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RMC Pastors and Leaders Meet to Talk About Their Ministry »

In the month of December, as in previous years, the RMC Conference president, Ed Barnett and the new ministerial director, Mickey Mallory, had the privilege to meet with many of the RMC pastors individually for an hour-long evaluation.

Mallory reported that "for those pastors living on the Front Range, this meant a trip to the conference office. While for those pastoring in southern Colorado and Wyoming, this meant a trip to Colorado Springs, Montrose, or Casper.



The purpose of the evaluation was to provide each pastor with an opportunity to assess what their ministry looks like from the eyes of their local church leaders. This data is shared in an atmosphere of grace and encouragement. On top of that, each pastor is given the opportunity to share his or her ministry plans for the upcoming new year. At the end of the evaluation, there is a time given for prayer.

The feedback from the pastors has been very positive. Pastor Chuck Gadway from the Buffalo, Sheridan, New Castle, Upton, and Gillette Churches in Wyoming commented, that "to be able to participate in the pastoral evaluation process allows me to have a better feel for where my district and individual churches are strong and where they need a little encouragement. To be able to visit and interact with leadership in a positive and encouraging way helps me to enhance my ministry in the right direction. Thank you RMC!"

Friday, December 29, 2017



Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new.

-- Joseph Saraceno

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Pastor Mike Maldonado from the Colorado Springs, Church said, that “the pastoral evaluation process benefited me by re-affirming my pastoral calling and receiving the tangible support of RMC president and ministerial director. To be able to participate in the process allows me to have an objective and safe environment for self-evaluation.”

Pastor Bob McAlpine from the Alamosa and Monte Vista Churches in Colorado emphasized the support he receives from RMC. "I appreciate knowing that my RMC leaders are tuned in to what is happening in the local churches around the conference. Their support is a huge blessing," he said.

“The hope and prayer is that all the pastors serving in RMC will know that the conference leadership care for them personally and want only the best for their ministry,” Mallory remarked.

[RMCNews with Mickey Mallory]

Ministry of Military Chaplains Honored at Memorial Dedication Ceremony »

Dick Stenbakken’s, dream of placing a memorial honoring chaplains from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, past and present, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific became a reality on December 13, 2017, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The dream had its beginning in 1970.



The first time Chaplain (Colonel) Richard "Dick" Stenbakken, United States Army, retired, visited the National Memorial Cemetery, located in Punchbowl Crater, was in November of 1970. “I was struck by the serene beauty and profoundly majestic silence of the grounds. It was a breath of fresh air for the soul,” he recalled. The neat rows of markers well reflect the crisp orderliness of the military members commemorated on these grounds.

“To me,” Chaplain Stenbakken commented, “the contrasts between the stately serenity here and the cacophony of Vietnam were vast. Looking across the meticulously manicured grounds, I saw fresh scars in the grass. Those scars were a vivid reminder that after a brief R & R in Hawaii,



Upcoming Events

New Year's Day -- Office Closed

January 1

VOP Dress Rehearsal

January 4

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 5-7

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 9-10

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 12-14

Area Pathfinder PBE

January 13; 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 16-17

Teen Prayer Summit

January 18 - 20

Revelation Speaks Peace

January 19-21

GVR Board -- RMC Office

February 6; 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CANCELLED: GVR Board

February 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

I had another 100 days 'in country' to fulfill my tour in Vietnam."



What began as a dream became a journey full of miracles. On a sunny Hawaiian day, he saw the conclusion of two years of phone calls and piles of paperwork, making this memorial a reality. Stenbakken donned a WWII chaplain's uniform for the dedication events.

Thinking back to the 1970 stroll in the Punchbowl Cemetery, Stenbakken describes how, "seeing those very fresh graves caused me to ponder how many of 'my troops' were here, or might yet be here. Not as visitors, like myself, embraced by the warm Hawaiian sun and caressed by the soft trade-winds, but as names etched in snow-white marble glistening in the sun, watered by the tears of family and friends. Those thoughts uniquely encouraged, and deepened my commitment to ministry as an Army Chaplain.

"And, yes - there was the thought that my name could be on one of those white marble markers too. The thought was both chilling, and energizing. Chilling because I still had 100 days to go in Vietnam, and life is never sure in a combat zone. Energizing, because I still had time to provide meaningful ministry to my troops.

"I cherish the reflections of that day, and my experiences in Vietnam. They helped me focus on both the unspeakable beauty, and the utter fragility of life. They helped me look eye to eye at my own mortality more deeply than ever before," he reminisced.

Speaking at the dedication service, attended by a roster of chaplains, were Chaplain (Major General) Paul Hurley, Army Chief of Chaplains (Roman Catholic); Chaplain Jack Lea, Director of National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (Methodist); Derek Jones, Endorser for the Anglican Church; Sarah Lammert (Unitarian Universalist Endorser); Rabbi Irving Elson, Director-Endorser of the Jewish Welfare Board, Stenbakken, former Director-Endorser for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who said that the placement of this memorial, "honors every Chaplain across the Pacific



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.

Tracing Avista Adventist Hospital's One-hundred Year Journey »

Visitors entering Avista Adventist Hospital’s atrium would never know that the journey to this present-day, state-of-the-art facility began more than 100 years ago with the humble mission to help people lead healthy and productive lives.

In 1896, Dr. Harvey Kellogg founded the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium and Hospital as a branch of the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan. Kellogg believed the fresh Colorado air and beautiful mountain scenery would aid in the treatment and care the sick at the facility, which was run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



The Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium began as a “resort” and health spa caring for the body and soul. Every aspect of the sanitarium was made to enhance and heal the body and soul – from the orchestra playing in the dining hall, to the elaborate oil paintings on the ceiling and the ever-present view of the mountains. Patients, or guests, were typically overworked men and overweight women seeking to lead healthier lives.

Kellogg stressed the importance of sunlight, fresh air and healthy food as the foundation to a healthy life. As part of Kellogg’s dedication to promoting healthy lifestyles, the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium served many “new-fangled foods” including breakfast options such as granola and corn flakes, which Kellogg invented himself.

Over time, there was sufficient evidence that the sanitarium needed to expand to care for a larger variety of people and conditions. Over many years, the sanitarium underwent a number of renovations and expansions. It was renamed Boulder Memorial Hospital in the 1950s, but remained a small-scale hospital with limited specialty areas.

As the Boulder community and surrounding areas grew, hospital leadership recognized the need for additional space and specialty areas of care to treat the growing population. In

order to expand, the hospital needed support. In 1989, Boulder Memorial Hospital became part of Adventist Health System. With this new sponsorship and support, hospital leadership were able to pursue a new facility that was equipped to care for the larger community and expanded disciplines.

Hospital leadership had their sights set on land just outside Boulder--a hill with a magnificent view of the mountains. This land was owned by a Louisville family, the Spicers. The Spicer family, whose children had all been born at the sanitarium, believed in the vision of this new hospital. With limited resources and a large donation from the Spicer family, hospital leadership acquired the land for the new hospital to be named Avista Adventist Hospital, in gratitude for the view.

In 1990, the humble 50-bed hospital opened its doors with a mission and vision to care for patients by extending the healing ministry of Christ. The passionate staff wanted to create a legacy of compassionate care to set them apart and keep their mission as the core of their identity. In 1996, this mission became the basis of the mission for a new health care system, Centura Health. This new partnership with other hospitals allowed Avista to better execute its mission in its community.

Today, Avista Adventist Hospital is a full-service acute care hospital boasting 114 beds. Avista delivers over 2,000 babies per year and has the area's largest Level III NICU. The hospital is home to an award-winning Joint & Spine Center and is a leader in women's health. Additionally, Avista boasts a robust array of specialty practices with over 600 providers.

Though the building and name may have changed, Avista has never forgotten its roots and humble beginnings. The staff continues to strive to provide exceptional compassionate care and promote a healthy mind, body and spirit for every patient. After more than 100 years of caring for patients, Avista's mission to help its community live healthy and fulfilling lives continues to endure.

[Chrissy Nicholson; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Teen Prayer Summit 2018 »

WHEN? January 19-21, 2018

WHERE: Glacier View Ranch in Ward, CO

AGES? 13-19

COST? 1-4 Tickets: \$75 each

5-9 Tickets: \$70 each

10-14 Tickets: \$65 each

15 Tickets \$60 each

THEME: "I AM"

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jonathan Leonardo (top) and Erik



VanDenburgh (bottom)

Sponsors are required to accompany your youth to the summit! One male sponsor is required per ten male participants and one female sponsor per ten female participants. Sponsors must be 21 years of age or older

and complete Verified Volunteers training online.



For more information and to register your youth (and sponsors) please visit:

<http://rmcyouth.org/prayersummit>

We would be thrilled if all of the teens from your church (and even your geographical area) were able to attend. Please distribute this

information to your youth leaders and include it in your bulletin and announcements. All teens are welcome!

PRAYER CORNER

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

We are calling for a day of prayer, **TODAY, Friday, December 29** for the upcoming Revelation Speaks Peace meetings beginning next week in Denver. Please pray throughout the day that many people will make a decision to follow Jesus! **We will have a conference call at 12noon AND at 7pm to pray together for the meetings.** Please join in either or both of the calls. There is power in united prayer! If you're hesitant to join in a conference call because you've never done so –please be at ease! Simply call [605-468-8026](tel:605-468-8026), and an automated voice will ask you to enter your access code which is 1010801 followed by the # sign. And – you're on the call. It's that easy! You are welcome to just listen, or to take a turn praying over the topics covered. It's a great way to pray together and we're looking forward to praying with YOU **today!**

18 minutes in 2018

One of our churches is launching a prayer challenge! During 2018, how about increasing your prayer time by 18 minutes (for 2018) a day? Imagine what could happen if all of our members prayed an extra 18 minutes each day? C'mon Rocky Mountain Conference! **Let's PRAY!**

"Prayer unites us with one another and with God. Prayer

brings Jesus to our side, and gives to the fainting, perplexed soul new strength to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. Prayer turns aside the attacks of Satan."(*Christ's Object Lessons 250*)

TEN DAYS OF PRAYER

Every new year starts with an opportunity to deepen our walk with Jesus through prayer! ***Ten Days of Prayer*** for 2018 is "officially" January 10-20, and the focus will be on "A Prayer Experience With Our High Priest." Incredible resources and ways to do 10 days of prayer at your church can be found at www.tendaysofprayer.org. Some churches do the 10 days as a conference call - others gather every night. Whatever way works best for your church, please, join in and be blessed! ALSO - If you cannot do the January dates, you are welcome to use the materials any 10 days throughout the year!!! Check it out - Let's PRAY!

January 6 - First Quarter Day of Prayer and Fasting

The first Sabbath of every new quarter is designated as a day of prayer and fasting. The focus for our first day of prayer/fasting is "Interceding for our Families," and you will find GREAT resources at www.revivalandreformation.org. If the first Sabbath is not the best for you, why not try another Sabbath? You'll be blessed! Let's PRAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

the One project » The final gathering of the One project will be held at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego February 11, 12. This grand finale promises to be a unique and moving experience.

RMC President Ed Barnett commented, "I get excited about programs in our church that really focus on Jesus. Those who attended the gatherings--and several of our church members went to more than one--have shared with me how valuable, biblically-anchored, and affirming they were for them as Seventh-day Adventists. The San Diego gathering is last, but still offers a chance for our RMC members to participate. They will be blessed, I am sure."



No recordings will be made of this gathering, and since it will include an open session for everyone to share thoughts and experiences, we anticipate that it will be challenging and refreshing. According to Japhet De Oliveira, senior pastor of the Boulder Adventist Church, and co-founder of the One project, "We invite speakers and participants alike to proclaim "Oh, How I Love Jesus!" Register at www.the1project.org before December 31 for the best prices. Prices increase January 1 and the gathering is likely to sell out.



Revelation Speaks Peace Volunteers Needed

» Join us in equipping the world for Christ to come. The series begins January 5 and runs through February 3, 2018. To volunteer, click [here](#) for a volunteer form which can be emailed to ericn@rmcsda.org.

La Vida Mission » Partner with La Vida Mission in helping our Navajo friends! An anonymous donor is matching all donations from new donors to La Vida Mission from now until December 31, 2017. If you have not donated to the mission before or you know someone who has not donated before, please spread the word. That donation will be matched this month only. You can donate securely online by going to <http://lavidamission.org> and click on the donation button or call [505-786-5539](tel:505-786-5539) (with a credit card number) or send a check to La Vida Mission, PO Box 3308, Farmington, NM 87499 and be sure it is postmarked by December 31 to get the match. Thank you for partnering with us to help the underprivileged children of the Navajo Nation find Jesus and

live a better, healthier life. La Vida Mission is a 501(c)3 non-profit and your donations are tax deductible.

Sign up to Receive The Daily Walk » The Daily Walk is a continuing seven-day Bible study course built around the sermons at Boulder Adventist Church. The Daily Walk offers an opportunity to connect with the Scriptures daily. To sign up for The Daily Walk online, go to:

<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/r/F60BDC64AEAA7A5A>.



Become a Warrior for Champion » Our mission at Champion Academy is to bring young people into our school family and not only educate them for the future, but train them as disciples for Christ. We cherish our students deeply at Champion and want nothing but the

best for their futures.

However, we cannot do this alone - we need your help! **Warriors for Champion** is a new campaign geared toward raising money for our Worthy Student Fund that goes to give students who cannot afford full tuition financial help. As a Warrior for Champion, we are asking for a pledge of \$100 a month for the two years or \$1,000 per year for the next two years.

In raising this money, you will be guaranteeing that students and staff will be able to remain at Champion Academy and continue to grow in Christ.

Do you want to become a Warrior for Champion? Please click [here](#) to learn more! Deadline: February 1, 2018

Golden Church » A New Year's Eve Communion Service will be held at 4 p.m., December 31. What better way to end the year than with a communion service? This is your opportunity to come worship God who sustained you throughout the year and to place yourself in His hands once again for the new year. Everybody is invited. Bring a friend!

Mile High Academy Kindergarten Visitation

» Kindergarten Visitation at Mile High Academy is a great way for your child to get to know our teachers, meet new friends, and get to know what a future at MHA means. Join us from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 11. Designed especially for any family who has an interest in MHA and would like to try it out for themselves, families are

encouraged to spend the morning with us at our Open House to talk about the programs we offer, meet Administration, discuss the application process, and enjoy a continental breakfast with us. Your child will want to start school right away. For any questions about Kindergarten Visitation or the Open House RSVP to Agape Hammond at ahammond@milehighacademy.org.

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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.

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--Editor

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