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Pray for Seattle

Adventist world church leaders have encouraged members to reach out to every major city around the globe. Our first Northwest focus is Seattle, and the effort is already underway. More than 1.2 million handbills have entered Seattle-area homes. More than 60 churches throughout the city and neighboring communities will begin 100-plus Bible prophecy meetings on Oct. 4. Each member and church in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington is urged to claim the Matthew 18 principle: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name ..." Join other Northwest Adventists in prayer this Sabbath, Sept. 28. Read more about how you can be a productive part of the Northwest Prayer Team.
PLR Listeners Rally Toward the Goal
Paul Richardson, new Positive Life Radio (PLR) general manager, reports that the annual Fall Fundraiser for the radio network was a success. During three days of on-air awareness, listeners helped raise more than 92 percent of the $690,000 goal. PLR broadcasts to 120,000 listeners on five local stations in Washington and Idaho: KEEH 104.9 (Spokane), KGTS 91.3 (Walla Walla/Tri-Cities), KPLL 94.9 (Lewiston), KPLW (Wenatchee) and KYPL 91.1 (Yakima). It is also heard globally online at plr.org. Read more about their fundraiser at PLR.org

Volunteers Step Up in Colorado
More than 700 volunteers helped over the weekend at the Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief collection/distribution center in Loveland, Colo., located near the center of the population affected by the recent massive flooding. As of Sept. 22, 15,000 food items have been distributed and 12,000 pieces of clothing have been given out. Volunteers from the community are also helping. They are partnering with Salvation Army, the Mormon Church and some of the mega churches in the area. Campion Academy students have volunteered over 500 hours helping with flood relief in Colorado. Watch the North American Division Adventist Community Services website and Facebook page for updates and for information on how to donate.

Bradshaw Responds to Health Concerns
Several emails circulating this week suggest that the cancer reported by John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, has now spread to his lymphatic system. In a memo to It Is Written partners today, Bradshaw clarifies that only four of the 61 lymph nodes examined following surgery to remove a small tumor from his tongue were found to contain cancerous cells. He also stresses that, contrary to rumors, the radiation treatment he is currently undergoing does not pose an imminent threat to his voice or vocal chords. Regardless of specific details, we continue to urge Northwest members to keep John Bradshaw and the It Is Written ministry in prayer.
Vote Now or Lose Out
Several Northwest Adventist schools are seeking votes in order to receive a portion of the $5 million being given from Target. Each vote means another dollar for the school of your choice. As of this morning, Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash., was just 67 votes from the number one spot, with Rivergate Adventist School in Gladstone, Ore., not far behind. Voting has been extended to Sept. 30, or until all the funds have been given away. Here's where you can vote. Don't delay ... time is running out.

Is Religious Liberty Under Attack?
The Seventh-day Adventist Church last week filed a lawsuit against the city of Las Cruces in the U.S. state of New Mexico over an ordinance church lawyers say violates religious expression and unfairly targets pastor-led faith groups, especially Latino churches. The ordinance ostensibly requires all pastor-led churches within city limits to register with the city, pay a registration fee and pass a discretionary review process before gaining approval to conduct worship services or provide pastoral care. Faith groups that are lay-led rather than clergy-led are not subject to the requirements, lawyers said. Read more from Adventist News Network.

NPUC Walks the Talk
The national Let's Move Day was celebrated by many on Sunday, Sept. 22, but the activity came a day later at the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) headquarters. NPUC staff put sack lunches aside, donned T-shirts and headed out on a brisk walk through the neighboring community during the noon hour. Even at the workplace, Adventists can and should be a living example that regular exercise is a healthy thing.

Let's Go on a Hayride ... Safely
Serious injuries and deaths have occurred during hayrides. Participants have fallen from wagons and been run over by the wagon's wheel, vehicles have struck poorly lit wagons and cars have struck participants walking behind wagons. Excess speeds and loss of control have also caused injuries. Minimum safety measures should always be maintained and include several simple-to-remember instructions. Read more about these steps at Adventist Risk Management online and how your church, school or other sponsored activity can ensure a fun and safe event.
Looking Ahead

September

27–29: Montana Men's Summit
27–28: DiscipleShip
27–29: Native American Camp Meeting
28: Heritage Singers Concert & Prayer Rally

October

4–6: UCA Alumni Homecoming
5: OAMC Presents Brethren in Concert
11–12: Milo Alumni Weekend
18–20: NPUC Health Ministries Weekend

More Events

Want to advertise in GleanerNOW?

While no one looks forward to a hospital stay, sometimes you need the care a hospital provides. And when you need that care, you want the best available. Adventist Health operates three hospitals, and multiple clinics, throughout the Northwest. This month's GLEANER looks at how they are ministering to both body and soul in the Northwest. Read more in the October GLEANER.
Northwest Day of Prayer

Sabbath, September 28

Imagine nearly 100,000 Northwest Adventists praying together for one purpose. You are invited to join this Northwest-wide prayer team on September 28 to pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on Reach Seattle Metro and its guests, speakers, volunteers and churches.

The effort to reach our largest Northwest city for Jesus is underway. More than 1.2 million handbills have entered Seattle-area homes. More than 60 churches throughout the city and neighboring communities will begin 100-plus Bible prophecy meetings on October 4. Your prayers are valued!

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What, Who, Why and How

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What is behind this Reach Seattle Metro effort?

President Ted N.C. Wilson has challenged our world church to strategically plan how to reach urban areas with messages about Jesus. The North American Division has in turn asked each union territory to identify its largest city and focus evangelism activities in that region during 2013. The Seattle metro area — with more than 5 million residents in western Washington — represents the largest population area in the Pacific Northwest.

Hence, to help fulfill our world church strategy in our region, the North Pacific Union Conference is encouraging all Northwest members to pray for Reach Seattle Metro. During this initiative, 64 western Washington churches will be working together to present 100-plus Bible prophecy meetings, all starting on or around October 4, 2013. The goal is to help seminar attendees understand more about Bible prophecy and how God cares for each person.

Leading up to October 4, Adventist members in western Washington are participating in 40 days of prayer. In addition, 1.2 million invitations have been sent to Seattle metro households. A multi-media campaign is inviting people to visit unlockprophecy.com to find a seminar location closest to them.

So how do we get involved as members around the Northwest?

We urge each member and church family to set aside Sabbath, September 28, for a day of prayer on behalf of Reach Seattle Metro. And you can keep praying for this special public outreach which will continue throughout October. We invite you to pray for …

- an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform lives,
- the health and protection of speakers and volunteers at each location,
- each church in fostering a welcoming, relational environment,
- each church in realizing new conversions, inactive members reunited and God’s kingdom growing, and
- each church and each member in experiencing the blessing of revival.

Pastors … consider holding a special prayer segment for Reach Seattle Metro during your church service or other church-related event on Sept. 28. Or, if that is impossible, personally encourage your leaders and members to make time in prayer during Sabbath School class or at home.

You or your church can download a bulletin insert master to be copied and inserted on a Sabbath before and/or on the September 28 date.

So why should each Northwest member get involved?

It’s no secret that each of us feels lifted when we know others are praying for us. The biblical injunction from Matthew 18 “where two or three are gathered together in My name” is a spiritual principle we can all claim. Seattle may not be your home town, but it is the largest city in our North Pacific Union Conference territory. It’s a sacred privilege for each of us to “gather together” wherever we are on September 28 to lift up our Washington Conference leaders, pastors, members and churches as they prepare to reach out to the most populated area of the Northwest. In doing so, we will truly be a Northwest Prayer Team.

Suggested Church Bulletin announcement

Join other members in a Day of Prayer, Sabbath, Sept. 28, specifically for Reach Seattle Metro, a special outreach to the largest populated area within the Northwest. More than 60 churches throughout greater Seattle area will begin this public ministry on Oct. 4. Your prayers are needed! Find out more at npuc.org/prayer
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Reach Seattle Metro

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Day of Prayer — September 28, 2013

You are invited to join in Reach Seattle Metro. The Northwest Adventist family is invited to set aside September 28 for a Day of Prayer and to pray for Reach Seattle Metro throughout October. Wherever you are in the Pacific Northwest (or beyond), please dedicate this day to praying for Reach Seattle Metro.

Join the Northwest Prayer Team in praying for:

1. An abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and ministries.
2. The health and protection of speakers.
3. Each church to foster a relational, friendly and accepting environment.
4. Each church to see an increase of people baptized, inactive members reuniting, people attending, and God’s kingdom growing.
5. Each church to experience the blessing of revival.

Unlocking Prophecy / Rethink Prophecy — October 4, 2013

The Unlocking Prophecy and Rethink Prophecy seminars are open to the community to attend. You are welcome to invite your friends in western Washington to attend a free seminar. Seminar styles and presenters will vary from site to site. Seminars will be presented in English, Spanish, Korean and Russian (based on their respective locations). Each seminar will present Bible-based, multimedia presentations. Some sites will be offering programming for children. A list of locations is available at unlockprophecy.com.
Once again, God was faithful and our listeners stepped up in a big way to support Positive Life Radio this week during our Fall Fundraiser. We set an ambitious goal of raising $690,000 and in three days 92.2% of those dollars were pledged. Generous donors called us early and put more than $35,000 in the challenge pool to attract matches from listeners across the Inland Northwest and around the world.

Please consider helping us reach our goals for these stations in our network:

- KEEH (Spokane) achieved 99.7% of their goal - $887 is still needed there
- KGTS/KPLL (Walla Walla/Lewiston) achieved 96.6% of their goal – $6,979 is still needed
- KPLW (Wenatchee) achieved 83.6% of their goal -- $18,804 is still needed there
- KYPL (Yakima) achieved 76.5% of their goal -- $25,873 is still needed there

Thank you so much,

Paul Richardson

PLR General Manager

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Adventist Church files lawsuit against U.S. city for ‘blatant’ religious liberty violation

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Earlier this year, city officials threatened to take legal action if the Las Cruces Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church failed to comply with the requirements of the business registration ordinance.

Las Cruces Ordinance No. 16-131 defines a business as “any profession, trade or occupation and all and every kind of calling,” including the work of pastors, priests, rabbis, bishops, imams and other religious leaders.

The ordinance ostensibly requires all pastor-led churches within city limits to register with the city, pay a registration fee and pass a discretionary review process before gaining approval to conduct worship services or provide pastoral care. Faith groups that are lay-led rather than clergy-led are not subject to the requirements, lawyers said.

According to a complaint filed by the church in the U.S. District Court of New Mexico, there is no timeframe for an approval, and no avenue for appeal if the city denies an application.

“I’ve never seen anything like this. It blatantly goes against the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution,” said Todd McFarland, an associate General Counsel for the Seventh-day Adventist world church.

Further troubling church lawyers, the ordinance requires separate registrations for each location that business is conducted. Lawyers said this stipulation could require pastors to obtain special permission before visiting sick members, providing off-site counseling or conducting evangelism.

“Such religious speech and activities frequently occur in private homes, public meeting places, hospitals and funeral homes as a result of regularly occurring life events with very little if any advance notice,” the complaint stated. “It is impossible for an applicant subject to the ordinance to provide accurate information because many pastoral activities are a response to unpredictable events.”

Church lawyers also said the ordinance is “impermissibly vague” because it fails to specify what actions fall under the definition of “calling” and thus require separate advance approval.

A list of exemptions to the requirements, including certain athletic officials and artists, “favor non-religious speech over religious speech,” the complaint stated, noting that the ordinance “overturns” protections provided by Article II, section 11 of the New Mexico Constitution.

According to the complaint, “these protections were intended to provide religious speech with more, not less, protection than speech related to a ball game, a portrait of a family pet or other ‘art’ product.”

Meanwhile, Las Cruces city officials maintain that the ordinance is meant to benefit citizens.

“The City of Las Cruces believes that its requirements to have businesses, including churches, within city limits have a business license...
meets the city’s obligations to provide its citizens with fire and police protection and comply with the Constitution,” William R. Babington Jr., deputy city attorney for Las Cruces, said by email.

“The City trusts that the courts will agree with its position,” Babington added.

There are more than 100 churches within Las Cruces city limits, but the ordinance, Adventist lawyers said, has been applied only to a small percentage of these churches and, according to the complaint, “disparately applied to single out Hispanic and Latino churches.”

In June, the Las Cruces Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church was first notified that it had seven days to comply with the requirements or face “court action,” according to a letter from the city’s Codes Enforcement Department. However, the Las Cruces Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, a majority non-Latino congregation, received no such notice.

“This problem came to us; we didn’t go looking for it,” said McFarland, who is representing the Las Cruces Spanish Adventist Church and the Texico Conference.

The U.S. District Court of New Mexico has not yet set a trial date.

The Adventist Church’s Texico Conference oversees church operations in West Texas and New Mexico, where it maintains 80 churches and supports a membership of 12,000.
HAYRIDES

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Minimum safety measures should always be maintained and include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide adequate supervision to prevent horseplay and ensure that no one attempts to get on or off a wagon while it is moving;
- Before the ride, ensure that all participants are fully aware of the safety rules;
- Load and unload the wagon in a well-lit and safe location out of the way of any traffic, and provide assistance as necessary for participants when boarding or offloading;
- Keep all participants away from tow vehicles or horses at all times;
- Avoid the use of public roads, and roads with steep hills and excessive curves. Where a quiet public road must be used, require a follow-up vehicle with warning signage and four-way flashers;
- If possible, mark private roads with low voltage or battery operated lighting in particularly dark areas and to highlight curves. Do not use candles, lanterns or other means that if damaged could cause a fire;
- Before the hayride, inspect private roads for dangerous ruts, rocks or debris and low hanging or dead overhead limbs;
- Provide sideboards and end panels to prevent participants from sliding off or being jolted off if the wagon hits a pothole, rock or other rough spot;
- Ensure all gates and sideboards are properly secured before starting out;
- Insist that riders keep their arms and legs inside the wagon to prevent injury from trees or brush;
- Ensure that occupants remain seated during the ride;
- Provide proper lights at the front and rear of the wagon during night hayrides and at other times when visibility might be in doubt;
- Place reflectors and/or lights along the sides of the wagon;
- Keep the tow vehicle and wagon properly maintained and document all maintenance;
- Ensure that the driver is experienced with the vehicle used (tractor, truck, horses, etc.);
- Allow only the driver on the tow vehicle unless additional seating is provided by the manufacturer;
- Do not exceed a speed of six miles per hour; and
- Provide a means of securely latching the wagon to the tow vehicle.

Hayrides can be fun, but they can also be tragic without adequate attention to safety. Make sure you do your part to ensure a safe ride.
October 2013

**UCA Class of 1963 50th Reunion**

Upper Columbia Academy Class of 1963 is looking for all classmates in preparation for their 50th reunion at Upper Columbia Academy. The class will be headquartered at the DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane City Center. For information, please contact Betty Coleman Cox.

Find out more »

**UCA Alumni Homecoming**

All former staff, students and their families are invited back to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, food and fun! Contact the alumni office for further information at 509-245-3692 or alumni@ucaa.org. Honored classes end in “3” and “8.”

Find out more »

**FREE**

**OAMC Presents Brethren – In Concert**

Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus presents Brethren – in Concert. A concert ranging from classical to gospel. It is a free concert but tickets are required. Reserved your tickets online at www.oamc.org or by calling 503-410-6970.

Find out more »

**Fall Classic Tournament**

Walla Walla University hosts the Fall Classic for academy’s soccer and volleyball team tournament. More information online at www.wallawalla.edu/fallclassic.

Find out more »

**Simply Cooking**

Simply Cooking, a plant-based cooking series presented by Ronni Reinecke, will feature all things gravy. Good Gravy is the title of her presentation, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is a free class which includes demonstrations, vegan recipe handouts, samples and cooking tips. Please join us and share your plant-based cooking tips. Reserve your spot by calling Wanda at 360-967-2165.

Find out more »

**Oregon Milo Alumni Weekend**


Find out more »

**NPUC Health Ministries Weekend**

Vision for Life: Empowering Health Ministries in the Northwest As part of the ongoing effort to provide support and training to our members and to help each church become a Center of Hope and Healing, NPUC is offering a weekend of further health training and CHIP Leadership Training. Our guest speaker for the weekend will be Fred Hardinge, General Conference associate health director and Stephan.
Herzog, Lifestyle Medicine Institute and CHIP regional manager of North America. This part of the…

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**UCC Christian Women’s and Young Women’s Retreat**

Women and young women are invited to attend the Upper Columbia Conference Christian Women’s and Young Women’s Retreat, October 25-27 at Camp MiVoden in Idaho. The featured guest speaker is Brenda Walsh who is an author, musical performer and the host of Kid’s Time on 3ABN. Enjoy rest, relaxation, crafts and special seminars. For more information and to register go to www.uccsda.org/women.

Find out more »

**WWU Family Weekend**

Families of current Walla Walla University students are invited to the WWU main campus for Family Weekend. Come participate in class visits, student missions vespers, Sabbath seminars, music events, and a complimentary Sabbath dinner with John and Pam McVay. For more information, see wallawalla.edu/family-weekend or call the Office of Advancement at 800-377-2586.

Find out more »

**Sharon Church 2nd Annual Homecoming Celebration**

Connecting people to the promise with speaker Dr. Terry Johnson. At the Sharon Church, 5209 NE 22nd Ave., Portland, Ore. For more information, call 503-287-7649 or email sharonhomecoming2013@gmail.com.

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