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**GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION**  
**SPECIAL EDITION - #3 (Women's Ordination)**

**Women's Ordination: Divisions May Not**

**Decide »** Delegates of the 2015 General Conference Session voted "No" today to the carefully worded proposal that would have allowed the 13 divisions of our world



church to each decide for themselves whether or not to allow the ordination of women to the gospel ministry within their own territories. The vote, conducted by secret paper ballots, was 977 in favor of divisions deciding and 1,381 opposing it.

This vote does not determine whether or not women can serve as ministers. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has already decided that women may serve as credentialed ministers. As several delegates pointed out during floor speeches (including special guest former GC president Jan Paulsen), this vote was not about whether female pastors should be ordained, but who should decide whether or not to ordain them.

Dan Jackson, president of the North America Division, said that regardless of whether or not they are ordained, the 107 women pastors currently laboring in the NAD will continue serving their churches and communities. "We will continue with our intention of placing as many women into pastoral ministry as possible. We affirm the important role they play in reaching all of God's children." [\[more\]](#) (photo by James Bokovoy)

Thursday, July 9, 2015

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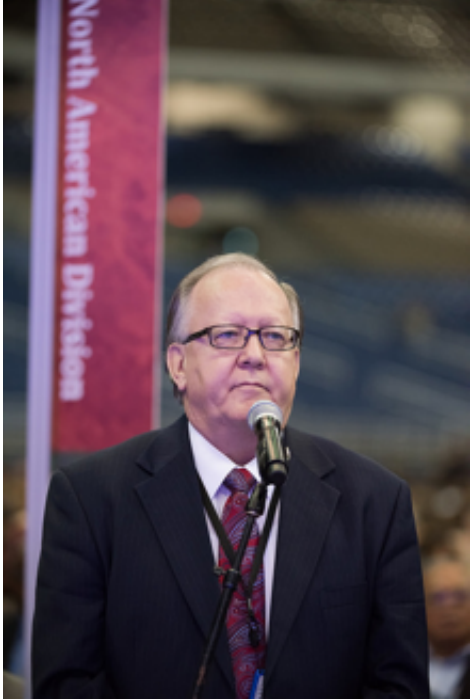
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**Upcoming Events**

**General Conference**  
*July 1-12*

**Concert - Christian Berdhal**  
*July 11*  
Location: Woodland Park Church  
Time: 2:30 p.m.



**"We have a positive future ahead of us." - Interview with Dan Jackson, NAD President »**

*Shortly after his re-election as president of the North American Division, Daniel Jackson sat down with NAD Communication Director Daniel Weber to share his thoughts on the mission of the church in the North American territory and his hopes and wishes for the members there.*

**NAD Communication:** You were just reelected for another five year term. Tell me your thoughts. How does this compare to five years ago when you were elected?

**Dan Jackson:** Well, last time it was such a shock for me that I thought it was just a brand new adventure that I headed out on it with a lot of exuberance and enthusiasm. And this time around there's a fair amount of knowledge and a fair amount of concern for the future of the church but I am really pleased and really happy to be able to serve. I am just very deeply moved by the expression of the NAD delegates yesterday as they stood when we were announced. I told my wife, I've got to put my head down because I'm going to blubber. So there's just a completely different kind of sense this time around. Now I understand not only what's going on, but I also sense what lies ahead. [\[more\]](#) (photo by Enno Mueller)



**Ed Barnett Comments on Election of Tom Lemon as World Church VP »**

Tom Lemon, president of Mid-America Union Conference was elected as vice president of the General Conference. He is one of six general vice presidents of the world church. NewsNuggets asked Ed Barnett, president of RMC, who is a delegate to the San Antonio, TX, Session of the world church, to comment on this unexpected decision: "Elder Lemon will be greatly missed in our Mid-America Union Conference. He has worked in our Union for many years, both in Rocky Mountain Conference, and as president of Minnesota Conference. He has given a steady leadership that has been greatly appreciated. My prayer is that God will continue to bless as he takes up his important new position in the General Conference.

[Pictured above (l to r) are: Ella Simmons, Artur Steele, Geoffrey Mbwana, Guillermo Biaggi, Abner De Los Santos and their spouses join Tom Lemon on the stage of the 60th General Conference Session as they are announced as the the vice presidents of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Photo by James Bokovoy/NAD Communication]

**Voting Devices**

**Dismissed »**

"We intend to take one more attempt to test the devices," President Ted Wilson repeated numerous times during the first week of the General Conference (GC) Session in San



**Wyoming Camp Meeting**

July 14

Speaker: Jim Ayer, AWR

Contact: Pastor Don Barnt

**Wyoming Town Hall**

July 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Wyoming Taskforce**

July 19, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee**

July 21, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Executive Committee**

July 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Cowboy Camp Meeting**

July 22

Speakers:

Tom Lemon & Seth Coridan

Begins 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Ends about 10:00 a.m. Sunday

**NE Colorado Camp Meeting**

July 24

Speaker:

Merlin Burt, White Estate

Contact: Pastor Michael Goetz

**Christian Adventure Outpost**

July 29

Speakers:

Ed Barnett, Craig Carr

Contact: Pastor Bruce Aalborg

**Teacher Convention**

August 3

**Korean Camp Meeting**

August 6

Contact: George Hahn, 303-756-2809

**Conference Staff Meeting**

August 11, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**RMC Property & Trust Committee**

August 11, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Opening of Mile High Academy**

August 16, 1-4 p.m.

**GVR Board**

August 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**

August 27-29, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Antonio. Wilson’s call was aimed to reassure the delegates that it was an intention to include a voting ballot that would help not only in speeding the process of voting but encourage that each vote was an expression of personal decision.

“It is your sacred responsibility to vote according to your conscience and according to how the Holy Spirit has impressed you,” said Wilson. “You should not vote to appease others around you. You vote according to how you are impressed to do so.” What was the last attempt to assess viability of the voting system, failed again. It was declared that for sensitive items, secret ballot will be called for using cards. [\[more\]](#) (photo by Enno Mueller)



**Bloomfield Church Celebrates Baptisms »** Seven persons were baptized at the conclusion of an evangelistic campaign in the church of Bloomfield, NM, June 20-27,

conducted by pastor Frey Gomez Estrada, from Chiapas, Mexico. He was joined by a Venezuelan singer Camilo Balza from McAllen, Texas. According to Ruben Balaguer, pastor from Bloomfield, several friends of the church, who are not Adventist assisted in the campaign. The baptism took place in a baptistery built by a church member for this special occasion. On the day of the baptism, an inspiring spiritual party included members of the church from other far away Hispanic churches. Camilo Balza was also invited to sing in non-Adventist churches in Farmington, NM and Durango, CO. [\[Ruben Balaguer\]](#)

**Awaken Wyoming Campmeeting 2015 »**

This year, Awaken Wyoming, occurring July 14-18, will feature special guest, Jim Ayers, vice president for advancement at Adventist World Radio. For more information and details on this campmeeting, [click here](#).



**Mile High Academy Grand Opening - All Invited! »** Tour the new Mile High Academy campus, join in the festivities and share in our excitement. Free face painting, bounce houses, Fun Bus and more will make it a day of fun for the whole family. We want you there from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, August 16 at the new campus, 1733 Dad Clark Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. For more information, call [303-744-1069](tel:303-744-1069) or visit [www.milehighacademy.org](http://www.milehighacademy.org)."



**Communicating from the General Conference Session »** While the General Conference Session is busy with the agenda, nominations, and other activities,

there is a group of 250-300 reporters and media staff that brings the session to the world. [#GCSA15](#) In the Press Room, you will find (l-r) Brenda Dickerson, editor of OUTLOOK, Katie Morrison, RMC communication intern, and Dan Weber, communication director of the

North American Division.

You can read and hear much that is happening here on these Web sites:

Outlook: <http://outlookmag.org/>

NAD & MAUC: <http://outlookmag.org/tag/2015-GC-Session/>

GC Youth Ministries (Impact SA): <http://gcyouthministries.org/>

GC Website: <http://2015.gcsession.org/>

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