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Friday, April 13, 2018

Unity Communion Service Brings Together Colorado Springs Churches »

Church members from Rocky Mountain Conference and Central States Conference came together for a joint communion service March 23. "It was a historic event," said Mike Maldonado, pastor of the Colorado

Springs Central Church.

The gathering took place on the campus of Springs Adventist Academy in Colorado Springs and brought members from four Colorado Spring congregations -- Central Church, South Church, the Colorado Springs Spanish Church, as well as Palace of Peace Church.

According to Pastor Maldonado, the initiative for the joint worship service came from Pastor Jaden Miller from Palace of Peace who approached Maldonado about the "need for the churches to do more things

together and to find an avenue to foster spiritual unity across conference, church and racial lines."


Palace of Peace Lead Elder Ronnie Thornburg stated, "The combined worship was a first step in the reunification of God's church."

"The communion service was preceded by an agape feast which included beautifully-decorated tables set up in the shape of a cross with delicious soup and fruit served," Maldonado explained.



"If everyone helps to hold up the sky, then one person does not become tired."

— [Askhari Johnson Hodari](#), [Lifelines: The Black Book of Proverbs](#)

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Ben and Betty Barton, long-time members of the Central Church, shared Maldonado's comment: "It was wonderful how all the churches came together, and to us, there was no cultural difference; we were all one. We were so blessed by the whole evening. The Holy Spirit was surely felt."

Retired Pastor Jack Bohannon, a member of the South Church remarked, "I was happy to see people from different churches and different conferences come together in unity at The Lord's Supper."

The evening was a success with 115 members in attendance. "Many responded that an event like this was long over-due and wanted to make sure this worship services become an important annual event," Maldonado said. "Long past due! Truly The Spirit of unity was felt", said Sarah Mann, Palace of Peace Church clerk and pianist for the service.

Pastor Maldonado added that in the future, the churches plan to do a pulpit exchange and a combined men's ministry.

--RMCNews with Mike Maldonado; photos by Ted Bauer

Love Reality Tour Challenges Greeley Youth as Well as Adults »

The Love Reality Tour teaching series began Friday, April 6, with an average of more than 100 people each night, a blend of members, non-members, Adventists, non-Christians, and curious guests.



Beginning with worship music led by Shannon Werner, assistant youth director for the Rocky Mountain Conference, the praise

Hispanic Women's Ministries Certification

April 13, 14

GVR Board

April 17, 9:30 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust

April 18, 9:30 a.m.

Pathfinder Bible Experience

April 21, 21

Hispanic Children's Ministries Certification

April 28, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Rally

March 28, Arvada

SW Town Hall Meeting

April 28, Pinon Hills Church

Hispanic INTEL Class

May 4, 5

Adventure Fun Day

May 6, 7 a.m.

Campion Board

May 7, 9 a.m.

Hispanic INTEL Class

May 4, 5

NE Town Hall, Campion

May 19

Hispanic Public Evangelism

May 25, 26

MHA Graduation

May 26, 8:30 p.m.

Campion Graduation

May 27, 10 a.m.

Memorial Day -- Office Closed

May 4, 5

combines hymns and contemporary songs affirming confidence in the Father.

After powerful communal worship, speaker Jonathan Leonardo challenges the audience to dive into Scripture finding their identity, purpose, and worth rooted in the love of the Father. It's been a transformative revival for all ages.

A recently-baptized, young adult member, Courtney Stannard said, "The Love Reality Tour is an amazing event for people of all ages. Jonathan comes with relevant messages that convict and inspire me every single night. He speaks trust as we dive into the Bible and apply it to our lives."

A young guest Aiden said "I heard about the Love Reality Tour and as we started coming, I found myself getting closer to God. I've learned that we're free from sin because of Jesus. I feel so much closer to God and will keep coming back more nights. If you want to know more about yourself and God, this is the place to be."



Jeff Neidigh, the Greeley Seventh-day Adventist Church youth leader, told us with excitement in his voice, "The Love Reality Tour has been a great experience for the youth at the Greeley Church. Although promoted as a youth event, it really is for the whole church.

The attendees were pushed by Jonathan Leonardo to rethink and understand a love from God many have never seen before. As a youth leader, it is amazing to see [Leonardo] connect each night to the young people of our church as I have never seen."

-- Gabriel Riojas; photos by Kiefer Dooley

Orchestra Tour Filled with Fun and Music » As the sun set the afternoon of Wednesday, April 4, Campion's student orchestra, instruments in tow, piled onto the bus to travel through Nebraska, Wyoming, and Utah on an orchestra tour. Hours later, they arrived at Valley View Academy in Nebraska.



Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

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After spending the night in the school's gym, they gave a concert to its students first thing in the morning. Later that day, a second concert was given at Mountain Road Christian Academy in Wyoming. At both concerts, the crowd was small, but, "...the satisfaction on the children's faces was amazing," as Madi, a violinist, commented.

The weekend included not only the satisfaction of sharing music with other students, but other activities as well. On Friday, while in Utah, they walked through East High School, the school used in the Disney film, *High School Musical*. Here, they delighted in seeing iconic scenes from the film, like the cafeteria and gym.

After church on Sabbath, they visited Temple Square in Salt Lake City. "It was awesome to learn about the Mormon culture and see the work they put into their temple," said percussionist Weston. That night, the orchestra members went to see a parody of the musical *Hamilton*, another highlight of the trip.

The tour was highly enjoyable for staff and students alike. Dean Johnson, the female sponsor for the trip, remarked, "This was my favorite trip I've ever been on with Campion!"

From activities to performances, the events of the tour were appreciated by everyone involved.

-- Text and photo by Hannah Kaiser

Rocky Mountain Ghanaian Adventist Group Officially Organized as Church »

A group of more than 120 believers celebrated, on April 7, the official organization of the Rocky Mountain Ghanaian Church, the newest church in Rocky Mountain Conference. Started in 2005, today the Ghanaian congregation is meeting in their newly purchased church in Aurora at 3600 Helena Street.

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Many visitors came for the Sabbath high celebration from Indiana, New Jersey, and an entire sister church from Dallas, TX.

Elder Eric Nelson, RMC VP for administration, who welcomed the new church among the other Rocky Mountain Conference congregations, joined Pastor Esteb Pierre, the church pastor. "We are celebrating with you two significant milestones that occurred for you as a body of believers," he told the congregation. He listed, "organizing this body of believers as an official church," and "we are celebrating the wonderful provision of a house of worship."

"God has and will do great things in this body of believers," Nelson commented.



The Sabbath festivities included presentations by two choirs, one coming from a sister-church in Dallas, TX to share in the joy of this occasion.

During the service, all of the official members came forward to sign a book registering their names as charter members of this church. There are over 100 names of church members, baptismal candidates and children who signed the registry.

-- RMCNews with Eric Nelson; photos by Jerene Nelson

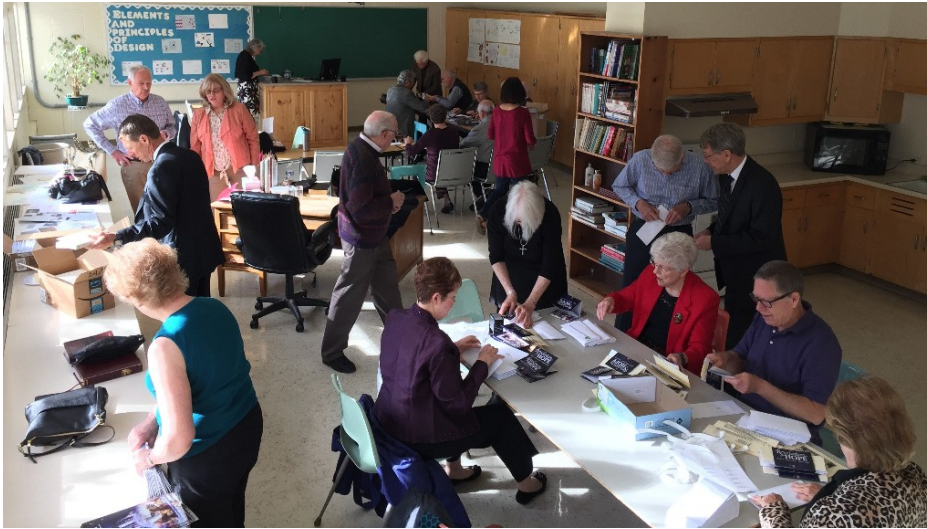
Campion Sabbath School Class Reaches Out to Non-Attending Adventists »

There are hundreds of people in each community around our churches who hold deep in their hearts the truths of God's Word but have become disconnected, discombobulated, or discouraged. It's possible they are not even sure what they believe, but they were once,

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.

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and maybe not that long ago, part of a community of faith called the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The reasons for their disconnection could fill an old-time dictionary volume, but what they hold in common is that they are all absent from our congregations.



The Bible University Sabbath School class at Campion Church has decided this situation is not acceptable. Taking a hint from the *Church Manual* that points out that while the purpose of a Sabbath School class is, of course, to study the Bible, it also advocates creating community and outreach.

Last fall, class members stayed after fellowship lunch to write handwritten notes of encouragement to every non-attending member on the church books. Class member Dick Stenbakken said, "We've been able to see members that haven't been attending come back and worship with us again. We've established connections and friendships with a wide variety of people."

But it wasn't a one-and-done. "We plan to continue doing this as it's very rewarding," according to Stenbakken. In preparation for Easter, they again met, this time before Sabbath School, to address, stamp, and stuff envelopes, all with the goal of extending an extra invitation to this same non-attending group to come to the church's interactive Journey to the Cross and Beyond Easter celebration. The invitations will continue, and other Campion Sabbath Schools are joining in. Best of all, a few of those absent hundreds have started to poke their heads back in.

-- Text and photo by Michael Goetz

Montrose Church Celebrates Easter with Area Churches » Joining with four other churches in a Montrose-area tradition, the Montrose Seventh-day Adventist Church participated in a Holy Week celebration. Each of the five churches hosted on different days leading up to Easter, providing a short inspirational sermon and brunch.



-- RMC News with Zane Berry; photo by Linda Steinert

ADU Denver Students Live Healthcare as Ministry »

Part of the mission of Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) is not only to grow outstanding professionals in healthcare, but also to actively extend the healing ministry of Christ. While this is easy enough to say, it takes a conscious effort to put this into action. ADU Denver nursing students lived healthcare as a ministry this last Tuesday, April 2, when they volunteered their time (which is very limited for nursing students) to serve the community at the 9News Health Fair at Lifesource Adventist Fellowship.



Lifesource has been hosting the 9News Health Fair for the past several years. This year, volunteers from all walks of life met once again at the church campus to help cultivate a healthier community. Among these volunteers were 13 of ADU Denver's Nursing students, who helped calculate BMI and blood pressures, draw blood, do cardiovascular risk evaluations, and help out wherever they were needed. While the more than 500 people rotated to various stations throughout the church campus, ADU Denver students met their patients with a caring and Christ-like attitude.

Jennifer Biddulph, Lifesource Coordinator, said, "I was so impressed by the students. They were professional in their conduct, friendly to staff and clients, and took the time to really talk to and educate the people passing through the fair."

Sometimes, amongst the hustle and bustle that is nursing

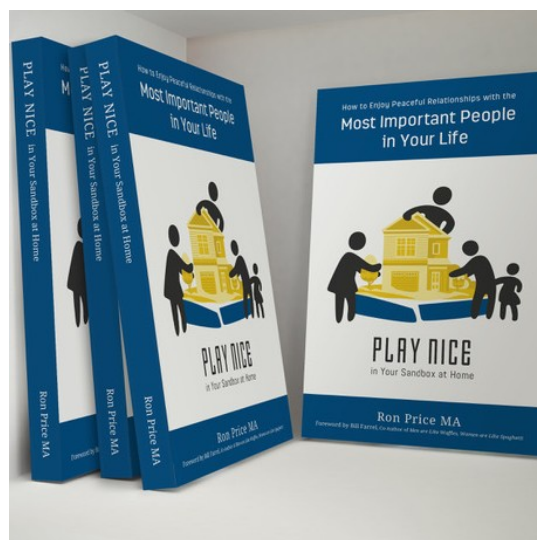
school, it is easy to lose sight of why you are putting yourself through it in the first place. Opportunities like the 9News Health Fair allow ADU students, faculty, and staff to see that it is all worthwhile in the end. “As a volunteer, I felt I received almost more than I gave. Everyone was very helpful and on top of it. I was glad to be a part of it,” shared Amy Cameron, ADU Denver Nursing Student.

As students return to their studies in preparation of next week’s finals, perhaps the fact that they are already helping to make a difference in the world will help them to focus on their ultimate goal of being Jesus’ hands to others.

-- Chris Feldbush; photo by Daisy Dalegowski

STORIES NEEDED

Ron Price is a member of Farmington Church in New Mexico and a member of the Rocky Mountain Conference Executive Committee. He is also an author and columnist on church life in *Mountain Views*. Since 1987, Price has mediated thousands of disputes and he has coached hundreds of people on how to improve their relationships. In 2016, he published *PLAY NICE in Your Sandbox at Work*. He is about to release the 2nd in the series, *PLAY NICE in Your Sandbox at Home*. Both books detail ways to either prevent or resolve conflict.



Ron needs your help. He is working on a 3rd book, entitled, *PLAY NICE in Your Sandbox at Church* which has to be "among the most ridiculous titles you ever heard," he says.

Does anyone really need to write a book telling Christians they should get along with each other? Well,

the unfortunate answer is yes – at least that is what he feels God is leading him to do.

“So here’s where you come in,” he writes. I need brief (200-300 word) accounts of Church disputes of which you are personally aware. My plan for the book – hopefully, God’s plan – is to describe these disputes, conflicts, dust-ups, etc. and combine them with appropriate and relevant Bible verses, and some dispute resolution theory addressing how the matter could have been prevented in the first place, and/or successfully resolved.

For obvious reasons, please omit any and all identifying names so that we might protect the innocent – or is that protect the guilty?

Ron says, "Thank you in advance for your help in this

endeavor. I have set a fairly ambitious goal of completing the book by the end of July which is certainly doable if I receive sufficient submissions by the end of May.”

Please send your submissions to



ron@PlayNiceinYourSandbox.com. For questions, comments, or concerns, call Ron at 505 324-6328.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 2018

La Vida Mission	May 11-13--new	La Vida Mission
NE Colorado	June 1-2	Campion Academy
Speaker: Clifford Goldstein		
Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
Speaker: Michael Ryan		
Hispanic	Aug 31- Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

RMC Town Hall Meetings

March 17—SE Colorado—Colorado Springs Central Church

March 24—Metro—Denver South Church

April 14—Wyoming—Casper Church

April 28—SW—Piñon Hills Church

May 19—NE—Campion Church

June 9—NW—Grand Junction Church

June 16—Metro Hispanic—Denver South Hispanic (6:00pm presentation *only*)



Format of each meeting:

Seminars:
4:00-5:00pm

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5:00-6:00pm

Supper:
6:00-6:30pm

Presentation:
6:30-8:30pm

Seminar Topics May Include:

Giving a Bible Study	A Church's First Impression
Deacon/Deaconess Workshop	Diabetes Prevention
Estate Planning	Communication
Stewardship	Youth Ministry in the Local Church
	Elders' Workshop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Record Services for the Blind » Please remember the offering this Sabbath, April 14, is for Christian Record Services for the Blind. The gifts you give through the World Budget offering provide services such as Bible study courses, Sabbath School lessons, magazines, library books, and more—including adventures in nature through National Camps for Blind Children.

Yellowstone National Park Sabbath Services » Join us for worship at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from **Memorial Day through Labor Day**. Led by Rocky Mountain Conference pastors, the services begin at 10 a.m. in Old Faithful Lodge.

La Vida Mission Volunteers Needed » If you have a desire to be a missionary, La Vida Mission is looking for missionary-minded people for the following positions: cook, high school teacher, and house parents. For more information, contact Steve Gillham at steve@lavidamission.org or 505-786-3004.

ASI Mid-America Convention » Taking place **April 12 to 15**, the ASI Mid-America Convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza in Northglenn (120th and I-25) and will feature keynote speaker Peter Nieri, seminar speaker Jon Wood and morning devotional speaker Gary Thurber. For more information, go to www.ASIMidAmerica.org

A special treat for those attending the Mid America ASI Convention April 12-15 will be the opportunity to receive a free chair massage by the students from Black Hills School of Massage.

Academy Days at Campion » Academy Days at Campion is designed to give prospective students in grades 7-11 the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make new friends and "get a feel" for academy life.

Academy Days 2018 is scheduled for **April 13 and 14**. Under the theme "**The Ultimate Treasure**" visiting students will enjoy a Ninja Warrior Course, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food.

To register for Academy Days, go to www.campion.net.

"Behold, He Comes" Concert, April 21 » Please invite your family and friends to this dynamic and biblical choir/orchestra/drama program, a Denver South Church outreach to the community. This 7:00 p.m. **April 21** program is not to be

missed. Please contact Missy Wherley at [720-985-8949](tel:720-985-8949) or branchofthevine@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Next Step in Donations Management » Adventist Community Services leadership will hold a seminar from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, **April 22** at HMS Richards Elementary School (on Campion Academy campus).

The next step in your community services training is a simulation of a Community Collection Center, a Distribution Center and a Multi-Agency Warehouse.

Bring one non-perishable food item or personal hygiene item to use in sorting practice. At the end of the day, these items will be given to the Loveland ACS Center.

If anyone you know is interested in ACS DR work, please invite them. RSVP to Cathy Kissner at 970-201-3799. She needs a head count for number of potatoes to bake.

Lighthouse Christian School » You Are Invited to attend the Fort Morgan Lighthouse Christian School registration, spring program, and open house at 6:30 p.m. on **April 25**. The spring program, "Grandpa, Tell Me About the Farm," is a patriotic musical featuring Colorado historical events, as well as a tribute to farmers. The evening will conclude with K-8 registration and open classrooms with displays of student portfolios which will include science reports, STEAM projects, brochure designs, and computer coding projects. Open to everyone--school families, veterans, farmers, or anyone who simply enjoys watching children's musicals. Come help us honor our country, our God, and Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

¡La Pasión de Cristo eres Tu! » Una cordial invitación al Seminario Bíblico ¡La Pasión de Cristo eres Tu! Viernes Abril 27, 7:00 p.m., Todos los Lunes, Martes, Jueves y Viernes hasta May 11. Sábado Mayo 5, 10:45 a.m. y 7:00 p.m.. Sábado Mayo 12, 10:45 a.m. Iglesia Vista Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship, 701 Kimbark Street, Longmont CO 80501. Descubriremos a través de la Biblia el verdadero significado del Amor Divino. Su palabra nos enseña que en Cristo hay felicidad, paz y esperanza.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

H.O.P.E. Prayer Summit » Featuring James Black from NAD Prayer Ministries, this prayer summit will be held September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch.

Annual RMC Women's Retreat » Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women's Ministry Director will speak at the annual retreat September 28-30 at Glacier View Ranch.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Women's Ministry Coordinator » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time Women's Ministry Coordinator position (approximately 10 hours/week). The Women's Ministry Coordinator is responsible for building a community of godly women within the Rocky Mountain Conference. For more information about the position, essential tasks, expectations and how to apply, please see the following posting on our website: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-womens-ministry-coordinator>

Fort Collins School » The Fort Collins Christian School will start a state-licensed Preschool (ages 3-5) and is seeking a part-time preschool teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Family and Child Development, Child Psychology, or an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education will be considered. If you are interested in this position, please contact Keiko Breese at keikonagasawa821@gmail.com or call her at 970-222-6347 for more information.

Delta School » The Delta SDA school is seeking a K – 8 teacher for the 2018-19 school year. To apply, go to the union website: <http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities?category=4> or contact the Rocky Mountain Conference education department.

ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus » Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - ESL Teacher Needed

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

Mile High Academy Needs Third Grade Teacher » Mile High Academy will be hiring a third grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year. We are looking for an individual who is passionate about teaching, a lifelong learner, and has a visible relationship with Jesus.

If interested, contact Diane Harris dharris@rmcsda.org and Toakase Vunileva tvunileva@milehighacademy.org

Student Literature Evangelist Coordinator » Joe Martin has announced that he will be retiring this June. "We're sorry Joe is retiring," said RMC President Ed Barnett. "He has big shoes to fill and we are looking for someone to fill them. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our office at 303-282-3635 and ask for Human Resources."

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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.

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--Editor

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