paint the gym. By

God's grace, when head teacher Sueal Cunningham discovered the boiler in the school wasn't working—with the weather at 19 degrees—a volunteer was able to get the heat working.

The Dillingham Church enjoyed the spirit of the Mount Pisgah staff, students and parents. Church members and members of the community worked together to arrange for the visitors to enjoy snowmobiling, sledding, supper and a bonfire. The evening ended with worship shared by Scottie Deal, a pastor from the Carolina Conference. God blessed the group's interactions, and now two Dillingham youth are interested in attending Mount Pisgah Academy.

BRENDA CAMPBELL-JOHNSON  
*Alaska Conference  
communication director*

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Upper grade students at Golden Heart Christian School care about their community and environment.

## GOLDEN HEART STUDENTS PITCH IN

**ALASKANS WELCOME** the longer days and warmer weather of spring. Throughout winter, the snow enhances the beauty of the world God has gifted us with, but the melting of the snow reveals signs that some do not take care of the earth through the debris that begins appearing. Every spring, the students at Golden Heart Christian School gather trash found on school property and along the road close to the school. This year, they decided to do something different by partnering with the city.

In Fairbanks, the city has an annual cleanup effort facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce, to manage the amount of litter beside the roads. GHCS decided to join the citywide effort on Friday, May 13, to pick up trash at the same time. Jane Bador, GHCS assistant teacher, signed the school up online and asked that the road close to the school be assigned to the student group. Bador then picked up designated yellow trash bags at the Central Recycling Facility to be used for the collected trash.

The students enjoyed helping their community, and the teaching staff used this opportunity to align the community project with the science unit that grades five through eight had been studying. The students and Cindy Dasher, head teacher, discussed the negative effect littering has on the wildlife and ecosystems. The experience also taught the students about road safety while joining in to make their community more enjoyable for those that live and work in the area. It is the responsibility of all to take care of the world God has so lovingly provided for us. The students of GHCS showed through their efforts that they appreciate His gift.

CINDY DASHER

*Golden Heart Christian School principal/teacher*



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# Amazing Grace Meets Goal for New Gym Floor

**AMAZING GRACE ACADEMY STUDENTS, FAMILIES, CHURCH MEMBERS AND TEACHERS RECENTLY ENJOYED AN EVENING CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER FOR A NEW GYM FLOOR. THE ANNUAL AUCTION WAS PLANNED AND COORDINATED BY HOME AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND LOTS OF SUPPORTERS WHO PLAN THIS FUN EVENT EVERY YEAR.**

A few years ago, AGA built a gym attached to the school building knowing that the cement floor would be a temporary solution while planning and preparing for a wood floor.

Students, families and local community organizations generously donated items and services to the auction. Students made many delicious and beautiful desserts to auction and those items were the stars of the evening. The event was a success resulting in more than \$18,000 raised for the new gym floor.

With money raised at the auction combined with money raised over the last few years, AGA has met the goal. The new gym floor is scheduled to be installed this summer around the same time that the remodeling process for the school should be completed.

In January, the school facility suffered flooding due to a frozen pipe that burst. It flooded three floors of the school. Several classes have been meeting in church classrooms for the remainder of the year, and the teachers and students are very



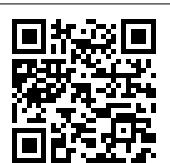
- Parents and students enjoy their auction items.

excited about the completion of the project and the new look of the school.

With the combination of the new gym floor and the newly remodeled classrooms, kitchen and hallways, the entire school will get a major face-lift before the new school year.

KAREN CARLTON

*Amazing Grace Academy principal*



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# Salmon Church Breaks Ground

**IT WAS A GLOOMY, CLOUDY, WINDY DAY, AND THE FORECAST CALLED FOR RAIN IN SALMON, IDAHO. IN THE HEARTS OF THE SALMON CHURCH MEMBERS, THOUGH, IT WAS A DAY FILLED WITH PROMISE AS WELL AS SADNESS — PROMISE, BECAUSE THEY WERE BREAKING GROUND ON A LONG-AWAITED PARSONAGE, AND SADNESS BECAUSE ONE OF THE LEADERS RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PARSONAGE WASN'T THERE.**

Cindy Ford, a Salmon Church member, had passed away before she could see the results of her work. Part of the fundraising



The church members have been busy building trusses.

for the new parsonage included an auction she organized. Ford's memorial service was held just hours before the auction on which she had worked so hard.

Over the years, the Salmon Church community has built a church; a school, now used for the community services; and, with the assistance of Maranatha, a new

school building. The new parsonage is being built next to the school and the community services building. It is named the Cindy Ford Parsonage.

The Cindy Ford Parsonage will fill a great need for the Salmon Church. Because of its remote location from any other church in the conference, the church is assigned a half-time pastor. Like many other locations in Idaho, finding housing is challenging.

With a population of 3,277 and the nearest Walmart 136 miles away in Missoula, Montana, neighbors in the beautiful little town need to help each other. The Salmon Church is very involved in their community and the community supports the church.

Although the wind blew and the clouds continued to roll in, the rain held off for the groundbreaking service. And although Cindy Ford's presence was missed, a golden shovel with her name on it had been prepared.

The groundbreaking service was led by Tom Lighthall, the current half-time pastor. Dan Davis, head elder, opened the service with prayer. Shiela Johnson shared a history of the Salmon Church, which was founded around 1933. Gay Joers shared the song "Bless This House," performed a cappella in the wind. John Cranney said a

prayer of dedication. David Prest Jr., Idaho Conference president, shared a message for those who gathered.

The event also included Salmon Church members as well as community members: Brett Barsalou, former sheriff



EVE RUSK

From left: Jerry Wycoff, David Prest Jr., Brett Barsalou, Leo Marshall, Gary Goodman, Rick Snyder, Gene Ford, Sharon Clark and Susan Schaffner dig in, with a shovel representing Cindy Ford in the center.

and current Lemhi County commissioner; Leo Marshall, Salmon mayor; Gary Goodman, project manager; Rick Snyder, Lemhi County commissioner; Jerry Wycoff; and Susan Schaffner.

Also participating were Ford's husband, Gary, and her mother, Sharon Clark. Cindy's golden shovel was placed in front of the participants.

A month after the groundbreaking, the foundation was excavated by John Cranney. Now, the foundation has been poured and trusses are up, thanks to all who are volunteering their time to build the Cindy Ford Parsonage.

If you would like to help the church with their continuing fundraising, contact the church at [salmondschurch@gmail.com](mailto:salmondschurch@gmail.com) or by phone at 208-756-6801.

EVE RUSK  
*Idaho Conference communication director*



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CHURCH

# Salazar Joins Idaho's Leadership Team

**DAVID SALAZAR ACCEPTED** Idaho Conference's invitation to serve as vice president for administration with additional responsibilities as director for young adult, youth and children's ministries. He will assume his new responsibilities in August.

Salazar most recently served for five years as youth ministries director for Washington Conference. He has 15 years of pastoral experience serving in the Michigan and Central California

Conferences. He has pastored rural, suburban and urban churches.

Salazar received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from Southern Adventist University, and a Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry degree in Intergenerational Church from Andrews University.

Salazar's wife, Nitza, has been serving as a Bible teacher at Auburn Adventist Academy and the Washington Conference children's ministries director. The Salazars have one daughter, Jordyn, who is entering first grade.

With Salazar's arrival, John Rogers will be able to focus on his role as vice president for finance and stewardship. For the last nine years, Rogers was serving as both vice

president for administration as well as the vice principal of finance and stewardship director.

"I greatly appreciate John Rogers' strong and effective leadership in these important areas. He has served faithfully and with notable distinction," Prest said. "He will continue to give us strong leadership in these important areas [of finance and stewardship]. Please pray for [these] transitions, that God will help us continue to move forward in mission and ministry."

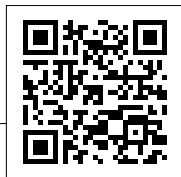
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*Idaho Conference communication director*

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*Washington Conference communication director*

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

## HOW TO GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

**IN MARCH, OREGON'S ENTERPRISE CHURCH** began a series of classes called How to Grow Your Own Food.

Forty-five people attended the first class where they learned how to grow sprouts and microgreens. They enjoyed demonstrations, instructions and samples of several varieties. Participants were also given seeds to start the process at home.

The educational classes are an effort to help people become more self-sufficient in a time when grocery store shelves are becoming increasingly empty.

Members involved with the classes said, "We know God has promised to take care of us, and we praise Him for His blessing of letting us have a part in this." They encourage class participants to



Community members enjoy several kinds of micro greens.

claim the promise in Phil. 4:19: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ" (NKJ).

Future classes will cover topics like hydroponics, without the need for electricity; how to make a simple fertilizer at home; a simple greenhouse design; and how to grow herbs.

GAIL PELLY

*Enterprise Church contributor*

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# Montana Meets to Conduct Church Business

**SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 10 DAWNED BRIGHT AND COLD IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA. DESPITE AN APPROACHING EARLY SPRING SNOWSTORM, 247 DELEGATES AND MANY MORE SESSION GUESTS BEGAN GATHERING AT MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY FOR THE 63RD MONTANA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY SESSION.**

The constituency session had been delayed a year due to COVID-19 restrictions. This was the first time Montana members gathered post-pandemic to conduct official conference business.

Following the morning devotional, John Freedman, North Pacific Union president, invited attendees to spend a few minutes in prayer. "This is one of the most important tasks we will do today," said Freedman. "Let's invite the Holy Spirit to be here today to give divine insight and wisdom to our work today."

After the delegates were officially seated, Ken Norton, Montana Conference president opened the session with the president's report. "The best part of my job is getting to meet with you. I love hearing about what God is doing through you," said Norton.

Norton went on to lay out a two-fold vision for Montana Adventists to renew faith and restore hope. "Let's make

Montana a template for the rest of the North American Division," he said. "We have to do things differently to accomplish that."

The delegates received several reports from Montana Conference leadership. Erin Tunesvik, Montana Conference vice president for finance, shared how the conference is diligently working to bring energy and resources to several ministry areas that have struggled during the pandemic. A highlight from Tunesvik's report included the good news of improved net operating assets levels – they are at their highest point in a decade. This is a direct result of God's blessings and members' faithful giving.

As delegates stopped for lunch, snowflakes drifted down gently, making the April afternoon feel more like March. Following lunch, delegates overwhelmingly voted to re-elect Montana Conference

officers and the education superintendent to serve for the next four years.

- Ken Norton, president
- Jim Jenkins, vice president for administration
- Erin Tunesvik, vice president for finance
- Renae Young, education superintendent

Dane Bailey, Mount Ellis Academy principal, reported to session delegates about the conference's only high school. At past sessions, delegates wrestled with difficult financial issues. Bailey gave the encouraging news outlining how the school has been operating in the black every month during the 2021-2022 school year. New fiscal accountability protocols are helping streamline budgeting and expenditures.

"We're not out of the woods yet," said Bailey. "It is not sustainable to rely on donations for 33% of our operating budget. We need to bring that number down to about 10%."

Bailey shared MEA plans to increase enrollment. The plans include offering distance learning as well as trade school training that will bring income to the school while providing valuable career skills for students.

Delegates spent significant time working through changes proposed by the

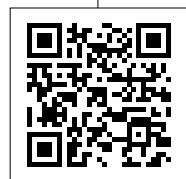
constitution and bylaws committee. Careful discussion took place over the policies that guide all conference operations.

At the end of the day, Norton encouraged delegates and all members to press together. "Let this ring in our hearts," he said. "Let's be willing to do what it takes to mend relationships and move forward and see what God will do through us."

JAY WINTERMEYER  
Gleaner contributor



Montana Conference delegates overwhelmingly voted to re-elect Montana Conference officers and the education superintendent to serve for the next four years. (From left: Erin Tunesvik, vice president for finance; Jim Jenkins, vice president for administration; Ken Norton, president; Renae Young, education superintendent.)



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# Seeds Grow, They Just Take Time

## SHARING WHAT WE BELIEVE

can be rewarding, as well as discouraging. Maybe you have witnessed to someone, and you were able to see them make a decision for Christ. Perhaps you tried to share faith with someone but were ignored, mocked or resented. It's easy to question yourself and even think it's not worth the trouble. But the truth is planted seeds grow. They just take time..

When Mike McCabe was 5 years old, his family relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada. The only other child McCabe's age in their neighborhood was from an Adventist home. They became fast friends, and soon McCabe began attending church with his neighbors, and would share what he learned with his family. He even decided that he wouldn't eat bacon or pork any longer.

His family didn't respond positively to the decisions McCabe was making, and at first, he was forbidden from going to church with them. However, he decided to go anyway.

When McCabe was 7 years old, his dad passed away, and his mom started to drink to cope with the pain.

McCabe's mom later gave birth to his little sister, and his neighbor gained a sister around the same time. He and his little sister attended church with their neighbors, but McCabe eventually turned away from religion.

"My sister was still going to church. I'm drinking,

partying. ... I don't want anything to do with religion. My mother wonders why her daughter knows so much more about the Bible than she does. My mother talks with this neighbor lady. ... Mom wanted to learn from her neighbor about the Bible more and started studying it. She even [started going] to church with the neighbor!"

The same changes McCabe had made previously in his life, his mom began to make. She stopped drinking and became a vegetarian. She began spending time in God's Word, shared her faith and was later baptized.

Witnessing his mom's conversion didn't affect him. "Life was going good [in Las Vegas]," he said. Until it wasn't. "I got myself in trouble with the wrong people, got beat up and almost killed."

In the meantime, his mom wanted to start a church for

Native people in her home state of Montana. McCabe had no desire to move to Montana, but when he hit rock bottom, he knew he had to get out of Las Vegas.

Alcohol continued to have its grip on him. No matter how hard he tried to give it up, it made its way back into his life.

Jesus was still knocking on the door of McCabe's heart. "I felt convicted to go [to church] even though I didn't want to, but ... Jesus kept saying to me, 'You must go.'" He started attending the church his mother started on the reservation.

It wasn't long before McCabe started to witness people getting baptized – people he thought weren't good enough to be baptized. He thought he wasn't good enough to be baptized either, despite members telling him that he should get baptized.

McCabe received a phone call from his Adventist childhood neighbor. As they spoke, his friend also urged him to get baptized, but McCabe said he wasn't ready.

"He said back to me, 'You're never going to be ready.' And I said, 'Yeah, but there's a point where you know what you're supposed to be doing for God and what you're not supposed to be doing for God. And if I'm only going to go back to doing what's wrong for God, I can't do it.'"

During the

pandemic, McCabe contracted COVID-19. "I really did think I was going to die," said McCabe. "The only thing I could do was to pray that I would be kept alive long enough to get baptized."

Michael Hope, Fort Belknap and Havre territory pastor, called to check on McCabe, and shared that Jim Jenkins, Montana Conference vice president for administration, would be coming to speak at church that Sabbath. Jenkins used to pastor the Fort Belknap church and had been McCabe's pastor.

McCabe said, "[Pastor Jenkins] always wanted me to get baptized. I always told him I wasn't ready. I had said to him, 'well, I'll tell you what, when I do it, I want you to do it.' So, that day I decided – Jesus decided. 'Mike, it's time.'"

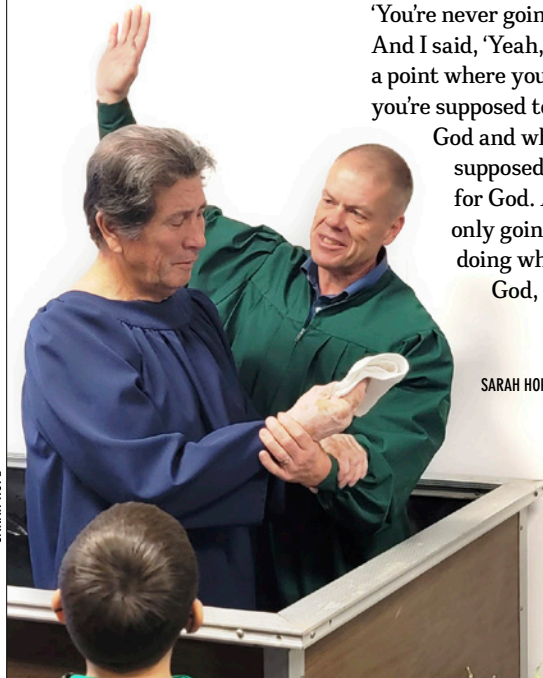
McCabe summed up his story. "From beginning to end, it's all about Jesus. It's been a long road, and God knew from an early time this guy is going to be hard to get through to. He started on me when I was 5 and 6 years old. It took me all this time to get here and hopefully, prayerfully, through Him, I'll never ever go back to those ways again."

A neighbor, just sharing Jesus with a 5-year-old little boy, planted a seed. That seed grew and saved an entire family, started a new church, saved more families and transformed generations to come.

STEPHEN CARLILE  
Billings Church  
pastor

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# Connecting With Warm Springs

**“TAKE HIGHWAY 26 OVER THE PASS, SOUTH OF MT. HOOD (WY’EAST),” SAID BILL MAYNE. “ABOUT 90 MILES FROM PORTLAND, TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW THE SIGN TO THE WOMAN WHO HAS TURNED HER PICKUP INTO INDIAN FRY BREAD CAFÉ. TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW THE BLACKTOP ‘TIL YOU SEE TWO OLD GUYS IN LAWN CHAIRS.”**

Finding a place to park, Dick and Brenda Duerksen walked through a patch of prairie grass to a green lawn where they found two large white teepees and a dozen pop-up canvas shelters shading pizza, tacos, smoothies and bubble machines.

Between the teepees, five gifted musicians coaxed a traditional Warm Springs song from a deep-throated drum. “The sound,” as one listener said, “felt like the melody an unborn baby would hear in the beating of mother’s heart.”

Volunteers from churches on both sides of the mountains, each wearing a gray “Serve” T-shirt, were everywhere. They helped with bubble machines, distributing backpacks, teddy bears and connecting kids with shoes each had ordered several weeks ago. Joyful surprise was the emotion of the day.

“At first it was just a bunch of Native children who needed shoes,” said Doug McGinnis, event dreamer. “But when

several pastors caught the dream, and our young adult team and Big Lake Youth Camp joined in, I knew it would happen. We were going to give 400 pairs of new shoes to kids on the Warm Springs Indian



Reservation. It’s probably the most exciting thing I’ve ever been a part of!”

It all started about eight months ago when Seth Cantu, Native pastor serving the Madras church; Greg Phillips, Pleasant Valley Church pastor; and the PVC outreach group heard about a unique ministry. Samaritan’s Feet, a worldwide ministry, helps provide shoes for kids. “Four-hundred pairs?” asked the folks from Samaritan’s Feet. “Sure! We’ll cover 80% of the cost.”

Candice Jimenez, a PVC



• Volunteers from churches in Madras, Happy Valley, and Redmond, each wearing a gray “Serve.” T-shirt helped connect kids with the gift shoes each had ordered several weeks ago.

member, and tribal citizen who was raised on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, signed on and immediately began connecting with tribal elders in planning a picnic day to go along with the shoe giveaway.

In addition to the shoes, pizza, smoothies and other foods, there was a drawing for a load of special prizes. The kids received basketballs from the Portland Trail Blazers, special backpacks, extra shoes and T-shirts, but the biggest smiles came from the 26 kids who won

a free week at Big Lake Youth Camp.

“Look at that!” cried one of the kids. “There’s a rainbow above the teepees!” Looking up, everyone smiled and watched in awe as the Creator slowly flew “a pillar of fire” above the Warm Springs Reservation.

DICK DUERKSEN  
*Oregon Conference storycatcher and storyteller*

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CHURCH

# Beermans Begin Retirement After Careers in Ministry

STAN AND GLORIA BEERMAN ANNOUNCED THEIR RETIREMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR, AFTER LONG CAREERS IN EDUCATION AND MINISTRY. STAN RETIRED ON APRIL 30, AND GLORIA RETIRES IN AUGUST AFTER WRAPPING UP SEVERAL PROJECTS.

The Beermans met as students at Walla Walla College and bonded over ministry. Now, decades later, they have spent their careers in ministry in three North Pacific Union Conferences – Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Most of those years, Gloria served as an educator while Stan pastored for a local congregation.

In 2006, the Oregon Conference asked Stan to move into the headquarters office as family life director. They asked Gloria to take a role as the administrative assistant in the children's ministries department and lead Adventurers. Stan later moved into the role of ministerial director, and eventually to the position of assistant to the president. Three years ago, Gloria became the assistant director for children's ministries.

As the Beermans begin retirement, they are looking forward to continuing to serve by speaking at churches, inspiring Sabbath School



GLORIA BEERMAN

• Stan and Gloria Beerman

leaders and volunteering. Birding is also on their retirement list; identifying feathered friends is one of their favorite hobbies.

Read more about Stan and Gloria and their respective legacies on the Oregon Conference website at [oregonadventist.org/newsroom](http://oregonadventist.org/newsroom). We wish them many years of happy exploring, connecting with others and staying connected to God.

KRISSY BARBER  
*Oregon Conference assistant communication director*



GARY MCCLAIN

• The children's ministries team pose with the event banner at a NPUC children's ministries event.



DICK DUERKSEN

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# Conference Votes New VP Position

IN ITS APRIL MEETING, THE OREGON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED DAVE SCHWINGHAMMER TO THE NEW ROLE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR CHURCH MINISTRIES.



GARY MCCLAIN

In 2022, nearly half of Oregon Conference churches find themselves in a statistical state of decline. Members emphasized this reality in recent town hall meetings, commonly sharing the deep desire to see local churches revitalized through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. In response to this need, conference administration, with support of the executive committee, is developing an intentional strategy to facilitate the revitalization of Oregon Conference churches. This vice president position is the first step in that strategy.

Dan Linrud, president, emphasizes that the Oregon Conference headquarters, “exists to serve local churches and schools, enabling and empowering their success in accomplishing our common mission.” The vice president for church ministries will focus on church revitalization, providing additional support to congregations by strategically coordinating the delivery of conference ministry resources for maximum revitalizing impact.

## Strategic Efficiency for Missional Effectiveness

For three years, conference administration has focused on strategic efficiency for missional effectiveness, applying resources in the best ways to maximize impact. This announcement aligns with the strategy. Through realignment, the conference will add focus to revitalization, without utilizing any additional financial resources.

“It starts with listening,” Schwinghammer explained. “There’s no one-size-fits-all answer for church revitalization.” Instead, Schwinghammer expects to spend lots of time with pastors, lay leaders and conference departments collaborating in dreaming, learning, coordinating and mentoring as they undertake the work of revitalization together.

“Elder Dave Schwinghammer is uniquely gifted for this role,” noted Linrud. “Between his doctorate in spiritual vitality, former conference leadership in church health and his personal experience as a pastor in revitalizing struggling churches, Schwinghammer will be a tremendous blessing to our Oregon Conference churches.”

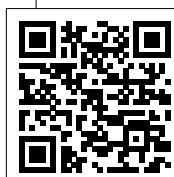
While he’s excited to get started, Schwinghammer will wait to lean into this role fully until after the Oregon Conference constituency session in September. Until then, he will continue to carry the duties of executive secretary to ensure that necessary preparations are in place for the quinquennial constituency meeting. A new executive secretary will be recommended by the nominating committee at that time.

## Confidence in the Future

“I have great confidence in God’s continued faithfulness and leadership in the future of the Oregon Conference,” said Linrud. “Jesus’ greatest joy is for His bride, the church, to be beautiful with radiant vitality. It is our constant purpose to seek to strategically pursue this in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. I believe this role of vice president for church ministry will help the churches of our conference accomplish this for God’s glory. This is crucial as we prepare for Jesus to return.”

JONATHAN RUSSELL

*Oregon Conference assistant to the president for multimedia communications*



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# VP of Education Announced by Conference

ON APRIL 28, A JOINT MEETING OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEES ELECTED BRANDON O'NEAL AS OREGON CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION).

For the past five years, O'Neal has served as principal at Portland Adventist Elementary School, guiding the school toward innovative growth amid the pandemic. Through the course of his service in Oregon, O'Neal has been repeatedly recognized for administrative excellence. In 2021, O'Neal joined the Oregon Conference office education team as a part-time associate superintendent, overseeing four schools in addition to his PAES principal responsibilities.

"Brandon's dedication as a leader in the Oregon Conference and his innovation in curriculum development is vital," said Bill McClendon, North Pacific Union vice president for administration and joint chair of the Oregon Conference nominating committee and executive committee. "We must continue to provide academic excellence while ensuring that every student and teacher matters."

With a Master of Arts in education administration and more than 15 years of experience leading educational teams, O'Neal is well-prepared to take the lead. His expertise in strategic, collaborative leadership will help support and prepare schools for the upcoming challenges presented by our changing society.

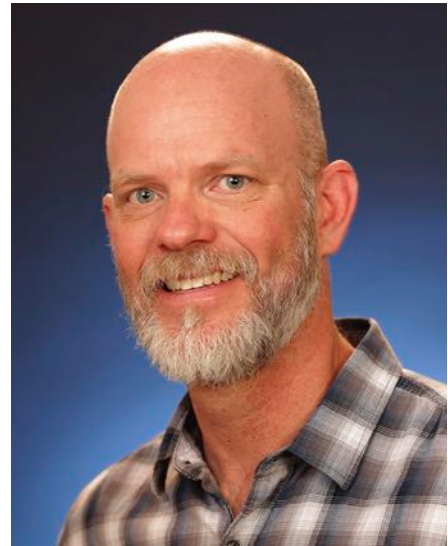
While constituency session elections are only a few months away, it was important for the right candidate to be in place as soon as possible to help

navigate the prime recruitment season for Adventist education. The Oregon Conference has not been immune to the post-pandemic migration. There are many positions to be filled before next school year. O'Neal will immediately join the associate superintendents in meeting this recruitment challenge.

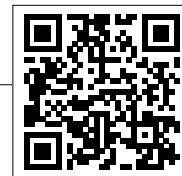
"I am very excited to join the amazing team at the Oregon Conference," wrote O'Neal. "Working side by side with all stakeholders our education department will continue to lead in innovative Adventist education while supporting and building strong communities with a focus on each individual child of God. I am humbled by this opportunity and thankful for the support of conference leadership, my colleagues, my school family and church community."

JONATHAN RUSSELL

*Oregon Conference assistant to the president for multimedia communications*



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YOUTH

# Pathfinders Gather for First In-Person Fair in Years

FOR THE FIRST TIME, FOLLOWING THREE YEARS OF NOT MEETING FOR THE END-OF-YEAR PATHFINDER FAIR, THE OREGON CONFERENCE PATHFINDERS CAME TOGETHER IN-PERSON FOR A WONDERFUL DAY OF CELEBRATION AT THREE SISTERS ADVENTIST SCHOOL IN BEND, OREGON.

accomplishments of others, but also enjoy games, activities and great food. More than that, young people and leaders alike spent quality time in fellowship, enjoying the outdoors and catching up with friends.

A few young people honored during the festivities included Gabe Fullard-Leo, Cassie Janani, Matthew Beaty, Joseph McWilliam, Khiun Paw and Quentin Ulloa. Through four years of hard work, training, service and dedication to youth ministry, they made it through the Teen Leadership Training program.

These new graduates of the TL program were awarded their TL patch and chord, and pinned by their mentor, Rachel Scribner, conference TL coordinator.

Two teams from the Pleasant Valley Club were also recognized for their hard work, landing them at the North American Division-level Pathfinder Bible Experience, an accomplishment that takes a countless number of hours studying and reviewing God's Word.

Best of all, nearly 20 Pathfinders who had been baptized during the last couple of years were recognized, celebrated and prayed for.

The Oregon Conference Pathfinder leadership team is especially grateful to all the local club directors, staff and parents who invest so much of their time and energy to provide these opportunities for their young people. They're looking forward to how God might use Pathfinder ministry in the coming year to assist parents in helping our young people grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and men.

On Sunday, May 15, more than 350 Pathfinders and staff gathered under the sunny, central Oregon skies to recognize various accomplishments from the past year. They demonstrated various skills learned and joyfully spend time together again.

The Oregon Conference Pathfinder leadership team, consisting of area coordinators from throughout the state, worked diligently to make the event a reality.

Pathfinders were not only able to celebrate the

Pathfinders enjoyed crafts, games and more.



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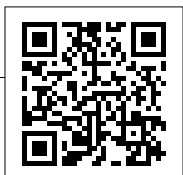
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DANIEL ORTEGA  
Oregon Conference Pathfinder director

Six young people put in four years of hard work, training, service, and dedication to youth ministry while they went through the Teen Leadership Training (TLT) program.



DANIEL ORTEGA



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BIBLE READINGS  
for  
**JULY**

Follow the daily plan to read the entire Bible in a year.

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<b>3</b> Amos 6–9	<b>4</b> Hosea 1–5	<b>5</b> Hosea 6–9	<b>6</b> Hosea 10–14	<b>7</b> Isaiah 1–4	<b>8</b> Isaiah 5–8	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> Isaiah 40–42; Psalm 46	<b>25</b> Isaiah 43–45; Psalm 80	<b>26</b> Isaiah 46–49; Psalm 135	<b>27</b> Isaiah 50–53	<b>28</b> Isaiah 54–58	<b>29</b> Isaiah 59–63	<b>30</b>
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Our 2022 Bible reading plan is laid out chronologically with Sabbaths off. Sign up for our newsletter and get the entire 2022 reading plan as a free gift.

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

# Spokane Valley Church Resumes Journey to the Cross

### COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM SPOKANE VALLEY

and the surrounding area were treated to the return of Journey to the Cross, an interactive, immersive outdoor walkthrough event held on Easter weekend. Spokane Valley Church hosted the event from Friday, April 15, to Sunday, April 17. More than 2,640 guests attended this year. It had been canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We were so blessed to see the community return to Spokane Valley Church for this special weekend,” said Karla Kendall, event organizer. “We had so many people tell us how much they had missed the event and were excited to see it again.”

Spokane began performing Journey to the Cross in 2008. It is based on a script written by Mark Logan, manager of the Adventist Book Center in Spokane. The program features more than 240 actors, more than 65 support staff and more than 50 musicians that provide entertainment in the church sanctuary while the tour groups wait for their reserved time.

Once a group begins the tour, a pair of Roman



• Joe Urbin, a member of South Hill Adventist Church, speaks to the disciples as Jesus during the Last Supper.

soldiers pound on the city gate announcing their arrival. The tour group is immediately caught up in the wedding feast where Jesus performs His first miracle. The walkthrough event is designed to ensure each tour group experiences the action, with four central characters: Jesus, John, James and Peter.

“We want each group to feel a connection to the characters,” said Kendall. “When they experience each scene with the same main actors, they begin to feel that they know them. It makes the experience seem so much more real.”

The walkthrough had eight individual core groups

that would cycle through with tour groups.

“There are Easter programs that are set on a stage and the characters move throughout the auditorium,” said Kendall, “but for Journey to the Cross, we

spiritual experience. We will be back. Thank you!”

Another participant wrote, “I appreciate the way you make it realistic for our younger children. It always provides great questions on the way home. Keep it up. Thank you! You are a real blessing to the community.”

“I’ve heard about this for years,” said a guest. “I finally came. It exceeded all my expectations! The strong acting and story and being fully immersed gave me all the emotions. I talked my family and parents into coming, and we all had such a spiritual experience. This is such an amazing ministry!”

DUSTIN R. JONES  
Upper Columbia Conference  
communications director



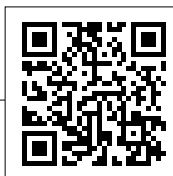
• Luke Torquato, a staff member of Upper Columbia Academy, displays heartfelt emotion as Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

wanted something different. It makes it special in that we can interact with the audience in a way that just wouldn’t be possible on a stage.”

At the end of the program, tour groups are offered an opportunity to have a cast member pray with them. There are refreshments offered and tour groups can provide feedback on the program.

One participant wrote, “The entirety of Journey to the Cross was powerful and moving. Thank you for offering this remarkable and

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## EDUCATION

# One by One, Students Ignite the World

**UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY AND FOUNDATIONONE RECENTLY DETERMINED TO RAISE \$15 MILLION TO ENSURE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY FOR UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY. THIS UNPRECEDENTED THREE-YEAR JOINT ENDEAVOR WILL EMPOWER UCA TO REACH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, ENABLE UCA TO UPDATE ITS AGING FACILITIES AND PROVIDE A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE AFFORDABILITY ISSUE THROUGH A STRONG ENDOWMENT.**

UCA and its predecessor, Yakima Valley Academy, have been providing teens with a remarkable Christian growth opportunity for more than 100 years.

“When I came to UCA, I was at a crossroads,” said an alumnus. “The teen years are a critical period in a child’s life. There is something magical about seeking God with your peers and being guided by teachers/mentors who have a wonderful picture of God. It really is life transforming! As long as this world continues, UCA’s ministry *must* continue!”

Through the years, UCA has had its share of ups and downs. In 1980, the school was grappling with huge debt. One board member recalled, “When I first joined the board, at every meeting we talked about how to shut down the school. But then Elder Jere Patzer, board

chair, made this suggestion, ‘Let’s take the first few minutes of every board meeting to read the book *Education*, by Ellen G. White, and pray for our school.’ After that, things began to turn around.”

Since then, UCA has been carefully adhering to the core values of Adventist education and UCA’s ministry has flourished. Average enrollment for the 2021–2022 school year was 270. Besides the highest quality academics, UCA offers several vocal, band and string ensembles; basketball, volleyball and golf; horsemanship; farming and gardening; culinary and baking; building and automotive; a vibrant spiritual climate; and an enriching social culture.

Richard Hart, president of Loma Linda University Health and honorary chair



MICHELE DAVIS

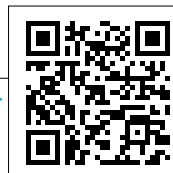
for the Igniting the World campaign, said, “The challenges now facing our Adventist educational system are real and urgent. So, I have been delighted to see the creativity of Upper Columbia Academy leadership. Their campus programming retains an emphasis on productive work skills, undergirded by the strong spiritual foundation that has always distinguished UCA. We need this proven model of life-changing, residential education, together with a robust endowment, to keep our school unique and sustainable. And now the integration of FoundationONE’s successful fundraising combined with backing from the Upper Columbia Conference has

brought a permanent solution within reach. I urge you to join Judy and me in bringing the ‘Igniting the World’ dream to reality.”

The Igniting the World campaign officially began July 1, 2021. To date more than \$2.5 million has been raised. For more information about Igniting the World visit [ignitingtheworlduca.org](http://ignitingtheworlduca.org) or call Linda Klinger, executive director of FoundationONE, at 509-939-1716.

JEFF DEMING  
Upper Columbia Academy principal

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# Pathfinders Serve Wenatchee Community During Outreach Fair

**ON MAY 14, CHILDREN FROM ACROSS WASHINGTON AND EASTERN OREGON HELPED SERVE WENATCHEE WITH THEIR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE.**

SERVE Wenatchee is a social service organization that provides low-income individuals and families with food, furniture and household items. Every May, the charity participates in the nationwide Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive put on by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

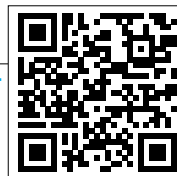
The kids, all members of Pathfinder clubs, volunteered as a part of the Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder Outreach Fair, a weekend gathering in Wenatchee

Confluence State Park complete with camping, worshipping, and community service.

On Saturday afternoon, 130 Pathfinders and volunteer staff arrived at the SERVE Wenatchee warehouse to sort food donations and bedding previously donated by community members. "It was barely-controlled chaos!" said Richie Brower, UCC Pathfinder director. "The kids were having fun and the noise and energy levels were off the charts."

By 5:15 p.m., only two and a half hours after starting, the Pathfinders had sorted all the food for the day. In total, the volunteers organized 11,578 pounds. The last time SERVE partnered with the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, it took

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four months for the small group of local volunteers to sort all the donations. The Pathfinders were able to tackle the job in a matter of hours, with focused time and a lot of hands.

Although the Outreach Fair included fun activities such as biking, hiking and camping, many Pathfinders reported that food sorting was their favorite activity of the weekend. "The kids really enjoyed getting out and helping the community," said Brower. "We all felt blessed to be there, and we are grateful to SERVE Wenatchee for allowing us to partner with them on this exciting project." The food donated by the community will supply many of the needs at SERVE Wenatchee in the coming year.

To learn more about Pathfinders and to find a club near you, visit [uccsda.org/clubministries](https://uccsda.org/clubministries).

CAMRYN CLARK

Upper Columbia Conference communications intern



EDUCATION

# Omak Lego Robotics Teamwork Pays Off

**OMAK ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S TEAM TERABYTE RECEIVED THE TOP THREE AWARDS AT THE NPUC LEGO ROBOTICS QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT, INCLUDING THE FIRST PLACE CHAMPION'S AWARD.**

The Feb. 27 event, held at Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Washington, earned Team Terabyte an invitation to participate at the national Adventist Robotics FIRST LEGO League Challenge Championship in Apoka, Florida.

Team Terabyte members, Jesse Read, seventh-grader, and Jaden Skelton, sixth-grader, spent six months preparing for their win.

Each year, lego robotics teams



Students with their certificates: Left to right: Team Terabyte members Jesse Read, Jaden Skelton, and Coach Jennifer Hoffpauir

throughout the U.S. prepare to accomplish three tasks at the tournament. First, they design and program their lego robots to be able to complete many different missions within the short space of 2.5 minutes. The second objective is to design a solution to an assigned real-world problem; and third, they share a

presentation about their solution to a panel of judges.

Robots don't always perform perfectly, and there are many problems to solve. But, as Read explained, good things can come from determined effort over time.

"Last year, we didn't score as high at the meet," said Read. "But all the learning we did that year was one of the reasons we were able to [get the Champion's Award] this year and be invited to nationals."

All this learning is why Jennifer Hoffpauir, OACS teacher and robotics team sponsor, goes the extra mile for her students. "Watching team members gain useful life skills, such as problem-solving, teamwork and creativity, is a joy," she said. "Team members gain confidence when things go well and resilience when things don't go as planned."

The two team members are excited to travel and meet others from across the country who are also interested in lego robotics. Each of them are excited to take their experience to the next level. Participating in lego robotics translates into life experience that will help them gain skills and confidence for their future.

JULENE COLE  
*Omak Church communication leader*



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MISSION AND OUTREACH



## MEETINGS ANSWER YEARS OF QUESTIONS FOR GRANDVIEW MAN

**JESUS ALVAREZ** was one of about 60 people that attended the Being Born Again: Anything Is Possible evangelistic series shared by the Sunnyside, Mabton and Grandview Hispanic churches in eastern Washington.

Alvarez was born in Mexico but came to Grandview when he was a child. During his time in school, he met a friend who attended church on Saturdays, and it caught his attention. His friend was a particularly good football player, but he never showed up for Saturday competitions.

For many years, Alvarez had questions. What is wrong with attending games on Saturday? What is the reason for attending church on this day? Despite his curiosity, Alvarez never attended church.

Years later, personal problems and conflicts led him to feel God pulling on his heart. After wondering and wanting to find answers, he finally decided to go to the evangelistic meetings being advertised.

At one of the meetings the pastor said, "God will carry your burdens." That spoke directly to Alvarez. "I felt like I was home," he said. "I experienced the release of my sorrows and sadness."

On the last night of the evangelistic series, Alvarez answered the call to accept Christ into his life. He was baptized along with three others at the end of the meetings. In addition, many people requested Bible studies.

FLORENCIO BUENO  
*Grandview Hispanic Church pastor*



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# WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

GROWING SPIRITUALLY, PRAYING CONTINUALLY



Washington Pathfinders are reunited in their desire to Press On with Jesus.

## Pathfinders Press On

**THE STRAINS OF A DRUM-CORPS SETTING THE MARCH TEMPO FOR THE SONG “WE ARE THE PATHFINDERS STRONG” IS STILL RESONATING AFTER THE FIRST POST-PANDEMIC GATHERING OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE PATHFINDERS.**

Just ask the Puyallup Pioneer Pathfinders, one of the largest clubs in the conference. It grew to 50 club members this year.

Pathfinders in western Washington weren't able to gather collectively for a conference-wide camporee last fall, so this year David Salazar, Pathfinder director, and his team of area coordinators planned a weekend Pathfinder Fair Camporee at Sunset Lake Camp. The fair has traditionally been a one-day gathering at Auburn Adventist Academy.

“This was my first time going to a fair camporee, even though I've been a Pathfinder for two years,” said Rylee Johnson, who enjoyed watching and participating in all the activities.

Activities included tug-of-war, canoeing, Norwegian wobble races, board walking, team rug mat races, a triathlon and a water balloon toss. The Pathfinder Fair Camporee

also included a good measure of time for friends to just be together and talk.

“We found that with Pathfinder Teen Retreat in March, kids just wanted time to talk and catch up after not seeing each other for two years,” Salazar said. “So, we gave them the gift of time and teamwork.”

Worship times with Keegan Fossmeier, North Cascade Church youth pastor, and the singing especially were a highlight for Madison Hanson, a three-year Pathfinder. “Pathfinders also raised \$1,583 for Ukrainian humanitarian aid,” said Emma Mattson, a multi-year Pathfinder.

The Pathfinder Fair Camporee felt normal for Jeremiah Miran, a five-year Pathfinder with

the Mabuhay Warriors club. He said, “the events and games were in the style of a Pathfinder Fair.” His club led the drum-corps and placed first in fancy drill.

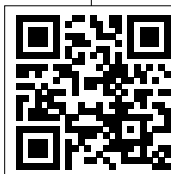
Basic and fancy drill teams, with joint-step marching maneuvers, provided the ultimate example of teamwork.

“I've been in marching every year, and it is just so much fun to look around and see everyone on the same step working together,” said Samantha Teal, a five-year Pathfinder.

“We did a lot of activities that measured our life skills as well as our Christian and social skills,” said Isaac Corral, a five-year Pathfinder. “This was one of my best Pathfinder fair experiences.”

Ultimately, Salazar said, “We want Pathfinders to understand, as they ‘Press On’ in life, that their friends, their church, their community and the world needs them to uphold biblical values of what it means to follow Jesus.”

HEIDI BAUMGARTNER  
Washington Conference communication director



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MISSION AND OUTREACH

# Seattle Ghanaians Gain God's Blessings

**IF YOU WALK DOWN A PARTICULAR BUSINESS COMPLEX CORRIDOR ON SABBATH MORNINGS IN KENT, WASHINGTON, YOU'LL HEAR BEAUTIFUL ECHOES OF HYMNS — SOME FAMILIAR AND SOME NEW TO YOUR EAR.**

Inside a storefront — converted into a church facility — you'll find the Seattle Ghana church family who enthusiastically welcome you with smiles and fist bumps. You'll soon realize the songs you've heard are in both English and Twi, a dialect of the Akan language spoken in southern and central Ghana.

Seattle Ghana Adventist Fellowship is one of 10 Ghanaian churches planted on the west coast of North America in the last 17 years. As of May 7, this faith community is now established as a church company of the Washington Conference.

Out of their own expense and desire to expand the gospel, Kwesi Opoku Boateng from Fresno, California, Gabriel Attach Nyarko from Houston, Texas, and Isaac Okyere Sarfo from the Bay Area came to visit seven Ghanaians at Renton Adventist Church to discuss planting a new church.

The Pacific Ghanaian Adventist Fellowship representatives challenged the gathered Ghanaians to dream about what God could do in the Greater Seattle area. They



• Pastor EuGene Lewis, Washington Conference regional ministries director and Emerald City Community Church senior pastor, shares a message about feeding the 5,000 and how we need to keep our hands open for God's blessings.

followed up the invitation in 2016 by hosting a leadership conference in Seattle to provide further vision and support for planting a Ghanaian church.

"We met from family home to family home," recalled Samuel Nimako-Mensah, who along with his wife Jemimah first hosted five fellow Ghanaians. "We talked about how our mission is intrinsically tied to the gospel."

Two additional pioneers in this church plant are George Akomeah and his wife, Ama

Boahemaa Akomeah. "George knows every Ghanaian in Seattle," quipped Nimako-Mensah. "Because of his connections, he played a pivotal role in recruiting Ghanaians to join the new church."

Soon, the house church model became insufficient for their sustained growing needs, so Akomeah worked his network and found a facility where the fledgling church plant could meet.

"You won't see the Akomeah family up on stage much, but they are very active behind the scenes," shared Nimako-Mensah. "Ama Boahemaa Akomeah orchestrates that her church family is well-fed every Sabbath. Wherever Ghanaians meet, there is always food."

The two biggest challenges the congregation faced were getting to know each other and getting to know the community.

As the church became involved in community outreach, they bonded and grew their community.

Outreach activities included sharing Christian literature at a Ghanaian festival in Seattle, distributing food boxes and hosting health fairs



• Pastor Nathaniel Good holds a plaque of recognition for Seattle Ghana Adventist Fellowship's advancement to company status.

with community partners. The congregation has celebrated baptisms because of their outreach. And, due to expanding families, the congregation has grown from five children to 23.

With pastoral leadership from EuGene Lewis, Alonzo Wagner and Nathaniel Good, as well as lay pastor Anokyee Boakyee Acheampong, God provided the stability the church plant needed as it grew.

"It's amazing what God can do when you partner with Him," Nimako-Mensah said. "We recognize the blessings God has given us. God has given us an important responsibility to not only reach out to Ghanaians but to everyone. The gospel breaks borders and barriers that humans naturally create. The message is for everyone."

HEIDI BAUMGARTNER  
Washington Conference  
communication director



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MISSION AND OUTREACH

# North Hill Raises Frontline Funds for Ukraine

**VICKI NELSON FIRST WENT TO UKRAINE IN 1998 FOR A SUMMER MISSION PROJECT. THERE, SHE DISCOVERED SHE HAD HEART DISEASE — THAT IS, A CARING HEART DISEASE.**

She and her husband Richard Nelson, a retired dentist, ended up serving for five years as missionaries in Ukraine, providing humanitarian services and staffing a dental van to provide oral care for orphaned children.

“It’s hard to keep watching [the news],” said Richard. “We have friends who still live in Ukraine. The stores we shopped at are obliterated. We couldn’t go over there to help, so we’re raising money and sending it over for humanitarian aid.”

The Nelsons had just shared their missionary story in January with their church family, the North Hill Adventist Fellowship in Edgewood, Washington. For 20 years, they’ve hosted annual coat drives and other fundraisers with their Cle Elum Church family to support ministry in Ukraine.

When war broke out in Ukraine in February, the

North Hill church quickly developed an idea and set plans in motion for a community fundraiser.

“It’s like God had this ready and everyone jumped on board to help,” Vicki said. “This church has a caring heart.”

The fundraiser offered multiple ways to contribute through a bake sale, silent auction, craft sale, food sales and a text-

to-give campaign. They also held a benefit concert provided by nearby Adventist churches, Grace Ukrainian Church in Renton and Steps to God Church, a Russian-Ukrainian church in Federal Way.

“This fundraiser was appealing to me because my father was born in Ukraine,” explained Barbara Riske, a North Hill member instrumental in planning the Ukrainian fundraiser. Her father, now 88, contributed many handcrafted wooden toys.

The fundraising team was amazed at the supportive responses from neighboring Russian-Ukrainian churches. Overwhelming support also came from individual donors, neighbors who drove by and Adventist neighbors who attend South Puget Sound churches.

“We’re really pleased that 100% of these funds will go directly to [humanitarian mission work in Ukraine] to help them with their needs,” Riske said.

On Sunday, May 1, a steady stream of guests came



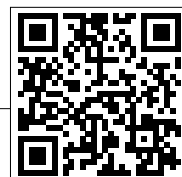
throughout the afternoon fundraiser. The event raised close to \$15,000.

“It’s all been God’s project all along,” said Vicki. “God even sent a rainbow [the day before the fundraiser]. It was as if God was hugging us.”

Donated funds are being directed through Adventist Missions. It’s giving frontline humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian Adventist churches providing housing, food and transportation to the border for refugees.

Learn more about this support ministry by visiting the link below or scanning the QR code.

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CHURCH

## FESTIVAL EXAMINES SPIRITUAL FAMILY DISCIPLINES

**WHAT'S NORMAL IN YOUR HOME** may not be so normal in other homes. Is it dad tax on food? Or drinking pickle juice when all the pickles are gone? Or a specific type of meal on a certain night of the week?

Whatever your family's quirks, "the one thing you should normalize is God's normal," asserted William Hurtado, education presenter at a Family Discipleship Festival at the Puyallup Church. "When you pursue God's normal, that means your daily habits, practices, your lifestyle is not so normal to the secular world. The world's agenda is to normalize their value system into your family life."

Hurtado blended the Love and Logic parenting framework with the highest calling for parents — to provide spiritual nurturing for their children.

"God's goal for your family is to help you be holy. To be prepared for heaven. To train you to make it to God's summit," Hurtado shared. "The highest education is learning character qualities so that you can be like Jesus."

Hurtado explained why he chose to highlight the Love and Logic model. "It distills the basic parenting styles in easy-to-understand ways, defined as helicopter parents, consultant parents or drill sergeant parents."

So, what does discipleship in the home mean? With the aid of children spinning a colorful wheel of options, Hurtado focused on healthy family habits such as church attendance, praying with children, getting involved with service, discussing questions, exploring outdoors, having family worship and finding ways to integrate faith into everyday life.

"A strong discipline foundation helps us to normalize kingdom of God living through discipleship," Hurtado concluded. "God is knocking at your family's door because He wants to be present."



EMMA MATTSON  
*Northwest Christian School student*  
HEIDI BAUMGARTNER  
*Washington Conference communication director*

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# WASHINGTON

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

# Bible Prophecy Reunites Arlington Community

**SEVERAL MONTHS AGO**, Cristian Bobocea, Arlington Church pastor, presented his church family with an idea to present an outreach series called Prophecies of Hope.

It was an easy decision for the church board to make. The Bible prophecy series would give their community a chance to come together after the worst parts of the pandemic to learn and grow together.

Bobocea put together 14 talks using a variety of material that was intended to give non-Christians a comprehensive look at the Bible and prophecy.

In small churches, outreach meetings are a challenge as the number of supporting volunteers can equal most of the congregation. Between the audio/video, live internet and the registration roles as well as volunteers for child care and greeters, most of the church is involved.

The Holy Spirit blessed Arlington Church with a miracle as the attendance of non-members, as well as church members, was consistent

and represented about equal ratios. Even in midweek meetings, attendance exceeded 25 people.

The meetings concluded on April 23 with a baptism and decisions

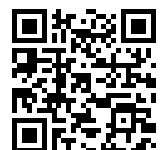


• The Arlington Church family surrounds Lisa Diel in her decision to follow Jesus.

to follow Jesus. While the results of the meetings are still unfolding, Arlington Church members prayerfully expect that this is just the first of many baptisms.

DAVID PATRICK  
*Arlington Church communication leader*

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# A Blind Camper Finds a Home

**“AM I TOO OLD?” IT WAS THE NAGGING QUESTION IN THE BACK OF JOANNE GRECO’S MIND AS SHE CONTEMPLATED ADOPTING A BLIND CHILD FROM CHINA.**

Joanne was 59 years old. She’d already raised two children and hadn’t planned to adopt another. The first agency she approached confirmed that she was too old, though they would be willing to give her an age waiver.

For the next year, she pondered what would be best for her life. Joanne liked to travel, and having a child who was blind in tow could be difficult. She had recently retired and was getting used to “free time.” What if she died while the child was still young? After much prayer, she was convinced that the Holy Spirit was telling her to move forward.

Everything was falling into place over the following months. Joanne was ready to travel to China to meet her new son, but then several complications threatened to undermine the process.

First, her passport and Chinese visa were lost in shipping. She canceled her flight to China and went instead to the Chinese consulate in San Francisco to secure another visa. Then, while staying at the USO at the San Francisco Airport, she noticed that her mandatory orphanage money, almost \$5,000, was missing. She broke down crying.

“I wanted to go home,” Joanne recalled. “I was exhausted and didn’t see how I could do this anymore.” So, she gave it to God.

As she sat in the car, a change came over her. “The stress drained from my head to my toes, and I was covered in peace. God knew that we couldn’t let this boy go without a family.”



• Sunset Lake camper Joseph finds his way around confidently with the assistance of his new family and hopes one day to fly.

Joanne arrived in China in February and traveled to a government orphanage. All the kids wore jackets continuously in the unheated building. As Joanne processed what she felt and saw, a little boy walked in. She’d never met him before, although he looked a lot like the pictures she studied over the past few months.

“I just knew I was looking at my son,” said Joanne. “When I saw him, I knew this was who God wanted me to have.”

Joseph was 10 years old and had been in the orphanage most of his life. He endured nannies who refused to touch the children except to beat them for doing something wrong. Joseph had been hit on the head with a shoe multiple times. When Joanne placed her hand on his

shoulder, he shrugged away from her touch. Her heart dropped. “Wow, he doesn’t like me,” she thought. “What am I doing?”

Joseph slowly learned English and started to build trust with his new mother. It wasn’t always an easy task. Joseph was afraid she would hit him as the nannies had done. If he did something wrong, he turned his face toward Joanne and asked, “Love me?”

Joanne also began to build trust with her son. His legs looked like a spotted leopard from running into so many things. She knew he was dependent on her to get around. So, they went everywhere together—on walks around the block and down the street to buy food from Chinese street vendors.

Life changed tremendously for Joseph over the last five years. He is almost 16 years old and wants to be a pilot. Mom is his wholehearted supporter. They joined a flying club in Washington state, and when pilots took him up for a short flight, they let Joseph take the controls. He loves it. Joseph’s autism fades into the background as he focuses on an activity that brings him joy.

Joseph experienced another joy-instilling, confidence-building opportunity last summer. He attended blind camp at Sunset Lake Camp, which partners with National Camps for Blind Children, an outreach of Christian Record Services Inc. “He loves going to camp,” said Joanne. “He thrives with all the activities, and it helps him learn how to be independent of me.”

Two lives have been changed. Joanne discovered she was not too old to make a difference. Joseph went from being an orphan—who was never touched—to a young man whose life has been touched for the better.

BRIAN CARLSON  
Christian Record Services  
writer

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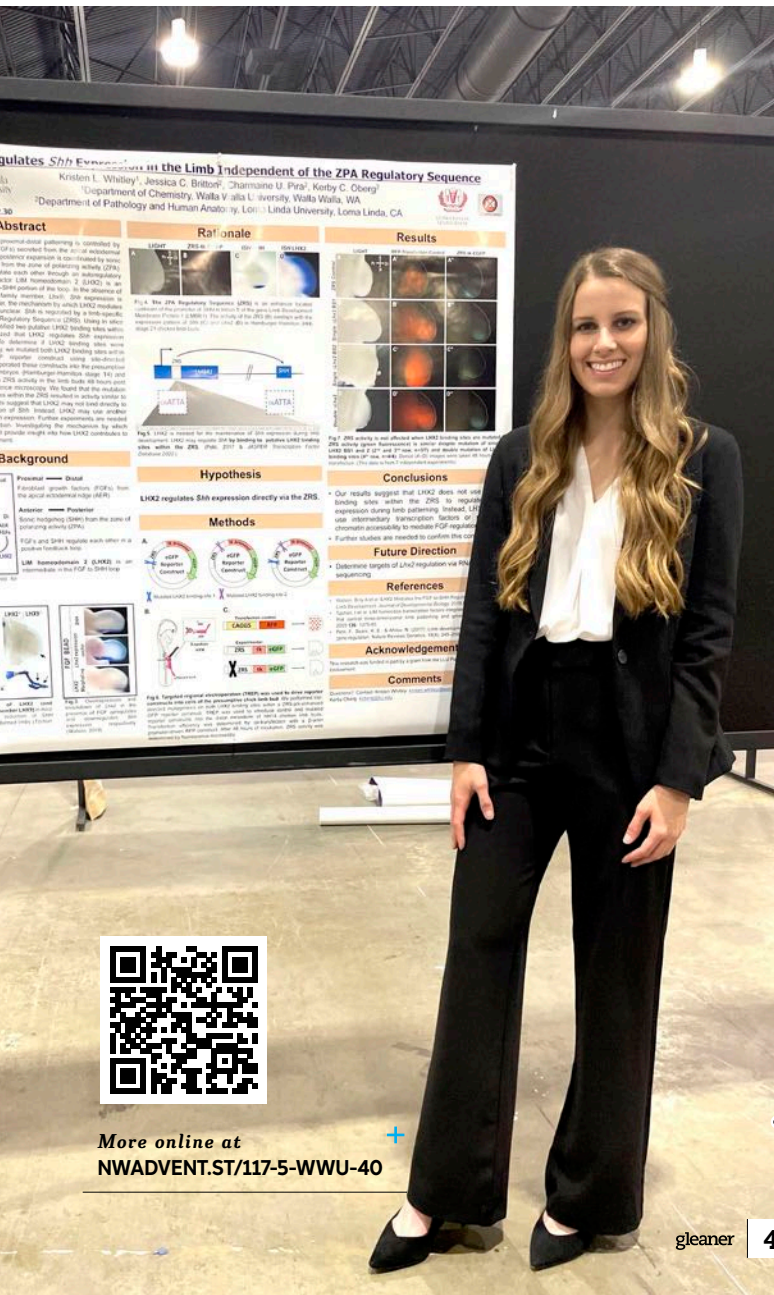
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# Student Presents Scientific Research

**KRISTEN WHITELY, JUNIOR BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR AT WALLA WALL UNIVERSITY, PRESENTED HER RESEARCH FROM AN EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY CONFERENCE SHE ATTENDED LAST SUMMER.**



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“My project entailed investigating the role of a transcription factor, a protein called LHX2, in a regulatory loop that is necessary for proper limb-patterning and development in vertebrates,” Whately described. She was

given the opportunity to do research as a volunteer with Ph.D. students and a doctor at Loma Linda University. After her abstract was accepted by EB, she presented her research through a poster in Philadelphia on April 3rd.

EB hosts an annual meeting. “[It’s] a place where everyone is going to connect and share the latest research and science,” said to Whately. The main research topics include anatomy, biochemistry, molecular biology, physiology and more. Participants can range from students at academic institutions to leaders from nonprofit or government organizations. They gather to learn from lectures, exhibits of new technology and poster presentations like Whately’s.

Whately reached out to Kerby Oberg at Loma Linda University, who accepted her invitation to do volunteer research in their lab. After deciding her research topic, Whately began looking at how LHX2 regulates Sonic Hedgehog proteins. ZPA Regulatory Sequence, a limb-specific enhancer, is regulated by SHH, but it was unclear if LHX2 binding sites were necessary for ZRS activity.

“One of the things you learn is that you aren’t necessarily making novel discoveries every week,” said

Whately regarding her lab work. “There are a lot of times when your results don’t turn out [well], so the lab definitely has a lot of highs and lows.”

Each Friday, Whately would meet with Oberg and the lab group to share presentations of their weekly results and conclusions. This not only exposed Whately to other research findings, it helped her create connections. “It’s a good way to have someone who’s willing to reference me for the future. They worked closely with me for the summer and know what my work ethics and my strengths,” Whately explained.

Presenting at the EB conference continued Whately’s opportunities to connect and network with other scientists. Her research abstract concluded that LHX2 may not directly bind to ZRS, and further experiments are needed to understand its regulation of SHH.

Whately continues making observations because of her summer research. “It’s been interesting now taking those classes and understanding what I did on a deeper level or connecting what I did to some of the things we talk about in class,” Whately explained. Because of this, Whately has found that research and making discoveries has pushed her to consider pursuing a Ph.D. to continue research work.

SUMMER BOULAIS  
WWU university relations student writer

- Last summer, Kristen Whately volunteered to study a transcription factor necessary for vertebrate development. Her research abstract was presented at the Experimental Biology conference in Philadelphia in April.

EDUCATION

# Business Students Connect With Successful Alumni

**ABOUT 20 WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY SENIOR BUSINESS MAJORS CONNECTED WITH AND LEARNED FROM ALUMNI DURING A WEEKEND TRIP TO THE SEATTLE AREA IN APRIL.**

When they arrived in Seattle, students were taken on a tour of the Starbucks headquarters. They also listened to a presentation by Rachel Ruggeri, Starbucks global chief financial officer and executive vice president. Ruggeri is also a WWU alumna.

Right after the tour, the students drove to the WWU Rosario campus where they heard from five WWU alumni over the weekend — each have

successful careers in various types of businesses.

Benjamin Wexler, senior business administration major, said his favorite part of the trip was listening to the presentation by Paul and Deanne Rhynard ('04). "It was super personal, and they really came prepared with some points that were valuable for us as we graduate," said Wexler. "They stayed to eat lunch with us, so we were able to converse and get to know them personally. That was the highlight for me."

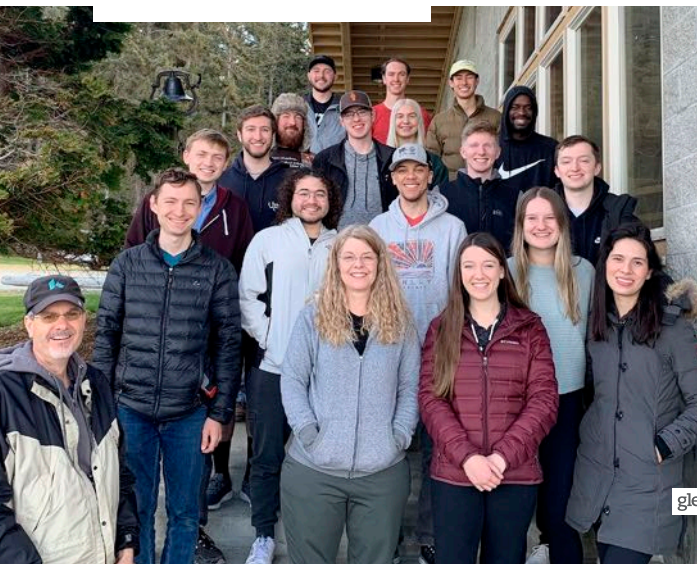
Students also heard from alumni Abel Cruz ('91), Jeff Weijohn ('86) and his son Spencer ('16).

When not soaking up knowledge from successful WWU alumni, the students enjoyed Sabbath at Rosario by going on hikes, looking for crabs and watching dolphins swim by the coast. Wexler encouraged future senior business majors to take advantage of this annual trip.

ASHLEY HERBER  
WWU university relations student writer



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EDUCATION



Darius Felder was presented with two awards in recognition for his service.

## ENGINEERING STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

**IN RECOGNITION** of his commitment to service, Darius Felder, senior electrical engineering major, was awarded both the President's Student Civic Leadership Award and the Governor's Student Civic Leadership Award through Campus Compact.

Students from 43 colleges and universities across Washington were nominated for the governor's award. Felder was one of only three award



winners — chosen by Governor Jay Inslee's office — which came with a financial award conferred on April 15 at a ceremony in Seattle, Washington.

Read more about Felder's path to Walla Walla University and the important role service has played in his life by visiting the link below or scanning the QR code.

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WWU university relations supervisor

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HEALTH

# A Family Provides Care for Their Community

**WHEN ESTHER ONG MOVED TO LOS ANGELES FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND WAS SEEKING A NURSING JOB, HER BROTHER GAVE HER A TOUR OF THE ADVENTIST HEALTH HOSPITAL IN GLENDALE. SHE KNEW ALMOST RIGHT AWAY IT WAS THE PLACE FOR HER.**

"When I had my tour, I felt the ambience," Esther recalled. "I said, OK, I think I'll be working at Glendale!"

Esther achieved her goal and started working there in 2003. Throughout her 19 years with Adventist Health, Esther has worked as a staff nurse, preceptor, relief charge nurse and now is a telemetry educator at White Memorial in Los Angeles, California. In the process, she started an unlikely family tradition. All five of her children now work as medical professionals for Adventist Health.

"As soon as [my kids]

reached high school, I enrolled them in the White Memorial Foundation as hospital volunteers," Esther said. "The purpose of that was to keep them busy with activities in the summer instead of being in the house playing with gadgets all day long and, in addition, for them to see the bigger picture of the healthcare system."

Esther considers her children's volunteer experiences as at least one factor in their decisions to become health care providers. "It's like we're following the saying: 'The family that works together, stays together,'" she said with a laugh.

Karla—the second oldest of Esther's children—was first in line. After working in nursing for three years at Glendale, she's now a nurse practitioner at Adventist Health Bakersfield.

"As a nurse, you're the one that's most remembered by the patient," Karla said. "I've been a patient myself, so I kind



• Esther Ong has been a nurse with Adventist Health for nearly 20 years and has started an unlikely tradition: All five of her children also work at Adventist Health.

of know how it is on the other end of things, and I think that drives you to become better for your patients."

Karla adds that her mother has involved her family in medical mission trips throughout their life, which have also shaped their goals as a family and as individuals. "I think that did influence a lot of our decisions, going into healthcare and becoming the professionals that we are," she said.

The eldest Ong sibling, Karen, is also a nurse by training, and now serves as employee health manager at Adventist Health White

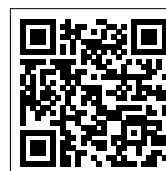
Memorial. She sees her professional mission as a family mission, as well. "Our mission is to get people better," Karen said, "especially those who really are in need."

Karen said compassion, understanding and patience were words and values she grew up with. "Not everybody is as lucky as we are," she said. "I'm grateful to my mom for guiding us with the principles that she has taught us since we were small."

KIRSTEN CUTLER  
*Adventist Health managing editor for story and experience*



• Karen Ong, left, and her mother, Esther Ong, right, administering a COVID-19 vaccine.



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## family AT REST

**Alexenko** – Kathleen (Kitty), 87; born Oct. 8, 1934, in Queens, New York City, New York; died Feb. 19, 2022, in Roseburg, Oregon. Surviving: spouse, Duane; sons, Curtis and Dan; daughter, Rene; brother, Richard Turner; sister, Jan Clayton; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**Baca** – Jenare Elizabeth (Esquibel), 94; born May 26, 1927, in San Luis, Colorado; died April 25, 2022, in Forest Grove, Oregon. Surviving: son, Wayne; daughters, Acona Greene and Christian Schade; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Bottgenbach** – John W., 79; born Oct. 26, 1942, in Buhl, Idaho; died Jan. 19, 2022, in Silverdale, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Donna E. (Wheeler); daughters, Tawny Bullock, Trina Hall and Teila Henning; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Cheek** – Dorothea Evelyn (Morton), 94; born July 27, 1927, in Bechuanaland (Botswana), South Africa; died May 7, 2022, in Loma Linda, California. Surviving: sons, Theodore, J. Arthur, R. Michael, David and Gregory; daughters, D. Darlene Tarouilly, Aleta Cheek and Angela Cheek; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Dunlap** – Kenneth Norwood, 86; born Oct. 21, 1935, in Portland, Oregon; died May 5, 2022, in Battle Ground,

Washington. Surviving: spouse, Dotti (Praegitzer); son, Kris; daughter, Starla (Kyle) Ross; step-son, Mike Praegitzer; step-daughter, Janelle Breedlove; 2 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

**Edwards** – Vern, 84; born April 14, 1937, in Everett, Washington; died April 9, 2022, in Wenatchee, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Pat; daughters, Sandy Longley and Cindi Edwards; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**English** – Debra Susan, 67; born Dec. 29, 1954, in Caldwell, Idaho; died March 15, 2022, in McCall, Idaho. Surviving: spouse, Dennis; son, Alex (Brittany) English; and daughter, Jillian (Paul) Henderson.

**Fox** – Claude Irving, 90; born April 30, 1931, in Burlington, Washington; died Feb. 6, 2022, in Stanwood, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Vera B; sons, Jim, Larry and Rick; daughter, Debbie Oster; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Hansen** – Frank Melvin, 89; born June 26, 1932, in Etna, Washington; died Jan. 14, 2022, in College Place, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Nanci; son, Lonnie; sister, Hilda Wiggins; 3 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Hattendorf** – Daryl Lawrence, 80; born Jan. 19, 1940, in Denver, Colorado; died Dec. 28, 2020, in Silverdale, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Elaine (Wallace); sons, L. Steven, Gary, Lance and David; step-son, Patrick Phelps; step-daughter, Heather Paden; 5 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

1932 – 2022

## EDMUND GIENGER



Edmund Gienger was born on October 22, 1932, in Jamestown, North Dakota, to Paul and Martha Wolf Gienger. He died on March 10, 2022, surrounded by his family at their home in College Place, Washington.

He graduated from Gackle High School then from Valley City State Teachers College. He received his Master's Degree from Andrews University in 1960.

His 40-plus years as a pastor, after teaching for five years, included the Max, Dickinson and Bismarck district in North Dakota. His family of six moved to the Spokane Valley Church in 1967 where he pastored. That was followed by the Madison Campus Church in Tennessee. The family moved back to the Northwest to pastor in Yakima, Pasco and Walla Walla City churches. He pastored at the Vancouver and Gresham churches before retirement. Following retirement, he continued to be an interim pastor during the next 10 years at Yakima, Richland, Bismarck and Fargo churches. Ed was committed to his Lord and

his congregations. He loved teaching and preaching the word of God.

Surviving: wife, Allegra Lang Gienger; children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Dean (Carol Norton) and their four children, Bradley, Jon, Karlee, Dustin, and six grandchildren; Lynae (Jim Moor) and their three children, Ryan, Trisha, Emily, and four grandchildren; Lonnie (Shelley Meyer) and their four children, Kylon, Lachelle, Chelann, Sky, and three grandchildren; and a total of 13 great-grandchildren. He is survived by one sister, Darlene Christenson. A grandson, Brandon Moor, preceded Edmund in death.

**Kabanuk** – Dorothy E. (Aichele), 95; born May 31, 1927, in Umapine, Oregon; died June 3, 2022, Walla Walla, Washington. Surviving: son, Greg; daughters, Valerie Kabanuk Chapin and Cythia Kabanuk Sorensen; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Marshall** – Elaine L. (Maisel), 92; born March 21, 1927, in Stayton, Oregon; died March 19, 2022, in Albany, Oregon. Surviving: sons, Robert (Glenna), James (Wendy), William (Dawnelle); daughter-in-law, Barbara Brandt; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**McDougal** – Joy (Jennings), 87; born Aug. 18, 1934, in Newport, Washington; died Oct. 12, 2021, in Mount Vernon, Oregon. Surviving: daughters, Gayla Rogers, Jan (Randy) Thornton, Sue McDougal; and 4 grandchildren.

**Mitchell** – Frank Ellsworth, 88; born Nov. 29, 1933, in Missoula, Montana; died May 16, 2022, in Walla Walla, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Evelyn (Chickering); sons,

Brian and Brock; daughter-in-law, Gina Green Mitchell and 2 grandchildren.

**Moor** – Fred B., 96; born May 5, 1925, in Loma Linda, California; died Jan. 9, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington. Surviving: Fred Bennett, III and Kathleen (Devitt) Moor; James and Lynae (Gienger) Moor; RuthAnn (Moor) and David Wyman; Michael and Deborah (Baerg) Moor; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

1925 – 2022

## FRED B. MOOR

Fred B. Moor, Jr. was born May 5, 1925, in Loma Linda, California. On June 27, 1948, he married Edith Louise James, who shared life dreams of missionary service.

On completion of medical school (1953), they flew to Nicaragua where, for more than 14 years, he served as medical director, physician, surgeon, campus architect (La Trinidad Church still used today) auto body tech, mechanic, welder, woodworker, inventor, husband, father and good friend to many. Stories of Divine intervention and ingenuity (such as manual hand brace with sterilized bit to access subdural hematoma, speedometer cable to strip varicose veins) continue to inspire. Without a doubt, those were his most rewarding years.

Upon permanent return in 1968, he completed an orthopedic surgery residency, then joined Walla Walla Orthopedic Associates. His last eight years of private practice were spent in Arcata,



California. Gospel Outreach remained his favorite cause.

On Jan. 9, 2022, he passed away quietly from a short bout with COVID pneumonia.

Preceded in death is a grandson, Brandon Michael Moor (2005), and his beloved wife, Edie Lou Moor (2017).

Survivors: Fred Bennett, III and Kathleen (Devitt) Moor of Kelso, Washington; James and Lynae (Gienger) Moor of Battle Ground, Washington; RuthAnn (Moor) and David Wyman of Battle Ground, Washington; Michael and Deborah (Baerg) Moor of San Bernardino, California; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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**Overbaugh** – Marilyn G., 72; born Aug. 7, 1949, in Denver, Missouri; died May 15, 2022. Surviving: son, Bob; daughter, Pat Gabel, Lori (David) Walker and Kathy (David) Iwasa; sister, Dona Klein; 9 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**Pfaff** – Alice Ruth (Swederofsky), 93; born May 24, 1928, in Sifton, Washington; died Nov. 21, 2021, in Eureka, California. Surviving: son, Daryl; daughter, Darlene Lindberg; sister, Annette Pickelsimer; half-sister, Patty Holling; step-sisters, Alice Wells and Ruth McNiece.

**Reid** – Ernestine (Ernie) Elsie, 94; born Aug. 7, 1927, in Kayville, Saskatchewan, Canada; died March 27, 2022, in Clackamas, Oregon. Surviving: daughters, Karen Tait, Lianna Reid and Janine Schneider; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Roles** – Walker Lee, 92; born Sept. 25, 1929, in Boise City, Oklahoma; died April 10, 2022, in Boise, Idaho. Surviving: son, Raymond; daughter, Connie Otis; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**Schroetlin** – Larry Gene, 74; born Aug. 27, 1947, in Spokane, Washington; died May 26, 2022, in Garfield, Washington. Surviving: spouse, Linda (Kilgore); son, Bob (Beckie); daughter, Jennifer Wintermeyer; son-in-law, Jay Wintermeyer and 2 grandsons.

**Schutt** – Wendell David III, 84; born April 17, 1937, Bend Oregon; died Jan. 3, 2022, in Hill City, South Dakota. Surviving: son, Mark (Trudy Ann); daughter, Mary Ann (Clinton) Blood; brothers, Robin, Elwin and Donald;

sister, Mary Gail Powers; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

**Tanner** – Freida B. (Brunner), 103; born Aug. 31, 1918, in Windser, Colorado; died April 24, 2022, in Pleasant Hill, Oregon. Surviving: daughters, Jeanne Henrikson and Carol Tanner; 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Wadkins** – Roberta H. (Grogan), 90; born Feb. 27, 1932, in Huntington, California; died March 15, 2022, in Creswell, Oregon. Surviving: son, Chris Wadkins; daughters, Robin Philpott and Rona Yostiglion; 3 grandchildren.

**Wright** – Lester Nils, 79; born Jan. 16, 1943, in Portland, Oregon; died April 17, 2022, in Adelaide, Australia. Surviving: sons, Jason and Nathan; daughter-in-law Jessica; step-son, Eric Gebbie; step-daughters, Anna Gebbie and Sharon Eileen Gebbie; 3 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

All family announcements are published online at [NWAadventists.com/family](http://NWAadventists.com/family). To submit family announcements, go to [NWAdventists.com/contribute](http://NWAdventists.com/contribute). To publish an expanded obituary with a short bio and photo, contact [info@nwadventists.com](mailto:info@nwadventists.com) or call 360-857-7200 for submission and cost information.

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1930 – 2022

## MARILYN G. OVERBAUGH



Marilyn G. Overbaugh was born on July 30, 1930, in Denver, Missouri, to W.R. and Goldie Spainhower. She graduated from Auburn Adventist Academy in Washington in 1948 and moved to Pendleton, Oregon, where she met and married Lewis Overbaugh on August 7, 1949.

In 1957, they and their two small children made their home in College Place, Washington where eventually two more children were born. Marilyn was the switchboard operator at the Walla Walla General Hospital for 22 years before retiring in 1995. After 52 years of marriage, Lewis passed away on April 15, 2001.

Marilyn recorded several records and CDs played for weddings and funerals. She was an organist at the College

Place Village church for over 40 years. Marilyn continued sharing her musical talents up until she passed away on April 15, 2022.

She is survived by her sister, Dona Klein; daughters, Pat Gabel, Lori (and David) Walker; Kathy (and David) Iwasa; son, Bob Overbaugh; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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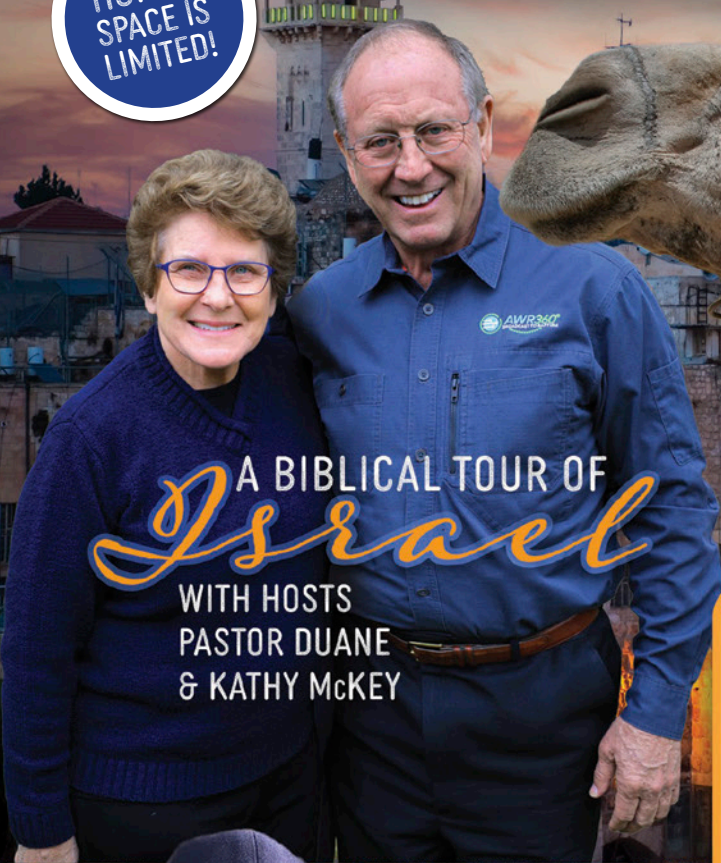
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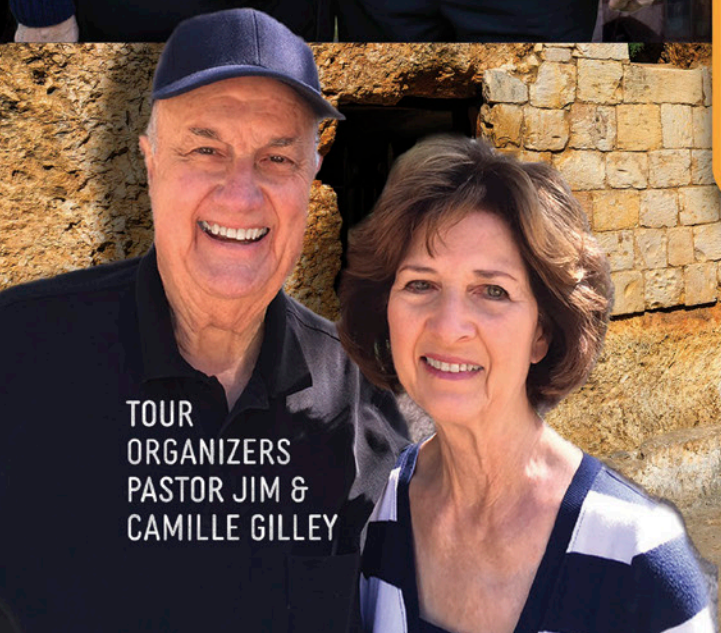
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### Official Notice: NPUC and WWU Constituency Sessions

Official notice is hereby given that the 29th regular constituency meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) of Seventh-day Adventists and Walla Walla University will be held at the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver, 9711 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver, Washington, on Aug. 7, 2022, at 9 a.m. The purpose of the constituency meeting is to present reports covering the five-year period ending Dec. 31, 2020; to elect executive officers and other vice presidents, board, and committees for the ensuing quinquennial period; to consider and act upon recommended changes to the bylaws; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

The present bylaws provide that the delegates to this meeting shall be the duly appointed delegates from the local conferences within the Union and certain ex officio and other delegates. Registration of delegates is scheduled to take place at the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver from 8–9 a.m., Aug. 7, 2022. All duly appointed delegates are urged to attend this constituency session.

*John Freedman, NPUC president and WWU chairman*

*Bill McClendon, NPUC vice president for administration*

### Official Notice: NPUC Association

Official notice is hereby given that a regular membership meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called for 3:45 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2022, and will be held at the Adventist Community Church Vancouver, 9711 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver, Washington.

The membership is composed of the Board

of Trustees of the NPUCA, the appointed ex officio members and other delegates to the Aug. 7, 2022 NPUC constituency meeting. The purpose of this regular meeting is to receive reports and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*John Freedman, NPUC president*

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### Oregon Conference Regular Session

Notice is hereby given that the 59th regular session of Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Sept. 18, 2022, at the Portland Adventist Academy auditorium, located at 96th Avenue and SE Market Street in Portland, Oregon. The session will at 9 a.m. on Sunday. This regular session is called for the purpose of electing officers and members of appropriate committees for the ensuing term, and for transacting other business that may properly come before the Conference. Each organized church in the conference is entitled to one delegate. An additional 400 delegates shall be apportioned among the churches of the conference, prorated on the basis of the third quarter membership report of the preceding year.

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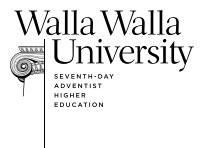
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YOU WITH ALL  
*joy* AND *peace* IN  
BELIEVING, SO  
THAT BY THE  
*power* OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT YOU  
MAY ABOUND  
IN *hope*"

(Romans 15:13, ESV).





# Conflict Resolution for Kids



I have a tween and teen in my home now, and healthy communication has become so important to me. In all the stages of their growth so far, I've been able to tell them what to do, and they've obeyed (mostly). Rewards and grounding both seemed to work. But now? I need better tools in my parenting belt to communicate more effectively.

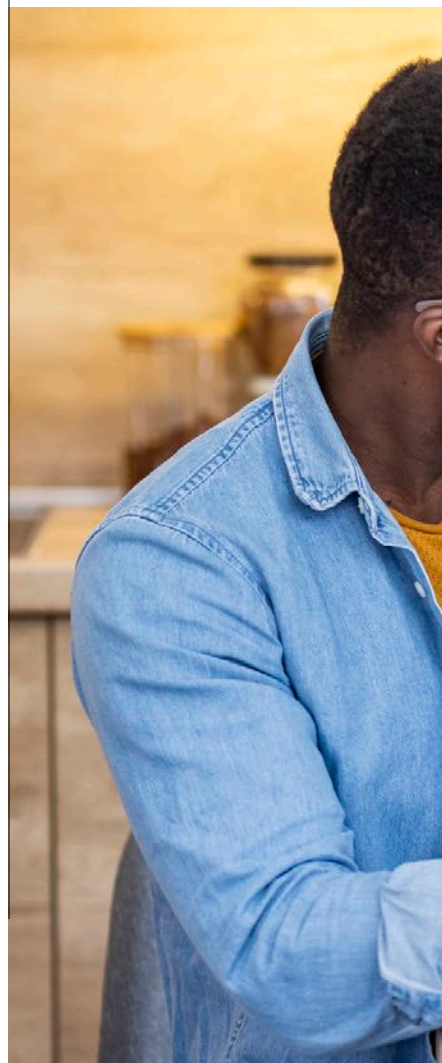
I am using a lot of nice words here, aren't I? Honestly, when there is conflict in our home, my kids want more than "the law of mom." They want to know why. They want to understand and somewhat agree with what I am saying. So, I am trying to do better with conflict resolution in my home, and honestly it helps me outside my home, and will help them in their own lives. Parenting is tough stuff, right?!



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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR KIDS

I have learned the hard way that conflict resolution best happens when tensions are not high. Everyone must take a break, come back later and discuss when we are not frustrated. We cannot communicate effectively when we are angry or hurt.



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**NAME FEELINGS**

Be honest with the kids and let them be honest with you. “I feel angry,” or, “I feel frustrated right now,” is okay to say. We’re all human and we all experience a wide range of feelings. Teach your kids to name their feelings and use those “I feel” statements. Let them feel their feelings.

**CLEARLY STATE WHAT THE CONFLICT IS**

Try to agree on what the conflict is all about. Sometimes, I leave my kids a piece of paper to write what happened in their own words. Once the conflict is named and agreed upon, it’s easier to try to find a resolution. Set some rules, too. No name-calling, violence or interrupting are great rules to have in the home.

**ROLE PLAY**

Decide what should happen to resolve the conflict. Sometimes we role-play how we should have asked/responded or behaved. Even moms make mistakes, right? I am not too proud to apologize when I am the one that blew it. A true empathetic apology should not be missed in conflict resolution.

**MODEL**

This one is difficult. It requires us, the adults, to try and consistently model these conflict resolution skills. It might be conflicts with them but also conflicts with your spouse, co-workers, church members or neighbors. This shows our kids that resolving conflict is doable, even when it’s hard.

Conflict resolution is truly a lifelong skill we all need. Starting this process when kids are young is beneficial for everyone. Not only will it build self-confidence in them when they understand how to communicate more effectively, but it also teaches respect. We don’t always have to agree, but we can communicate positively and love each other.

Just a quick reminder, Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:31-32, “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

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# Reading Between the Lines

*Ellen White wrote, "LOVE CANNOT BE COMMANDED; IT CANNOT BE WON BY FORCE OR AUTHORITY. ONLY BY LOVE IS LOVE AWAKENED."<sup>1</sup>*

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ave you ever heard the saying, "The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it?" While this may sound pious, reading the Bible in this way is dangerous. Biblical literalism can lead to people defending slavery, eternal torment and misogyny in God's name.

The inability to interpret the context and trajectory of scripture can do a lot of harm. If we can't read between the lines, people may end up as the collateral damage to our bad theology. We may think that our race, gender or religion entitles us to treat other people like dogs.

The highest view of the Bible doesn't support proof text literalism. It takes the whole story and seeks to understand it in context. A perfect example is when Jesus spoke to a Canaanite woman in the Gospel of Matthew.

Read literally, Jesus was racist and misogynistic, someone who referred to a woman as a "dog." Reading between the lines, Jesus was a liberator who confronted the disciples' racism while honoring the dignity and faith of this daughter of God.

I believe the best way to understand this passage is through verbal irony. Jesus was using the prejudice against women and Canaanites as a teaching opportunity.<sup>2</sup> He used language His disciples were familiar with; they took Him literally and wanted to send this Canaanite "dog" away. But she read between the lines and received mercy. Picking up on His nonverbal cues, she had the audacity to "disagree" with Jesus,

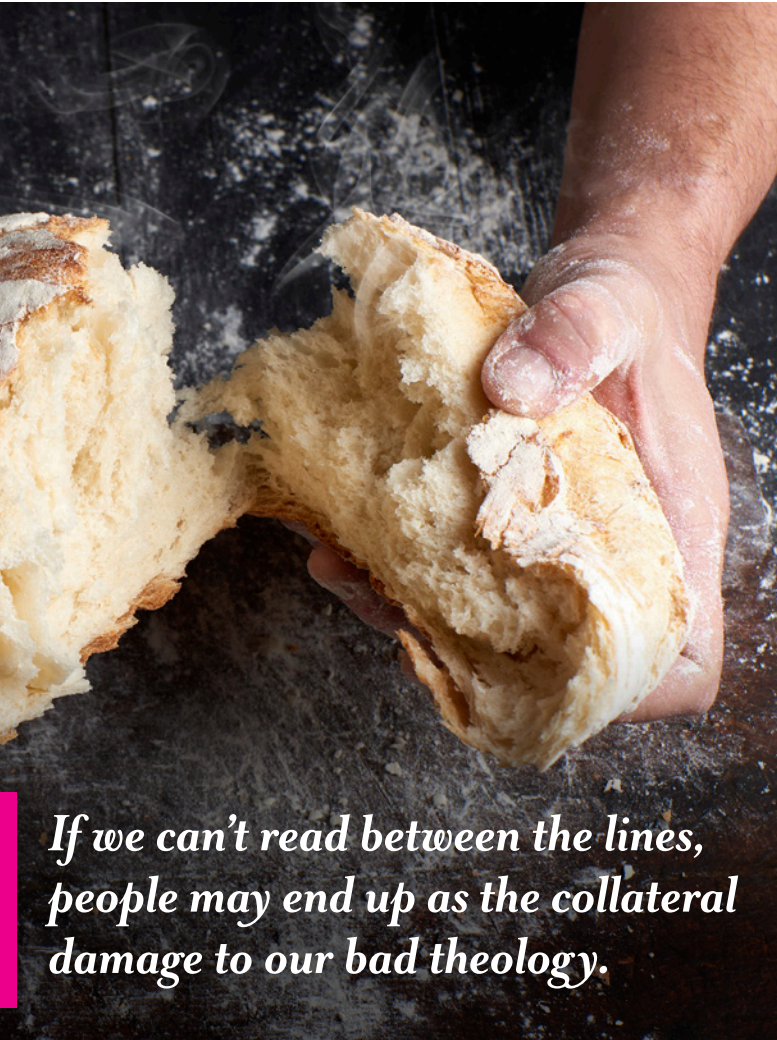


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and that was exactly what she was supposed to do. He told her mercy was not intended for people like her. She told Him, "Yes, it is!"

She read between the lines and saw love. The disciples heard the literal words but missed the meaning. With that context in mind, read Matthew 15:22-28 through the eyes of this Canaanite woman:

- "A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So, his disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her



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away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

- He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”
- The woman came and knelt before Him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”
- “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”
- Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.”

It’s telling, that 2,000 years removed from this story, there are many men who still view women as “dogs.” In the name of headship theology, they enable systemic abuse to run rampant. They see women as dogs and tell them to “Go home!”<sup>3</sup> They read the Bible literally but miss the larger meaning. They tell women to, “be silent,”<sup>4</sup> they do not “permit women to have authority over a man,”<sup>5</sup> all the while sweeping the abuse by men in authority under the rug.

Is it any wonder that a theology of male headship alongside a belief in eternal

torment has caused so much harm? If God is willing to burn people in hell who won’t submit, then why wouldn’t an abusive husband see his wife’s unwillingness to submit as rebellion?

Churches that teach male headship say they are against abuse. But the theological underpinnings of eternal torment, male headship and Biblical literalism provide the moral cement that enables abuse to flourish.

Churches that preach male headship send the message that protecting this theology is more important than protecting the people who have been harmed by the abuse. Unbalanced people will take the message of submission to an extreme. This has always been the case.

Southern theologians argued that enslaved people should submit to their masters. They argued for benevolent slavery, rationalizing that masters should treat their slaves in a “Christlike” way. Similarly, those who believe wives should submit to their husbands believe in benevolent headship.

Such theology is fraudulent.

Christ said, “By their fruits you shall know them.”<sup>6</sup> The theology of headship has produced a lot of bad fruit. If the fruit is bad, cut down the tree. It’s time we read between the lines. Christ alone is head of the church. Lording

authority over others is not the methodology of Christ.<sup>7</sup> Go be free! Love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened.

1 White, E.G. (2022). *Reflecting Christ*. Review & Herald Publishing.

2 See Jane Elliot’s, “Blue-Eye Brown-Eye Test” for an example of using irony to make a profound point against prejudice: <https://nwadvent.st/117-5-POV-36-2>

3 In 2019, John MacArthur spoke about biblical authority and how women preachers like Beth More should “Go Home!” <https://nwadvent.st/117-5-POV-36-3>

4 For a thoughtful way to understand the 1st Cor. 14:34–35 passage that tells women to “be silent,” look up Beth Allison Barr.

5 Look up Cindy Westfall’s statement from 1 Tim. 2:12 about authority.

6 Matt. 7:20

7 Matt. 20:24–26

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# Listen

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ur world today is so full of noise, constant chatter and traffic that bombards us no matter where we seem to go. Distractions are so common that they are hardly seen as distractions anymore, rather common occurrences. An estimated 80% of drivers use their phone while driving. And that number is up 400% in recent years' polls. We are always going, always running around doing something. Often we don't stop to enjoy quiet time or listen to something besides the normal hustle and bustle of life.

God desires that we would find some quiet time to listen to Him. It is a fabulous idea but one we often struggle to fully embrace. To truly listen to God we have to put away other distractions, even good ones. We have to find some time to actually listen – not partially, but fully.

In scripture, we are told that Jesus, God incarnate, had to go find a quiet place to pray. Even Jesus knew that He needed to find time to listen to God's voice, to fill Himself with God's presence and transforming power. As our example, Jesus tells us to do the same ourselves.

One of the most practical pictures of this is found in Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me."

First, this verse tells us that Jesus is standing at the door of our hearts knocking. He is actively seeking us and giving us attention. I love the image of Jesus at the door, wanting us to respond. I imagine Him leaning in, listening to hear if we are walking towards the door. He is anxiously waiting to see if we will come to spend time with Him, but it is up to us to be listening for His knocking in our lives. We must be actively listening for His voice, for His transforming love and power. We must put away distractions and let our hearts be aware of His voice calling out for us. If we are truly listening for Him,

we will respond by running to the door and throwing it open to let Him into our lives.

It is our job to be listening to Him. We can't expect to know His voice if we haven't heard it for a long time or have been too busy to really hear Him.

When we spend time in scripture and prayer, we learn what God's voice sounds like. We learn how to put away distractions and really listen to Him, to let His love and salvation fill us. Then we can share with others the joy we have in knowing Him and His love for us. When we listen, when we experience God for ourselves we become powerful witnesses of how God has transformed us and how He wants to transform all people.

God speaks in ways that make sense to us as human beings. He understands us and wants to draw us to Himself through means that are real for us.

I've enjoyed getting to know God more deeply by looking at how He uses our spiritual senses to get our attention.

We can taste Him through testing Him. Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Taste-test God in your life.

We can see God, focusing on Him in our lives as it says in Hebrews 12:2: "Fix your eyes upon Jesus."

We can hear God by listening to His voice and opening the door of our hearts to Him and His leading in our lives. Revelation 3:20 says, "I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in."

My prayer is that you will experience God on a very personal level, and continue, or begin, a life that is full of His transforming power.

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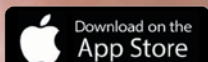
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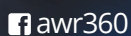
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