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

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**General Conference releases statement about women in ministry at Annual Fall Council »**

Earlier this week, the General Conference held its Annual Fall Council meetings in Silver Spring, Md. These meetings afford church representatives from around the world the opportunity to gather to do the business of the church. One of the most anticipated agenda items this year was the discussion concerning ordination of women to the gospel ministry, as well as the response from the General Conference to unions that have recently voted actions in their territories, ahead of action by the World Church. [Click here](#) to read the official General Conference release about the discussion concerning this subject and the actions taken.



**Jessica Ridgeway's death impacts many »** Jessica Ridgeway, an 11-year-old girl from Westminster, Colo., was recently abducted near her home and later found murdered. As news of this recent tragedy unfolded, many were moved to action and brought to tears. Even children from our local churches have not been able to escape this story because of the abundant media coverage. **Diane Harris**, RMC associate superintendent of education, has written an article to assist parents and teachers as they work through the reality of this painful event with their children. Diane has both a rich background in education and counseling. [Click here for her article.](#)



**Wyoming pastors convene to pray and plan for Awaken Wyoming! project »**

I invite your prayers as the pastors in Wyoming meet Monday to begin planning how to move forward with the Awaken Wyoming! project. The fundraising portion of the campaign is still ongoing, but the next phase, which includes planning and implementation, is beginning. It will be exciting to watch what the Lord is going to do through this coordinated



evangelistic effort.

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**Mile High Academy shares good news »** Read [this release](#) from the **RMC Education Department** about **Mile High Academy's** new part-time chaplain, **Paul Vunileve**. Paul has been blessing wherever he has ministered, and I know he will make a wonderful impact for the Lord at Mile High Academy in Denver, Colo.



Paul Vunileve

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**Montrose series of meetings are in full swing »** I just received a release from the **Montrose Church**, in Colorado, about the evangelistic meetings happening there right now. **Pastor Fritz Krieger**, Montrose Church pastor, is the presenter. **Pastor Michael Shannon**, pastor of the **Olathe Hispanic Church**, in Olathe, Colo., is teaming up with Pastor Fritz to provide simultaneous translation of the meetings in Spanish. [Click here to read how the Lord is blessing.](#)



Fritz Krieger



Michael Shannon

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**Grand Junction church member touches lives with Scripture card ministry »** For more than 20 years, **Ron Johnson** has had a Scripture card ministry. He includes these cards of encouragement in all of his mail correspondence, both business and personal. Ron has received very positive feedback from utility companies, credit card companies, and other businesses. He is intentional about giving just the right card that will especially bless each recipient. Ron has shared [the template](#) he uses for his cards so you can get your own Scripture card ministry off the ground. Thanks, Ron!



Ron and Linda Johnson

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**On the road »** This past weekend was very special. I was privileged to worship on Sabbath with the delegates for the General Conference's **Annual Fall Council**. It is awe inspiring for me to see the people literally from all around the globe come together as a church family to sing and worship together. I could only imagine how wonderful heaven will be as I heard the blended voices and saw the love for our Savior represented at that gathering.



Following Annual Council, I traveled to Berrien Springs, Mich., to meet with the **Forever Faithful International Camporee** Board. It was exciting to be a part of that meeting! There are great plans being laid for this to be the best camporee yet! The camporee will take place in Oshkosh, Wis., Aug.12-16, 2014. I hope your church has a Pathfinder club. If not, consider investing time and resources in this ministry so your young people won't miss this exciting event. [Click here](#) for more about the 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee.

This weekend, the new **Rocky Mountain Conference Executive Committee** met at **Glacier View Ranch**, in Weld, Colo. This was the committee's first assembly in the new quinquennium. Our time together helped us focus more than ever on mission.

My wife, Diane, spent the weekend in Albuquerque, N.M., at the **Society of Adventist Communicators Convention**. Each time she attends this convention, she is blessed as she sees and hears how God is working through His church to draw His children together, and learns new skills to communicate about our faith in more engaging ways.

Have a great week!

Pastor Gary Thurber

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