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News and updates from the president of the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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From the desk of Gary Thurber

## NEWS NUGGETS

### ACS featured on local news »


On May 2, **Adventist Community Services Community L.I.F.T.** outreach of Denver was featured on 9news. A special story was aired about **Holly Creek**



**Retirement Community** and **Warm Hearts Warm Babies** volunteers, who create layette sets for new mothers and babies. ACS Community L.I.F.T. gives away 6-8 of these layettes each month. The set being given away in the story happened right in the ACS offices. [Watch the segment here »](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Town Hall Meetings

**May 12 SW Region**  
Piñon Hills Church

**May 19 SE Colorado**  
Colorado Springs Central

**June 9 Denver Metro**  
Denver South Church

*All meetings begin at 6:30 pm.*

**MAY 25 – 26**  
**NAD Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention** hosted in Denver. Derek Morris will be the keynote speaker. [Info »](#)

### RMC Camp Meetings

**Native Camp Meeting**  
**May 4 – 6**  
La Vida Mission  
700 Country Coad 7730



### Pastor Chris Evenson ordained into the gospel ministry »

**Pastor Chris Evenson's** Ordination Service took place last Friday evening in the Franktown (Colo.) Church. It was a

beautiful service with **Pastor Craig Carr**, Boulder (Colo.) Church senior pastor, giving the address. The service was also a family affair with Pastor Chris's grandfather, **Pastor Arden Mote**, former pastor of the Ft. Collins (Colo.) Church, and his father and mother, **Pastor Steve and Judy Evenson**, of Alaska, taking part as well.

**Carissa Carr commissioned into the teaching ministry »**

This past Sabbath at the Boulder (Colo.) Church,

**Carissa Carr**, the first- and second-grade

teacher at **Vista Ridge Academy**, was commissioned into the teaching ministry of the SDA Church. This service was hallmarked with the students from her classroom singing, "Love Can Turn the World." Also taking part in the service were **Lonnie Hetterle**, RMC superintendent of education, **Diane Harris**, associate superintendent, Carissa's husband, **Pastor Craig Carr**, and their children **Cassie and Christian. Gordon** and **Cheryl Retzer**, Carissa's parents were also present and were a part of the service.



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**Western Slope Camp Meeting June 1 – 2**

Montrose Pavilion  
1800 E Pavilion Place  
Montrose, CO 81401  
Contact: Pastor Seth Coridan  
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**Cowboy Camp Meeting July 11 – 15**

Silver Jack Reservoir  
Near Cimarron, CO 81220  
Contact: Pastor Steve Gillham  
[sdgillham@hotmail.com](mailto:sdgillham@hotmail.com)  
970.560.3030

**Wyoming Camp Meeting July 17 – 21**

Mills Spring Ranch  
8000 Tower Hill Road  
Casper, WY 82601  
Contact: Pastor Weldon Treat  
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**NE Colorado Camp Meeting July 27 – 28**

Campion Academy  
300 42nd Street SW  
Loveland, CO 80537  
Contact: Pastor Rex Bell  
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303.886.3099

**Hispanic Camp Meeting Aug. 31 – Sept. 3**

Glacier View Ranch  
8748 Overland Road  
Ward, CO 80481  
Contact: Pastor Ruben Rivera  
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**GVR Summer Camp Schedule**

**Glacier View Ranch Summer Camps**

June 3 – July 15  
[Click for details»](#)



**Adventurers gather for Fun Day »**

Sunday, Feb. 29, was a very special day at Campion Academy for all our young people in the RMC Adventurer program. More than 400 Adventurers gathered from all across our Conference to

participate. After their devotional time, games, contests, displays and awards were part of this special event. A special thanks to **Serena Laubscher** and **Staci Nelson**, the RMC Adventurer coordinators for the Rocky Mountain Conference; **Benjie Maxon**, RMC youth director; and all RMC Adventurer leaders everywhere who worked hard to make this a special day for our young people.

**Youth website created for our RMC young people »**

**Benjie Maxon** has been working on a brand new website for the youth of our conference. Our youth can stay connected by going to [www.rmyouth.org](http://www.rmyouth.org).



I thought you might also appreciate knowing that Benjie had the privilege of baptizing his son, **Benjamin**, in April. Congratulations to both, and welcome to the Church family, Benjamin!

**New Bible lessons offered for young people and in Spanish »**

As many of you know, **Karen Lewis**, former Bible worker coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Conference, and current director of **Healing Place Ministries** in downtown Denver, has written a set of Bible study lessons based on John 12:32.

Karen's lessons, "**Lifting up Jesus**," have been used widely around our conference and in Adventist churches across North America.



Recently, Karen produced two new Bible study series: "**Lifting up**

**Jesus for Kids**” and **“Lifting up Jesus”** in Spanish. You can learn more about these lessons and how to order them by [clicking here](#) for the press release on both lessons.

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**RMC sister conference affirms leadership »** The **Minnesota Conference** held its constituency session this past Sunday. As reported by **Martin Weber**, Mid-America Union Conference communication director, there was a sweet spirit present. Without decent, all three administrative officers were re-elected to serve another term. Elected were **Ed Barnett**, (center) president; **Justin Lyons**, (left) vice president for administration; and **Reggie Leach**, (right) vice president for finance. Let’s keep the Minnesota Conference office staff, pastors, teachers and laypeople in our prayers as they move the Lord’s work forward in their territory!

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**Pastor selected for LifeSource »** **LifeSource Adventist Fellowship**, in Denver, invited **Dany Hernandez** to be the new senior pastor. Pastor Dany currently serves on the staff of the **Forest Lake Church** in Orlando. After much prayer and thought, Dany has accepted the invitation, and he and his family arrive the last part of June.



The LifeSource church board, working collaboratively, diligently and with much prayer with the conference administration to find the right person to invite to meet and interview with the church family. Please join us in lifting up the Hernandez family and the LifeSource congregation as they begin their ministry journey together!

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**Town hall updates »** This past Sabbath I was blessed to be with the Campion Academy Church for worship in the morning, and was again at the Campion Church for the **NE Colorado Town Hall** that evening. The town hall was very well attended, and a good discussion took place about some of the items to be addressed at the constituency session in September. The next RMC town hall will be the **Southwest Region Town Hall** at the **Pinon Hills Church**, in Farmington, N. Mexico, on May 12, for members and delegates of the southwest portion of the Western Slope of our conference.

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**On the road »** This coming Sabbath I will travel to **La Vida Mission**, in Crownpoint, New Mexico, for the **Native Ministries Camp Meeting**.



There will also be a special meeting on Friday with representatives from three Union Conferences and four Conferences who want to come together and coordinate their ministries for the **Navajo Nation**, which is a part of all their territories.

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