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## Lee Lee Dart Makes History as First Woman Lead Pastor in RMC »

"This is a special day for you as we affirm Lee Lee as your lead pastor," stated Craig Carr, RMC ministerial director in his introduction of Lee Lee Dart, who The Adventure Seventh-day Adventist Church in Greeley has known for the past six years.

Then he and the congregation surrounded Pastor Dart and prayed for her and her ministry.



"It's wonderful to work not for God, but with God," Pastor Carr added. "We are thankful to know Pastor Dart and her passion for Jesus, along with her passion for others to know Jesus."


In August 2015, Lee Lee Dart became RMC's first female pastor for The Adventure, a 300-member congregation in Greeley. As associate pastor then, she served as minister for discipleship, overseeing small group development, spiritual growth training, and mentorship for new and existing church members. As minister for worship until 2015, Lee Lee Dart got to be known for her creativity in making worship services contemporary, and "most of all, Spirit-led," as The Adventure former lead pastor Mitch Williams said. Williams is pastoring a congregation in Pleasant Hill, California..

On May 13, she officially became the first female lead pastor in the Rocky Mountain Conference. She is one of three female pastors in the Conference. Others include Lisa Engelkemier at Newday

Friday, May 19, 2017



"The tin can was invented in 1811. The can opener wasn't invented until 1855. In the intervening 44 years, people had to access their peas with a hammer and chisel. I've suspected that virtually all of our systems--political, economic, social, academic, and religious--are a collection of rubber hammers and dull chisels. I've spent the past five decades searching for an idea or an attitude that might function as a can opener in the supermarket of life. The conclusion that I have come to after all these years sounds so simple, it's almost simplistic. We've got to stop taking ourselves so seriously. If we're ever going to wise up, we've got to lighten up." Tom Robbins, novelist, philosopher, wit

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Christian Church in Parker, and Jessyka Albert at Boulder Adventist Church.

“This is a very momentous occasion,” she commented for NewsNuggets. “You know, it’s interesting because I didn’t have this day on my radar, ever on my radar. I have been a woman who just wanted to serve the Lord in any way He wanted me to. He opened the doors for me and I said, ‘Yes, Lord, I will answer.’ And so this is the day for me to celebrate those doors and also that opportunity.”



Looking forward to her new role at The Adventure, Lee Lee said that “obedience to God is the most important thing through the Holy Spirit. When He said walk through, I walked through, and I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in the future at The Adventure through not just me, but through our whole team.”

“We all want to work together for the glory of God because these are the last days. His message is going out and He’s saying, “All hands on deck!”

[Rajmund Dabrowski, top photo by Rajmund Dabrowski; bottom photo by Marlene Poole]


### **Fort Collins Congregation Breaks Ground for New Facility During High Sabbath »**

Fort Collins Church members gathered on Sabbath, May 13, for a groundbreaking ceremony held on their newly-purchased, nearly four-acre property where they will build a church and school complex.

Their history dates back to the summer of 1886 when a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist held tent meetings in their city. The ten resulting baptisms soon turned into 12 charter members who covenanted together to “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Voice of Prophecy Rally** with Shawn Boonstra

*May 20 -- 4 - 6 p.m.*

#### **Hispanic Men's Retreat**

*May 26--6 a.m.-May 28--6 p.m.*

#### **Memorial Day -- Office Closed**

*May 28*

#### **Staff Meeting**

*June 6 -- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

#### **NE Camp Meeting**

*June 8 -- June 9*

#### **Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)**

*June 17 -- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

#### **Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction)**

*June 18 -- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

#### **GVR Board**

*June 20 -- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*



Fast forward 131 years to Sabbath, May 13, and you'll see a prospering 277-member church that runs a K-8 school. On their newly-purchased property in a 20' x 20' tent, they met to worship and break ground for a brand new church and school facility. Imagine the look of pride on the faces of those 12 original charter members if they could have been present that Sabbath.

The path the little congregation followed over the intervening 131 years, shows them meeting in member homes before building a church on Olive and Whedbee, a facility quickly outgrown. To accommodate this growth, they purchased a spacious church from the Methodists in 1898 and opened a school with 15 children.

Several years later, having no doubt read Ellen White's counsel, "It is high time for Sabbath keepers to separate their children from worldly associations . . ." church members raised money to erect a new church and school outside the city. It was at this church that old board minutes show a proposal for the installation of 18 hitching posts.

This third church building met their needs for more than 50 years until the recently-sold school and the church currently under contract were erected in 1954-55.

It was a high Sabbath for this congregation who spent years working, dreaming, and praying for this day, some even going to their rest before seeing the result of their labors. The spiritual forefathers of today's congregation left a legacy of deeply-held faith and a commitment to sharing the joy they found in Jesus.

Dedicated members of the Fort Collins Church, Harold and Wanda Dupper were strong supporters of the school. Both died in 2014. Ralph Ollila, an active church member and a pillar of Christian education, was also laid to rest in 2014. Roy Roberts, church treasurer for many years, was slated to take the reins as project manager for the new facility before his passing in 2016. All would certainly have been a part of the

## RMC Property & Trust Committee

June 21 -- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## July 4th -- Office Closed

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Find out more...

[Click here](#) for info on any of these events.

## RMC CAMP MEETINGS

### NE Camp Meeting

Campion -- June 9-10  
Contact 970-667-7403

### Cowboy Camp Meeting

Silver Jack Reservoir  
July 5-9  
Contact Adam Smith 303-591-7277

### Wyoming Camp Meeting

Mills Spring Ranch  
July 11-15  
Contact Jodie Gage 307-259-5301

### Hispanic Camp Meeting

Glacier View Ranch  
September 1-3  
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your publication. We strive to provide news and information

expressing our church

life. Every church, every family,

every individual has a story to

planning and working toward purchasing the new property and building the new facility had they lived.



Two days before breaking ground, the building committee sat down with Roche Constructors to discuss the deal. Although Roche management asked for a larger amount of money than budgeted, church treasurer and building committee member Cruz told them, “This is what we have. It’s all we can afford.” That’s when the builders stood up, shook hands with the Fort Collins church representatives, and agreed to their \$4.5 million offer.

Cruz was unable to hold back the emotions as he talked about the experiences that brought the congregation to this day. Visions had flashed through his mind the previous night giving him an idea of the light they would be to the community and the number of people who would be influenced for good.

He saw the playground full of kids, the church filling with people, the congregation serving the community, giving Bible studies, holding weddings, enjoying fellowship meals. He heard the walls of the church glorifying God’s name.

“There has probably never been a worship service held on this property,” said Rocky Mountain Conference President Ed Barnett. “But there will soon be weekly services. I’m excited,” he exclaimed, “for what God is doing.”

The parcel sits directly across the street from the Fort Collins police department and borders South Timberline Road where 60,000 cars that pass each day will be witness to this congregation intent on glorifying God.

**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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Fort Collins pastor Daniel Birai spoke on the gifts God gives each of us and how we should maximize those gifts in order to provide God with a good ROI (return on His investment). Like the servant in the Parable of the Talents who was given five talents and made five more, He expects that we will not only wisely use the gifts He gives us, but will multiply them in blessings poured out to the Fort Collins community.

Members sang of “building on the Rock, the solid Rock,” as they closed the church service and readied for the groundbreaking ceremony. As they laid plans for a physical building, they had not forgotten the spiritual Rock that had led them from their humble beginnings to this gratifying day.

The previous school property was sold to a Wisconsin-based company who will build student housing for Colorado State University. The sale of the church is in process, with a hoped-for closing date of June 1, according to Cruz. When the sale closes, all the monies needed for the new facility will be in hand.

With a projected completion date of seven months, the congregation's first Sabbath in the new church falls on Christmas Day. “We’ll meet on that Sabbath whether it’s finished or not, whether we have chairs or not,” said Cruz emphatically.

[Carol Bolden; photos by Erin Hannah]

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**RMC Executive Committee Reviews Plans for Constituency Session and Evangelism »** Members of the Rocky Mountain Conference Executive Committee were apprised of evangelism preparations for two major public outreach events in Denver this September and the early part of 2018.



In his President's Report, Ed Barnett shared "exciting news about evangelism in our Conference." Good news is flowing in every week, with many churches in our territory reporting outreach activities and baptisms, he said.

In preparation for the public evangelistic meetings coming to Denver in January and February, given by Shawn Boonstra, speaker-director of Voice of Prophecy, Denver-metro area churches are sharing numerous Bible studies from responses to mailings that were sent out in the area.

Many Bible study requests came in from the first mailing of invitations sent by Voice of Prophecy. A Littleton congregation alone has had 50 requests for studies from that first mailing. At 4 p.m. on May 20, a VOP Rally at LifeSource Fellowship will feature Shawn Boonstra, along with a musical concert. Ahead of the VOP effort, another outreach event will be held in Denver September 15-23 with evangelist Mark Finley presenting a Creation Health series.

Barnett also expressed appreciation to all involved in making the Castle Rock Church Plant opening a high moment for the Conference with some 80 church members and guests present at the worship service held at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital. He also reported that a pastoral candidate will be interviewed next week for a Denver church plant.

George Crumley, VP for finance, reported that through the first quarter of this year, Conference tithe was down by 7.40 percent in comparison to last year. "This is primarily the result of one less Sabbath and fewer churches reporting at month end. This causes our bottom line to not be as strong as last year at the same time," he said. Crumley added that the good news is that "our expenses are tracking under budget and our bottom line is still stronger than what we had budgeted."

The committee voted corporate resolutions authorizing the incoming trust director, Doug Inglish, as Corporate Secretary for Asset Management. A similar action was taken authorizing Brittany Bartter as Corporate Secretary for Asset

Management.

The Executive Committee was also apprised of plans for the upcoming Constituency Session. “The Nominating Committee completed their work on May 7,” reported Eric Nelson, VP for administration. He said that the delegates can expect to receive the committee's report of nominees, the agenda and other supporting documents well ahead of the session on July 23 in Denver.

Gil Webb, Mid-America Union Conference Secretary, reported on the recent performance evaluation of the three RMC officers. In preparation for the deliberations of the Nominating Committee, a request was sent at the end of March to RMC pastors, office staff and members of the Executive Committee to complete an evaluation survey. The Executive Committee voted to express their support for the RMC officers and the positive results of the evaluation.

The last meeting of the Executive Committee for this quinquennium is planned for July 18.

[Text and photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

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## RMC CAMP MEETINGS

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**NE Camp Meeting »** Held at Champion Church, NE Camp Meeting will take place **June 9-10** (not June 2-3 as previously announced). Ed Schmidt is the speaker. For more information, call Champion Church at 970-667-7403. The church is located at 300 42nd Street SW, Loveland CO 80537.

**Cowboy Camp Meeting »** Cowboys at heart will meet on Forestry land about a mile past Silver Jack Reservoir from **July 5-9** for Cowboy Camp Meeting. Delinda Hamilton will speak on the *Gospel of the Stars* and Amy Gane, on the *Science of Creation*. For more information, including detailed directions to camp meeting location, contact Adam Smith at 303-591-7277. Silver Jack Reservoir is located

south of Cimarron, Colorado, on Interstate 50. Take Big Cimarron Road south into the Uncompahgre National Forest and watch for signs as you near Silver Jack Reservoir.

**Wyoming Camp Meeting »** Held at Mills Spring Ranch **July 11-15**, Wyoming Camp Meeting will feature Philip Samaan for both the afternoon series, "Dare to be a Daniel" and the evening series, "Jesus is Still the Way." Rocky Mountain president and vice-president, Ed Barnett and Eric Nelson, will present the morning meetings followed by Olivia Gold, teacher at Forest Lake Education Center, who will present "Catching Kids for Christ: Reaching Every Age with the Age-old Truth." To reserve a cabin or RV/tent space, call Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Mills Spring Ranch is located at 8000 Tower Hill Road, Casper WY 82601.

**Hispanic Camp Meeting »** From **September 1-3**, Glacier View Ranch will host Hispanic Camp Meeting with the theme *Small Groups*. Guest speakers include Omar Grieve and Nussy Pittau-Grieve, both from the Hispanic Voice of Prophecy, and Julio Chazarreta from Pacific Press. Lourdes Chazarreta will present music through voice. Worship and activities will be held for the children. Glacier View Ranch is located at 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481.

**Summer Camp »** Glacier View Ranch and Mills Spring Ranch camp sessions are filling up. Spots go quickly, so sign up today at [rmccamps](http://rmccamps).

**GLACIER VIEW RANCH**

Sessions	Dates	Ages	Cost
Cub I	June 4-11	7-10	\$275
Cub II	June 11-18	8-11	\$275
Junior	June 18-25	10-12	\$295
Family	June 25-July 2	All	\$140 + Lodging
Tween	July 2-9	12-14	\$295
Teen	July 9-16	13-17	\$295
Climbing	June 11-18	13-17	\$300
Backpacking	June 18-25	13-17	\$300
Teen Outpost	July 2-9	13-17	\$335

**MILLS SPRING RANCH**

Sessions	Dates	Ages	Cost
MSR Camp	July 16-23	9-17	\$210

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **SPECIAL TWO-DAY EVENT WITH KARL HAFFNER**

Need another reason to come into Boulder on a Friday evening? Here's the best one we've got: Karl Haffner! Pastor Haffner just happens to be one of the most engaging and thought-provoking preachers in the world. As the speaker for the 2017 Sanitas Lectureship, titled, "Jesus Encounters: Life-Changing Conversations With Christ," he will present four sermons over two days at Boulder Adventist Church. Make a date with friends for dinner and then join your church family at 7:00 p.m. Friday for the first sermon, "The Woman on Death Row," based on John 8:3-11.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 19**

7:00 p.m.

The Woman on Death Row

**John 8:3-11**

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 20**

9:30 a.m.

The Olympic Wannabe

**Mark 9:17-27**

11:00 a.m.

The Bigger Sinner

**Luke 7:36-48**

2:00 p.m.

The Poor Rich Guy

**Mark 10:17-27**

**Karl Haffner** is senior pastor of the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio, and mission strategist for Kettering Health Network. He has BA degrees in theology and business from Walla Walla University. He is the author of several books, including *The Cure for Soul Fatigue*, *Caught Between Two Worlds*, and *No Greater Love*. Karl is married to Cherie, and they have two daughters, Lindsey and Claire.

### **THE SANITAS LECTURESHIP**

The Sanitas Lectureship was established in 2016 to create a safe space for people to connect with God as presented through the lens of the Bible. The annual event includes presentations from world-renowned Old and New Testament scholars designed to demonstrate how the God of the Bible continues to work on the shared story of humanity.

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### **VOICE OF PROPHECY RALLY Coming May 20 »**

Join us at LifeSource Adventist Fellowship for a Voice of Prophecy Rally and musical concert from 4-6 p.m. Sabbath, May 20, with speaker/director Shawn Boonstra. Come be inspired as we prepare to evangelize Denver in 2018.

LifeSource Adventist Fellowship is located at 6200 W. Hampden Avenue, Denver CO 80277.

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**Women's Ministry Retreats 2017 »** RMC Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Area Women's Retreats for 2017:

**Wyoming:** *Seaside Escape—a study of Sarah and Hagar*

Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain

August 26, 27

Contact: Rhonda McDonald: 307-259-8147

**Colorado Western Slope:** *Falling in Love Again*

Speaker: Darla Sherman

Mountain Top Retreat (15 miles from Montrose)

October 6-8

Contact: Linda Johnson: 970-245-2294

**Colorado Metro, NE/SE:** *The Best Is Yet To Come*

Speaker and Musician: Jaclynn Huse along with her daughter Shelby, age 16

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SEPTEMBER 16

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at Greeley Adventist Church

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Followed by one-day Women's Retreat

Sunday, September 17

at Pinehurst Country Club in Littleton

Contact: Ginger Bell: 720-980-9006

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**Vista Ridge Academy »** is looking for a part-time group

leader and full-time preschool teacher for its preschool program. For more information, contact Sandy Hodgson at [shodgson@vistaridge.org](mailto:shodgson@vistaridge.org).

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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.**

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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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