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Adventist Communicators to Meet in Denver »

For the second time since establishing the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) as a national organization, the annual convention will bring together 200 Seventh-day Adventist communicators in Denver.




The 2016 event continues the Mile High City theme under the thrust, "Keep Climbing," following the thread from 2008, "The Communicator's Edge: Taking it to the Peak."

The organization "brings together communicators from all over North America and the world as they seek professional growth, enjoy new relationships and

experience the joy of sharing in a community of like-minded Christians focused on the art of communication," explains Dan Weber, event convener. "SAC members are people who work for faith-based organizations or as freelance professionals in the field of corporate communications, public relations, as teachers at colleges and universities, or are studying in the field of communication," adds Weber, North-American Division communication director.

Each year, SAC sponsors a three-day convention where members attend workshops, listen to keynote presentations


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from world-class speakers, and spend time fellowshiping with like-minded communicators. Networking is perhaps the most expected outcome of the gathering as it's "not what you know, but who you know" that seems to dominate the industry.

The Society was established as a professional development organization in 1988 as the Southern Society of Adventist Communicators (SSAC). After 11 years, a vote was cast in 1999 to invite all Adventist communicators in the United States and the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) was born. The first national convention was held in 2000 at the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters building in Silver Spring, Maryland, and since then, communication professionals from different parts of the world have joined the gathering.

The Denver SAC meeting will be its 27th annual convention, convening October 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center in Denver, Colorado. The program includes spending the day at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs on Sabbath, October 15, before attendees return to the hotel for the awards ceremony and closing banquet.

Explaining the agenda of the gathering, George Johnson, SAC communication director, and assistant vice president for communications and marketing at Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, says that "some of the most exciting parts of the convention are the Thursday tours to different [local] communication agencies and the awards banquet where we get to see the best that Adventist communication has to offer displaying the many projects our colleagues are working on." The 2016 convention keynote speaker, Kurt Kennedy, is back by popular demand. Kennedy, who serves as CEO and Executive Creative Director of Kennedy Communications Global, a leading internal-external brand alignment agency, provided an SAC keynote address at the 2013 convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Pam Harris, whose connection to SAC dates back to Day One, commented that, "As an educator, I am so excited that university students from across the country attend the Society of Adventist Communicators. One foundational reason for its existence is for young, upcoming professionals to meet Adventist professionals in the secular and church media."

Harris, a professor of journalism and communication at Southern Adventist University who has promoted certification

October 13 - 16

GVR Board

October 18, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

RMC Property & Trust Committee

October 19 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting

November 8, 8 a.m. - Noon

MAUC Year-End & Executive Committee

November 12 - 16

Day Before Thanksgiving

November 23, Noon - 5 p.m.

(office closed)

Thanksgiving Day -- Office Closed

November 24, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting

December 5, 8 a.m. - Noon

Staff Christmas Party

December 5, 6 - 8 p.m.

Finance Committee

December 6, 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

December 6, 8 a.m. - Noon

GVR Board

December 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

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

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in communication for Adventist professionals, always enjoys an opportunity for her students to rub shoulders with seasoned church communicators, members of the society.

It's great to see my own students taking leadership of this organization, too, and bringing their passion, professionalism and skills to elevate communication, she added. "I expect the Denver meeting to be a high point for all those who attend." We are looking forward to welcoming our Adventist communication colleagues to our territory. As with each church entity, RMC is providing its own brand of communication, being a supporting ministry to our local churches and institutions, as we witness in the communities where we live," comments Rajmund Dabrowski, RMC communication director. For more information about SAC, please visit their website at www.adventistcommunicator.org. [Rajmund Dabrowski]

La Vida Mission Celebrates 100 Years of Adventist Ministry Among Southwest Native Americans » More than a dozen congregations gathered September 16-18 at La Vida Mission camp meeting to celebrate 100 years of Adventist work with the Navajo Nation.



Housed in staff homes, the people gathered in the Mission church for a weekend of praise and celebration with musical talent shared by groups from surrounding churches.

Monte Church, Native Ministries coordinator for the North Pacific Union Conference, and speaker for the event, talked about Native American work in the Southwest and gave an update on the work in the Northwest, including Canada and Alaska.

The history of the Adventist presence among the Southwest Native Americans dates back to 1916 when Omo and Agnes Follett were given approval by the General Conference to work for Southwest Native Ministries (see history [here](#)).

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



Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to 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.

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Please consider time

Baptized Sabbath afternoon were three Navajos--two men and one woman--the result of outreach ministry by Pastor Polly and Dorie Panganiban.

Representatives from different parts of the reservation, including Pastor Charlie Whitehorse of Monument Valley, Pastor Dale Wolcott of Chinle, Arizona, and Tony Goldtooth of Waterflow, reported on the work in their areas and remembered the early pioneer days of the mission work.
[RMCNews with Stephen Gillham]

constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. **Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

Voice of Prophecy Plans 2018 Evangelistic Thrust for Denver-Metro Area »

Voice of Prophecy representatives recently met with Denver area pastors to lay plans for an evangelistic series which will take place April 6 - May 5, 2018.



Supported by metro-area churches, Shawn Boonstra, Voice of Prophecy speaker/director, will present "Revelation Speaks Peace," a four-week seminar examining the most exciting and important prophecies of the Bible.

In preparation for this event, organizers will work with area members by providing Bible study training for lay members and metro-Denver churches will offer community outreach events as well as an archeological revelation weekend and a rally at LifeSource Adventist Fellowship (3 p.m., May 20, 2017) where Boonstra will inspire and encourage members as they move toward the evangelistic series.

Mark Finley will present a Creation Health weekend (September 15-23, 2017), also in preparation for the larger evangelistic event.

Volunteers are needed to staff the various events, including ushers, greeters, registration personnel, child evangelism leaders, and prayer warriors who will pray for the meetings and with the people who attend.

The Denver-metro population will be reached through advertising, accomplished through mailings, social media, billboards and, of course, personal invitation.

The event location is still in the decision stage, but organizers are looking at Paramount Theater, a Denver venue. If you are interested in helping to prepare for this event, talk to your pastor about how you can contribute.
[Carol Bolden]

Woman With Tracheostomy Baptized in Wyoming »

Two years ago, when I arrived in the SW district of Wyoming, I was given a name from Gordon Henderson, director of Discover Bible School for Wyoming. The name was Joann Manning. She had been faithfully filling out and returning her Bible studies for several months when I began to visit her each week in her home.



I have faithfully visited Joann most every week for the past two years taking studies to her each time. The interesting thing is that Joann wasn't happy with one study--she wanted two--plus, she was doing two other

studies she had personally ordered herself.

Joann eventually made the decision to be baptized, but there was a catch. You see, Joann has a tracheostomy and talks by using a battery-operated, hand-held machine that helps her speak electronically using the vibrations coming from her voice box when she holds the instrument against her throat.

Despite these things, it was her greatest desire to be baptized, yet she was quite fearful of going underwater. We discussed this for two or three months and I assured her that God and everyone else understood her physical limitations. She would not accept an alternative, saying,

"Jesus was baptized by being submerged and I want to follow His example."

This was pretty serious. Her life was literally going to be in my hands, so I decided to get in touch with other pastors who have had many more years of experience than I. Surely, somebody would have faced this situation and could tell me exactly how to go about it, I thought. They would, of course, give me the assurance that everything would go smoothly.

But to no avail. Every individual I talked with had never faced this situation. I even had death threats from one of her daughters: "If you kill her, I will kill you," was the statement she made. All in jest, I'm sure?

So we scheduled her baptism for July 9. Honestly, I had peace and wasn't worried. Joann, however, was quite nervous and scared. We had practiced exactly how we would do it many times. She would be baptized going forward so that she was in complete control and so that the water would not drain into her tracheostomy. She would plug the hole with her finger and as soon as she came up, I would hand her a towel to make sure no water would drain in after she was out of the water. She made me promise that I would make sure she went completely under the water.

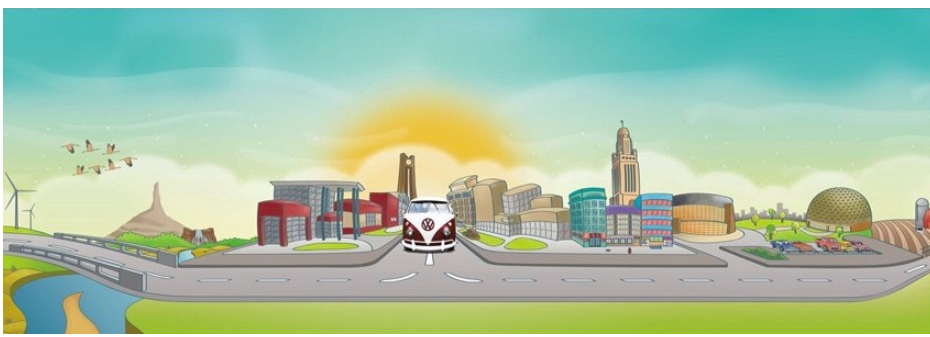
The date came and Joann was noticeably nervous and scared, but even more determined. You have to understand, Joann had not been in a tub of water, let alone a baptismal tank, since she got her tracheostomy in May 2004.

Praise the Lord, it could not have gone any more smoothly than it did. The scariest part for me was that she came up so excited nothing went wrong that, with water streaming down her face, she turned to me even before she put the towel to her throat, to assure me everything was okay--she was fine.

There is so much more to share concerning Joann's story and faith. Her willingness to risk her own health and even life to follow the example of her Savior is a powerful testament. How willing are we to make ourselves uncomfortable in order to follow the example of Christ in all areas of our lives?

[Jason Logan; photo by Grace Logan]

Note from the Editor: With Union College as an institution of higher learning in the Mid-America Union Conference, *NewsNuggets* will feature an occasional article written by student reporters and published in *The Clocktower*, their school paper.



Sabbath Traditions Among Students » Everyone has their own way to make Sabbath special.

While some students bring traditions they have grown up with to college, others have started their own while on campus. All of these traditions range in size from lighting the vespers Sabbath candle to sharing a more personal moment with God as the sun sets.

For junior Francine Eulizier, Friday nights are a time for fellowship and song. She and several other girls get together for a Sabbath tea party with warm drinks and snacks. Their gathering starts with prayer to invite the Holy Spirit in and ask for a blessed evening. Then, after everyone has gotten their snacks and tea, five hymns are chosen and sung with laughter and light chatter between each song.

The tea party then continues with each girl sharing about her highs and lows of the week and how God has impacted her life. Their worship ends with taking prayer requests to close in prayer.

While about ten girls now gather for this Sabbath tea party, it started out much smaller. Eulizier describes how they began meeting biweekly between four girls last year. Now, due to the busyness of the week, they only meet on Fridays and have more girls participate.

Eulizier says, "God used me to be a leader for this group. I'm so blessed to see it continue another year at Union. Without God, this wouldn't exist."

Sophomores Hailey Hornbeck takes a quieter approach to the Sabbath and ends her Fridays by dimming the lights, putting on Christian music and coloring on the floor. She says this helps her unwind from the week and start her restful Sabbath.

"I do it to relax myself," Hornbeck says. "It gets my mind on God."

Despite differences in size and activity in all of these Sabbath traditions, each one has its own way of bringing people closer to God and making their Sabbath special.

Taking time to make Sabbath a special time for yourself can

be the perfect way to have peace after a long and stressful week. Just as Francine's tradition grew in the last year, many other traditions can grow and touch more people than ever expected.

[Amanda McCarter is a sophomore studying biomedical science]

"God Used Me," Explains Student Literature

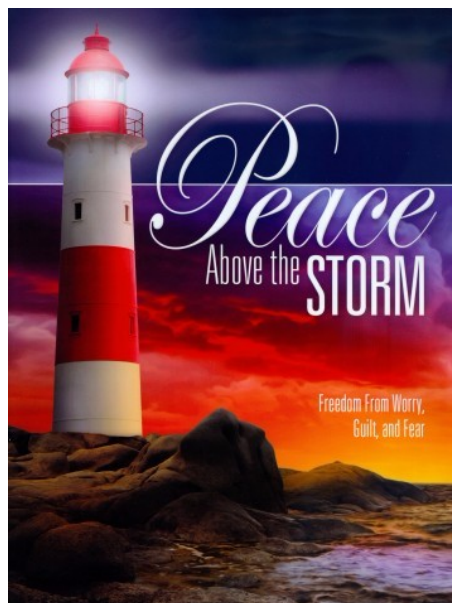
Evangelist » The experience I had as a student LE occurred when an elderly woman answered the door in response to my ringing the doorbell. As I presented my canvas, she began to tear up. I asked her what was wrong and she replied, "Oh, nothing dear, it's just that I was waiting for something to make me happy or something that would lift my spirits."

I was speechless and didn't know what to do. There was a silent moment between us, but eventually she invited me inside. We sat in her living room and just talked. She explained how, for the past few years, she'd been struggling with literally everything--family, money, even herself. She explained how she was in pain because of her suffering husband. The whole time she talked, she was crying and I really didn't know what to do.

I offered to pray for her and she agreed. I took her hands and held them tightly and just prayed. When it was over, she hugged me and kept saying, "Thank you. Thank you." The last thing she said was, "Thank you, Christall. You really shined my day. God bless."

She bought *Peace Above the Storm*, *Desire of Ages* and *Prince of Peace* for children.

[Christall is a junior at Champion Academy. This is her first year at Champion and she chose to be a student literature evangelist]



BOOK REVIEW

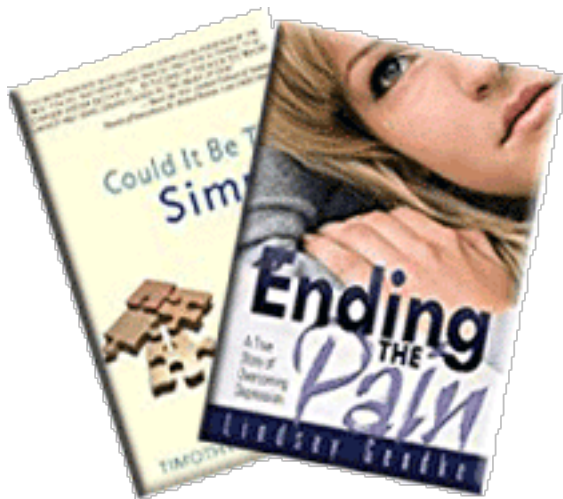
Mental Health Seen From Two Perspectives » Author Lindsey Gendke's (*Ending the Pain*) family fell apart soon

after her mother was diagnosed with mental illness. Each member of the family dealt with the subsequent fall-out in their own way, but for Lindsey, who had already fallen prey to Satan's lies, the breakup of the family was just one more knife stab to her already-wounded, abandoned self.

In an effort to stop the pain, she tried to end her life, but failure stalked her even there. Derailed by lies--ones she was told by others and ones she told as a cover-up for truth--she was without hope, without a plan, grasping for relief.

Much later, Lindsey would realize that God had hounded her, had prepared her for that very moment when she was finally ready to be lead on a journey of self-discovery and healing.

It was at this juncture that she began to recognize and weed out the lies she had accepted as truth. Her journey will resonate and bring hope to many living in desperation as she shares her painful journey from hopelessness to hopefulness, from life without meaning to a life full of purpose.



Along with Gendke's book, read *Could It Be This Simple? A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind* by Timothy R. Jennings, M.D., and you have a winning pair.

In Jennings' book, he describes the hierarchy of the mind, explaining

God's original ideal and how violation of God's principles brings mental illness. Reason, he states, is our highest faculty, helping us to think, to weigh evidence, and to draw conclusions, to contemplate and to understand.

Flouting God's laws and allowing others to disregard them when relating to us brings dis-ease to the mind. Created with an inner sense of freedom or individuality upon which even God does not trespass, any loss of liberty causes anger and resentment, damage and frustration.

Breaking His basic laws causes predictable consequences: the reason becomes imbalanced, the conscience is bruised and the will comes under the control of the feelings.

The author speaks of the importance of the law of worship. What we watch, behold, admire, worship and believe has

significant impact on whom we become. Healthy choices in what we worship lead to mental health.

There is healing power in the act of forgiveness. It is a part of the law of love, a law "central to God's plan to heal humanity." God is working to accomplish healing and restoration for the whole being, including the mind. When we work in harmony with His laws, He is able to bring about health.

Correcting erroneous thinking--lack of trust in God, holding grudges, disregard of the laws of liberty and love--doesn't happen in a day, but are worthy objectives that will bring us back into harmony with God's laws and produce emotional and mental wellbeing.

[Carol Bolden]

Ending the Pain is available at your local Adventist Book Center. *Could It Be This Simple?* is out of print; available through Amazon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Copper Mountain Lift Tickets

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Rate » RMC's Youth Department is once again bringing SDA constituents the opportunity to ski or snowboard at Copper Mountain at unheard-of rates!

Lift tickets are now available at the following prices:

Adult (ages 13+) \$65 each

\$2 off per ticket for purchases of 5-24 tickets

\$5 off per ticket for purchases of 25+ tickets

Child (ages 6-12) \$58 each flat rate

There is a flat mailing fee of \$3 per order or you can pick them up at the RMC Conference office free!

You are buying certified Copper Mountain Lift Tickets for the 2016-17 ski season. These are day passes. You will receive the actual lift tickets that you purchase (not a voucher for pickup at a later date). These tickets are transferable and are not subject to any blackout dates. Use them on any day of the ski season!

Ticket supply is limited, so order today!

To purchase tickets, visit www.rmcyouth.org/snowfun

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calling the Youth Department office at 303-282-3664. Please leave a message if no one answers. We will hold tickets for 7 business days. If payment is not received within 7 business days, the tickets will become available to other buyers.

Glacier View Ranch » Check out GVR's updated website to see what's happening at the camp --
www.glacierviewranch.com

NewsNuggets Archive Now Online » The *NewsNuggets* archive is now online, and can be found at <https://www-rmcscda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive>.

Vista Fellowship » Prophecy seminars in both English and Spanish begin at Vista Fellowship at 7 p.m. September 9 and continue each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday **through October 7**. Tim Jones will present in English while Carlos Munoz presents in Spanish. Vista Fellowship is located at 701 Kimbark Street in Longmont. For more information, contact Allan Christensen at 303-548-8601.

Worland Church » Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be held weekly at 6:30 p.m., beginning September 21 and continuing through November 16. If you are looking to improve your financial situation, eliminate debt, plan for retirement or your children's college, buy a house or make any type of financial transaction, this class is for you. The church is at 660 South 17th Street, Worland WY 82401. For more details or to register, visit https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1026568/atid/_ln or contact Kathy Weigand at 816-872-5619 or mkweigand5155@gmail.com. It's not too late to sign up or attend!

Colorado Springs Central Church » An International Sabbath celebration will be held at 10:30 a.m., October 1, at Colorado Springs Central Church. Malcom Tayler of Oakwood University and Breath of Life is the guest speaker. Musical guests include Central International African Singing Group, Denver Indonesian Choir and Embajadores de Cristo (Hispanic group). A Taste of Nations International Lunch at Springs Adventist Academy will follow the service. Colorado Springs Central Church is at 1305 N Union Blvd., Colorado

Springs. Springs Adventist Academy is at 5410 Palmer Park Blvd., Colorado Springs. For more information, email pastormike2u@yahoo.com.

Cheyenne Church » A five-session Connections seminar will be held from 2:30 - 4 p.m. October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The seminar will help individuals determine their spiritual gifts and how to use those gifts for your local church and community. A fellowship dinner will be provided at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lee Steele at 307-220-0532.

Grand Junction Church » Calvin Taylor, gospel music recording artist, will present a piano concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 13 at the Grand Junction Church, 730 Mesa Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

Campion Church » "No More Fear," is coming to the Campion Church Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. October 7 and continuing through October 22. Each night will begin with free, light supper at 6 p.m.

This free series of community seminars and conversations about how to live without fear will be led by Pastor Nestor Soriano and will present answers to the many fears we face today.

"No More Fear of the Future": is the opening night topic through which you'll discover a prophecy that reveals our future.

These interactive seminars will provide many Bible answers. Invite your friends, neighbors and former members to enjoy Bible answers and inspirational music. Study materials and childcare provided. Pre-register at RelevantSeminars.org/Loveland or call 855-972-9127.



Give Them Hope Health

Summit » Join us in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado October 13-16 for a health training program that will change your life and your ministry. Learn how to prevent and even reverse Type 2 diabetes. Many are calling Alzheimer's Type 3 diabetes because of its close link to insulin

resistance, the main cause for Type 2 diabetes. Learn more

on our website at rmcsda.org/hope. It is not too late to register, but you must contact us soon to save your place. You are welcome to join us for the weekend, but we must know if you plan to eat with us. Call Rick at 530-521-7429.

Chapel Haven Church » Dr. Calvin Taylor will share his music, "Holy Scripture--Alive with Sounds of Music" at 11 a.m. Sabbath, October 15. Chapel Haven Church is located at 9911 Huron Street, Northglenn, CO 80260, 303-451-1800. For more information: www.calvintaylormusic.org.

Financial Peace University » If you are a young adult interested in gaining relevant financial guidance and connecting with other young adults in the Denver area, Rocky Mountain Conference's Youth Department is holding a nine-week class at the conference office for you. The class will meet each Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning October 18 and continuing through December 13. The cost is \$93 for materials and membership and the first 15 people to register will receive a 50 percent discount. For more information and to register, email shannonw@rmcsda.org or for an overview of the class, go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview. The office is located at 2520 S. Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.



**ADU Denver
Education Expo »**

Adventist University of
Health Sciences (ADU)

Denver campus is hosting its Healthcare Education Expo from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, October 26. ADU Denver educates future healthcare professionals with the mission "Healthcare as Ministry" and offers programs in Nursing, Radiography, and Sonography in a personalized, nurturing environment. The campus is located adjacent to Porter Adventist Hospital. Learn more and RSVP by visiting www.adu.edu/denverexpo.

Campion Church » The Larimer Chorale of Fort Collins, a 110-voice group with four Adventists, presents their first concert, Sergei Rachmanifoff's All-Night Vigil, an a capella masterpiece, at 7:30 p.m. Sabbath, October 29, at the Campion Church, 300 42nd St SW, Loveland CO 80537. For discount tickets and group rates, contact Roxanne

Goodrich at 970-222-8930 or srgoodrich@hotmail.com before October 1.

La Vida Mission Supply Drive » A non-profit mission to the Navajo Nation with the goal of reaching the Navajo children for Jesus, La Vida Mission is dependent on the generosity of caring people to supply their needs. A truck heading to La Vida Mission with donations will stop at churches around the conference to pick up your donations. See the [schedule here](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Daystar School in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at michellevelbis@gmail.com or call [719-561-9120](tel:719-561-9120).



Voice of Prophecy: The Voice of Prophecy is looking to fill three positions: [gift planning departmental assistant with accounting experience](#), [digital content specialist/webmaster](#), and a [donor relations coordinator](#). For more information, visit <http://vop.com/jobs>.

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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. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.**

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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