



news nuggets

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Denver Adventist Book Center to Close at End of 2019 »

Termed a "difficult decision" by George Crumley, RMC VP for Finance, the Executive Committee voted on May 14 to discontinue operating the Denver Adventist Book Center as of the end of 2019. As reported to Town Halls over the last few years, ABCs across the North American Division have been challenged by so many alternative distribution channels where products can be purchased, many times at a lower price. In this retail climate, bookstores, including Christian bookstores, have been closing.



The Rocky Mountain Conference Adventist Book Center opened its doors in April 1964. It was one of an initial 50 ABCs in the North American Division, which have dwindled to 22 today.

"Our ABC has been profitable for years because of careful management of expenses and inventory by Suzanne Hafar and her staff. But in 2017, the ABC lost \$13,046 and in 2018, it lost \$24,555, the result of a continued decrease in sales. Because of this, the Executive Committee voted to close our ABC effective December 31, 2019," Crumley stated.

"As hard as this is, the committee was unanimous in understanding the retail climate and its impact on our ABC. So it had to make this difficult and unfortunate decision," he added.

Commenting on the decision, Ed Barnett noted that "this

"There are two great days in a person's life: the day we are born and the day we discover why."

-- William Barclay



Healthy Nugget

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

-- Mark Twain

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was one of the hardest decisions for the Executive Committee to make in the last six years. But it was the right decision even though I personally will greatly miss the store located in our office building.

In the economic climate of today, we need to be particularly fiscally responsible. Continued subsidies are not the wisest solution," he said.

The Conference will furnish information to the constituency with options for purchasing Adventist literature, ordering Bible lesson sets, getting supplies of evangelistic materials, and finding where vegetarian food can be purchased. Because the current interest in healthy foods has generated a wide variety of products in grocery stores throughout the country, a list of recommended outlets for vegetarian food and Adventist literature will be prepared and distributed during the autumn months to RMC churches.

RMC's Treasurer also reported that through March of 2019, base tithe is up 2.72 percent over the prior year, Crumley reported.

Crumley mentioned that through March of last year our base tithe was very strong, so he was happy to see that we were actually exceeding the prior year tithe at this stage.

In his President's Report, Ed Barnett shared appreciation for church members who attended six Town Hall meetings. These events, he said give the administration and department leadership opportunity to receive evaluations of the church's mission program and its progress.

Campion Academy was expecting a positive income from possible oil companies' drilling on open land and using this as a stream of income for the school. Recent legislation in the state of Colorado now prohibits this from taking place, Barnett reported.

Mile High Academy continues to project receipt of contributions that will eliminate more than \$4 million of debt. Ed Barnett said that, "this positive development is wonderful news as MHA has completion of this outstanding debt on target."

Reporting on administrative discussions about church districts within RMC, Barnett informed the Committee that possible redistricting is being evaluated and considered for the sake of efficiency. Currently, several pastors are assigned as many as five small congregations which are separated by long distances.

Among the additional agenda items, the committee voted to approve the following:

-- Pastor J. J. Martinez was approved to be a sponsored student to the Seminary for his M. Div. degree at Andrews University Seminary.



Upcoming Events

Hispanic Music Festival -- FEJA

May 18

Mile High Academy Graduation

May 25, 8:30 p.m.

Campion Academy Graduation

May 26, 10 a.m.

INTEL Class

May 31 - June 1

Staff Meeting

June 4

NE Camp Meeting

June 7-8

Hispanic Pastors Meeting

June 10

GVR Board

June 18

Property & Trust Committee

June 19

Staff Meeting

July 2

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 10-14

Hispanic Men's Retreat

July 12-14

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 16-20

-- Carol Turk, Commissioned Chaplain and member of the Campion Church, was elected to be a lay representative from RMC to serve on the NAD Executive Committee as NAD representative from RMC

-- An appropriation of \$200,000 was voted for a combined evangelistic effort in the North-East Colorado Area Evangelism; 15 churches are joining together to conduct an evangelistic meeting. All of the locations will begin on the same date in 2020.

-- Purchase of a building for the First Denver Indonesian Church was approved.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2019.

--Rajmund Dabrowski, text and photo.

Seventh-day Adventist Serves Colorado District 54 in House »

For Colorado Representative Matthew Soper, a Seventh-day Adventist from Delta, public service has always been a calling. After winning the election in 2018, he represents District 54 in the Colorado House of Representatives.

Growing up under the tutelage of his parents and great aunts and attending 5th through 8th grade at the Adventist school in Delta, he learned to love God and to have compassion for fellow humans. He also developed a passion for public service.



All of his experiences, he believes, gave him the foundation to be an effective state legislator.

Soper studied political science at Colorado Mesa University before earning his law degree and a master's in public international law from the University of Edinburgh. After earning another master's in intellectual property law from the University of New Hampshire, Soper believes that "studying law in both the UK and the US has helped tremendously as a representative because surprisingly few members have law

MSR Meeting

July 21, 8:30 a.m.

Wyoming Taskforce Meeting

July 21, 10 a.m.

Western Slope Camp Meeting

July 31 - August 3

INTEL Class

August 2 - 3

Staff Meeting

August 6

NAD Pathfinder Camporee

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August 12 - 17

GVR Board

August 20

Property & Trust Committee

August 21

Pastoral Couples Retreat

August 23 - 25

Executive Committee

August 27

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 30 - September 1



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backgrounds and having a deep knowledge of legal history and law has proven useful” in legislating key pieces of criminal justice reform.

Speaking with *NewsNuggets*, Soper explains that because of his Adventist background, he understands the importance of religious liberty and takes steps to insure its protection. He blocked an amendment that would allow Sundays to be exempt from bail setting hearings and pushed for an amendment that prevents state agencies from collecting specific religious information on people who have been granted a vaccine exemption based on religious faith.

“Advocating for religious liberty is part of my role,” he says.

“Denver is not like DC in terms of partisan politics,” Soper asserts. Often, he finds himself debating a colleague on the floor in the morning and then co-presenting a bill in committee with the same colleague that afternoon. “Getting to know not only your side of the aisle, but the other side [as well] helps to build bridges. A sense of humor also helps,” he believes. “Politics is about personal relationships and members can respect each person,” he comments.

Being a Colorado representative is like being in a fishbowl, says Soper, “making it important to behave as a son of God and to be a steward in lawmaking.” While he doesn’t make a habit of talking about his religious faith, he does try to schedule political activities outside the Sabbath hours. “That doesn’t always happen,” he explains, but for him, “attending church is important as it sets the tone for the coming week and helps him ‘refocus’ his thoughts as well as spend time with his church family.” Soper also finds time for God during his 15-minute walk to and from the Capitol, “spending it in prayer,” he says.

Soper credits his parents with his success in Colorado politics as they have always been encouragers and keep him in their prayers. “My parents have been supportive and very proud of my successes in politics,” he explains. “They knew from an early age that my life was angling toward a political career,” he commented.

-- Carol Bolden; photo supplied

SPARK Tent Revival Reaps 25 Decisions for Jesus »

During the May 3-10 window, Champion Academy and Champion Church collaborated to hold SPARK: a youth-led tent revival on our campus. Seven youth (six from Champion Academy) preached the gospel and Christ’s teachings at every evening session. The Holy Spirit spoke through each speaker and His presence was felt in the tent. A baptistry, using an inflatable jacuzzi, was set up by the stage and seven people were baptized throughout the week.

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.

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

A total of 25 people made decisions to follow Jesus through baptism.



Cade, a junior at Campion, was one of the students who answered an altar call during the week and was baptized on Friday, the final night of the series. "This week of prayer really showed me that no matter who you are, no matter what mistakes you've made, no matter how many times you've strayed away from God, you can always come back to Him and give your life to Him," he reflected. "Personally, I want to thank all the speakers for being willing to let God use them to help me know who I am and where I stand with God. They had a huge influence on me."

The seven teenage speakers on this year's SPARK team (formerly called Wildfire) shared their personal testimonies while explaining the biblical basis for their beliefs on salvation, the Second Coming, baptism, the state of the dead, the law, the Sabbath, and heaven.

Delanie, a junior at Campion, spoke for the last night of the program. "Throughout the week, everyone was on a spiritual high. It nice having some [elementary students from] HMS involved and being baptized during the week. Watching the younger students encouraged the high school students to re-dedicate themselves and be baptized. We had baptisms every night, and on the final Friday night, we had 11 students come forward to dedicate their lives to God," she comments.



The Spark team will continue their work for God over the

summer at four different churches including putting on a VBS and holding evangelistic series at Campion, Chapel Haven in Thornton, Estes Park Church, and the Grand Junction Church. “I’m blessed to be able to work with this team because they are so dedicated to God and they are willing to sacrifice their summer to go and preach the gospel,” shared Pastor Esequias Perea who leads the Spark team.

Thinking about spending the majority of summer away from home actually made Delanie turn down the job when it was first offered to her, but God had other plans. “Originally, I went through the interview, and I said no, but I regretted it because I felt God was telling me I needed to do it. Eventually, someone else dropped out and I got re-offered the position and took it. God had to tell me twice that this is what He wants me to do, but now I’m ready to listen and share my experience with others.”

-- Nestor Soriano with Jill Harlow; photo by Nestor Soriano

Mile High Academy Enters Laboratory of Life »

Mile High Academy's fifth grade class returned from their science learning trip May 15 after spending three days and two nights at the Keystone Science School in Keystone, Colorado.

Dedicated to hands-on science and adventure, the school exemplifies the type of learning we value at MHA.



Fifth grader, Eden, returned full of stories about how they spent their time in Keystone: “We went on a hike on the second day and it was really fun. We told riddles. We walked for one mile. The kids really loved it.”

The fifth grade divided into two learning groups where they were asked to journal their ideas at certain points during their learning to encourage their engagement in the material.

Topics ranged from the ecological impact of fires on the environment, the life cycle of a star, and the growth pattern of plants after natural disasters.

On their hikes, students learned to identify native plants and trees, naming them as they walked.

Learning trips like this is part of the experiential learning that takes students out of the walled classroom and into the laboratory of life.

-- Agape Hammond; photo by Tiffany Annis

Christian Band Featured at Benefit Concert in Arvada »

The Arvada Church grounds were shaking from a joyful noise rumble the night of May 11 as the contemporary Christian band Renewed played for the assembled crowd.



The benefit concert, organized for the youth in the community, drew both young and old, church members and neighbors alike. The free pizza donated by Marco's pizzeria probably helped, and it appeared that everyone had a great time.

Along with *Renewed*, several young musicians from the Arvada Church and community were also featured.

"We are trying to make the world better and it was amazing to see how well that idea resonates with our community," said Pastor Gordon.

-- Milos Tomic; text and photo

Casper Church Celebrates Mothers » The day before Mother's Day, Casper Adventist Church celebrated the holiday with a round-table discussion and a delicious brunch. Wearing their favorite tea hats, the women had a great time sharing and learning from each other.



Led by Gabriela Vincent, pastor Shayne Vincent's wife,

eight mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers joined Gabriela in the round table discussion, addressing topics relevant to all mothers and future mothers. Discussion topics included "How do you both encourage your child and challenge them to improve?" "What is your definition of unconditional love?" "Does faith play an active role in your parenting?" "Budgeting and money management," "Healthy living: Ways to create healthy meals," "Healthy home environment," "The effect of electronic media on the young child," and "Favorite family tradition."

The round table discussion was followed by a brunch, games, giveaways, a S'mores party favor and a photo booth where they the women could capture their favorite moments.

"The fellowship was great," said one attendee. "It was nice to be able to connect on a more personal level."

-- Gabriela Vincent; photo by Cecelia Gage

Montrose Church Sees Upswing in Attendance After Prophecy Seminar »

A month-long prophecy seminar at the Montrose Church came to an end on May 11. Featured speaker Jim Stevens, former head of the Alaska Conference, presented 24 seminars during the month. His wife Rita assisted in the administration of program details and his brother-in-law Louis played worship music.



Topics included 'Our Day in Bible Prophecy,' "How Near is the End?", "God's Answer to Evolution," and "Earth's Final Judgment in Heaven". Available on the church Facebook page, people unable to attend could watch from home.

A light meal, provided by members of the congregation, was available each night before the session began. Large-print New International Version Bibles and a series of Ellen White's writings were given to those who attended a designated number of sessions during the month-long seminar.

The last night saw eleven people baptized, along with professions of faith. "We're excited for the new people who are attending after the seminars," said one member of the

Montrose Church.

-- Zane Berry, text and photo

CAMP MEETINGS

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

Cowboy -- Location: Uncompaghere 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible & Health Evangelism Training on Sabbath

» EVERYONE is invited to attend the FREE Sabbath evening Bible and Health Evangelism Training led by Dwayne Lemon of PTH Ministries being held at the Golden Church/gym this **May 18** from **5:30-8:30**. Address: 3101 S. Golden Rd., Golden.

Prison Ministry Convention Super Early Bird Rate Expiring

» The Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations and Affiliates' "Super Early Bird" Registration rate (\$169.00) to attend the Prison Ministry Convention, in Buffalo, New York, will expire in 10 days on May 22. After that date, the next registration rate will be the "Early Bird" rate of \$189.00. I encourage you to go to www.adventsource.org to register today and save \$20.00. Attached is the Convention brochure and program. See [brochure](#) here. See [program](#) here.

Golden Church Bible and Health Evangelism Training

» Dwayne and Alexandra Lemon of Preaching, Teaching, Healing Ministries will present Bible and Health Evangelism Training 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 registration and cost options

and what each includes, go to goldencosda.org or contact jdburr66@msn.com or tenlovely78@gmail.com or DeEtta Burr at 303-526-9112, leaving a message with your number.

Campion VBS » VBS is coming **June 3-7** from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Campion Academy gymnasium. Based on the characters in the award-winning Discovery Mountain audio program, the new Voice of Prophecy Vacation Bible School program *RESCUED -- Safe in Jesus* will help you discover a story of faith and a journey toward trust in Jesus with Noah and his family who take an adventure in Discovery Mountain at Fall Camp. It will be a trip your child will never forget. To register, go to the following link <https://vbspro.events/p/80e158>. Campion Academy is located at 300 42nd Street, SW, Loveland CO 80537, 970-667-7403.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time Human Resources Assistant. Qualified candidates will have exceptional computer and organizational skills and the ability to process highly complex and detail-oriented information. The HR Assistant understands the importance of process and follow through and has the highest levels of ethical integrity. Candidates must be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and possess current U.S work authorization. For additional information regarding duties, expectations and how to apply, please visit the RMC website at: <https://www.rmcsda.org/hr-human-resources-assistant>.

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.

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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.**

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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