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## Newday Church Evolves into a Multi-site Adventist Congregation »

"Newday Seventh-day Adventist Christian Church has taken the first step toward becoming a multi-site congregation," said Dave Kennedy, lead pastor of the Parker Adventist faith community. On Saturday afternoon, January 13, more than 120 congregants, representing mostly two churches in the Downtown Denver region – Newday and Park Hill, participated in what was referred to as a "soft launch" of the new church plant.

"We are one church in two locations. We have one board, one budget, one name, one mission, one logo, one leadership team, and one pastoral team, with two locations. We have a location in Parker, and a location in Denver," Kennedy explained, adding that every Sabbath there'll be meetings at both locations -- Parker in the morning at 11 a.m. and Denver in the afternoon at 4 p.m.



Speaking at the first church service in a rented historic African-American church, Cleaves Memorial Church on 2222 Marion Street in the Five Points area of Denver, referred to as the "Harlem of the West," Kennedy said that Parker and Five Points are "two very different environments so our ministry in the community will look different which is why we're partnering with Park Hill to reach the community and do service projects together," Kennedy said.

Participating in the service were several dozen members of the Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church together with

"Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Pastor Roger Davis. "This is a phenomenal experience. I'm excited about the Lord raising up another church in this part of the city."

Pastor Kennedy explained that originally "we wanted a downtown location, but what we realized is that diversity is very important to us and we realized that people living downtown are about 95 percent Caucasian. So, what we did is go about ten blocks north. God led us to the community of Five Points. It's a microcosm of the United States. It has the same demographic makeup of the United States with 63 percent Caucasian; 20 percent Latino; 13 percent African-American; and 5 percent Asian. That's what led us to Five Points was the diversity. It is also the center of all the homeless resources and facilities as well."

Christian churches plant congregations in the city that are reaching the young, upwardly-mobile, hipster Caucasian. "We need to do that, too. But that's not what we're trying to do. We want to reach the marginalized. By serving the poor, we will also attract the upwardly mobile that want to serve their community. We want to be a diverse gathering. We want to be like the kingdom of God. This is why we planted in this neighborhood," Kennedy explained



Time-wise, the launching of the second Newday church was coordinated with the Voice of Prophecy's Revelation Speaks Peace meetings at Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver. "When people in the downtown region do come to faith, we need to have a church to nurture and disciple them," Kennedy said.

"As you already know, Denver is broken up into various communities. There's Park Hill, and the next major community as you travel west is the Five Points community. And so having a church right here in Five Points is something that should have been done years ago," Davis commented

He envisions a more unified and joint Adventist ministry in Denver. "Because we're right in the same vicinity, we're going to work together as churches on very targeted and specific things. This is a Newday initiative. And Park Hill has various

## Upcoming Events

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### **Teen Prayer Summit**

*January 18 - 20*

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### **Revelation Speaks Peace**

*January 19-21*

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### **Revelation Speaks Peace**

*January 23-24*

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### **Revelation Speaks Peace**

*January 26-28*

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### **Revelation Speaks Peace**

*January 30-31*

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### **Revelation Speaks Peace**

*February 2-3*

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### **GVR Board -- RMC Office**

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

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### **CANCELLED: GVR Board**

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

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initiatives, things we are doing,” Davis shared with *NewsNuggets*.

“However, although we worship in different buildings, we have to come together to do ministry outside our buildings. That’s what I envision us doing -- outreach activities, community development activities and things of that nature,” he added.

Referred to as a “historic weekend” for the new congregation, the service was an introduction to what the church’s mission will encompass. In his introduction to the launch, Kennedy spoke of “dreaming of what we could be in the Five Point community. Our still evolving motto is to be a diverse gathering of church followers seeking the good of the city.”

A major part of the first church gathering included a conversation between Kennedy and Davis relating to race relations and how to celebrate diversity represented by the involved communities. With the launch taking place during the Martin Luther King weekend, the two ministers explained how they became friends through a conversation. “We can accomplish change when we talk to each other,” they encouraged the participants. In the discussion that followed, several comments affirmed a need to engage in reaching out to the community, but also toward each other.



Ed Barnett, RMC president, and Mickey Mallory, RMC ministerial director, participated in the service. “Engagement in church mission requires understanding the community, changing the culture of how we relate to each other and how we celebrate our diversity. There is a need to do church differently today,” Barnett commented after the service.

The conversation was against the background of two separate administrative entities the two churches represent, the Rocky Mountain Conference and Central States Conference. The membership make-up of each unit is different, RMC being a conference based on states, and CSC representing a region in which church membership represents primarily African-American believers.

**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](mailto: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.**

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With a call of “all hands on deck,” the site pastor, Edwin Vargas, with Dave Kennedy being the lead pastor for the first year, will minister the new church plant within the Rocky Mountain Conference. A charter membership of the church plant will consist of 35 Newday members who committed themselves to serve in the first months of the fledgling Seventh-day Adventist congregation in the Five Points community. An official launch of the new congregation is planned for the Sabbath of Easter weekend.

-- Text and photos by Rajmund Dabrowski

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## **Emphasizing the Importance of Equality for All Americans -- NAD Statement »**

The Statue of Liberty, a longstanding symbol of freedom in the U.S., has these words engraved on its base: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, ... Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!” Some today, however, are questioning the presence of those on our shores who come from countries currently facing political, economic, and natural disaster challenges.

As the most ethnically-diverse Christian denomination in the U.S., the Seventh-day Adventist Church proudly defends the rights of all men, women and children, no matter their country of origin — the equal rights afforded in the United States Constitution and fair treatment as immigrants and refugees in our beloved country.

Almost every American citizen’s lineage includes immigration from a foreign territory, and many came here with the hope and promise of a better life made possible by a nation that recognized the fair and equal treatment of all its citizens. As a religious group that was formed in the U.S. more than 150 years ago, we celebrate the religious liberty that is given to all who choose to live and worship here. Our country is at its best when we celebrate the ethnic diversity, cultural variances, and freedom of religious expression of all Americans.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church joins other communities of faith in prayerfully calling for all Americans to search their hearts and seek God’s guidance in their daily interactions with others. God creates all His creatures equal and His love is available to all who accept it, no matter their background, place of birth, or economic status. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).

— Released by NAD on January 16, 2018

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## **Anti-Bullying Program Held at Vista Ridge Academy »**



With many students and staff wearing blue on January 16 to signify the fight against bullying, Erie School Resource officers James Alary and Cara Thoen presented their anti-bullying campaign "Stand Up Against Bullying". Every Erie school was visited, including Vista Ridge Academy. During the presentation at VRA, Principal Hodgson spoke to the students about bullying and took the opportunity to thank the Erie Police Department for supporting the school.

"Wearing blue to take a stand against bullying is a reminder that we can make a difference in many ways to promote safer communities at school, home, and in our neighborhoods," Hodgson told the students.

First-grader Savannah enjoyed having our resource officers from the Erie Police Department on campus. "It reminded me that I can stop bullying," she said. Students received giveaways from the School Resource Officers.

Vista Ridge Academy will hold an Open House on two dates--Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, February 7, both from 8:39 to 10:30 a.m. Find out more about Vista Ridge Academy and observe it in action.

-- RMCNews with Marsha Bartulec

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### **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!

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## PRAYER CORNER

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### **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)*

**SAVE THE DATE!** Save the dates of September 7, 8, and 9 for our H.O.P.E. (Houses Of Prayer Everywhere) Prayer Summit at Glacier View Ranch. This will be a weekend of inspiration, learning how to pray more effectively and **praying!** Our guest speaker will be James Black, new NAD prayer ministries director. Plan NOW to attend!

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## FAMILY LIFE

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**Ladies, are you looking for a way to start the year out right?**

**28-Day Devotional Study Guide for Women**

Developed by Sandra Stanley (Andy Stanley's wife)

*Pursuing a Pace That Will Finally Give You Peace*

<http://www.breathingroom.org>

**Men, are you looking for a way to start the year out right?**

**28-Day Devotional Study Guide for Men**

*Man Up*

<http://www.bible.com>

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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### **CAMP MEETINGS 2018**

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

### **TOWN HALLS 2018**

SE Town Hall	March 17	Colorado Springs Central
Metro Town Hall	March 24	Denver South Church
SW Town Hall	April 28	Pinon Hills Church
NE Town Hall	May 19	Campion Church
NW Town Hall	June 9	Grand Junction Church
Hispanic Town Hall	June 16	Denver South Hispanic

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **Do You Want to 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

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**Campion Academy Talent Show »** Join the students and Champion Academy community at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 27 for a fun night showcasing local talent. Food will be available for purchase. Both baked goods and seniors will be auctioned. Purchase an individual ticket for \$5 or a family ticket for \$15 at the door.

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**IMPACT: Young Adult Conference »** IMPACT is an annual conference designed to inspire young adults to share the gospel as well as connect and fellowship with each other. This year's speaker is Chad Bernard. The cost is \$25 which includes meals. To register, go to [www.impactrmc.org](http://www.impactrmc.org).

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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**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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**Glacier View Ranch »** has immediate openings for two Ranch Support Personnel. The positions are part-time (28 hours/week) with housing provided on site. These positions



perform a variety of tasks, assisting in multiple operational functions around the Ranch. For a full description of duties, including physical demands and working conditions, please review the job description on our website at <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-gvrsupportpersonnel> where you will also find information on how to apply.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please feel free to forward this email.

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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](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

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--Editor

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Rocky Mountain Conference.

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**Tagline:**

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Fully Known*

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