



news nuggets

Friday, March 15, 2019

MHA Principal Plays Basketball in Uganda »

Forty students, faculty, sponsors, and community professionals recently returned from the Kiryandongo Settlement Camp of Uganda where they served this community in need.

Along with holding medical clinics, Vacation Bible School programs, and educational activities, the group was also planned to build a basketball court the community could enjoy for years to come.



An exploratory trip took Kim Busl of Outposts Center International (OCI), and a team from Rolfson Oil to find needs in the community. While there, they discovered that the refugee population of close to 100,000 were using a line court. Since then, Mile High Academy, Outposts Centers International, and Rolfson have been working collaboratively on the basketball court.

After completion, both children and adults flocked to the court to enjoy the finished product, including MHA students and faculty, who gathered teams of locals for drills and pick-up games. Even MHA Principal Toakase Vunileva took to the court, joining one of the teams and playing right alongside for an exciting game.

It illustrates the camaraderie demonstrated by this mission from the start. Every team member has played an important role, with no job too big or too small. Such is the conclusion



"Imagine what seven billion humans could accomplish if we all loved and respected each other: Imagine.

-- A.D. Williams



Healthy Nugget

"The food you eat can be either the safest and most powerful form of medicine or the slowest form of poison."

-- A Wigmore



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of yet another mission involvement of our youth.

RMCNews; photo by Tim Freccia

Teen Makes Directional Shift After Attending Campion's Academy Days »

Amira Davis was an eighth-grade student attending public school in Alamosa, Colorado, when her pastor approached her and encouraged her to attend a free weekend event at Campion Academy called *Academy Days*. Accepting this invitation would have a major impact on her life. “Honestly, I didn’t really know anything about Campion, and I didn’t have plans to attend,” she recalls. “The pastor just told us there was going to be this fun and free event, so I decided to go. When I went, I saw how much fun it was, and how easy it was to make friends in that environment. Ultimately, that’s why I decided to go to Campion.”

Now in her second year at Campion as a sophomore, Davis says “Coming to Campion definitely affected my academics in a positive way. There were a lot of things in school that I felt I struggled with, and when I came here, I got more personalized help. Being here has helped me focus on my academics, my GPA, and my goals for the future.”



Davis has also appreciated the focus on spiritual growth at Campion. “I definitely have more opportunities to connect with Jesus than I would at any other school,” she commented.

Campion Academy is once again preparing to open its doors to interested students during its annual *Academy Days* on April 12 and 13. *Academy Days* is designed to give prospective seventh through eleventh-grade students the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make some new friends and just get a feel for academy life.

Students attending *Academy Days* typically come from all over the state of Colorado, and many other states as well, including Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Texas. The theme this year is “He Knows Me By Name” and is featuring

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Upcoming Events

NAD Treasurers Council
March 27 - 28

**Town Hall Meeting --
Casper Church**
March 30

**Town Hall Meeting --
Denver South Church**
March 31

**Wyoming Taskforce
Meeting**
March 31

Staff Meeting
April 2

**RMC Women's Retreat
Wyoming**
April 6-7

**Town Hall Meeting -- Grand
Junction**
April 6

**Town Hall Meeting -- Pinon
Hills Church**
April 7

virtual-reality station games, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food. “This event not only introduces students to academy life, but it is designed for students to have a great time and make new friends,” comments Jessica Rios, Enrollment Director. “Most importantly, visitors experience what it means to be surrounded by vibrant young Christians in our Christ-centered campus.”

In addition to having fun, students are also given the opportunity to apply for scholarships in multiple areas, including writing, art, music, and service. Robyn Quillin, from Cortez, Colorado, attended last year’s *Academy Days* and won a scholarship for Christian Service for the volunteer work she had done at nursing homes and through Pathfinders. While she was already planning on attending Campion before the visit, she discovered, “It was a great way to get some scholarship money to help me attend, and it was fun to see all the different activities they have at Campion. It also made it easier to come this year because I got to know other students beforehand.” While some scholarship competitions happen on-site, most need to be applied for by April 4, and can be found on the *Academy Days* registration home page.

Campion Academy provides students with a rigorous academic environment grounded in a biblical worldview. Students not only gain a top-quality education, but are encouraged to grow their faith in Christ in every aspect of academy life.

Visit www.campion.net/academy-days for more information or to register.

-- Jill Harlow; text and photo

No Break for LM Participants » We don't pause when it comes to sharing God's love. One way we do this is by sharing literature, says Matthew Hasty, new director of Literature Ministries who has six months of work in the RMC under his belt. He has been focusing on four areas of evangelism--GLOW, Campion Academy LM, student fundraisers, and Summer Youth Rush.

GLOW, or Giving Light to Our World, is one way every church member can become a minister of literature--taking books, pamphlets, and tracts with you wherever you go and sharing them with people or leaving them in public places. Recently, just west of Denver, a church member gave a GLOW tract to a woman visiting their Community Service Center. After reading the GLOW tract, the woman called the number on the back of the tract and asked for weekly Bible studies. So far in 2019, Hasty has presented GLOW in six

Executive Committee

April 9

Town Hall Meeting -- Campion Church

April 13

Town Hall Meeting -- Colorado Spr Central Church

April 14

GVR Board

April 16

MAUC Presidents Council Board

April 17-18

Property & Trust Committee

April 17

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 Graduation

May 26, 10 a.m.

churches, and 9000 tracts have been distributed.

The Campion Academy LM program is running five days a week this year, with eight students involved. They go door-to-door for a couple hours at a time, offering Christian books and DVDs, Bible studies and prayer. When a Campion Academy staff member went for a dental check-up this year, his dentist said that he had been visited by one of these students. The dentist received the Great Controversy and is really enjoying reading it. As of February, the Campion Academy LMs had left more than \$24,000 worth of truth-filled literature in the homes of people in the Loveland area.

In February, Hasty visited Lighthouse Christian School for Week of Prayer. The topic was evangelism and ended with an opportunity for a few students to go out into the community for an evangelistic fundraiser. In one hour, three students raised \$150 for the school's building project. Hasty is looking forward to connecting with other elementary schools that would like to raise money while reaching people for Jesus.

Preparation for the Summer Youth Rush program has already started. During this 10-week LM program, young people work together, worship together, grow together, and have fun together, all while earning a scholarship for school. The Literature Ministries department is looking for 25 committed young people who want to work for Christ this summer. Applications are available on the Campion Academy website.

In Luke chapter 8 Jesus shares the parable of the sower casting his seed. Some seeds fall on the wayside, some on rocky ground, and others among thorns. *"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown"* (Luke 8:8). Our truth-filled literature is seed in our communities that leads people to search the Scriptures. Can you imagine one book, pamphlet, or tract yielding a hundred fold! Harvest time is coming. Let's sow some seeds!

For more information on getting involved in any of these programs, visit www.rockymountainliteratureministries.com or contact Matthew Hasty at (970) 703-4546 or Matth@rmcsda.org.

Lee Lee Dart Commissioned in Heartwarming Ceremony » On a clear day in Greeley with nearly 150 in attendance, including area pastors and family members, Lee Lee Dart was commissioned to the gospel ministry during a heart-warming ceremony. The only female senior pastor in the Rocky Mountain Conference, Dart has ministered to The Adventure Church since 2011, later moving to the position of

INTEL Class

May 31 - June 1

Staff Meeting

June 7



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 institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information – about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

senior pastor. She previously worked with Pastor Dave Kennedy at the Franktown Church before moving to The Adventure Church to serve as assistant pastor.



Head elder Daryl Bohlender, praised Dart as a “good match” for what The Adventure Church needs in a senior pastor during his welcome.

Dart has been active in ministry her entire life, serving as a layperson and Bible worker, mentoring, discipling, empowering and encouraging laypeople to use their spiritual gifts. She grew up in a home where her parents pointed her to Jesus. Her father, Ed Fry, Sr., who gave the benediction, had wanted to be a pastor earlier in life, but was never able to fulfill that calling. In Lee Lee, Fry sees the fruition of his own dreams.

Dart’s brother, an employment recruiter for a variety of entities, presented the commissioning address, sharing stories that brought laughter and warmth to the service.

Mid-American Union ministerial director, Mic Thurber and RMC president Ed Barnett, participated in the commissioning.

Dart, along with her husband, Jed, and two daughters stood together on the platform as she expressed her appreciation for her family and their support.

“I was very impressed to see the wonderful support The Adventure Church has given to their pastor,” commented Mickey Mallory, RMC ministerial director. “It was very clear that they recognized her calling to ministry.”

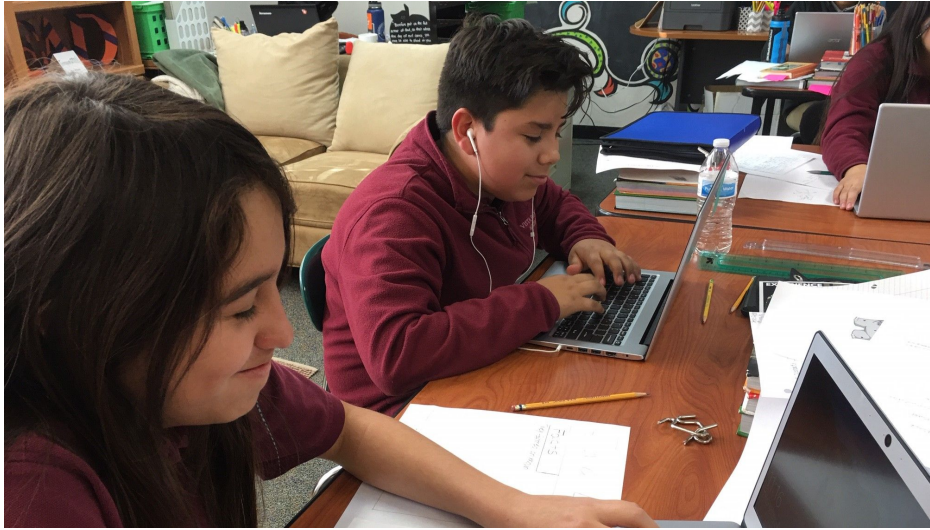
-- Carol Bolden; photo by Mickey Mallory

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

Vista Ridge Academy Receives STEM Grant »

Big changes in technology happened at Vista Ridge Academy for the 2018-2019 school year. Students, faculty and staff were thrilled to learn that the school was awarded a generous STEM grant of \$10,000 from Versacare. It is the purpose of Versacare, Inc. to serve humanity by engaging in activities that will further the kingdom of God and restore the Image of God in man. Through the Versafund, the non-profit

foundation has funded \$25 million in grants since 1990. Along with other private donations and parents' support, the school was able to raise additional funds to make improvements to the school's technology.



The school's biggest need was the computer lab that had not been updated in more than seven years. There were obsolete desktop computers and analog LCD screens. Thanks to the input from faculty, staff, students and parents, the school replaced the desktop computers with 20 new laptops stored in a secured charging cart. This decision allowed for increased use of these new laptops outside of computer lab time. Teachers are able to bring laptops to their classrooms and students can utilize them more for various projects and tasks.

The school has been piloting a 1 to 1 program, centering on individual student's scholastics in the 7th and 8th grade classroom this school year. VRA recognizes that older students rely more on technology for all their learning needs, thus 10 budget laptops were purchased for students in grades 7 and 8. Other technology upgrades in the school include new flat-screen TVs in each classroom, tablets and Apple TVs placed in the classrooms, new laptops for teachers and desktop computers for staff.

Principal Sandy Hodgson says, "Vista Ridge Academy is very blessed to be a part of the Versacare STEM grant recipients, and I believe the investments made in technology at the school are helping students maximize their learning."

The school looks forward to partnering with Versacare in the future, <https://versacare.org/recent-grants/stem/>.

-- Tomas Bartulec and Sandy Hodgson; photo by Marsha Bartulec

Grandmother/Great-Grandmother Baptized in Boulder »

In the fall, I received a phone call from Dorothy, remembers Jessyka Dooley, former associate pastor for Boulder Church, now assistant youth director for RMC. Although she lives in Washington, she visits Colorado

frequently to see her grand and great-granddaughters, members at the Boulder Church.



So, it was extremely special for her to profess her faith through baptism surrounded by the people she loves most. She was baptized on Sabbath, March 9, in Boulder. "When she came up from the water, there was sheer joy on her face and a glow you couldn't deny," Jessyka added. RMCNews; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski

UPCOMING ORDINATION

Daniel Birai	March 23	Fort Collins
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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Casper Church	Sabbath, March 30
Denver South Church	Sunday, March 31 (new)
Grand Junction Church	Sabbath, April 6
Pinon Hills Church	Sunday, April 7
Campion Church	Sabbath, April 13 (new)
Colorado Springs Central Church	Sunday, April 14

All Town Hall meetings begin at 6 p.m.

CAMP MEETINGS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Twin Peaks Church » Dr. Neil Nedley's "Optimize Your Brain" program is being hosted by Twin Peaks Adventist Church (9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027) on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m., **March 11 - April 22**. This program is designed to maximize your intellectual and emotional intelligence in the areas of brain nutrition, thought and character development, and relationship skills. The \$99 per person cost (\$225 retail value) includes these resources: "Optimize Your Brain" workbook, DAAT Emotional Quotient (EQ) Assessments, Brain Enhancing Music CD, and a light, nutritious meal each evening. Registration required. Call 720-890-3767 for more information.

Franktown Church » Come, hear the captivating story of how God worked to transform one young man's life and how He can transform your life as well. *Madman to Missionary, The Testimony of John Baxter* will be shared at the Franktown Church at 7 p.m., Friday evening, **March 15**. The church is located at 905 CO-83, Franktown, CO 80116.

Global Youth Day » This Saturday, **March 16**, is Global Youth Day! The Youth Department is extremely excited to be participating in this worldwide, General Conference initiative. For information about the Rocky Mountain Conference location, at-home curriculum, and to register, visit our website at <https://www.rmcyouth.org/gyd>

Special Guest, John Baxter » Denver South Church welcomes John Baxter from Adventist Frontier Missions, coming to Denver for a fun-filled Sabbath evening vespers program at 4 p.m. on **March 16**. A former missionary to India, he currently serves as a recruiter for AFM. Current Denver South pastor, Christian Martin, served as a student missionary with John in 1996. Come and be inspired as John speaks on the value of memorizing Scripture and shares amazing stories from his experience in India. Bring your whole family and all your friends to test your Bible knowledge and then stay for our crock-pot dinner right after!

Children's Ministries Training » Children's Ministries training and certification, offered in English and Spanish, will take place **March 15-16** at Westminster

Hispanic Church. Friday's meeting runs from 7 - 8:45 p.m.; Saturday's training runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Norma Rocio Rojas is the guest speaker for the English class. Ana Maria Benzaquen is the guest speaker for the Spanish class. Both are official trainers from the North American Division of Children's Ministries. Register at <https://www.rmcsda.org/childrens-ministries>. Registration deadline is March 9. For more information, email Patty Rivera at patty@rmcsda.org. The church is located at 7979 Meade Street, Westminster CO 80030.

Littleton Church » Financial Peace University is coming to Littleton Adventist Church. Whether you're just starting out financially or money issues are weighing you down, or you are winning with money and want to do better, FPU is for everyone! We learn that by handling money God's way according to biblical principles, HOPE and PEACE are available for all of us.

March 18 - May 13 (9 weeks)

6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Mondays at Littleton Church (childcare provided)

Check out this video to hear from people like us who took FPU:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=102&v=0CxxJ7_Sh4

Contact danielwarner2@gmail.com to register.

Vacation Bible School Training » A free VBS training will take place on **March 16** at Westminster Hispanic Church from 5-6:30 p.m. *Jamit Kingdom* will give kids the opportunity to have fun exploring an African savanna while making friends and learning how we are all part of God's big family. Register by visiting <https://www.rmcsda.org/childrens-ministries>. Westminster Hispanic Church is located at 7979 Meade Street, Westminster 80030.

MHA Upper School Science MINI Lab »

to RSVP. ahammond@milehighacademy.org Contact Agape Hammond at students will collaborate on projects and learn together as they work in the lab. Our strong science program will take your high schooler into the college of their choice. We want to share our experienced teachers and students in a collaborative and exciting way with students who have a passion for science. **March 19**, Mile High Academy invites your 8th graders and high schoolers to a Science Open House that will inspire young people in the Science area of STEM. From 2 - 3:30 p.m. on

Watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtTZYU-Y_8

AdventHealth University Open House » Please note that because of the weather forecast, the **March 20** Open House was rescheduled. Stay tuned for more information.

Littleton Church » Lucile Claridge will be honored by the Littleton Church on the occasion of her 100th birthday on Sunday, **March 24**, from 2-4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Lucile was a charter member of the Littleton church. She drives her car to church every Sabbath morning and plays the piano for the Cradle Roll Sabbath School division the first two Sabbaths of every month. Along with her late husband, Wally, Lucile was a member of the old Central Church in downtown Denver. In 1962, they were part of a group who caught the vision of planting a church in Littleton. Wally and Lucile worked tirelessly and gave sacrificially to see that dream come to fruition. During the intervening years, Lucile has filled many positions of responsibility in the church--too many to list. She has worked with and been a friend of many of the members of other churches in the Denver area. Littleton would like for all these friends to help celebrate Lucile's life of service on March 24.

Rocky Mountain Music Festival » Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in Campion Academy's annual Rocky Mountain Music Festival **March 23-24** featuring choir, handbell choir, and a string orchestra. Don't miss this opportunity to join together with other young musicians across our Union to further hone your musical talents and join together to praise God. The deadline for online registration is Friday, March 1. [Register for Music Fest](#)

Women of Spirit » Please plan to attend *Women of Spirit*, a women's community monthly activity for all faiths meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, **March 25** at the Brighton Church Annex, 567 East Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601. Debbie Hardy will present "You Can Be Fabulous From 40, 50, and Beyond." In spite of hardships and disappointments, Debbie has a positive outlook on life, encouraging others through her writing, mentoring and speaking. After all she's faced, she has become the Queen of Resilience. A light meal will be served, so come, bring a friend! There is still time and space to make a reservation by calling 303-659-1999 or 303-562-5173.

Vista Ridge Academy Annual Scholarship Gala

» You are cordially invited to Vista Ridge Academy's 1st Annual Scholarship Gala on **March 28**. A welcome reception

begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program and live auction. Tickets for an individual are \$50; for a couple, \$75. Please purchase tickets by March 15 by either contacting the school office at 303-828-4944 or sending an email to mbartulec@vistaridge.org. Be sure to designate any dietary concerns. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Formal attire, please.

The Mountains are Calling! » All women and teen girls (13-17) are invited to attend *Cozy Mountain Lodge Women's Retreat April 6-7* at Hampton Inn in Buffalo, Wyoming. For more information and registration, go to www.rmcsda.org/women.

Academy Days at Champion Academy » Are you or someone you know interested in potentially attending Champion Academy? Academy Days is designed to give prospective 7th-11th grade students the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat cafeteria food, tour the campus, make some new friends and just get a feel for academy life.

This year's Academy Days is scheduled for **April 12-13**. All visiting local students are asked to arrive on Friday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. Students traveling from a distance are asked to arrive on Thursday, April 11 between 6-8 p.m.

"He knows me by name" is the theme and will feature Virtual Reality station games, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food. Can't wait to meet you! [Academy Days Registration Page](#)

Revive Us Again Prayer Conference » Please join us **April 19-21** for the *Revive Us Again Prayer Conference* featuring Pavel Goia, author of *One Miracle After Another*, editor of Ministry magazine, associate Ministerial Secretary of NAD, and great advocate of prayer. You can find more information and registration availability at www.rmcsda.org/prayer or by contacting deeannb@rmcsda.org

The Beach is Calling! » All women and teen girls (13-17) are invited to attend our *Anchored in Christ Women's Retreat April 26-28* at Glacier View Ranch. We'll have workshops and gatherings especially for teens sponsored by the Youth Department. Don't miss it! Follow the link at www.rmcsda.org/women to register.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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 if you are interested or know someone who is.

Voice of Prophecy Opening » The VOP is looking for a full-time producer for their children's program DiscoveryMountain. They are looking for someone with exceptional organizational, communication and people skills with a foundational technical knowledge and a desire to serve God. The full job description and a link to apply are here: <http://www.adventistmediaministries.com/departamental-associate-director-producer/>

Glacier View Ranch » GVR is seeking a qualified applicant to fill a full-time, food service coordinator position in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Applicants should have a passion for camp ministry, ability to manage a kitchen, and experience cooking for large groups (200+) in a commercial/cafeteria environment. For additional information regarding job duties and position requirements and information about how to apply, see the following posting on the RMC website: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-foodservicecoordinator>. You can also contact Dan Hansen, Camp Ministries Director, for more information.
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Office: (303)459-0771
E-mail: info@glacierviewranch.com

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FROM THE EDITOR

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.**

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,

see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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