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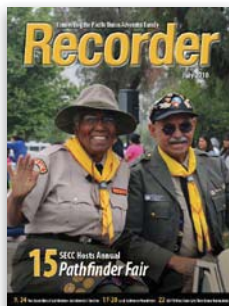
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Why I Support La Sierra University

Ricardo Graham



As many of you know, biology classes at La Sierra University have been discussed widely and passionately in recent months.

It all started in early 2009 when a biology student asserted that one of his instructors was teaching evolution as fact. A leader of a donor-supported ministry circulated a letter supporting the claims of the student, and soon LSU's biology classes were the subject of heated debate on the Internet.

As chairman of the LSU board and president of the Pacific Union Conference, I have devoted more time, energy and prayer to this matter in recent months than to anything else. I don't think a day goes by that I, along with LSU administration and faculty, are not working to assure LSU provides not only a thorough education, but also a faith-building experience for every student.

As constituents of this union, you deserve accurate information.

First, I would like you to know that I accept the biblical account of origins. This is a statement of my faith. I believe all life on earth was created a few thousand years ago in six 24-hour days, followed by the first Sabbath. And I expect to believe that until the Lord comes. For me, the biblical story of creation contains important foundational truths for what I believe about God, about myself, about others and about the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Not everyone agrees with my understanding of the Genesis story of creation. Many people, including some Seventh-day Adventists, have concluded that the evidence that life has developed on Earth over long periods of time is conclusive, and that the Genesis story must be understood in light of scientific data. I don't agree with that position. My views of science are informed by my faith in God's Word, not the other way around.

I am proud of LSU, and you can be, too. I don't believe there is a finer Adventist university anywhere. The board, administration and faculty are committed to building and developing the Christian commitment of every student. And they are committed to making whatever adjustments might be necessary to provide the

best Seventh-day Adventist Christian education possible. As a true university, LSU will always be on the cutting edge of science as well as other disciplines. If the day ever comes that no one challenges what is being taught in one class or another there, it will probably be because the school has lost its commitment to genuine learning and discovery. I hope that never happens.

I believe in La Sierra University, and I believe in academic freedom, but I also believe that no one who teaches in any Seventh-day Adventist school, including a university, has the freedom to teach as fact things that contradict or undermine the beliefs of the church.

At the same time, the school must be open to the challenges of contemporary life and open to making adjustments or even serious changes, if needed.

Many have wondered why the discussions and adjustments have continued so long.

To understand this, one must look closely at our history as a church and at the organizational structure that has served us for more than a century. In response to fervent appeals from Ellen G. White and others at the dawn of the 20th century, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was reorganized to prevent what she called "kingly, ruling power." Authority was distributed to committees and boards as close as possible to where ministry and education were facilitated.

As one who has served the church for more than 30 years, I can speak with conviction and passion about the importance of these organizational structures. I believe that they are among God's greatest gifts to our church. Our growth as a church, the way in which we have been able to minister in such diverse circumstances and such diverse ways, our capacity to minister in so many cultures, languages and settings, and our ability to stay in sync — in unity — with one another across widely varying situations, all can be attributed in large part to the organizational structure that was developed by our pioneers.

Adventist universities are not like elementary schools or even academies, where one or several people can make changes overnight. At a university, the process is often

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as important as the outcome. Those processes involve discussion, planning, experimentation, review and more changes until the goals are met. Those processes are ongoing at La Sierra University and I am pleased with the directions both the discussions and the adjustments are moving. I have no fear at all about where we will end.

And where will we end? What are the goals of this process? I speak as the board chair, and for the LSU board and faculty, in making two assertions.

First, LSU will be a school where the biblical account of a recent six-day creation will be respected and supported, and where the faith of our students will be encouraged and strengthened while their knowledge of science develops.

Second, LSU will be a school where every student — regardless of their beliefs about origins — will be respected, and where they will find every possible reason to believe in a loving God, accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ, value the Sabbath, seriously consider and choose to become Seventh-day Adventists, and commit themselves to the mission of preparing the world for the second coming of Christ.

It is my prayer that as we continue to think and talk and pray — and provide leadership for LSU — our members can exercise patience, confidence in local leadership, and mutual respect. I invite your continued prayers and support.

Statement of Support for the Adventist View of Creation

La Sierra University Board

The Board of Trustees is fully mindful of La Sierra University's responsibilities and commitments as a Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education. This includes whole-hearted support for the doctrines and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as defined by the 28 Statements of Fundamental Beliefs, specifically fundamental belief #6:

God is Creator of all things, and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity. In six days the Lord made "the heaven and the earth" and all living things upon the earth, and rested on the seventh day of that first week. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of His completed creative work. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was "very good," declaring the glory of God. (Gen. 1:2; Ex. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 104; Heb. 11:3).

The Board of Trustees has heard and taken to heart the concern that Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and teachings have not been given appropriate priority in biology curriculum and instruction. Specifically, the Board is committed to assuring that the teaching of the theory of evolution takes place within the context of the Adventist belief regarding creation.

The Board of Trustees is committed to a spirit of open inquiry and discussion in the university's classrooms and laboratories. The Board intends that when varying viewpoints are raised they will be heard with due respect.

In its commitment to the integrity of the university's mission, the Board of Trustees is dedicated to inspire, challenge, encourage and support the faculty in their sacred academic work. Further, the Board embraces its responsibility for ongoing evaluation and assessment.

"It is the work of true education to ... train the youth to be thinkers and not mere reflectors of other men's thought" (Ellen White, *Education*, p. 17). The Board of Trustees continues to affirm that both academic responsibility and commitment to Adventist beliefs are important parts of a vibrant university whose mission is to seek, to know and to serve God and His children.

VOTED November 11, 2009, by the La Sierra University Board of Trustees.

VOTED February 11, 2010, to reaffirm the "Statement of Support for the Adventist View of Creation" [that was previously voted at the Board of Trustees Meeting on November 11, 2009]. In recognition of the serious and complex nature of this issue, the Board of Trustees instructs the continued implementation of the statement. We request the administration to provide progress reports identifying specific actions taken.



Back to the Future

Bradford C. Newton



“**M**illennials: A Portrait of Generation Next,” paints the statistical picture of Americans 18 to 29 years of age. A startling reality emerges. Compared to their parents and grandparents at the same age, Millennials are less religious and less likely to affiliate themselves with a particular faith. (See <http://pewforum.org/Age/Religion-Among-the-Millennials.aspx>.)

This ascendant view of faith and church confronts us squarely in the marketplace today. How will we — who place a premium on “joining” and “making a stand for the truth” — corporately meet an audience that values neither?

I propose that we guide our course by the radical values which steered the pioneers of the Adventist movement. In so doing, we present a vision that can captivate and engage young men and women.

Do you need your passion for mission rekindled? Take an online visit to the General Conference Office of Archives and Statistics (www.adventistarchives.org). Does this sound like a dusty and musty place? To the contrary, here you will discover the treasure trove of digitized editions of every *Adventist Review* and its predecessors stretching to the founding of our Church. Captured in prose and poetry are the theological debates, the mission adventures into new fields, and the sacrificial faith of the young adults that blazed the trail before us.

But these pages contain more than inspiring Sabbath afternoon reading. The genius of Adventism emerges. A few diamonds sparkle especially bright:

1. *A dynamic, biblical foundation.* “To the law and the testimony, if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20). These believers were obsessed with Scriptural study. They not only read the Bible through repeatedly but also knit its pieces together into “present truth.” Creedal statements were rejected because God’s light is ever-ascending, never setting. Every traditional faith formulation or culturally rooted assumption was brought before the judgment bench of the Inspired Word. The genius of Adventism then as now is an unapologetic commitment to dynamic, biblical theology.
2. *Everyone to everywhere.* Adventism rooted in a mission. In the arenas of health, education and organization, a noticeable practicality suffused every decision, including the role that men and women played in the execution of the “loud cry” to the world. These believers saw in themselves the fulfillment of Joel 2:28, “I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.” The Spirit is in everyone, so the message goes everywhere. Here was the explicit call to equality of gender, race and socio-economic rank in fulfilling the missional purpose of the Remnant Church. The genius of Adventism then as now is the ideal of equality in executing Christ’s command, “Go ye therefore into the entire world.”
3. *Form follows function.* In contrast to religious institutions that appeared to be ends in themselves, Adventist believers advocated a practical approach to governance. What forms most efficiently utilized resources to accomplish the mission? The genius of Adventism then as now is the ideal of adapting structure and method to a changing world.
4. *Counter-culture.* “Popular, mainstream, go-with-the-flow” were never terms ascribed to our pioneering Adventist predecessors. They defiantly clung to Peter’s description, “But ye are ... a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” These believers resisted being co-opted by the culture, politics, mores and values of contemporary culture. The genius of Adventism then as now is our intentional reflection of how to think and act within a world in the throes of the great controversy.

In our Adventist past is a template of vision and action that can ignite the imagination of a new generation. The genius of Adventism is still ours as we have the courage to apply the lessons of our own story.

La Sierra SIFE Team Among Top Eight in Nation

Darla Martin Tucker

With professionalism and poise, the La Sierra University Students In Free Enterprise team delivered topnotch presentations during recent national competitions, ultimately placing among the top teams in the country during the 2010 US SIFE National Exposition at Minneapolis in May.

After winning the opening round, the group landed among the top 20 teams in the semifinals from an original field of 169 at the event. During semifinal presentations, the team gave its best performance with a perfect presentation and solid

answers to judges' questions. In the end, they placed among the top eight SIFE teams in the nation.

While La Sierra's team didn't take home the hoped-for national trophy, the students expressed satisfaction with their performance and gratitude for the affirming, horizon-widening experience of participating in La Sierra SIFE and competing in a national event. It was Jose Moreno's first time experiencing SIFE nationals. "It was just amazing," said the junior accounting major and SIFE team member. "It was an experience I couldn't find

anywhere else. ... These guys do it because they really want to be the difference."

"For me it was a life-changing experience," said junior accounting major Jenny Orrala. Because of her participation in SIFE, the 21-year-old has learned to work on a team, to apply the lessons learned in classrooms, and most of all, to carry out service projects not for the potential of awards, but for the good of others, Orrala said. "It touches my heart being in SIFE."

SIFE's team projects impact hundreds of people locally, nationally and internationally. This year's ventures include the Colombia project, the university's largest program ever in which SIFE team members,

La Sierra's 2010 Students In Free Enterprise presentation team included (from left) Ryan Foss, Amy Lee, Brian Kaatz, Amanda Oberg, Alex Schmidt. Their presentation of La Sierra SIFE's projects resulted in the team being named one of the top eight college and university SIFE teams in the United States this year.



La Sierra SIFE team member Amanda Oberg accepts La Sierra's award earned during the 2010 Students In Free Enterprise U.S. National competition held in Minneapolis during May.



through a contract with the Colombian government and key partnerships, are teaching 100 displaced Colombian families how to start their own businesses.

For this project, the team wrote and produced curriculum booklets and DVDs and traveled to Colombia to launch the program. Based on pilot project outcomes, the Colombian government may implement the SIFE curriculum nationwide.

Other key SIFE projects this year include the Green Machine, in which the team purchased, renovated, painted and decorated a 1994 shuttle bus, converting it into a mobile learning lab. Through building junkyard forts, playing life-sized board games and other activities, the SIFE team taught 2,586 K-8 students lessons about the environment.

For its financial literacy project, the team produced a DVD and reference guide for engaged and newlywed couples that addresses in six lessons the important financial issues couples need to understand. The team sent the DVD and reference guide to 15 Seventh-day Adventist universities in the United States and Canada and to 10 Adventist churches in California for assessment and feedback. The team made some adjustments based on the evaluations and re-filmed the DVD and re-designed the guide.

They distributed the updated package to 250 counselors and marriage/family therapists, 129 churches, 30 couples and 22 schools. The DVD package is currently being tested in Riverside County, Calif., for distribution to couples applying for marriage licenses.

"It's been a great year for us," said School of Business Dean John Thomas. "We've had a wonderful year. You guys did a superb job. We have the best students in the world. I really believe that. We're so proud of you." Thomas initiated the La Sierra SIFE team in 1991.

The team maintains its status as the winner of more national titles than any team in the world with six U.S. trophies, including two that propelled La Sierra SIFE to win two World Cups.

For Andrea Mateus, participation in SIFE brings the world that much closer, because the team is comprised of individuals from many parts of the globe. "It's been such a good experience. Working together makes us grow in a personal way," said the graduate business student. She is Mexican and from Colombia.

Mateus traveled with three other team members last month to help

launch the first class of the Colombian project, teaching poverty-stricken Colombians in Bogota how to start their own businesses. Hearing the Colombians' stories often brought tears to Mateus's eyes, she said.

It is this sort of outside-the-box thinking and real world experience that compelled team member Alex Schmidt to join La Sierra SIFE. He was part of SIFE's five-member presentation team delivering a 24-minute, multi-media summary of the team's projects to corporate leaders who served as judges during national competitions.

"SIFE provides you with everything you need to actually learn the most important things a college student should learn," like how to be successful and how to work hard, said Schmidt, who is from Brazil. He is a junior political economy and marketing major and is considering earning master and doctoral degrees in the future. "Since we have to learn what we're going to teach to other people, we end up learning much more than we would in class."



Peer-Driven Discipleship Flourishes at MBA

Nathan Henderson

When freshman Forest Wells from Seaside, Calif., arrived at Monterey Bay Academy last fall, he admits that he'd never really had a connection with Jesus. "My mom had been talking to me about God and taking me to church," he says.

Rewind to 2007. Then senior Daniel Gomez hosted what was known in the boys' dorm as the "Evangelistic Series of Room 225." Complete with PowerPoint slides, the presentation drew a standing room only audience. One of those guys was sophomore Sammy Bonilla from Salinas, Calif.

"I saw Jesus in Daniel. I could relate to him and trust him, and I knew I wanted the happiness he had," Bonilla says. He was baptized in June 2008, and began giving Bible studies to anyone he could.

One of those students was Stephen Macomber, a new junior from Englewood, Colo. He was baptized on April 25, 2009, almost a year after Bonilla. "I knew I needed to pay it forward, as Sammy did for Daniel," Macomber says.

In February 2010, Macomber began studying with Wells. "Stephen was the primary influence in my decision to give my life to Christ," Wells says. "I can't believe I was only in sixth grade when the 'Evangelistic Series of Room 225' was happening. God was positioning people at that moment to bring me to the most important decision of my life, way before I even knew I would be at

MBA. How awesome is that?" Wells was baptized on April 24, 2010.

"This is what it is all about. I am very proud of these guys and girls," says chaplain Brian Del Valle about the growing number of students giving Bible studies. "I want to do all that I can to fan the flame, stand up for them and get out of their way." Del Valle's office is a place of encouragement and prayer. Students also accompany him on Bible studies, a great mentoring experience.

"When you couple our conference programs like the Youth Evangelism Team, Teen Bible Academy, annual Youth Prayer Conferences, California YouthRush and a spiritual environment offered at MBA, the result is the most powerful youth ministry, which is young people mentoring young people," says Jason Mustard, MBA teacher and former MBA recruiter.

"God is really raising an army of youth for these last days," Bonilla says, as he graduates from MBA. "The biggest evangelistic tool for God to reach people in this world is peer-to-peer influence."

The Back Story

This snap shot of these young men's spiritual journey is in no way comprehensive and certainly include parents, teachers, pastors, church members and others. Both Daniel Gomez and Sammy Bonilla were sponsored at MBA by their Ceres and Seaside church families respectively. Gomez attended



MBA students sit in the order they were baptized as proof of a network of disciples forming at MBA: (l. to r.) Sammy Bonilla (Seaside, Calif., grade 12), Stephen Macomber (Englewood, Colo., grade 11), Forest Wells (Seaside, Calif., grade 9).

Central Valley Christian Academy his freshman year. All of the young men have been impacted by the Youth Evangelism Team*, a ministry concept developed as an intentional, peer-to-peer ministry, led by young adults and youth. Stephen Macomber and Forest Wells responded to calls by Leah Page, YET co-director, followed by Bible studies with Zac Page, YET co-director. Gomez, Bonilla and Macomber have participated in two of the YET's training and mentoring programs — the conference-wide annual Youth Prayer Conference and Teen Bible Academy, a three week summer program. All three have also worked in YouthRUSH, the summer student literature evangelism program. Wells will attend TBA this summer.

**YET began in 2005, led by young adult and teens. Their year-round schedule includes visiting schools and churches, camp meeting youth programs, TBA, and Youth Prayer Conferences. YET is fully funded by the annual Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering.*



Assemblies of God Evangelist Joins Turlock Church

Caron Oswald

Jim Sarnowsky was adamant that he did not respond to the free Final Events DVD offered by mail to every household in Turlock, Calif. But when Bible worker Tabitha Maxwell came to his home with his order card in her hand, he agreed to accept the DVD.

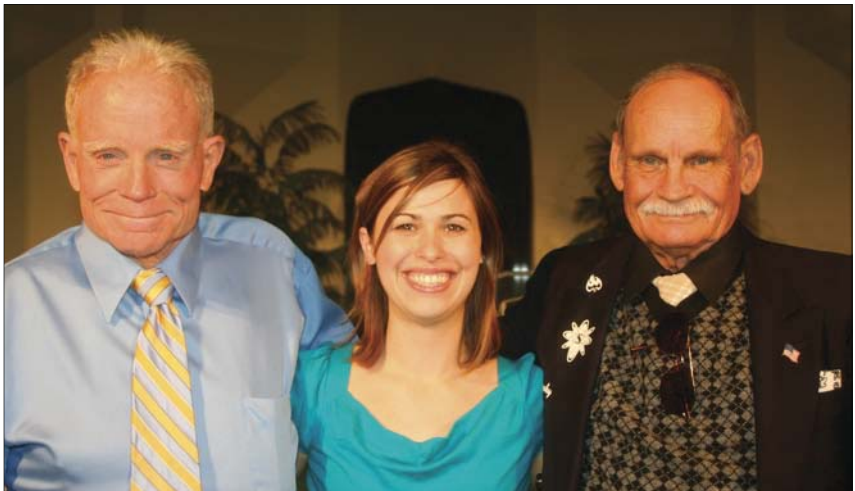
As he watched it, he kept waiting for something to be incorrect, not biblical. But everything was true. That began the spiritual fight of his life.

"I came from a pretty bad world and got saved at 29 years of age," Sarnowsky says. Strongly influenced by his grandmother, a Pentecostal preacher, he eagerly began to serve God, first as a youth pastor, then for 30 years as a non-denominational evangelist for the Assemblies of God organization.

College and seminary educated, this credentialed minister had a difficult time studying the Bible with a 20-something young adult. "I really gave that girl a hard time," Sarnowsky says. He'd argue, "Look, I'm not going to be one of your Seventh-day Adventists." Maxwell would just smile.

A Bible worker for five years, Maxwell trained at Mission College and Weimar College. She had considered studying law or medicine. "God kept placing in my heart, 'Tabitha, you can make an eternal difference in peoples' lives.'"

Once studies began, she took church member Richard King, a retired dentist, with her as often as his scheduled allowed. "It is important



Turlock church member Richard King, Bible worker Tabitha Maxwell and Assemblies of God evangelist Jim Sarnowsky studied the Bible together for two years. Sarnowsky turned in his Assemblies of God ministerial credentials and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

for a new believer to have a connection with a member," she explains.

For more than two years, Sarnowsky, Maxwell and King studied together. "This was going against everything I've ever believed," Sarnowsky said. "I told Tabitha, 'I'm old and stuck in my ways. I have to search things out for myself.'" He also attended three public series during that time.

Peace eluded him. He prayed for answers. While re-reading a text he'd read more than 100 times about Jesus' second coming in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: "... and the dead in Christ will rise first," questions began to clear. "I always believed that when you died you went immediately to heaven," he says. "So why were they rising?" Sabbath was a more difficult journey.

In time, Sarnowsky was convinced. He turned in his ministerial credentials and immediately lost his income. "I saw that it was more important to follow the truth. My relationship with Jesus is what gets me to heaven, not a bunch of credentials," he says.

The price is high. "Everybody thinks I'm crazy. My wife thinks I'm crazy. Church members disowned me completely. Thousands of people are disappointed in me. But I'd rather please God."

Sarnowsky was baptized in January 2010. "I believe with all my heart that God sent her to my door," he says of Maxwell. Now at peace, he says, "The Scriptures are more alive to me now, all coming together and it fits."



Northern California Conference Holds Constituency Session

Gerry Chudleigh, Stephanie Leal and Julie Lorenz

On May 16, 558 delegates met at the Pacific Union College church for the quadrennial constituency session of the Northern California Conference.

While some in attendance had attended many such meetings, others were participating for the first time. “It’s a new thing [for me] to see how the church is working and see the order that we have,” said first-time delegate Ingrid Moreno from the Oakland Spanish church.

Gerry Chudleigh



Incumbents Jim Pedersen, president (center); Marc Woodson, executive secretary (left); and John Rasmussen, treasurer (right), were all re-elected by sizable margins (also pictured: Debi Pedersen and Raelene Rasmussen).

Delegates re-elected the three NCC administrators: Jim Pedersen, president; Marc Woodson, executive secretary; and John Rasmussen, treasurer. Also re-elected to a four-year term were all incumbent ministry directors and ethnic coordinators: VicLouis Arreola III, Asian/Pacific ministries; Gordon Botting, community services/health services/stewardship; Virgil Childs, inner city and African-American ministries; Richard Dena, Hispanic ministries; Del Dunavant, church

Naomi Parson (center), NCC prayer ministries coordinator, held a prayer session with others throughout the day’s activities.



Julie Lorenz

growth and evangelism; Eddie Heinrich, youth; Stephanie Leal, communication; Berit von Pohle, education; Ivan Williams Sr., ministerial; and Dennis Yoshioka, trust and property management.

The new executive committee was approved for the 2010-14 term, with one change, adding a K-12 educator. The bylaws committee was also approved for the same term.

It’s important for church members “to have a say in how things are done and who is going to serve,” said Michael Cohen, a delegate from the Oakland-Market Street church.

In his president’s report, Pedersen described positive changes to the NCC since the last constituency

meeting, including membership growth: 4,664 people joined NCC churches through baptism or profession of faith. Membership now stands at about 41,000.

Pedersen shared his vision for the future of the NCC if the Lord delays His coming. “When we realized that 10 years from now would bring us to the year 2020, a concept quickly emerged: a 2020 — 20/20 — vision for the Northern California Conference.” He spoke of many ways in which the conference and its members could exhibit 20/20 vision to hasten the Second Coming.

“I envision the Northern California Conference truly becoming, over the next 10 years, a shining example of what God wants for His people to be,” he said.

During the executive secretary’s report, Woodson spoke about changes to NCC churches and membership. Since the last constituency meeting, four new churches have been organized in the NCC. Woodson also reported on church name changes, mission projects and the use of eAdventist, the online church membership system.

Willie Johnson Jr., pastor of the Oakland-Elmhurst church, offers a prayer to open the session again after the lunch break.

Stephanie Leal





Rasmussen's financial report dealt with conference income from tithe, subsidies, investments and bequests, and the distribution of the funds for ministry and education. While it is true that the Conference has experienced some financial dif-

Gerry Chudleigh



Suzan Williams, administrative secretary for Marc Woodson, welcomes delegates and provides them with name tags and other constituency information.

ficulties because of the economy, Rasmussen expressed his gratitude for the faithfulness of the members and his belief that God continues to bless the NCC.

During the education report, von Pohle presented ways in which the conference has followed up major action plans developed at the 2008 Education Summit. Delegates then discussed and voted on several education items. They passed a motion on constituent school rates, but didn't pass a proposal that would require most churches to be constituents of local schools.

Delegates spent most of the afternoon discussing and voting on various agenda items proposed by local

churches. They approved a motion that requests the General Conference Church Manual Committee to rewrite Fundamental Belief #6 to reflect more specific language about creation. They also approved a motion requesting a study of ways in which the union and its conferences could be reorganized in order to reduce administrative costs.

They tabled a motion supporting women's ordination to ministry because the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee had addressed the issue only days before.

Julie Lorenz



José Díaz, pastor of the Chico Spanish company/Lincoln Spanish church/Live Oak Spanish company, greets Steve McHan, pastor of Sacramento-Woodside church, at the beginning of the day.

They did not approve a proposal that required the three NCC ethnic coordinators to be permanent voting members on the Conference Executive Committee (instead of sharing membership on a rotating basis with departmental directors, as they do

Gerry Chudleigh



Mary Jackson, from the Alameda church, was one of many delegates who spoke on agenda items submitted by local churches for the NCC constituency meeting.

now). And they voted down a motion asking the conference to take "specific actions" to ensure that its employees follow the biblical principles in the *Church Manual*. Several people speaking against the motion stated their belief that sufficient safeguards were already in place. For more detailed information on all these motions, visit the "What's New" section of the NCC's website at www.ncc.adventist.org.

Several delegates who participated in the constituency session said it was good to be part of the church process. "I think it's important that delegates participate in the process of conference governance," commented Vallejo-Central Pastor Jon Cicle. "We want to collectively seek the will of God for the church family in our region."

NCC delegates voted on a number of items throughout the day. "It is important to know the engine behind the church and be active in helping voice our concerns and opinions," said Kevin Thio, a delegate from the Hayward church. Photo by Stephanie Leal.





Breath of Life Church Dedicates New Home

Betty Cooney

After 27 years of worshipping in rented facilities, the Breath of Life church ended its “homelessness” by celebrating with a Bless This House dedication service on March 27. Uniquely planned as a ribbon-tying ceremony, the service symbolized the launch of the church’s planned renovation efforts.

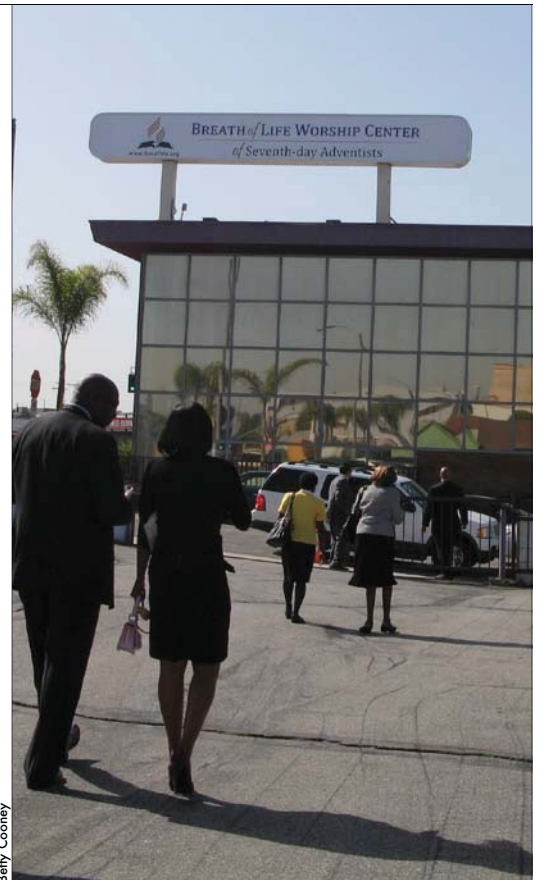
C. D. Brooks, veteran evangelist and speaker emeritus for the Breath of Life telecast, was the speaker, capping a weeklong week of prayer and preaching. Weeknight speakers included former BOL pastors Leslie N. Pollard, James L. Kyle II, and Adolphus Garnett.

The church’s history, written by communication director Clarence Brown and delivered by Gwen Bosworth, recounted how the congregation’s initial flourishing following

an effort by Brooks dwindled to an attendance of five in the 1990s. Determined to continue, members sought pastoral help. Pastor Rockne Dahl stepped forward on an interim basis, conducting early BOL worship services, then hurrying on to his own church in Santa Monica.

The dedication service for the new building of the now-thriving congregation overflowed with expressions of gratitude to God. The Breath of Life Quartet’s “My Lord, What a Time” reflected members’ joy. Former pastors Kyle, Garnett and Brooks joined with current pastor Don McPhaull and his associate Roger Frazier in praising God for His goodness in leading the church to that celebration.

“The dedication was a joy for me,” said McPhaull. “I believe one of the missions the Lord sent me



Betty Cooney

BOL plans a fall Revelation seminar in its spacious new building. “We will be inviting the interests we have been developing in the community,” said McPhaull.

to accomplish was to help secure a building, so the church could move forward with its mission of sharing the everlasting gospel and the judgment-hour messages with the community.

“We have already begun,” McPhaull added. “Every Sabbath, teams go door to door in the community to invite people to worship with us; making them aware of programs we are having in our church. We opened a food bank — the first day, about 100 persons came and that number has increased slightly since then.”

McPhaull hosts “The Joy of Faith,” a weekly program airing on KKLA-FM 99.5 at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays. The church is located at 425 South La Brea Ave., Inglewood (www.breathla.org).

At the conclusion of the dedication service, church officers held a red ribbon encompassing the front of the sanctuary and tied by pastors McPhaull (at right at the podium) and Brooks.



Clarence Brown



Teacher and Pastor Partner in Ministry to Students

Betty Cooney

A May 15 baptism of seven students at the Crescenta Valley Adventist School was “the fruit of a lot of hard work by the eighth-grade teacher Lynden Crabtree, who year after year devotes himself to the spiritual commitment of his students,” said Pastor Danny Chan of the Eagle Rock church. “It was also due to the committed work of Elder Cary Fisher, who nurtured and disciplined the students every step of the way and facilitated a meaningful connection between the school, the church and the community.”

“The eighth-grade teacher at Crescenta Valley Adventist School acts as a pastor with his students,” explained Pastor Fisher. “Mr. Crabtree’s worships in the four years that I have been working with him are the most spiritual moments, largely because of his personal walk with Christ.”

Fisher explains his own role as following up with students who request Bible studies. The teacher-pastor partnership has been blessed with more than 30 baptisms in the past four years.

“I had thought God didn’t really talk with us,” said Crabtree, “but after an encounter with Him in ‘95, when I asked Him what I should pray for, I had a recognition that He is interested in us personally.”

At a week-long, annual retreat in 1996, prayer became “a living thing,” recalled Crabtree. “I told the students, ‘I have been talking

Lynden Crabtree helps a student. The teacher-pastor ministry at Crescenta Valley Adventist School has been blessed with more than 30 baptisms in the past four years.

to God, and I see a picture of you skiing downhill,’ and said, ‘You are not alone. God wants to be with You.’”

“We learned about Someone Who loves and takes care of us,” affirmed Abby Perez. “When I learned that it was God, I fell in love with Him and decided to be baptized.”

The class’s spiritual reputation helped some to prepare for making their decisions for baptism. “I knew ever since the first grade that Mr. Crabtree’s class was very spiritual,” said Jared Newmyer, “and that

helped. I thought it would probably be best if I was baptized with my friends.”

Jenny Matsuda had also heard that some people decided to be baptized during the eighth grade, so she waited until then to decide. “When I had a spiritual experience this year, I made my decision,” she said.



Debra McCubbin

(L. to r.) Pastor Cary Fisher with new members Ryan Goulsmassian, R.J. Maguire Bieti, Michael Jared Newmyer, Abby Perez, Nneoma Ibezim, Jenny Matsuda and Arielle Apolito.



Lynden Crabtree



Small Church Finds Faith in Large Military Community

Curtis Wright, with Jocelyn Fay

Jesus ministered to the military. He healed the daughter of a Roman centurion in whom He found great faith, as is recorded in Matthew 8. Following Jesus' example, members of the 50-member church in Twentynine Palms minister to military personnel also.

The church's location, just a few miles south of the 932-square-mile Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, brings Marines and Navy personnel from all over the United States nearly to its doorstep.

Many of these people are there to prepare for imminent deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan. At MCAGCC they participate in Mojave Viper training (the Mojave green rattlesnake is one of the deadliest in the nation); spend the final 72 hours of their training in a town on the base called Wadi Al Sahara, where role players create an environment very similar to that in Iraq; and take part in live fire exercises.

Ministry to a community as transient as this is challenging, according to Curtis Wright, pastor, but on any given Sabbath there is likely to be at least one visitor from the base at church. They come when they can. An Adventist nurse, for example, works almost every Sabbath at the Navy hospital on the base, but attends church when she has a Sabbath off. With others it has been possible to develop long-term relationships. Some have stayed for

several years and held offices in the church, such as elder or deacon.

Terry Moran, a Seventh-day Adventist chaplain who was deployed to Afghanistan at the end of March, has been stationed at MCAGCC and plans to return in a few months.

While participating in Mojave Viper training, Moran discovered some Seventh-day Adventist books and traced them back to the local church.

"I know these books came from you," he told Wright, adding that he was happy to see spiritual books inside the base.

Another Navy chaplain, Michael Griggs, a Methodist, invited Wright to minister in the field during the Mojave Viper training. Marine Lt. Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 7, presented Wright with a plaque that said, "Pastor Wright, in appreciation for your support and flexibility during Mojave Viper ... Your sermons, music and motivational messages enhanced our morale and preparation for deployment. Thank you for a job well done." That night, just three



Photo provided by Curtis Wright

Navy chaplain Michael Griggs, left, and Curtis Wright, pastor of the Twentynine Palms church, play for a group of troops before their deployment overseas.

hours later, Karega and his battalion deployed for Iraq.

The church provides a small school that is attended by children of people who work at MCAGCC in military or civilian capacities as well as its own children. Wright's wife, Dalaiah, is teaching principal. This past school year, two of the six grade schoolers were from military families.

Griggs's business card states, "It is only by grace that we stand." That is true of the Twentynine Palms church's ministry to the military community as well. Although resources are limited, by God's grace the members and their pastor are committed to serving the numerous individuals who are preparing to serve their country, as the Roman centurion did.



SECC Hosts Pathfinder Fair

Jocelyn Fay

Southeastern's annual Pathfinder fair drew 2,050 Pathfinders and staff members from 63 clubs to Riverside on May 16. Parents and friends who attended raised the number of people on the conference grounds to more than 2,500 for the event.

The day officially began with a parade that opened at 9 a.m. and lasted about an hour. All 63 clubs marched, alphabetically by county, from the La Sierra University church to the conference's back field, where they assembled for the flag raising and opening exercises.

More than 2,000 Pathfinders watched the American flag being raised, repeated the Pledge of Allegiance, sang the "Star Spangled Banner," repeated the Pathfinder Pledge and Law, and sang the Pathfinder song during the fair's opening exercises.

John Navarro and others in the Mt. Rubidoux club's drum corps led the parade and kept Pathfinders in step as they gathered on the field behind the conference office.

Carl and Barbara Mackenzie, retired Pathfinder coordinators for Riverside County, were the parade's grand marshals.

"Between them they have served the Pathfinders in this conference for 75 years," said Rudy Carrillo, conference youth director, as he presented a plaque to the couple during the assembly.

During the remainder of the fair Pathfinders and friends had free

time to attend drill team events, visit the display and activity booths, or make their selections from the food booths. Cuisine ranged from Asian to Mexican to the American summertime favorite, corn on the cob.

Photos by Jocelyn Fay



Students and Professors Present Original Research

Lainey S. Cronk, Eirene-Gin Nakamura, Aren Rennacker

This past spring, several Pacific Union College professors and students presented their recent original research at conventions on both a national and global level. While acceptance to any conference is significant in itself, the work of one PUC group received special national recognition.

Two research posters by social work professor Monte Butler and four social work majors were accepted to the 2010 conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors; the honors escalated when Butler and student Brian Rodriguez's poster was given Highest Honors, the equivalent of first place in the nation. The honored poster was titled "Aggression Replacement Training for At-Risk Youth: Will Gender Matching Help?" and evaluated a program that was designed to help at-risk teenagers manage their anger.

Butler, Rodriguez and two other students traveled to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the conference and present their research in March. Rodriguez found that the experience verified the quality of his training. "I really feel like the social work program at PUC does a really good job preparing us for the profession," he says. "Even other professors [at the conference] told us we're pretty progressive."

A poster by students Arian Gregory, Rebecca Broeckle and Anna Hernandez called "Food Insecurity:

A Single Question Survey in Angwin, CA" was also presented. Their project researched the need for food in Angwin, the town where PUC is located, and provided data for the Angwin Food Pantry, which the social work program runs.

In April, PUC biology professor Brian Wong and two of his students traveled to Washington, D.C., for the 2010 American Association of Cancer Research general meeting. Wong and five student co-authors had two research posters accepted at the conference, and students Christal Nishikawa and Lucas Kim traveled with Wong to the seminars to present their research. The two posters show research on the cancer prevention properties of two Chinese medicinal herbs against colon cancer formation in mouse and human cells.

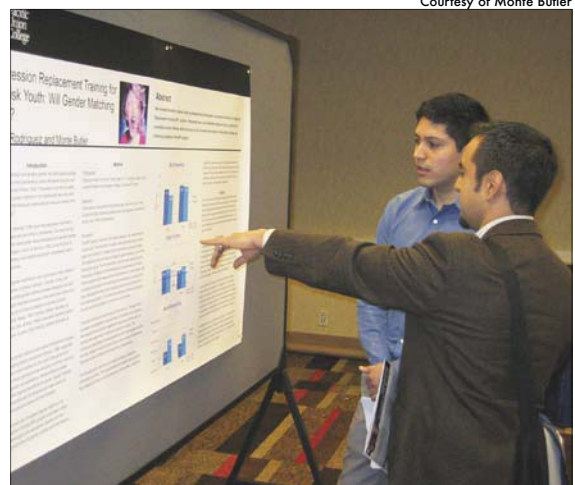
"The conference was quite eye opening," Kim says. "The whole experience was a great opportunity and quite valuable as both a student and researcher. Mostly, it broadened my knowledge about the scientific community and the importance of research."

PUC social work major Brian Rodriguez (in blue) presented his award-winning poster at the national Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors conference.

That same month, 16 PUC psychology majors and four professors attended the Western Psychological Association convention in Cancun, Mexico. At the convention, sponsored by the psychology national honor society Psi Chi, the students presented two posters, met recruiters from graduate schools, and listened to PUC alum Cara Tan give a symposium.

Two separate groups presented the posters. One group presented their research on the effect of ethnic awareness on job association, while the other group presented their study on the effect of spanking on children.

"Most people don't have the chance to present posters at WPA, so we're lucky that we had the chance to put our names out there in the world of psychology," says sophomore Jessica Cerda. "It's a great asset to students in our department."



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Honduras Trip Leads to Notes for Successful Mission Trips

Fylwia Fowler Kline

John Reinhart, a supervisor in the Clinical Engineering Services department at Ukiah Valley Medical Center, once traveled with other Adventist health care employees to help Hospital Adventista in Honduras. As a seasoned traveler drawing on 20 years of flying Air Force planes to exotic places, he didn't have big expectations for his trip per se. It was just another developing country, another collection of stories for the natural-born storyteller. Possibly an opportunity to make a suggestion or two so other biomedes could make the trip and really make a difference.

There is no *Frommer's Guide* for mission trips. The plane landed, and Reinhart's group was whisked past tourist stops and dropped into a page in *National Geographic*. It quickly became apparent that the average vacationer would be ill-prepared for this setting. As he surveyed his temporary home, Reinhart realized this one would be an immediate and total cultural immersion. And he began to make a mental list for next time.

Give what they need, not what you don't need.

Exploring the hospital, Reinhart was surprised at its size and modernity. But he soon discovered the hospital's 21st-century look did not extend past the building. The equipment and technology were well behind the western world; it

was a museum of antiquated medicine. The scene continued beyond the hospital to a warehouse packed with donated equipment that needed repair even before being shipped. Ironically, the money raised by well-intentioned people to ship these donations could have purchased new equipment in Honduras. Adventist Health's sister relationship with mission hospitals prevents such unfortunate waste of resource and money.

Travel with a mission expert.

By the end of his first day, Reinhart was grateful for the people who had gone before him. Unlike vacations, mission trips need more than a translator or "cultural expert." They require someone who understands both worlds. Tom Petersen was this someone for Reinhart. Having been to the hospital many times before, Petersen, the facilities manager at Howard Memorial Hospital, knew the best translator, the local hardware shop, the person who gets things done. Mission trips without a liaison are doomed.

Come prepared.

Surrounded by broken equipment, Reinhart realized how much time could be saved if he had

brought the manuals and right tools, but that requires a knowledge of what to expect and that was why he was there. With jet lag and unfamiliar food and language, time becomes very precious. Knowing exactly what needs to be done and getting prepared for the task before leaving the U.S. is the best defensive strategy for a successful mission trip.

Live their life like it's your world.

Of the many places Reinhart has visited, Honduras is one of the few that call him back. The experience of working with strangers — sharing nothing except the passion to make a difference — compels one to continue giving he says. Honduras is also the only story Reinhart cannot merely retell. He can share anecdotes and details, but the experience of living in another world and slowly becoming part of that community is indescribable. It is something that must be relived.

John Reinhart, far left, poses with other missionaries in Honduras.



LLU Public Relations Video Team Receives Three Emmy Nominations

Richard Weismeyer

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Pacific southwest chapter, announced on April 27, 2010, the nomination of three Loma Linda University “Loma Linda 360°” documentary segments for Emmy awards.

Maranatha Hay, video production specialist at university relations, is nominated for “Surgeons of Hope” in the category of health/science—program or special. In addition, Patricia Thio, associate director of PR video, university relations, is nominated for two Emmys. In the category of documentary—cultural, “Armed for the Challenge” is recognized, and in the category of human interest, “PossAbilities.”

“We are pleased with the Emmy nominations by the video team from the university relations office,” says Richard H. Hart, M.D., Dr.P.H., president of LLU. “This group has helped enhance Loma Linda’s image in the Inland Empire and throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Church through their work.”

“Surgeons of Hope” is Hay’s second Emmy nomination. In April of 2009, the Academy announced her nomination for Best On-Screen Talent.

“While working on this film, I was continually amazed by the internal strength of Holman and his mother,” shares Hay. “I think that’s what I love the most about making these films — witnessing people struggling through the

darkest time in their lives and then emerging triumphant.”

“Armed for the Challenge” and “PossAbilities” are Thio’s first Emmy nominations. She recently won “Best of Show” from the Public Relations Society of America, Inland Empire chapter, for “Armed for the Challenge,” and has won six international film festival awards for this documentary.

Kent Allison of ARK Films donated his time by co-directing the project with Thio, and Stephen Robertson, AV technician of Internet media at LLU, donated his musical talent by writing and performing the theme song, “Possible,” for the film.

In addition, the Foo Fighters and their record companies generously granted permission to use “My Hero,” and the band Dynamite Walls shared their song “Pages” with LLU for this film.

“I would like to thank everyone who was a part of these projects, whether in front of the camera or behind,” says Thio. “It was such a great experience to be surrounded



The Loma Linda University public relations video team in the office of university relations produces documentaries to create awareness about LLU’s mission “to make man whole.” The team includes (from left) Cosmin Cosma, M.A., and Maranatha Hay, video production specialists; Patricia Thio, associate director of PR video; and Michael Wolcott, M.A., video production specialist.

by those featured in these films. Their perseverance and courage inspires me.”

To watch the documentaries online, visit www.llu.edu/360. To obtain a DVD of these films, contact the office of university relations at 909-558-4526, ext. 44526.

The 36th Annual Pacific Southwest Emmy Awards will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego.

“Loma Linda 360°” is a broadcast show that takes viewers straight to the action of Loma Linda University and LLU Medical Center. It airs on the PBS affiliate KVCR, Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, and Hope Channel. The show can also be viewed on its website www.llu.edu/360 and YouTube.

LLU Researchers Produce Best Data Yet on How Nuts Improve Blood Lipids

Heather Reifsnnyder

Loma Linda University School of Public Health researchers have amassed the best statistics yet on the positive effects of eating nuts on blood lipids.

By pooling data from 25 individual nut consumption studies conducted in seven countries with more than 500 subjects, investigators determined the most informative numbers to date on how nuts lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels. The results were published in the journal *Archives of Internal Medicine* on May 10, 2010.

Eating an average of 2.3 ounces of nuts daily (67 g, about 1/3 cup) produced the following healthful reductions: blood total cholesterol was lower by 5.1 percent; LDL (bad) cholesterol by 7.4 percent; the LDL/HDL cholesterol ratio by 8.3 percent; and the total cholesterol/HDL ratio by 5.6 percent. In people with higher than normal blood triglycerides — greater than 150 milligrams per deciliter — nut consumption reduced triglyceride levels by 10.2 percent.

“Results of this study provide the best evidence yet that eating nuts reduces LDL cholesterol and improves the blood lipids profile,” says Joan Sabaté, M.D., Dr.P.H., of the School of Public Health, lead researcher on this study and one of

the pioneers in nut research. “The findings from this analysis support those from epidemiological studies which have consistently shown that habitual nut consumption reduces the risk of heart disease.”

He concludes, “Thus, a simple change of eating nuts regularly can make a big difference in people’s health.”



Those eating greater quantities of nuts experienced higher lipid reductions; however, people should not consume more than three ounces of nuts daily due to their high calorie-density.

The study looked at different types of nuts (walnuts, almonds, macadamias, peanuts, pecans, hazelnuts, and pistachios) and observed similar effects among them.

Lipid reductions were greater in individuals with high LDL cholesterol, low body mass index scores (lean people), and those consuming a Western diet.

The publication is authored by Sabaté, chair of the department of nutrition at

Loma Linda University School of Public Health; Keiji Oda, M.A., M.P.H., a biostatistician at the School of Public Health; and Emilio Ros, M.D., Ph.D., a researcher in Spain.

The department of nutrition has conducted many controlled studies on the health effects of nut consumption since the early 1990s.

In 1993, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published Loma Linda

University’s groundbreaking study establishing for the first time the link between nut consumption and favorable blood lipid changes. For more information about the department’s current and previous studies on nuts visit www.nutstudies.org.



Assemblies of God Pastor Converts to Adventism

Phil Draper

Ed Brothers could hardly believe what he was telling his wife, Jan. “I’m going to resign my credentials to the Assemblies of God denomination after 50 years. My beliefs have become the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventists, so we must find an Adventist church to attend.”

An ardent Bible student, Jan came under conviction that the Sabbath was Saturday. She mentioned this to Ed and encouraged him to study the issue.

In June 2009, they began watching Good News TV. They were mesmerized by the systematic theology and teachings they were hearing.

As an Assemblies of God minister, Brothers developed arguments against the Sabbath — and Adventists. But after watching Good News TV, his arguments against the Sabbath began to change.

In October 2009, the Brothers began looking for an Adventist church to attend. They went to the Mesa Palms church and found it friendly and welcoming. On their first visit, the pastor, Terry Darnall, was out of town. He returned to find a request card from the Brothers asking for a visit.

Darnall thought he was calling on a retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor, but quickly realized it wasn’t the case.

Darnall and Ed Brothers began an immediate, close relationship. They discovered that they were

Courtesy Terry Darnall



Ed Brothers resigned ministerial credentials in the Assemblies of God denomination to become Seventh-day Adventists.

born in the same small town in Nebraska, which they call “a holy coincidence.”

“You know, if you told me a year ago that I would become a Seventh-day Adventist, I would have laughed in your face!” Brothers told Darnall. “But I’m not laughing anymore. In fact, I’m praising God for the new truths I have learned. All those perplexing doctrinal questions I had all my life have been answered. It just makes so much sense.”

It was difficult writing his letter of resignation to the Assemblies of God denomination and informing his local Assemblies pastor and their many friends of their decision.

“We are so happy,” Ed says. “We know that God was leading us on

this journey and has an important mission for Jan and me. We want to share with all our colleagues and friends the wonderful messages we have found from God’s Word.”

Ed and Jan Brothers became members of the Mesa Palms Seventh-day Adventist Church on March 20.

“Pastor Ed preached his first sermon at Mesa Palms in May,” says Darnall. “He aspires to become an Adventist pastor and receive his credentials as a Seventh-day Adventist *pastor emeritus* from the Pacific Union Conference. The Brothers are a powerful witness for Christ and His teachings. I think that maybe Jan and Ed are not totally retired yet!”



John V. Stevens Sr. Recognized by Holbrook Indian School

Barbara Willis

John V. Stevens Sr. was recognized during the March 2010 Holbrook Indian School Board of Trustees meeting for his long-time service to Holbrook Seventh-day Adventist Indian School. The award was presented by Dr. Kelly Bock, chairman of the Board of Trustees and director of education for the Pacific Union.

Bock thanked Stevens for being a contributing member of the board. Stevens' service has been marked by the construction of the Ruth McKee Hall, a dormitory for the girls. This facility includes the Wyn Stevens Chapel dedicated to

Steven's late wife and furnished by the McKee family.

"Elder Stevens has been instrumental in the growth and development of Holbrook Indian School," said Dr. Janet Claymore-Ross, principal. "His unfailing commitment and generous support are deeply appreciated."

Another gift is the construction of Colson Hall, a dormitory for boys, which includes the Ellsworth McKee Chapel.

The gazebo and rose garden in the center of the campus are dedicated to Draga Kokotovich Stevens, his mother.

In honor of Stevens' 25 years of service to HIS, the first room in the new Education Center is to be officially named the John V. Stevens Sr. Conference Meeting Room.

Holbrook Indian School is a K-12 fully accredited boarding school that has been offering Christian education to Native American young people from throughout the United States and Canada since 1946.

John Stevens Sr. (left) is recognized for 25 years of service to Holbrook Indian School by principal Janet Claymore-Ross (center) and PUC Education Superintendent Kelly Bock.

Barbara Willis





Couples Attend Marriage Retreat in Las Vegas

David Solomon Hall, Sr.

No one gets married in order to fight. We get married because we long for intimacy,” explained Willie and Elaine Oliver at the Journey Toward Intimacy retreat, sponsored by the Nevada-Utah Conference Family Ministries department.

Dr. Willie Oliver (Family Ministries director, North American Division) and his wife, Elaine, presented “God’s plan for oneness in marriage” March 19 to 21 in Las Vegas to more than 30 couples from all over the conference.

Attendees listened to presentations, focused on the writing assignments and looked forward to “date night” on Saturday. Some even purchased the Oliver’s DVD

to help other couples in their local churches.

“This was a blessing for Debra and me,” said Charles Yancey of the Abundant Life church. “Often times people take their spouses for granted not realizing that the devil is trying to destroy our marriages. We really enjoyed the exercises and the fellowship with the other married couples.”



Couples attended several types of sessions designed to improve their level of “oneness.”

Willie and Elaine Oliver speak during the Journey Toward Intimacy retreat in Las Vegas.



“Being one of the longest married couples, Ross and I both felt that we got confirmation on things we were doing correctly and insight into things that we certainly could improve on,” noted Robyn Cordova from the West Jordan church. “Overall, we really enjoyed the weekend and the fellowship.”

“We found the Journey Toward Intimacy retreat very enlightening and enjoyable,” said Kristen Cooper of Sparks. “We especially loved how each topic was deep rooted in the Bible. It was a great

experience that truly worked on our relationship.”

“One of the most powerful witnesses for Jesus in the world today is a healthy family,” said Pastor David Hall, Family Ministries director for the Nevada-Utah Conference. “It is our hope that through [these types of events] that we can stem the tide of dysfunctional families and enable our families once again to be representative of our Lord above. I praise God for the powerful way He used the Oliver’s that weekend, and I look forward to more and more events as we seek to build healthy marriages and families.”

“Thank you so much Pastor Hall for putting this weekend together,” said New Life Pastor Donald McLeod. “It was something we in this conference really needed.”



Volunteers Give Camp Waianae a Facelift

Feryl Harris

Camp Waianae recently undertook an overdue facelift. The labor was provided by 14 skilled volunteers who came from the United States and Canada for a three-week intensive work-bee.

Improvements to the buildings have made for more pleasant usage, enhancing the already beautiful natural surroundings. The work crew gave critical attention to compromised structural problems, re-shingling roofs, applying siding to the cabins, priming them in preparation for painting, partitioning the bathrooms and replacing old plumbing and electrical wiring.

Project coordinators Andy and Bunny Peterson from Hinsdale,

Ill., have worked on a number of jobs sponsored by Maranatha International. During those projects they met many skilled men and women in the construction arena. Friends who live in Honolulu asked the Petersons if they would gather a group of volunteers with those skills and experience and come to Hawaii for the benefit of Camp Waianae. "Andy and Bunnie Peterson and their team totally inspired me," said Jesse Seibel, Hawaii Conference youth director.



Volunteers gave Camp Waianae an overdue update.

The Petersons and Larry and Jan Lanaville from Madison, Wis., came a week earlier than the others to assess the needs and purchase supplies for the priority projects that they could complete in a three-week period.

Former Hawaiian Mission Academy teacher Art Kanna was among the volunteers. The group had one goal: to make Camp Waianae a place where children, youth and members of Hawaii Conference can grow into a closer walk with God. "It was so encouraging to see a team assembled from around the United States [and Canada] sacrificing so much for our children here in Hawaii," said Seibel.


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Second Annual Lobby Day a Success

Ed Fergusson

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Jeanice Warden-Wahington presents lobbying from a staff member's perspective.

Amina Carter, did the morning training. Pastor Jim Redfield from Penn Valley assisted the teams in practicing before actually going to the Capitol. Alan Reinach, executive director of the Church State Council, explained the details of the legislative issues being lobbied.

During the evening reception, Dr. John Graz from the International Religious Liberty Association gave a report on the

status of human rights around the world. Three people present from the Pacific Union who have received the A. T. Jones Award for Religious Liberty were acknowledged. This award is given each year to a person in the Adventist church who has championed the cause of religious freedom. Four of the eight awards given so far have gone to members from the Pacific Union.

The goal of having a lobby day is to train church members how they can get involved in influencing the political process. The principles learned can be applied at the local city and county level. The training is to help members get involved by using God's methods to make a difference.

On Monday, May 3, teams from the North American Religious Liberty Association—West joined the staff of the Church State Council to visit all 120 legislators of the State of California during the annual Lobby Day event.

There were two issues addressed in the lobbying efforts: Senate Bill 906, the Civil Marriage and Religious Freedom Act, and a potential California Workplace Religious Freedom Act. After a morning of training, the teams met with representatives and staff. "I enjoyed the lobbying day and hope to do more of it on the behalf of our church in the near future," said Dalia Cahill, church member from Northern California.

Former assemblyman Alan Nakanishi and Jeanice Warden-Washington, current legislative director for assemblymember Wilmer

Dr. John Graz pauses with A.T. Jones Medal for Religious Freedom winners Dorothy Keyes, Deborah Fountain and Alan Reinach.





Passover Celebrated in Five Conferences of the Pacific Union

Alan J. Reinach

Adventist Jews around the world gather at Passover time to enjoy a traditional meal and retelling of the Exodus known as a Seder. It is the most popular Jewish holiday of the year, and a wonderful opportunity to build spiritual bridges with Jewish friends. This year, Passover Seders were conducted in diverse places throughout the Pacific Union, connecting the story of the Exodus from Egypt with the atoning sacrifice of the Messiah and the Last Supper.

At the Glendale, Ariz., church, Bruce and Liana Lipps prepared a traditional meal, including matzoh ball soup, for more than 130 people who attended a Seder during the potluck time after worship. The Seder followed a liturgy that Jews have been using since before the time of Christ. It was led by Alan Reinach, director of the Church State Council, who connected the various elements of the service with the events of the Last Supper enjoyed by Jesus and his disciples. There were a number of Jewish people in attendance, some who had become Adventists, and who had not celebrated a Seder in many years. They became very emotional about connecting their own culture and history with their newly-cherished Christian faith.

Reinach flew home that evening to conduct a second Seder in Thousand Oaks, Calif., as a ministry of the Jewish Adventist ministry

Felice Manheim, left, lights the festival candles as Alan Reinach looks on.



starting there, known as Congregation Beth Ohavey Torah, “The house of those who love the Torah.” Pastor Paul Lippi from New York recently began leading weekly services on Sabbath afternoons at the Thousand Oaks church, following a traditional Jewish liturgy, offering a contextualized outreach for Jews and Christians alike.

Meanwhile, Dr. John and Elizabeth Dexter from Santa Barbara conducted not one, but two Seders, thanks to weather related travel delays, in Sacramento and in Reno, Nev. Small groups retold the Passover story, and attendees got both physical and spiritual nourishment.

Tom Eisendrath hosted a Seder in Kauai, Hawaii, for many Jews from the community.

Although Adventists do not believe celebration of the biblical festivals is a legal obligation, many report that doing so can be a spiritual blessing. Paul writes

about keeping the Passover, and Ellen White compares camp meetings to the Feast of Tabernacles. For Jews, the Passover Seder is the most popular holiday of the year, combining wonderful food, music, stories and tradition in a gathering of family and friends.

Because the Passover is so rich in spiritual blessings and outreach opportunities, Pastor Jeff Zaremsky, who leads two Jewish Adventist congregations in Florida, teamed up with White Horse Ministries to produce “The Ultimate Passover,” a DVD presentation of the spiritual significance of the Passover. It is a resource for any church or member who wants to understand the Passover or conduct a seder, and is available from White Horse Ministries and at Adventist Book Centers.



CALENDARS

Arizona

ADVENTURER CAMP (June 27-July 4) Camp Yavapines. Info: Karen Glassford, 480-991-6777, ext. 125, or www.azsdayouth.com.

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TWEEN CAMP (July 11-18) Camp Yavapines. Info: Karen Glassford, 480-991-6777, ext. 125, or www.azsdayouth.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN CAMP MEETING (July 16-18) Kinlichee. Info: Pastor Phil Vecchiarrelli, 928-266-8638.

TEEN CAMP (July 18-25) Camp Yavapines. Info: Karen Glassford, 480-991-6777, ext. 125, or www.azsdayouth.com.

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR (July 31) Cottonwood and North Central Arizona. Info: Betty Alvarez, 480-991-6777, ext. 132.

Central California

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

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

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

DEPRESSION RECOVERY Training/Seminar (July 19-July 23) Soquel Camp Meeting. Guest Speakers: Dr. Neil Nedley and Paula Reiter. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING (July 19-July 23) Basic and Advanced, at Soquel Camp Meeting. Guest Speaker: Daniel McManus. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

DESIGNING HEARTS for the Best Relationships (July 19-July 23) Soquel Camp Meeting. Guest Speakers: Carlton H. Oler, Pierre Steenberg and Marty Hix. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

7 SECRETS OF EFFECTIVE FATHERS (Aug. 7) 3-5 p.m., CCC office, Barney Zapata is the guest speaker. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR (Aug. 14) 3-6 p.m. Mountain View Central church, Pierre Steenberg is the guest speaker. Info: Lisseth, 559-347-3176 or lpsillas@cccsda.org.

Northern California

SUMMER TUTORIAL PROGRAM (June 21-July 16) 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free math, English and reading tutoring for all students. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: 916-381-5353.

WEEKEND CAMP MEETING (July 9-11) St. Helena church, 1777 Main Street, St. Helena. Come hear guest speaker Dr. Greg King, chair of Southern Adventist University's religion department. Youth programs. Concert: Keith Cordis. Sunday Health Expo. Info: www.shsda.org; info@shsda.org; 707-963-4461.

EDUCATION DAY (July 10) Worship, 11 a.m.; graduation, 6 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: Judith Young, 916-381-5353.

WESTERN YOUTH CONFERENCE (July 14-18) "In His Image." Weimar Center, 20601 W. Paoli Lane, Weimar.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 18-22) Castle Kids "Choosing to Serve the King." Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: 916-381-5353.

REDWOOD CAMP MEETING (July 22-31) Speakers: Adventist Review editor Bill Knott; Faith For Today Television speaker/director Mike Tucker; Renewed Heart Ministries director Herb Montgomery, and more. Info: www.ncc.adventist.org/redwood; 707-946-2452; redwoodreg@ncc.adventist.org.

YOUTH CHOIR REUNION (July 24) 7-9 p.m. Inspirational concert by Capitol City youth. Sacramento-Capitol City church. 6701 Lemon Hill Ave., Sacramento. Info: Sabrina Prieur, 916-381-5353.

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SECCYOUTH DAY at Magic Mountain (July 18) 10 a.m.-10 p.m. \$35 per person, includes entrance and lunch. Info: 951-509-2260, liz.adams@seccsda.org, www.seccyouth.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 19-23) 6 p.m., La Sierra University church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave., Riverside. All children ages 5-12 are invited to "Egypt: Joseph's Journey From Prison to Palace." Preschoolers welcome with an accompanying adult. Info: 951-354-7095.

VESPER CONCERT (July 24) Brazilian-born singer Tell Procopio, from Miami. 7 p.m., Paradise Village, 2700 E. 4th St., National City. Info: 619-475-0383.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 26-30) 5:30 p.m., Anaheim church, 900 S. Sunkist. St., Anaheim. Theme: "Egypt: Joseph's Journey From Prison to Palace." Info: 714-550-0866, 714-635-0990.

Southern California

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 5-10) "Rainforest Adventure." 6:45-8:15 p.m. Closing program, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. Tamarind Ave. church, 417 S. Tamarind Ave., Compton. Info: 323-774-0181.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT (July 10) Featuring South African vocalist Pierre van der Westhuizen in Concert. A reception will be held in the courtyard following the concert, allowing everyone to meet the artist. Free. 4 p.m. Glendale City church, 610 E. California Ave. Info: www.glendalecitysda.com; 818-244-7241.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 17 & 18; July 24 & 25) "Egypt File: Decoding the Mystery of Life." 5-7 p.m. West Covina Hills church, 3536 E. Temple Way, West Covina. Info: 626-915-7819; wchsdachurch.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 19-23) "Heroes." Learn about unnamed heroes in the Bible. 6-8:30 p.m. Downey church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd. Info: 562-869-6013; www.downeychurch.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 19-23) "Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace." 6-8:30 p.m. Norwalk church, 12191 Firestone Blvd. Info: 562-863-0614.

YOUTH BLOW OUT (July 24-31) "It's Not About Us It's About Jesus—How Then Shall We Live?" 7 p.m.; Sabbath mornings only. Tamarind Ave. church, 417 S. Tamarind Ave., Compton Info: 323-774-0181.

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CARLE, JOAN MARIE "JOANIE" — b. May 6, 1946, Glendale, Calif.; d. April 10, 2010, Modesto, Calif. Survivors: husband, Lance; son, Troy; sister, Brenda Holden.

CRAWFORD, RAY BERTRAM — b. Jan. 10, 1920, Chipman, New Brunswick, Canada; d. May 5, 2010, Seal Rock, Ore. Survivors: son, Mark; daughter, Cindy Lawson; two grandchildren. Was a professor of cardiology at Loma Linda University School of Medicine at the White Memorial and Loma Linda University medical centers.

DAVIS, VERNEDIA J. (BARNETT) — b. Dec. 8, 1937, St. Louis, Mo.; d. March 31, 2010, Oakland, Calif. Survivors: husband, Melvin; son, Wallace; five grandchildren.

DUNLAP, BETTY J. (CANFIELD) — b. July 20, 1922, Ohio; d. April 19, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Served as a church school teacher prior to working at Pacific Press Publishing Association as a list clerk for 19 years.

GAMBETTA, LEON — b. Feb. 9, 1914, San Miguel Cané, Argentina; d. March 25, 2010, St. Helena, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mary; sons, Ariel, Charles and Robert Garcia; daughter, Nora; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Taught Spanish at Pacific Union College, Loma Linda University (La Sierra), and Stanford University; editor for Pacific Press; missionary at Antillean University in Puerto Rico.

GENTRY, CAROLYN L. — b. March 30, 1942, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. April 15, 2010, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: husband, David; son, David Jordan. Occasional speaker for North American Religious Liberty Association events.

HAFNER, CHARLOTTE (BRIGGS) — b. Dec. 30, 1909, New York, N.Y.; d. April 24, 2010, Chico, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Eunice Dunn, Donna Burdy, Jeanne Shafer; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren.

HAWKINS, ROBERT LEE — b. Dec. 10, 1934, Calif.; d. Jan. 7, 2010, Fair Oaks, Calif.

HOOD, THOMAS ANDREW JACKSON — b. April 8, 1922, Texas; d. Jan. 4, 2010, Santa Rosa, Calif.

INGRAM, CHARLES RICHARD — b. Sept. 28, 1926, Wenatchee, Wash.; d. Jan. 10, 2010, Palm Springs, Calif.

Survivors: son, Charles; daughter, Ruth Ann Newell; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

LANDIS, DERWIN LLOYD — b. May 9, 1930, Shanghai, China; d. Jan. 3, 2010, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivors: wife, Erma; four sons: Joseph Zhang, Phillip Ma, David Chen and Daniel Feng; six grandchildren; sister, Norma Hilliard; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

MARTIN, ROBIN ELIZABETH — b. Dec. 18, 1977, Willits, Calif. d. May 1, 2010, Jamestown, Calif. Survivors: husband, John; mother, Ellen Perry; father, Carl Kruger; step-father, Roger Perry; brothers, Michael Kruger, Jerry Beer, Cary Beer; grandfather, Isak Raappana.

PADDOCK, DOROTHY M. — b. Sept. 14, 1914, Paisley, Scotland; d. May 13, 2010, Yorba Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Lenetta Gee; two grandchildren.

REUNITZ, MARY JOANN — b. Oct. 28, 1922, Colorado Springs, Colo.; d. April 9, 2010, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: sons, Keith Frederick, Gordon Paul; daughter, Linda Louise Reunitz Dryer; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Louise Thomas; brother, George Foster.

RHODES, KEITH ALDEN — b. Jan. 1, 1929, Pontiac, Mich.; d. April 13, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: daughters, La Velle Rhodes, Jan Renee Schulz; brothers, Dwight, Dale; sister, Beverly MacDonald.

RODDY, DOROTHY "DOTTY" LOUISE (WHITECOTTON) — b. July 14, 1930, Ardmore, Okla.; d. April 25, 2010, Pah-rump, Nev. Survivors: sons, Joe, Gary, Brian; daughters, Suzan, Diana; stepson, Neal; stepdaughters, Joanne, Nancy; 29 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren.

SCHULTE, LAURA JO (WILLIAMS) — b. July 6, 1976, Republic of Zaire; d. May 11, 2010, Chico, Calif. Survivors: husband, Mike; son, Carson; daughter, Cameryn.

SEGORIA, STEVEN — b. Oct. 24, 1960, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. March 29, 2010, Paradise, Calif.

SIMPSON, WILLIAMS L. "LOU" — b. Feb. 2, 1921, Doniphen County, Kan.; d. May 5, 2010, Napa, Calif. Survivors: wife, Edith; sons, Gary, Dennis; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

STRICKLAND, STELLA DAWN (KLIMOSH) — b. Jan. 27, 1934, Czech Republic; d. March 3, 2010, Napa, Calif. Survivors: son, David Broome; daughter, Dawn Williams.

TURNER, ROBERT E. — b. April 17, 1931, Ventura, Calif.; d. Dec. 29, 2009,

Ojai, Calif. Survivors: wife, Caroline; sons, John, Mark; daughter, Lisa.

WEATHERALL, THELMA ALVIRA (FLATTUM) — b. May 26, 1908, Calif.; d. Jan. 16, 2010, Willows, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Donna Roberts. Served as a missionary and Bible worker.

WEBSTER, JAMES L. — b. Jan. 18, 1923, Chico, Calif.; d. April 30, 2010, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Betty; sons, James, John; one grandchild. Was a missionary to Thailand for more than seven years.

WRIGHT, PATRICIA R. (BROWN) — b. Aug. 27, 1933, Calif.; d. Feb. 25, 2010, Portland, Ore. Survivors: husband, Melvin; son, Charles; daughter, Carolyn Selivanoff; three grandchildren.



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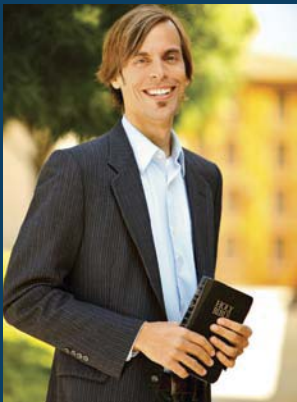
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