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Media Story eBook Published: Tell Your Story Through Media »



Stories are all around us says Dustin Comm, whose *The Media Story: Why Your Church Needs Media to Engage Your Local Community* eBook is being released today, October 9. The compendium on including media in church outreach aims to engage local congregations in telling stories of their faith community in order to inspire and to witness.

There are perhaps billions of stories being told on earth just today. They encompass our lives. In fact, all of us are part of the overarching human story, which has been going on for a long, long time. But sometimes because stories are our existence and pervade everything in our consciousness, we don't notice them. And yet stories are the most powerful vehicles to influence our communities. Is your church harnessing their power? Are you truly telling your story the way you want it to be received?

Engaged in many and varied mission endeavors, Seventh-day Adventists have been using a variety of media to proclaim the Good News. As a church, we take it for granted that media – the print, radio, TV and the Internet with its numerous products – is an ally in Adventist proclamation. Observers of the church's media interest and engagement as part of our mission efforts have also recognized us in these endeavors.

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However, often on a congregational level such interest is being generally considered to be a job for the corporate levels of the church. Media production is expensive and requires the engagement of those who know more, is one reason often cited.

Dustin, who lives in Castle Rock, Colorado, and attends LifeSource Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists, grew up in Sacramento, CA and graduated from Pacific Union College with degrees in Theology and Television & Film Production. He has served in Calimesa, California, as a pastor for media and youth ministry, producing creative media content for the congregation and local community.

“Knowing that often times church media folks may never get media experience outside the church, I decided that I need to gain real-world media experience and took an opportunity in broadcast radio at Mile High Sports Radio (AM 1510 | FM 93.7) in Denver, CO as a producer/host,” he tells *NewsNuggets*.

Early in 2015 after a year of prayer and soul-searching for where God wanted him next, Dustin recognized that God was calling him to combine his passions of ministry and media moving forward. “In my research and study, it became clear that the church was missing a huge opportunity to engage its local communities at a deeper level by infusing media into their long-term outreach campaigns,” he said. “My passion is to help churches understand why and how to integrate media into their outreach,” he added.

The Media Story is a community of churches who are innovating, experimenting, failing, and learning how to infuse media into their physical evangelism efforts. Dustin explains that studies show churches engage their communities best when creating media in step with their outreach.

Your church is telling a story whether it realizes it or not. Consider these few questions, he comments, “What is the story received by the community? Do you understand what your church is known for in the community? Do you feel pressure to use media in your church, but don't know where to begin? Does your evangelism feel unnatural or forced?”

The Media Story teaches churches how to tell their story (the way they want it received) by creating media in conjunction with their community outreach.

The eBook is being released on Amazon for its Kindle platform, and the iBooks store. On his [Blog](#), the author offers additional expert advice on a variety of aspects covered in his eBook.

As with any approach that involves the church in media, often the initial reaction may be to consider *The Media Story* as a "how-to for media ministries." Dustin reacts that “this is not accurate in my mind. What I think of when someone says that [it’s a how-to] is really that it just covers the technical side of buying equipment, how to shoot church services, editing, streaming, broadcasting, etc., *The Media Story* is a philosophy for reaching the community outside the church walls by infusing media into the church's outreach.” “The eBook is not a technical guide. That would be one misconception,” he adds.

The Media Story: Why Your Church Needs Media to Engage Your Local Community, received a pre-release praise from several media professionals, including Phil Cooke, filmmaker and media consultant. The author of *Unique: Telling Your Story in the Age of Brands and Social Media*, Cooke said “it’s time [that] churches and ministry organizations got serious about using media to reach their local communities. It’s the language our culture speaks, and the vast majority of your congregation and surrounding community are already telling

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Contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or chip@skybeam.com

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Finance Committee

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GVR Board

December 15, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

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December 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information that expresses our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and

their story through media. If you don't know where to start, I recommend Dustin Comm's new book."

Engaging in its presentation, Dustin Comm's eBook can be referred to as hope for many a minister and for Christian communicators ready to be involved with an Adventist story through media out of their local church. For more information: [themediastory](#) [Rajmund Dabrowski; Photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Campion Holds Filmmaking Workshop, Receives Camera From Southern »



Southern Adventist University's film department conducted a two-day filmmaking workshop for 16 Campion students, October 4-5, donating a Panasonic HVX200 video camera and providing instruction on how to use it. The students spent time planning projects, filming, editing, and finally screening their work to an enthusiastic audience.

The workshop instructors included Southern Adventist University's film program coordinator David George, Campion alumnus Zach Kast, and Mark Comberiate, producer of the award-winning short film *I Will Not Fear*.

Kast knew that SAU's film department was planning on retiring some of their cameras, and he suggested Campion Academy as a recipient. The idea of donating the camera morphed into holding a workshop, and 16 available spots were filled almost immediately.

Kast, now a senior film major at SAU, credits his high school English class as the place he first discovered he could tell stories through film. "It encouraged me to do what I wanted to do, and that was film." Now he is paying it forward to Campion students who attended the workshop. "I hope that it gives the students a taste of how fun and important filmmaking can be," he said.

Freshman Ethan Gueck, who has always been interested in film, signed up for the workshop in order to expand his skills. "I've been wanting to do more professional projects, and I was able to learn how to use a higher quality camera and a more advanced editing program," he said. Junior Jose Castro, on the other hand, had never thought about getting into filmmaking. He admitted, "Now it's something I might look into for college."

Gueck's documentary team created a film about their classmate Himanshu Bhandana's experience in the recent Nepal earthquake. Castro's group filmed Principal Don Reeder's story about overcoming challenges as a boys' dean.

David George, whose recent work includes directing the photography for the feature-length film *Old Fashioned*, was very pleased with the success of the workshop. "I hope that [the students] saw the power of story, whether it takes the written form, or is conveyed through sound or picture. Story is powerful. After all, what is the Bible mostly comprised of? I also hope that they see that filmmaking isn't out of reach."

These Campion students now have the ability to continue

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 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.

learning how to create inspirational and promotional films, which is exactly what Campion technology director Steve Eickmann was hoping for. “We want as many kids as possible to get the experience of working with the



camera and using it to create positive messages,” he said.

[Jennifer Sigler; top photo: Campion alumnus Zach Kast teaches students how to use the new HVX200 camera donated by Southern Adventist University; bottom photo: Steve Eickmann, Campion technology teacher, receives camera from film producer Mark Comberiate, one of the workshop instructors; photos by Jennifer Sigler]

Boulder Chamber Orchestra to Perform at Boulder Church »



A renowned classical music organization, the Boulder Chamber Orchestra, has announced its upcoming season performances, which include three concerts at the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The church office received an inquiry from the orchestra administrators asking if they could rent our church facility for a series of performances in the current concert season. The acoustics of the Boulder church offered the facility a welcome venue for classical music.

“We even received an interest from the orchestra in renting space to set its head office at our church. We are still exploring options,” said Japhet De Oliveira, senior pastor.

“This collaboration with the Boulder Chamber Orchestra is important to our faith community as we are interested in being seen as very much a part of the city we live in. Our church lends itself to offer a venue that can be recognized as an open-door community,” De Oliveira added. “Being a part of the community’s interest is high on our priorities with the added benefit that these are really good concerts and the community loves them.”

The arrangement works well outside the Sabbath hours, De Oliveira said. “During the Sabbath hours we function purely with our church programs,” he stated. The orchestral concerts, according to the negotiated and published program, recognize the church venue as proper for playing music of substance and beauty.

A pre-Christmas season, “A Gift of Music” concert on December 19, will feature flutist Cobus du Toit and soprano Jennifer Kampani.

The next BCO performance at the Boulder church is scheduled for April 16. Entitled “Virtuosity and Grace,” it will feature Berlin-based and California-born pianist Soheil Nasser

performing Piano Concerto No. 2 by Brahms, as well as Mozart's great Symphony No. 40 in G minor.

The third concert planned is entitled "Mother Nature," and will close the BCO season on Mother's Day, May 8. It will feature Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, the most nature-inspired piece. The concert is paired with another grand composition, Tchaikovsky's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major, Op. 35, played by Chloe Trevor. The concerts are scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

De Oliveira said that, depending on the repertoire proposed by the principals of the orchestra, there may be eight more performances at the Boulder church next season. For more information about BCO: boulderchamberorchestra.org.
[Rajmund Dabrowski; photo: Courtesy of BCO]



Pastor Appreciation Month »

Brainstorming with colleagues in 1992 about how they might be of help to their pastor, Jerry Frear, Jr. happened to

glance at a calendar and notice that Groundhog Day was coming soon. In that instant, an idea was born. "If they have a day for groundhogs," he thought, "there ought to be a day for the 375,000 pastors in America." So began Pastor Appreciation Month, celebrated each year during the month of October.

Our pastors need our support, so *NewsNuggets* has included suggestions on how your congregation could affirm your pastor. We hope that every congregation in the Rocky Mountain Conference will choose to do something to express their appreciation.

- Distribute stamped envelopes addressed to the pastor so that members can write a personal note of encouragement and appreciation.
- Special order a "Best Pastor in _____" T-shirt, cap, or plaque and present it at a church worship service or social event.
- Laminate bookmarks/cards created by the children in your church, featuring their art and signatures. Let kids present the bookmarks/cards to the pastor personally.
- Prepare a "Rainy Day Jar" – Fill a large decorative jar with hand-written notes containing favorite Scripture verses and/or encouragement to be read anytime a boost is needed.
- Church in a frame – Take a group photo of church members in front of the building. Use extra wide matting and ask every church member to sign the mat before framing.
- Make a Prayer Chain – On separate strips of colored construction paper, have each family (children included) write down the specific prayer topics concerning their pastor for which they will regularly remember to pray.
- Think of one small thing your pastor enjoys such as M&Ms, fishing lures, golf, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sabbath, e.g. one bag, any size, of M&Ms. Supply extras for guests or forgetful members.
- Purchase a book or gift card from the ABC, a local Christian bookstore, or Amazon.
- Gift Card to Favorite Restaurant – Don't forget the pastor's family. Perhaps a family dinner out would be a welcome treat.
- Prayer Session – Pray specifically for your pastors and

their families. Surround them on a Sabbath and lift them up in prayer, remembering good health for the pastor's marriage.

Pastors, we gratefully celebrate your lives and your care for your flock. We may give you a scare, or some unintended grief, but we would like you to know that our prayers and best wishes are with you! [Craig Carr]

RMC FAMILY NEWS



Katie (11) and Ashley (8) Hamilton were baptized September 18 by their father, Steve Hamilton, RMC Youth Director, at the home of their Uncle Mike Hamilton in Denair, California. "In seventeen years of ministry, getting to baptize my two daughters has been the greatest thing I've been able to do," Steve stated. Also baptized were Jaymes and Jayda Hamilton, cousins of Katie and Ashley. [Photo bottom to top: Ashley, Katie, Delinda, Steve]

TAKE FIVE FOR YOUR HEALTH



Water May Save Your Life » How often do you get dehydrated? It is probably a lot more often than you think. So what is the big deal? A recent study presented at the International Stroke Conference is titled, "Patients who are

dehydrated have more severe stroke and poorer short-term outcome than stroke patients that are adequately hydrated".

Researchers reported fourfold increased odds of a significantly worse stroke outcome. That is good news regarding how to avoid a devastating condition, but that is not all. Staying hydrated can also help prevent heart attacks as well. These are the top two killers that you can do something about.

Water on the outside can help also. A hot and cold shower or bath can be a powerful stimulator of the immune system. So drink plenty of water and finish your hot shower with cold, especially if you are getting sick, and see how your choices can make a powerful difference. [Rick Mautz]

NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB!



RMC EVENTS

ACS Community LIFT » In honor of World Food Day and all families having equal access to food, ACS LIFT is holding a Family Fun Fall Festival from 2 - 6 p.m. Sunday, October 25. FREE cooking demo, family feast (everyone eats today!), live

music, face painting, fancy cake raffle, Kid's Zone, and more. All proceeds benefit Jovial Concepts and ACS Community LIFT. Held at 5045 W. 1st Avenue, Denver 80219.



RMC Young Adult Day » Under the theme, *Own It*, the Boulder Adventist Church will be hosting Rocky Mountain Conference's Young Adult Day on October 24. **Paddy McCoy**, chaplain at Walla Walla University, is the presenter for what is anticipated to be great fellowship and worship! For more information, go to rmcya.org

Coronary Health Improvement Project Training is Coming to Campion »

The next facilitator training for CHIP in the Denver-Loveland area will take place October 17, 18 at the Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more information, contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or chip@skybeam.com.



Training to run a CHIP program is required through an approved CHIP facilitator workshop. For more information about the CHIP program or how to run one in your church or community, contact Rick Mautz at rickm@rmcsda.org or call 530-521-7429. Watch CHIP video at: <https://vimeo.com/78279692> or at www.chiphealth.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brighton Church » "Church of Refuge" Summit at Brighton Church -- Ron Whitehead from CYE (Center for Youth Evangelism) will lead a two-day, October 16 and 17, event helping churches to become intentional about empowering young adults in ministry.

At 7 p.m. on October 16, Ron will meet with all young adults to listen to their desires and needs. The event will continue next day, meeting with both young adults and all church members casting a vision for the future. For more information, visit CYE website at <http://www.cye.org/> or call 320-296-9788. or rmcya.org

Denver West Church » Denver West Church – The Hope Through Prophecy series begins at 7 p.m. Sabbath, October 10 and continues each evening through October 12. Presented by Eddy Perez, the goal of this series is to help you discover how to face an uncertain future with hope. Denver West is located at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver 80219.

Fall Education Expo » Adventist University of Health Sciences of Denver will hold its Fall Education Expo from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 28 at their Denver campus, 950 E. Harvard Avenue, Suite B80. Key programs will be featured, including Nursing (BSN), Radiography and Sonography.

This is a great opportunity for future students to speak with faculty and staff from the university. Representatives will also be visiting from the Orlando campus to answer questions regarding financial aid and admissions. See [poster](#).

Fort Lupton Church » *Christ-centered Living in a Broken World* is the theme of the Fort Lupton series continuing through October 10. The pastoral team made up of Ed Barnett, Lonnie Hetterle, Martin Pope, Don Schraeder, Chuck DeShazer and Ted Williams will present such subjects as "Who Am I?", "Who

Am I to Jesus?", "Dinner at Papa's", and "The BIG Move".

Pre-register by calling 720-466-5634 or go to ftlupton22.adventistchurchconnect.org. Admission is free.

Franktown Church » David Asscherick will present an evangelistic series beginning at 7 pm. Thursday, November 5 and continuing through Sunday, November 15. Registration is recommended. To register or for questions, call 303-688-8687 or email wendy@franktownsda.org.

Golden Church » The *I am All You Need* series continues each night at 7 p.m. through October 10. Presented by Pastor Eddy Perez , the series explores questions vital for existence and essential for holding on when everything seems to fall apart.

Littleton Church » Hear Jaime Jorge, violin virtuoso, in concert October 31 at Littleton Church during the worship service. He will captivate you with his story and music.

MAUC Office » Children's Leadership Conference will take place at the Mid-America Union Office in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 9-11. For registration and other information, go to plusline.org or call 800-732-7587.

Vista Ridge Academy » The doors will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 pm. for the annual Fall Festival at Vista Ridge Academy. Enjoy festival games, activities and prizes in the gymnasium, along with festival food and other treats in the atrium. The academy is located at 3100 Ridgeview Drive, Erie 80516. For more information, call 303-828-4944.

Mile High Academy » The annual auction to support MHA's students will take place October 25 in the Curtis Ballroom, 5345 Landmark Place, Greenwood Village, 80111:
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction and Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Live Auction
An informative Open House will be held for current and/or interested parents from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Twin Peaks Fellowship (Louisville) » A *free* concert with Jaime Jorge will take place at 5 p.m., November 1. Jaime has played in a high school setting as well as Carnegie Hall. He has played on six continents and in more than 40 countries. His music and personal of story of God's leading will captivate.

Vista Fellowship » Prophecy seminar, *A Ray of Hope*, is being held at Vista Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists, 701 Kimbark Street, Longmont: . Tim Jones is presenting the series on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings through October 16. For more information, call 303-548-8601.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACS Community LIFT has an immediate opening for a part-time (28 hrs/wk) Medical Services Coordinator. This position coordinates the day-to-day operations for all Medical Services Program activities. Bilingual (English and Spanish) is a plus. To learn more about the position and how to apply, please visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-medical-servies-coordinator>.

The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week, M-Th) Assistant to help out in its

Treasury Department. To learn more about this position and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-treasury-assistant>.
The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a full-time (38 hours per week, M-Th) Administrative Assistant to support the conference's three officers: President, Vice President for Administration and Vice President for Finance. To learn more about this position and how to apply, go to <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-administrative-assistant-opening>
The **Voice of Prophecy** in Loveland, Colorado, is looking for a full-time departmental assistant, as well as a DISCOVER Bible School trainer. View the full job descriptions and apply at vop.com/jobs.

FROM THE EDITOR

Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.
--Editor

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Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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