GLENDALE CITY CHURCH NEWS
July 31, 2012

Dear Center,

**Columbia Union Constituency Overwhelmingly Approves Ordination Without Regard to Gender.** In a specially called session of the Columbia Union Conference Constituency on August 26, delegates from its eight conferences voted overwhelmingly to approve a recommendation from the union executive committee authorizing ordination without regard to gender. Despite General Conference attempts to influence the vote against passing, the historic vote was 209 in favor and 51 opposed, with nine abstentions—a ratio of 4 to 1. The approved motion states: "That the Columbia Union Conference authorize ordination to the gospel ministry without regard to gender." This means that the union will no longer deny requests from conferences to ordain proven female ministers to the gospel ministry. The Northern German Union recently voted similarly, and the Pacific Union will vote on a similar provision on August 19. "There was a good spirit and healthy discussion, all bathed in prayer," says Dave Weigley, Columbia Union president. "We remain part of, united with, and fully committed to the mission of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church." The four-hour meeting will shortly be available for viewing at [www.columbiaunion.org/2012specialconstituency](http://www.columbiaunion.org/2012specialconstituency).

**Needed from our congregation: supervisor** for our Sunday Church of Christ renters. Glendale City Church will pay hourly reimbursement to the supervisor for time spent here on Sunday mornings.
**Bible Study Class** “God in the 66,” in the council room, **Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.** All welcome.

**A+ Children’s Center Summer Camp**, now through **August 30**, ages 5-9 years, pay per week or per day. For more information, contact 818/241-9353.

**Youth Programs** (for more information, contact Pastor Cherise, 626-484-8436): Mark your calendars for community service activities after worship service, **August 25**.

**Attention all children’s Sabbath schools!** Sabbath schools K-youth will be joined together in the youth room now through **September 1**.

**Sunset Friday**, August 3 - 7:53 p.m.

**Upcoming Sermons**
August 4 - Rudy Torres
August 11 - Rudy Torres

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