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RMC Summer Pastors Retreat Combined Inspiration with Recreation »

“It’s the quality of time with God that’s most important for a pastor,” said Dr. David Sedlacek from Andrews University. Addressing minister’s concerns on how to balance an array of congregational issues as well as personal and family responsibilities, together with his wife, Beverly, he emphasized spending only “40 to 50 hours per week [on church matters] and spending the rest of time with your family.”




Meeting at Glacier View Ranch, pastors representing 130 congregations in the Rocky Mountain Conference were invited to come with their families and participate in moments of inspiration, recreation, and social interaction. Coordinated by Mickey Mallory, ministerial director, the gathering offered outdoor activities and getting directly in touch with the “second-to-none natural beauty of GVR,” Mickey said.

The participants heard two morning presentations on God’s Book of nature by Dr. Marty Miller, former professor of outdoor education at Southern Adventist University, and were invited to connect with the nature of the area. This included nature walks and a variety of recreational options, including kayaking, paddle boarding, off-roading or swimming. Networking with the pastoral family of RMC, was an unspoken option for all participants.

The final day’s activity included RMC departmental

“true Christians consider themselves not as satisfying some rigorous creditor, but as discharging a debt of gratitude”


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presentations.

A take-away comment from the retreat was Dr. Sedlacek's statement: "We are to be the Gospel, not just preach about it."



Comments from participants illustrate what they took away from the retreat:

JJ Martinez (Pueblo; Lamar; Arkansas Valley): One thing that stood out about this retreat was that the information that was given to us is not only applicable to married pastors, but also to single pastors and we can take that information and apply it to our lives for the future when we do find a spouse.

Marty Miller (presenter): "I was here [sharing] about nature and how to get pastors and their families involved with just getting outdoors and hearing God speak through nature. What I really enjoyed about the last three days was the real great conversation with a great group of people. Everybody has a really balanced view of God and where things are at in time. I just have nothing but good thoughts as I leave this place and, of course, Glacier View at 9,000 feet--what's not to like about that? It's been a privilege."

Daniel Birai (Fort Collins): "What stood out at the pastor's meetings was how intentional they were about making it family friendly. The presentations were really focused on the heart. It wasn't a lot of head knowledge. It was more about how can the conference support you. The speakers were amazing, the food was great and the fellowship was really awesome so I really appreciated that. Thank you so much, Mickey, you rock!"



Upcoming Events

Staff Meeting

August 21

GVR Board

August 21, 9:30 am

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 31- September 2

Labor Day -- Office Closed

September 3

Staff Meeting

September 4

Prayer Summit

September 7-9

Hispanic INTEL Class

September 7-8

Hispanic Net 2018

September 21-23

Executive Committee

September 25, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Retreat

September 28-30

Hispanic Women's Retreat -- GVR

October 5-7

GVR Board

October 16

RMC Property & Trust

October 17, 9:30 a.m.

Hispanic Youth Congress

October 26-28

Jessyka Albert (Boulder): “It’s been refreshing to see a handful of younger pastors in the mix during these meetings. I look forward to watching our diversity grow in many ways, including age.”

Wayne Morrison (Brighton): “I’ve enjoyed the relaxed schedule, camaraderie, the attitude of joy from everybody this week, and the fun we had together.”

Gabrielle Vincent (wife of Shane Vincent, Casper, WY, District): “One of my favorite things was the outdoor activities and the recreation. We did have something for everybody-- children, adults, parents and everybody that came here-- kayaking, paddle boarding, off-roading and lots of cool activities in the evening--movie nights, board games. My absolute favorite [activity] definitely has to be the off-roading experience. I have been off-roading before, but nothing like the experience and the adventures that we had here. What was also special was that you were with other like-minded people. We had three other Jeeps, besides our Hummer, that were able to go together so the fellowship and the community of the whole thing brought us together.”

-- Rajmund Dabrowski, text and photos: first picture (l-r) Marty Miller, Ed Barnett, Beverly and David Sedlacek; second photo: Wayne Morrison, always at work; last photo: off-roaders at Miller Rock

Fort Lupton Community Holds Multi-Faith Prayer and Praise Tribute »

A prayer gathering with members from many of the existing churches in Fort Lupton, including Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, and Seventh-day Adventist, along with people who don’t attend any church, took place at St. Williams Catholic Church at 7 p.m., July 22.

During the nearly two-hour event, the local priest welcomed the mixed group of around 200 people and the Methodist pastor explained that the purpose of the gathering was to gather names from those in attendance of disadvantaged individuals who needed prayer. Pastor Ted Williams, Fort Collins Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor, facilitated the writing of names on a whiteboard as people called them out.



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.

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



Inspiration for the event came from the community rallying around a prominent individual in Fort Lupton who was stricken with cancer. The community raised an amazing amount of money for his care. This generated the thought in Pastor Ted's mind that there are many disadvantaged people in Fort Collins who need the same type of attention who could be helped through prayer. He took the idea to the Fort Lupton Ministerial Alliance who ran with it, dubbing it the Community Prayer and Praise Tribute.

To reach as many community members as possible, churches announced it to their congregations and the Ministerial Alliance posted it on the Fort Lupton Chamber of Commerce calendar.

When all the suggested names were on the whiteboard, three volunteers from the audience prayed for those names. "People in attendance were very excited about this and wanted to do it again," shared Pastor Ted. "It's high time we did this," the people said. "Why don't we do it again?"

At the end of the prayer service, the priest announced that "whenever we meet, we eat," so everyone went across the parking lot to the fellowship area for punch and cookies.

"It was an awesome experience to meet with God's friends and come together in prayer for the community and individuals in it. It needs to happen again."

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Ted Williams

Disaster Relief Helps Two Metro Communities » With 80 units of Westbury Apartments destroyed by a fire which began at 2 a.m. July 22 and which took the lives of two women, Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Director (ACS DR), Cathy Kissner responded to a request from the City of Westminster to manage donations. Subsequently, a Community Collection/Distribution Center was set up on West 73 Avenue in Westminster.



"The community of Westminster has been amazing in the type and number of donations given, commented Kissner. "Everything from tooth brushes to new clothing has been delivered to the Distribution Center. "What a blessing to those impacted by the fires," she shared.

Another apartment fire took place in the Ural Lane building in Thornton on July 31, destroying 15 units and injuring two young men who were alerting occupants of the fire. ACS DR was again asked to assist with getting victims of this fire back on their feet. "Once again, the community is reaching out to help their community heal," reports Kissner.

The ACS DR distribution center has assisted 75 families in their struggle to find homes. Several of these families have visited the Center multiple times as they go from living in hotels/shelters to staying with family members and on to finding permanent homes.

The brother of a Westbury Apartment fire victim came in with a donation, expressing thanks for all ACS DR is doing, reports Kissner. Many others have also expressed their appreciation for the work that ACS DR is doing to heal those impacted by the fire.

Volunteers are still needed to work at the Westbury Fire Recovery Distribution Center in Westminster. No training is needed. The center is located at 3915 W 73rd Avenue, Westminster, across the street from Fire Station #1. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy Kissner, RMC ACS Director at 970-201-3799.

RMCNews with Cathy Kissner; photo by Cathy Kissner

Introducing New Literature Evangelism Director »

Pastor Matt Hasty has accepted the invitation from the Rocky Mountain Conference to serve as director of literature evangelism, working with the students at Campion Academy. Coming from the Indiana Conference, Hasty served there as literature ministries director. In a short interview, he shared a bit about his background along with his goals for the program.



Why have you chosen to work in Literature Evangelism and what has brought you here?

I believe literature evangelism is an extremely important tool in leading people to Christ. We are

told that "soon a thousand will be converted in a day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications" (Evangelism, p. 693). Because this is true, I want to be involved in a ministry that will make a big impact for the kingdom of heaven! After much prayer, my wife and I decided God was leading us to join the team in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

What is your background in the area?

I started knocking on doors at 16 years old, and I haven't stopped yet. Though LE work is full of its challenges, it also gets a little addicting. I'm 32 now, so for a little over half of my life, I have been doing evangelism and always use literature as part of that evangelism. Outside of LE work, I've preached five evangelistic series and have pastored for three years.

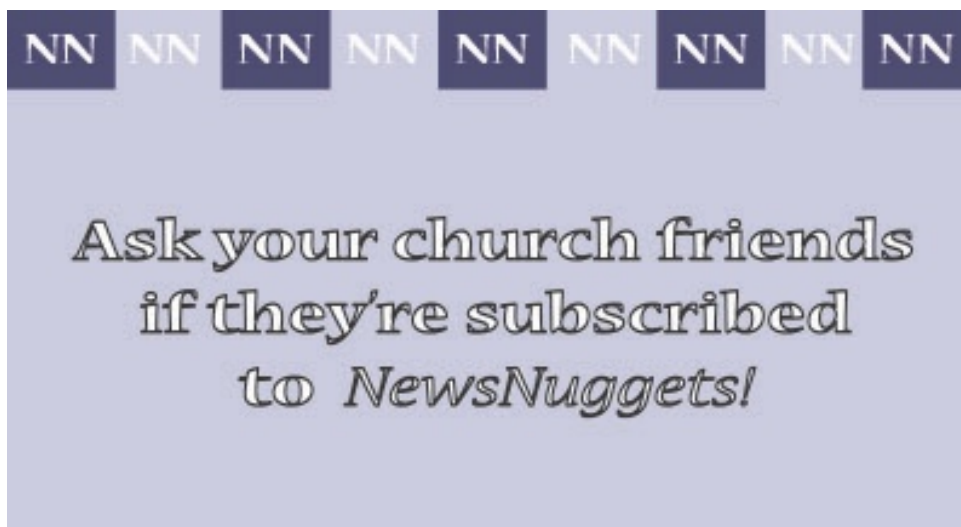
What are your goals for the program?

I have two simple, but huge goals. First, I'd like to train and persuade every attending member in our conference that they are a literature evangelist. Secondly, I want every home in Colorado and Wyoming to receive at least one of our truth-filled books or tracts every year.

Could you tell us a bit about you as a person?

In December, my wife Amanda and I will celebrate our 10th-year anniversary. Six months ago, we were blessed with our adorable daughter Eliisa. Our family loves the outdoors, camping, cliff-jumping, snowboarding, hiking and the beach! We're looking forward to making some great memories with our new family in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Throughout the history of Campion Academy, the ministry of literature evangelism has been an important outreach for students as well as a job opportunity. Pastor Joe Martin, who served for 27 years as director of literature evangelism, retired in May. "While he will be greatly missed, we are pleased to continue the program under the leadership of Matt Hasty," shares Jill Harlow, English Language Learner teacher.



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LAST CAMP MEETING DATE 2018

Hispanic Camp Meeting:

Aug 31-Sept 3 Glacier View Ranch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campion Church » Witnessing 101 - How to Share Your Faith: All northern Colorado churches are invited to join an exciting training seminar on August 17-18. You'll learn practical and proven ways to share your faith. Instructors include Pastor Alex Rodriguez, Director of Evangelism for the Voice of Prophecy, and a variety of pastors from our northern Colorado region. Starts at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 17 and continues from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sabbath, August 18 (lunch and supper are provided). Please RSVP by August 13 by emailing pastor Nestor at rsoriano1@gmail.com.

Denver South Church » Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church welcomes special guest, Danielle Harrison, senior speaker for "Coming Out" ministries. They focus on purity and renewal in Christ, a relevant topic for both the church and the community and specially for young adults and youth. We invite you to the first of three sessions on Friday, August 17 at 7 p.m.. The second presentation will be a general session on Sabbath morning at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. This means that we will not have our typical Sabbath School classes but will all meet together in the sanctuary. All children's divisions will continue to meet in their respective classes for Sabbath School. Our third and final session will take place during the worship service.

The Appearing » October 11-15, Churches across North America will present a new series from the Voice of Prophecy called *The Appearing* October 11-15. Hosted by Pastor Shawn Boonstra and local pastors, this five-part event follows in the footsteps of the award-winning *Shadow Empire* and *A Pale Horse Rides* series and will only be available in local churches. It will combine cutting-edge media with Bible clarity to reveal what Scripture actually says about the Second Coming. An all-new book and Bible studies will also be available. Visit appearing.org to find a location near you and watch for many more to be added in the coming weeks. Don't see your church on the list? Encourage them to sign up at www.appearing.org/host.

Adventist Health System » Edwin Hernandez, president and CEO of Adventist University of Health Sciences, writes that Adventist Health System and all their branded assets in and out of Florida, including all Florida Hospitals, will soon be AdventHealth. In May, "ADU's Board of Trustees voted to align our brand by changing our name to AdventHealth University effective September 5, 2018."

Rocky Mountain Pastors will be at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

New Adventurers Club » New Adventurers Club coming to Denver! We are very excited to announce that the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church ([2675 S. Downing St.](http://2675%20S.%20Downing%20St.%20Denver%20CO)) will welcome children, pre-K to 4th grade, to join a fun and educational club. The mission of the Adventurer Club ministry is to serve an intercultural community of children and their parents or guardians and assist Adventurer families in growing as followers of Jesus! For more information and to find out how you can volunteer as a staff member, contact Humberto Mateo, Adventurer Director at 813-924-713.

Prayer Summit » Don't miss it! Do you want to strengthen your prayer life and learn how to reach out to our community through prayer? Then register NOW for the "Open It!" Prayer Summit September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch. Pastor James L. Black Sr., our North American Division Prayer Coordinator, is our guest. View the brochure at www.rmcsda.org/prayer and follow the link to register. Questions? Contact deeannbragaw@rmcsda.org or call 303-243-1172

Western Slope Women's Retreat » A women's retreat

will be held on the Western Slope September 14 - 16 at Mountain Top Retreat, [339 Bible Camp Rd., Montrose, CO](#). It is just 15 miles south of Montrose, adjacent to the Uncompahgre National Forest.

Guest speaker, Jeanie Ryan, will speak under the theme, "Bear One Another's Burdens". Features include music, a Scripture walk, hayride, and other fun Sabbath evening activities. Please plan on spending a relaxing and spiritual weekend in the mountains. For questions and registration, call Judy Kelley at 970-249-7237 as soon as possible.

Women's Retreat » "Branded in Christ," RMC women's retreat will be held at Glacier View Ranch **September 28-30**. Heather-Dawn Small, Women's Ministries Director for our SDA world church, is our featured speaker. View the brochure at: www.rmcsda.org/women. Registration is online and begins July 15. For questions email deeannb@rmcsda.org, or text/call 303-243-1172.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mile High Academy » Mile High Academy has immediate openings for the 2018-2019 school year for two part-time drivers for our transportation routes. Qualified candidates will be at least 21 years old, possess, or be able to obtain, a current Colorado driver's license (Commercial Driver's License not necessary) have no more than two traffic citations and no at fault accidents during the last three years. Candidates must also possess current U.S. work authorization. While maintaining the dignity and respect for all students, the driver's primary responsibility is the safety of students while transporting them to and from school. To apply, please send an email to Vivien Vasquez to request an application (vivienv@rmcsda.org) or contact her by phone at [303-282-3653](tel:303-282-3653).

HMS Richards Elementary » Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ [\(970\) 667-2427](tel:(970)667-2427).

Vista Ridge Academy » Seeking candidates for a **Part-time Aide in Preschool and PreK/Kindergarten** (20+ hours per week). Candidates must be active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Completion of ECE state licensing requirements for a preschool teacher is a bonus, but not

required.

Also seeking candidates for a **Part-time Extended Care Supervisor** (8-10 hours per week). Candidates must be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and available to work after school.

For more information, please contact Sandy Hodgson at 303.828.4944 or shodgson@vistaridge.org.

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.

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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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