Delegates Deny Divisions Ordination Authority

General Conference Session delegates voted "No" today on the question of whether or not world church divisions can decide for their territories to ordain women as pastors. Using secret ballots, 2,363 delegates cast votes. With five delegates abstaining, 1,381 (59%) voted "No," and 977 (41%) voted "Yes." Following a morning session filled with background information about the Theology of Ordination Committee process and outcomes, delegates lodged comments from the floor until 4:30 p.m., when the actual voting process took place.
NAD Meets Following 'No' Vote

Following the delegate vote regarding women’s ordination on the floor of the Alamodome this afternoon, Dan Jackson, North American Division (NAD) president, spoke to NAD delegates and special guests in a convention hall meeting room. In light of the vote, his purpose was twofold: 1) Affirm NAD women pastors for their ministry in the present and future; and 2) Encourage NAD delegates and workers to maintain a positive, hopeful spirit. “At the end of the day,” he said, “God knows how to take good care of His children.” He assured those present that the NAD would not lead a rebellion against the world church. “We are all bound together by bonds formed by the blood of Jesus,” he said. “Our NAD initiatives are all well within world church policies.”

NPUC Will Revisit Ordination Stance

Prior to the 2015 General Conference Session, the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee voted to call a special constituency session to address the issue of ordination as it relates to the call of women pastors within the NPUC. The committee voted to hold the special session after the world church vote on whether or not world divisions could make provision for the ordination of women within their own territories. They did so to ensure that any further NPUC actions would be done within the context of the most recent world church decisions. The next scheduled meeting for the NPUC executive committee is Wednesday, August 19. At that meeting, the committee will determine how to proceed in light of the action taken regarding the ordination of women at today’s General Conference Session business meeting.
"A scant week before I was to leave for San Antonio, I tried place kicking the laundry room door. I did so neither on purpose nor with any semblance of accuracy. Only my little toe met the mark, and therein lies the problem. A break or a sprain? It's not very plain. But when I walk the streets of the city, the corridors of the Alamodome or the convention center exhibits, I get the strong sensation that all is not well with my sole." Continue reading on the NPUC Gleaner Facebook page.
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July

- July 2–11: General Conference Session, San Antonio, TX
- July 15: Restoration International's NW Family Retreat, Spangle, WA
- July 17: NAARA Annual Retreat, Lillooet, British Columbia, Canada
- July 21–25: UCC Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting, Republic, WA

More Events Online
Changes are coming to Adventist education in the Northwest — many of them good and all of them challenging. Through it all, educational leaders are committed to continuing the unique mission of Adventist schools. What does the future hold for our students? Read more in the July *Gleaner* at [GleanerNow.com](http://GleanerNow.com).