



# news nuggets

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## General Conference Votes Compliance

**Document »** The much anticipated and recently concluded 2018 Annual Council of the General Conference approved the document entitled [“Regard For and practice of General Conference Session and General Conference Executive Committee Actions.”](#) As expected, the recommended document was widely discussed and the content gave rise to views on both sides of the proposed action. Many church leaders and laity world wide, expressed disappointment, raised questions, and voiced concerns as well as fear concerning the outcome of the Annual Council vote and church governance.

The Rocky Mountain Conference stands in compliance with church policies and, as an entity, supports the North American Division concern about the effect of the voted changes and their intent. We affirm our biblical beliefs and values which must always be the foundation of the way the church is governed and its mission fulfilled. Following the Battle Creek decision, the Officers of the North American Division issued two statements which we are publishing below.

—The Editor, *NewsNuggets*

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## NAD Statement on 2018 General Conference Annual Council Vote »

This is a very challenging time for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Actions taken at the 2018 General Conference Annual Council meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, did not have the outcome for the church that we had strived toward. Many of us are dealing with fear, disappointment, and even anger.

We believe that this voted document, which outlines a system of governance to address church entities not in compliance with church policy, does not follow the biblical values proclaimed by the Protestant reformers and the founders of the Adventist Church. This document, as voted, has made centralized power possible, and created a

"Nothing but encouragement can come to us as we dwell upon the faithful dealing of our Heavenly Father in centuries gone by. Faith in God has not saved people from hardships and trials, but it has enabled them to bear tribulations courageously and to emerge victoriously."


~ Lee Robertson

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hierarchical system of governance.

In a collaborative effort, leaders in the NAD are discussing how the church in North America will move forward. Although this is difficult, amid the rancor we must keep our faith in Jesus. He is our Leader, and it is our trust in Him that will light our way. The mission, the work of the church, must and will go forward.

Policies don't hold us together. The Spirit of God holds us together. We urge you to pray for the Church, pray that we allow the Holy Spirit to do His work to let the Holy Spirit keep us united.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9, NIV).

-- North American Division Officers

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### **A Message to the North American Division Women Clergy »**

My dear Sisters in Christ, I am sending you this brief note to let you know that our NAD leadership team believes in your ministry. You have our confidence and the assurance that we will do all in our power to strengthen and empower you.

The action of the General Conference Executive Committee on Sunday afternoon does not alter your status. You are appreciated and needed in the overall ministry/evangelistic plan of the North American Division. Your ministry is invaluable.

Please understand that we will continue to work toward the fulfillment of our dream to have one thousand female pastors in our division. There will be some temporary setbacks along the path, but we are not deterred.

May God continue to bless and direct you in every way.

-- North American Division Officers

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### **Hispanic Women Experience the Joy of Living »**

Nearly 200 of RMC's Hispanic women gathered at Glacier View Ranch October 5-7 for fellowship and worship during the Hispanic Women's Retreat. Focused on the theme "The Joy of Living," the women learned how to put into practice the tools God gave us to find joy in our lives despite circumstances.



## **Upcoming Events**

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**Hispanic Youth Congress**  
*October 26 - 28*

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**Hispanic INTEL Class**  
*November 2 - 3*

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**Hispanic Marriage Retreat**  
*July 21, 22*

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**Hispanic Pastors Meeting**  
*November 5*

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**Hispanic Lay Leaders Training**  
*November 11*

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**Staff Meeting**  
*November 20*

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**Thanksgiving -- Office Closed at Noon**  
*November 21*

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**Thanksgiving Day -- Office Closed**  
*November 22*

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**Hispanic INTEL Graduation**  
*Sunday, December 2*

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**Staff Meeting**  
*December 17*

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**GVR Board**  
*December 18*

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**RMC Property and Trust**  
*9:30 a.m. December 19*

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**Pastors Meeting**  
*January 6 - 9*

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**NAD Adventist Ministries Convention**



Dr. Katia Reinert from the General Conference Adventist Health Ministries spoke for the adult women and Xiomara Mayo Ingram, life coach, spoke to our teenagers, while Lisette Rosario delighted the women through her beautiful music.

Ruth Collins and Marcy Rood returned this year to provide individual counseling, helping to guide the women through personal struggles. Open the entire weekend to provide time for women to connect with God, the prayer room was based on the Sanctuary.

The Saturday evening social event, titled “My Roots”, was an invitation for women to celebrate their country of origin. The longhouse vibrated with music, color, and laughter.

According to Patricia Rivera, Hispanic Women’s Ministries director, many of the women expressed that the retreat was an unforgettable experience because they were able to grow spiritually and emotionally.



“There was a great spirit of harmony and Christian unity,” Rivera noted. “We were able to affirm that we felt God’s presence and found joy in connecting with Him.”

-- Vanessa Rivera; photos by Patricia Rivera

**Korean Members Minister to Mongolia »** Seven members from Denver Korean and Rocky Mountain Korean churches, joined Adventist members from a Los Angeles area church and a Republic of Korea church to travel to Ulaanbaata, the capital city of Mongolia, where they provided

January 16

**Executive Committee**  
9:30 a.m. January 22

**Wyoming Taskforce Meeting**  
February 19



## Story Guidelines: We want to share your

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medical and spiritual care for the people there.



Leaving September 16, the group of 33, including dentists, medical doctors, R.N.s, a pastor, and others, began their days at 10 a.m., in a small local hospital performing needed surgeries and dental work and providing for other medical needs in internal medicine. During their ten-day stay, they cared for 750 patients.

It took nearly a year to lay plans for this trip as they gathered needed donations of food, money, and airfare. When they left the U.S., Denver Korean church members took with them 600 pounds of supplies, including laptop computers, eyeglasses, handbags, and medicine.



Nearly 100 people attended the meetings held each night, gathering in a tent made for 60. Denver Korean pastor Seon Ho Kim delivered messages of hope based on Daniel and Revelation. "I've never had that kind of experience before," said Kim. Everyone kept saying, "Amen, Amen."

Almost 20 years ago, the Mongolian Revolution of 1990 led to a multi-party system and a transition to a market economy. Still very poor, the people now survive by taking produce to sell at the market.

personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

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The Ulaanbaata Adventist group was in need of basic things for their church--a table, chairs, a television--so the visiting group donated their own money to make these purchases. They also realized the church was struggling to buy fuel for the car that picks up elderly people each Sabbath and that they needed basic supplies for the potluck they hold each week. On top of this was the need for a church building. Members have been worshipping in a hut. The visiting group provided them with several thousand dollars to help with gas, potluck supplies, and other needs and a contact in Seoul pledged \$120,000 toward building a church.

After ten days of work among the Mongolian people, Kim baptized 13 people and had 32 more beginning Bible studies. The local pastor will continue shepherding them.

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Seon Kim

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**From Wyoming to Romania »** The HOPE of Survivors, a Rocky Mountain Conference-based non-profit organization based in Wyoming, is dedicated to supporting victims of clergy sexual abuse and providing educational seminars to clergy and congregations of all faiths. They are currently at work in Romania where the needs are great. Consider these statistics:

*An estimated 1,500-3,000 children live on the streets of Romania. Without the basic necessities to survive, a healthy family structure, proper identification, and an education, these children are at a high risk for sexual exploitation.*

*Romania remains one of the top countries of origin for the estimated 10,000 to 13,000 trafficking victims in Britain.*

*The local police are often involved in the trafficking, and the girls have no governmental protection.*



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"You can see why I am so passionate about THOS-RO (The Hope of Survivors-Romania) Division," expressed Samantha Nelson, CEO of THOS and THOS-RO). "The need to support women and children in Romania is beyond comprehension,"

At a recent group planning and organizational meeting in Bucharest, "we were pleasantly surprised to find more people wanting to volunteer," said Nelson. Mariana Ciuciu will be helping to create a research survey from which they can compile statistics. From this platform, the organization can also apply for grant funds to further their goals, which include educating school children on health, hygiene and boundaries so they will be equipped to protect themselves from inappropriate or abusive actions. "This is a key component to reaching the parents and older generations as well, Nelson explained. She believes that change will begin with the youth and that this education is critical since many of Romania's young are already being abused and are at risk or already being targeted for sex trafficking.

The first meeting with Aurora Parvan, a woman who has poured her heart and soul into volunteering for The Hope of Survivors, "was wonderful and encouraging," according to Nelson. Her expertise is in PR/Marketing, but she has gone far beyond that to help however she can. She and Steve (Nelson) made some very important updates to the website.

After the recent appeal for funds to hire a full-time employee in Romania, Iulia Bodorin is eager to join the team. She is a young woman with experience in fundraising and wants to help establish a shelter for abused/trafficked women and children, a long-term goal.

Laura Fierbinteanu, victim counselor in Romania, is not only willing to counsel victims pro bono, but she convinced her colleague, Gelu Grigore, to join the team as well. This is truly a much-needed miracle.

Prayer is also greatly needed. Cristina Constantin has agreed to be the prayer warrior for THOS-RO (The Hope of Survivors-Romania).





Ioan and Amala Mararu, attorneys for THOS-RO, continue to bless the organization by offering their services pro bono. "They also bless us personally by their encouragement and kind words. We are grateful to have them as part of the team," Nelson expressed.

From Bucharest, the Nelsons traveled to Bistrita in the northern part of the country to hold a board meeting. Here, accountant Cecilia Calin helped determine the exact figures for hiring Iulia when we have the funds. Maria Simionca, administrator, "keeps things going for us and we are so grateful," Nelson enthused. Both Maria and Cecilia were happy to hear of the plans the team in Bucharest had put together and the board voted to proceed with the implementation process.

Returning to Bucharest, the Nelsons met with Ingrid Muller, an attorney who has volunteered many hours helping with various projects and is willing to help write grant requests.

Summing up the trip, Nelson said, "As you can see, God is still actively working and opening new doors for The Hope of Survivors in Romania. We can all be encouraged by Psalm 27:14, *"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."* Thank you so very much for your prayers and support."

-- Samantha Nelson; photos provided

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**Pueblo School »** RMC's Daystar Christian School in Pueblo, Colorado was recently touted by Pueblo Grapevine writer, Katie Feindel, as a school of "merit and worth". "At Daystar, students are provided the 'book' education needed for college and career, but also the character and spiritual education needed for life," she explains.

Feindel goes on to say that the students enjoy achieving success through synergized teamwork and "are valued and empowered to achieve their potential."

With aromatherapy used to enhance psychological and physical well-being, classical music playing, at least 60 minutes of physical exercise incorporated into the daily

program, and time spent in the community "giving back," you can see why their program is successful and why student satisfaction is high.

With eight students and one teacher, Daystar is making a name for itself in the Pueblo community.

"We treat each other with respect and talk things out if we have a problem," explains student Katerina Black when asked about bullying. "We just know better than to bully."

Under principal and head teacher Michelle Velbis, students are receiving an "all-around academic, spiritual, physical and social education."

Velbis converses with her students daily on good choices and bad choices. "You have a choice to either fly or stay grounded," she says. "I am empowering them."

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**RMC Office Goes Green »** When you can save money and save the earth at the same time, it's a win-win for all. That's what the RMC office is doing.

After researching the practicality of going green, Chanelle Watson, executive administrative assistant, instituted a recycling plan for the RMC office which was put into effect October 1.

"As Seventh-day Adventists, we ought to be seen as conscientious in taking care of our earth," said Rajmund Dabrowski, communication director. "As never before, protecting the environment is the stewardship we need to be known for."

"I'm proud to be part of a conference family that takes their stewardship of all resources seriously," commented Doug Inglish, director of planned giving and trust services.

Every office was given a recycling bin and a larger bin was placed in the downstairs copy room where the smaller bins can be emptied.

Office cleaners then dump the recycled materials into a larger outside bin which is picked up weekly, while regular trash is collected twice per month, saving the office \$1,200 each year, according to George Crumley, RMC treasurer..

-- Carol Bolden

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Colorado Springs Central »** "Preparation for the Second Coming Through Prayer and the Holy Spirit" is the title of the week of prayer being held October 20 - 25 with Roy Rugless as speaker. A former conference director, he is a revivalist and evangelist. The meetings will begin with the Sabbath



church service at 10:45 a.m. The Sabbath afternoon program will begin after lunch and weeknight meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. Note that a potluck lunch will be held between the October 20 church service and the afternoon meeting. Also, a free dinner will be served each weeknight beginning at 5 p.m. Programming available for children. For more information, call the church office at 719-578-5616. Colorado Springs Central is located at 1305 N Union Blvd., Colorado Springs CO 80909.

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**ACS Disaster Response Training »** Become certified in Donations Management and help people in need during a disaster like Hurricane Florence in North Carolina from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **October 21** at Campion Church. The \$25 charge covers your manual, lunch and photo ID.. This training is recognized by FEMA and the State of Colorado Emergency Management.

Instructor Cathy Kissner is the Rocky Mountain Conference Community Service Director. She is certified in NAD ACSDR, FEMA, and Colorado Division of Emergency Management to be a training instructor in Donations Management. For pre-registration, email [cathyk@rmcsda.org](mailto:cathyk@rmcsda.org). Spanish manuals are available.

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**Brighton Church »** Women of Spirit invite you to attend their "Sprinkle More and Sparkle Brighter" women's event at 6:30 p.m., Monday, **October 22** at the Brighton Church. Bring a friend and be inspired by local author and motivational speaker, Debbie Martin. A breast cancer survivor, she is living proof of miracles for women seeking God with all their heart, soul and strength. Learn how to sprinkle more and sparkle brighter as she shares how Jesus is calling women to be leaders in our lives, including our marriages, families, workplaces and communities. A meal will be served. There is no fee to attend; freewill offerings gladly accepted. Childcare by reservation only. RSVP by October 15 by calling the church office at 303-659-1999 or Tammy's cell at 303-562-5173. You can also email to [secretary@brightonsda.org](mailto:secretary@brightonsda.org). The church is located at 567 East Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601.

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**MHA Bring a Friend Day »** Mile High Academy is hosting "Bring a Friend Day," Thursday, **October 25** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students in all grades can bring a friend to school to experience student life at MHA and to join in the activities planned for the day. Along with Bring a Friend Day, families interested in finding out more about the school are welcome to attend the Open House, held concurrently with Bring a

Friend Day. Your child will love interacting in the classrooms with peers, teachers, and friends. A pizza lunch is included. RSVP at [ahammond@milehighacademy.org](mailto:ahammond@milehighacademy.org).

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**The Adventure »** Join The Adventure Church as they celebrate 20 years of existence on Sabbath, **October 27**. Sabbath School (10:00 a.m.), Special Worship Service (11:15 a.m.), Soup/Sandwich Potluck, Afternoon Program/Open House (2:30 p.m.), 20s-Themed Dinner (5:30 p.m. - location TBD). Come see the newly-renovated church at 4100 W. 20th Street, Greeley, Colorado. RSVP for dinner to [cher@theadventure.org](mailto:cher@theadventure.org)

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**Mile High Academy »** It's time for the event of the year. Join Mile High Academy on Sunday, **October 28** for ***Eat, Mingle & Give***, our annual auction event benefiting MHA's Annual Fund. Hosted at the Centennial TOPGOLF, you can play a round or two of golf or simply sit back and enjoy catching up with friends. Dinner will be served followed by the ever-eventful live auction. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m., dinner and golf held from 4 - 6 pm and live auction begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$85 per person. Reserve tickets now at <https://events.readysetauction.com/milehighacademy/mha201>

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jocelyn Aalborg at [jaalborg@milehighacademy.org](mailto:jaalborg@milehighacademy.org).

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**Denver West Church »** The Women's Ministry at Denver West Church invites you to attend their annual luncheon from 1-3:30 p.m., Sunday, **November 4**. Our speaker is DeeAnn Bragaw, director of women's ministries for the Rocky Mountain Conference. The luncheon is free. Dress is casual. For more information, contact Mona Fellers at [fellers.ma@gmail.com](mailto:fellers.ma@gmail.com) or call 303-903-1526. The church is located at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver.

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**Brighton Academy »** The school's 3rd annual Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 4 at Brighton Adventist Academy gymnasium. It's your one-stop holiday shop for homemade crafts, decor, fashion, jewelry, wood crafts, baked goods, and much more! Admission is free. Open to the public. Food and drink available for purchase all day. For more information, call 303-659-1999. Brighton Adventist Academy is located at 820 South 5th, Brighton CO 80601.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**Mile High Academy »** Immediate openings are available

for substitute teachers for all grade levels at Mile High Academy. Applicants should have experience working with children and be able to maintain a positive classroom environment while carrying out the teacher's lesson plans in classrooms as assigned. High school diploma required. Bachelors or some college preferred. Days/hours are on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Brenda Rodie at 303-744-1069. For an application, send an email request to [HR@rmcsda.org](mailto:HR@rmcsda.org).

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**HMS Richards Elementary »** Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ [\(970\) 667-2427](tel:(970)667-2427).

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**ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus »** Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - **ESL Teacher Needed**

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the

school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org) for questions or to submit your resume.

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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

**NOTE:** Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines, see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>  
--Editor

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