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**May the Cross and Christ's Resurrection  
bring you joy and assurance of victory  
over darkness.**

Rocky Mountain Conference

## **Campion Hosts Record Number of Visiting Students for Academy Days »**

Campion Academy provided a warm welcome to 100 potential students over Academy Days weekend, April 12-13. With enrollment director Jessica Rios spearheading the event and traveling to churches and elementary schools throughout the year, the number of students attending academy days has increased significantly over the last three years. "It went better than expected," Rios reflected. "It was well attended by both parents and prospective students. Much interest was generated about our school and program with some applying for school during the weekend. That's what this weekend was about, and fruit came out of it so I would say it went very well."

Friday, April 19, 2019

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"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit."

-- Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 83.


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## **Healthy Nugget**

"When he worked, he really worded. But when he played, he really played."

-- Dr. Seuss

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Attending students were given the opportunity to spend a night in the dorm, tour campus, meet teachers, learn about the academic and extracurricular programs, as well as compete for scholarships. Sofie, an eighth-grader from Berthoud commented, "The school is really amazing. Everyone was so nice, and the students were very welcoming."

Even students already familiar with the campus and planning on attending Campion next year benefited from the experience. "It was a great learning experience to prepare for next year," said Bella, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at HMS Richards Elementary. "We got to meet some of our new classmates and teachers for next year and we got to see the classrooms and learn the campus." Bella was also one of the students awarded scholarship money through academic and sport competitions.



Beyond the fun, Academy Days gives students a glimpse into what it is like to live on a campus that is Christ-centered and spiritually focused. Even students that may not come to Campion next year were spiritually impacted through the worships centered around the theme, "He Knows My Name."

Kaileigh, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at HMS Richards Elementary remarked, "My favorite part of the weekend was vespers because Pastor Esequias had a really good message. Worship services were a big part of the weekend, so it helped me focus and think about spiritual things."

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## Upcoming Events

### **NAD Human Resource and Secretariat Conference**

*April 21-23*

### **Native American Camp Meeting**

*April 27-28*

### **RMC Women's Retreat -- GVR**

*April 26-28*

### **INTEL Class**

*May 3 - 4*

### **Union College Graduation Weekend**

*May 4 - 5*

### **Staff Meeting**

*May 7*

### **Hispanic Music Festival -- FEJA**

*May 18*

### **Mile High Academy Graduation**

*May 25, 8:30 p.m.*

**Campion Academy**



"The Youth Department was happy to be a part of Academy Days at Campion this year," commented Jessyka Dooley, assistant director for RMC's youth department. "We loved getting to know over 100 kids from all over the conference! Our team facilitated a short worship, giveaways, team building activities, and a game of dodgeball. We enjoy all the opportunities we get to connect with our schools."

Jessica Rios reflected on how she saw God blessing our campus during this event, saying "God blessed by moving on some families to apply to school for next year, but I think it's easy to forget how much God protects us. With more than 100 extra people on our campus, so many things can go wrong, but consistently, year after year, these events go over so smoothly with no incidents."

-- Jill Harlow with Jessyka Dooley; photos by Jessyka Dooley

## **International Students Present Festival of Cultures at Loveland Museum »**

Campion Academy's international students held a Festival of Cultures at the Loveland Museum on Thursday, April 11.

Performances, presented by students from Brazil, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, El Salvador, and Japan, included traditional dances, songs, and slide shows. The students also prepared traditional foods and featured craft booths for the audience.

Each student had ten minutes to present their country. "It was very fun. I especially enjoyed watching the Kung Fu from the China presentation because it is very different from our culture," explained Gabriele, a student from Brazil.



While the students were getting ready for their presentations, audience members could walk around the booths and ask questions of the students. Sinai Rodriguez, a student from Mexico smiled, "My favorite part was the time before the presentations started. I enjoyed each booth and its foods. A lot of people came to my booth too. I was excited, because they wanted to know about my culture."

Many students and audience members enjoyed tasting the

**Graduation**  
*May 26, 10 a.m.*

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**INTEL Class**  
*May 31 - June 1*

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**Staff Meeting**  
*June 4*

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**NE Camp Meeting**  
*June 7-8*

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**Hispanic Pastors Meeting**  
*June 10*

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**GVR Board**  
*June 18*

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**Property & Trust Committee**  
*June 19*

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**Staff Meeting**  
*July 2*

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**Cowboy Camp Meeting**  
*July 10-14*

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## **Story Guidelines: We want to share your**

**news! »** News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and

traditional foods. "I love food!" said Renan from Brazil. "My favorite food was brigadeiro, our traditional sweet."

Campion Academy, along with the Loveland Museum, plan to make this an annual event for the community to enjoy. They are already making plans for next year to use a larger space to reach a wider audience.



Campion Academy has a diverse and growing international student program. Currently, it is home to 24 international students from six different countries. Most of the students come to improve their English and earn their high school diplomas before continuing on to a university in the United States.

"As international students, we know it is very important to respect American culture, but we learned it is also important to share our cultures to the world," reflected Kaname, senior, from Japan.

Kaname Kaneiwa with Jill Harlow; photos supplied

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## VRA Students Perform "The Little Red Hen"

» The first and second grade class at Vista Ridge Academy performed "The Little Red Hen" on Thursday, April 11 with applause from the audience. It wasn't a given, though, that this project would be successful as pulling off a stage production is a lot of hard work for this age group. But the learning that occurred during preparation was enormous.



They began by learning parts and music, both of which

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develop reading skills, two months before the performance. Rehearsal times were short at the beginning, but during the week of the production, full rehearsals were held as they worked out the flow on stage with microphones.

The students gained confidence through their performance. One first grader said, "The play went well. I was nervous, but it went better than I thought it would. It was fun." Students who struggled with reading or other classroom skills reached a new level of success when they were able to shine in front of an audience. A second grader said, "The Little Red Hen play was awesome! I can't believe it is so fun being the Miller."

Vista Ridge Academy aims for students to strengthen each area of development during their time in elementary school. Giving students a voice through drama and music allows them to develop public speaking skills, memorization, and self-confidence.

Parents brought baked goods for auction, raising money for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade projects and supplies. The auction brought in more than \$1,200.

-- Becky deOliveira with Marsha Bartulec; photo by Greg Floyd

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**Montrose Women Enjoy Annual Tea »** With more than 120 women in attendance, half of whom were guests, the Montrose traditional yearly women's tea, held on April 14, was a memorable time.



Sporting hats from their own collection or from a collection belonging to Ruth Kelley the women entered Delta Montrose Electric Association headquarters, where the event was held.

Admonished to "Leave a Little Lipstick" by guest speaker, DeeAnn Bragaw, RMC Women's Ministry Director, the women were also serenaded by a group known as the "Trio," made up of Montrose members Jeanna Tullio, Stacy Nelson and Michele Grimmett; Robin Freed played the harp.

"The event keeps getting bigger and bigger each year," said one event-goer, "and forces event organizers to look for



larger venues."

The tea was organized by Judy Kelly, Jerilyn Pester and Ruth Kelley.

-- Zane Berry; photo by Linda Steinert

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**When a Mother Prays »** On a beautiful Sabbath morning in early December 2017, I awakened with anticipation as I looked forward to hearing our prospective pastor speak during the church service. In the midst of breakfast preparations, our home phone rang. I answered even though I thought it might be a telemarketer. The voice on the other end said, "Hi, are you Nelcia Roehm?" "Yes, I am," I replied. "Do you have a son?" the voice asked. My heart began pounding and a sense of fear came over me. The voice, that of a chaplain from St. Mary's Hospital, wanted to be sure she was speaking to the right person, again asking "Do you have a son?"

Overhearing the conversation from the living room, my husband came to my aid and I handed him the phone, unable to hear what she was about to tell me. While my husband spoke with the chaplain, I walked down the hall to Nertyrus' room. Opening the door, I noticed that his bed was empty and hadn't been slept in. I looked out the window to see that his car was not in the yard. That's when I knew that something had happened to my younger son.

Our 22-year-old son, Nertyrus, we learned, had been in a terrible car accident a few hours earlier, and was in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital. We were asked to come quickly!

I thought back to a day in 2015 when I had watched a movie and read the book "War Room!" It inspired me to begin a radical prayer life and to deepen my relationship with God through prayer. My number one purpose was to pray both my children back to the Lord.

My son Nertyrus had been living in a 'far country.' He smoked pot, drank alcohol, hung out with the wrong crowd, was openly defiant to my husband and me and had come in contact with law enforcement on a number of occasions.

When our backs are against the wall, the movie suggested, when it seems like the enemy has come in and taken up residence in our lives, in our homes, and our families, we are to seek the Lord in prayer. I clearly remember creating my war room using my bedroom closet. I was ready to go into battle for my sons' lives, I was going to use this one and only weapon that I had. The devil had too much power over my son.

***"Dear Lord," I prayed, "my family is in trouble. My boys have lost their way. They are walking the path of***

***destruction. I need Jesus to intervene in their lives. Lord will you please listen, Lord will you please hear my prayer, Lord Please answer.”***

As we made that dreadful drive to the hospital, I sent an SOS to heaven. I had no eloquent words, or fancy articulations, but between sobs, I simply asked God to save my son’s life.

When we got to the hospital, we were briefed on his condition. Nertyrus had a traumatic brain injury, he was intubated, on life support and had a scapula fracture, a clavicle fracture, and a diffuse axel injury, a shearing of the brain. The prognosis was not good.

One of the first things after this briefing was inform family, along with church leaders, of our need, asking them to pray. The church interrupted their service to pray for Nertyrus. About to give his interview sermon, our prospective pastor Nate Skaffe, interceded for someone he had never met. The congregation pleaded with God for his life, for healing, for strength and courage for our family and for restoration. Thousands of people in the United States and in the Caribbean were praying.

While in ICU, Netrtyrus began to awaken just a few days after the accident, even though doctors didn’t expect him to awaken at all, especially not this early. His breathing tube was taken out four days post injury!

After a week and a half, we began talking about next steps. Exploring the best options, we chose Craig Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver.

Three months at Craig Hospital and Nertyrus was ready to continue his rehabilitation at home. He was strong, walking on his own, and becoming very independent. But, that’s just part of the good news.

Nertyrus no longer wants the life that he lived before. He is attending church and says, “I don’t know why God saved me, but He did it for a reason, and I am going to live my life in search of that reason.” What we initially thought was a tragic event, we now see as a trial turned into a blessing from God. What the enemy meant for evil, God has turned into good. Don’t get me wrong, this accident has been a challenge for us as a family. The emotional, financial and physical strain has been overwhelming. However, the transformation in Nertyrus’ life has made it worth it.

Things happen when a mother prays!  
-- Adapted from a story by Neicia Roehm

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## **EASTER REFLECTION**

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### **Transformative Power of Christ's Resurrection**

» The cross itself, in short, stands at the center of the Christian message, the Christian story, and the Christian life and mission. It has lost none of its revolutionary and transformative power down through the centuries. The cross is where the great story of God and creation, focused on the strange story of God and Israel and then focused still more sharply on the personal story of God and Jesus, came into terrible but life-giving clarity. The crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth was a one-off event, the one on behalf of the many, the one moment in history on behalf of all others through which sins would be forgiven, the powers robbed of their power, and humans redeemed to take their place as worshippers and stewards, celebrating the powerful victory of God in his Messiah and so gaining the Spirit's power to make his kingdom effective in the world.

The message for us, then, is plain. Forget the "works contract," with its angry, legalistic divinity. Forget the false either/or that plays different "theories of atonement" against one another. Embrace the "covenant of vocation" or, rather, be embraced by it as the Creator calls you to a genuine humanness at last, calls and equips you to bear and reflect his image. Celebrate the revolution that happened once for all when the power of love overcame the love of power. And, in the power of that same love, join in the revolution here and now.

-- N.T. Wright in *The Day The Revolution Began*

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## EASTER WEEKEND EVENTS

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**Denver South Easter Services** » Special Easter Services will take place at the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church on **April 19 and 20** with a dramatic reenactment of the closing scenes of Jesus' life. Join us Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a program entitled, "Through His Eyes." On Sabbath, April 20, the church service will portray a dramatic presentation of the last week of Christ's life entitled, "The Journey to the Cross." Be blessed with inspiring music as well as a reenactment of Jesus' triumphal entry with a real donkey! We encourage all to invite friends and family to experience the cross and the resurrection in a powerful way!

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**Interactive Easter Story at Campion** » You are invited to this highly interactive and memorable event focusing on what Jesus did for us. Journey to the Cross will take place on Sabbath, April 20.





Tour groups walk through the Jerusalem marketplace in Campion Academy's gym where they will encounter and interact with merchants, soldiers, priests, and booths, and be part of the drama as Pilate sends Jesus to the cross. Tours begin every hour on the hour, starting at 1:00 p.m. through 6 p.m. at Campion Church in Loveland.

Guests will experience a moving, short drama of the crucifixion and resurrection that many have said is "life changing and starkly real."

Afterwards, enjoy refreshments in the Fellowship Hall while you see first-century Roman artifacts.

Everything is wheelchair accessible. It is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for local food agencies.

This amazing event is produced by the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Northern Colorado. See the video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sa33ek63hFU&feature=youtu.be>

-- Campion Church; photo supplied

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**Franktown Church »** Franktown's children's choir and adult choir will be presenting the annual Easter program during the worship service on Sabbath, April 20. The worship service will include the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus presented by the Franktown youth as well as music by both choirs and a quartet. Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the hope that it brings to each of us.

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## **RMC PERSONNEL CHANGES**

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Pastor Anton Kapusi will begin pastoring the Pueblo First Church on May 1. An ordained minister, he has served as a senior pastor in the Greater New York Conference for ten years and as stewardship director for two years. Before coming to the United States, he planted four churches in Yugoslavia and worked as a pastor in Northern Ireland. He is currently working on an DMin with Andrews University with a

concentration in Leading for Growth and Church Multiplication. Anton and wife Erika have two adult children.

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## **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

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Colorado Springs Central Church    Sunday, April 14  
**Town Hall meeting begins at 6 p.m.**

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## **CAMP MEETINGS**

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**Native American** -- La Vida Mission, April 26-28, Speaker: Ed Barnett

**NE Colorado** -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson

**Cowboy** -- Location: Uncompaghre National Forest near Silver Jack Reservoir, July 10-14, Speakers: Ron Price/Ed Barnett

**Wyoming** -- Casper, July 16-20; Speakers: Ron Halvorsen Jr. (adults); Joe Martin (youth).

**Western Slope** -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews University

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**--Glacier View Ranch --August 30-September 2.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Mile High Academy »** Join Mile High Academy at their Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Friday, **April 19** at The Ridge at Castle Pines North. Registration is at 8 a.m. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m., weather permitting. \$175/golfer; \$700/foursome. You can find sponsorship opportunities by visiting the website: [www.milehighacademy.org/golftournament/](http://www.milehighacademy.org/golftournament/) or by emailing Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org. All proceeds benefit MHA's Annual Fund.

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**Central Church Health Summit »** A health summit will be held at Colorado Springs Central Church **April 26 and 27**. The summit begins Friday night from 6-7:30 p.m. and continues Sabbath at 9:30 a.m. The lectures will continue after a plant-based fellowship meal following the church service until sundown. A light evening meal will be served. Be sure to also join us on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. for our Walk With a Doc.

Guest speakers include Dr. Lyndi Schwartz, director of the internal residency program at Kettering Medical Center; Dr. Brian Schwartz director of the heart and vascular service at Kettering; and current president of the Adventist Medical Evangelistic Network (AMEN), Dr. George Guthrie, immediate past president of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine;

Rick Mautz, Rocky Mountain Conference director of health ministries; and Dr. Larry Cohen, emergency medicine specialist, diplomat of the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine.

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**The Beach is Calling! »** There's still room for you! Anchored in Christ women's retreat with Dr. Beverly Sedlacek is next weekend, April 26-28, at Glacier View Ranch! There are still a few spots available, so register today at [www.rmcsda.org/women](http://www.rmcsda.org/women) or call 303-243-1172. Bring a teen for our Teen Track sponsored by RMC Youth and led by Vanessa Rivera. Scholarships available. See you there!

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**National Day of Prayer »** National Day of Prayer is Thursday, **May 2**. Find inspiring ideas for your church by going to [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org) and getting involved. This year's theme: "Love One Another."

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**Voice of Prophecy »** Join the VOP for the believe conference, held **May 5-8** at the North American Division headquarters. Free for NAD administrators, pastors, and lay leaders, the conference will feature Pastor Shawn Boonstra and other guest speakers. Discover the latest tools and practices for growing your church. Learn more at [vop.org](http://vop.org).

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**Golden Church »** Bible and health evangelism training by Dwayne Lemon and his wife, Alexandra of Preaching, Teaching, Healing Ministries will take place at the Golden Church **May 6-19**, Monday through Thursday from 6-9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The training includes a cooking class on May 19.

Learn how to effectively proclaim the Three Angel's Messages, how to study the Bible, how to give Bible studies and more.

The natural healing sciences address the physical as well as emotional and spiritual needs of humanity.

For more information regarding cost options and what each includes, contact [jdburr66@msn.com](mailto:jdburr66@msn.com) or [tenlovely78@gmail.com](mailto:tenlovely78@gmail.com) or DeEtta Burr at 303-526-9112, leaving a message with your number.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**La Vida Mission Openings »** La Vida Mission has staff needs for next school year. Do you want to be a missionary for Jesus? Are you a retired teacher and wanting to use your talents for the Lord? La Vida Mission, right here in your own backyard in New Mexico on the Navajo Nation will have the following openings: teacher for grades 5-8, a married couple



for girls' dorm parents, student missionary, student teacher, etc. Please send an email to [steve@lavidamission.org](mailto:steve@lavidamission.org) if you are interested or know someone who is.

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**Voice of Prophecy Opening »** The VOP has three open positions: Public Relations Director, Development Director and Discovery Mountain Department Associate Director/Producer. You can find full job descriptions and a link to apply here:

<https://www.adventistmediaministries.com/available-positions/>

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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**We want to share your news --** Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday.**

**Please send all your submissions to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

**NOTE:** Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local

Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.

- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.

- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.

- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines,

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--Editor

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