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## **Mid-America Union Leaders Returned by Constituency Vote For New Term »**

The eighth quinquennial Mid-America Union Constituency Session convened on Sunday, September 11 in the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska for the purpose of receiving reports, celebrating accomplishments and voting church business.



The one-day session, themed Collaborating for Ministry in the Heartland, brought together nearly 290 delegates--representing 69,000 members in six conferences--to review and discuss the progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mid-America from 2011-2015.

The afternoon began with musical praise from the Union College Unionaires, led by Dr. Ricky Little. Elder G. Alexander Bryant, secretary of the North American Division, shared a devotional thought based on Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman by a well. Bryant pointed out how she tried to elevate the question of where to worship to an inappropriately high level. Bryant challenged delegates to remain focused on the most important topics in church ministry.

During his president's report, Elder Gary Thurber thanked Elder Tom Lemon for his four years of leadership in the Mid-

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**Daughters of Grace  
Retreat**

America Union before Lemon was called to serve at the General Conference in July 2015. Thurber also thanked the conference presidents for their leadership in Mid-America.

Elder Gil Webb, MAUC vice president for administration, reported that Mid-America has seen slow but steady membership growth during the past five years, and Troy Peoples, vice president for finance, reviewed the union's fiscal records, showing moderate positive trends. Vinita Sauder, president of Union College also shared a report, as did Brad Forbes, director of AdventSource and Ken Bacon, representing Adventist Health System. Tom Evans, treasurer for the NAD, was also on hand to assist with proceedings.

Following a lively discussion, delegates rejected a proposed change to the union's constitution and bylaws that would have reduced the size of the MAUC Executive Committee. Delegates strongly favored retaining 35 members to ensure adequate representation.

Daniel R. Jackson NAD president, led the Nominating Committee in conducting a thorough review of incumbent evaluations before receiving the recommendation that each be renominated. Delegates voted by generous majorities to elect all officers and departmental directors to another five-year term. [Brenda Dickerson, OUTLOOK Editor; photo shows (L-R) Troy and Karen Peoples; Gary and Diane Thurber; Gil and Pat Webb]

**Annual Pathfinder Leadership Convention Sets Positive Tone for New Year »** Glacier View Ranch, September 9-11. Under the leadership of Don and Chris Hill, over 150 Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders from all areas of the Rocky Mountain Conference gathered to plan, prepare and strategize for a new year of Pathfinder ministry.



Blessed by the presence of RMC President Ed Barnett and

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## **Western Colorado Men's Advance**

*September 16 - 18*

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## **Hispanic Women's Retreat**

*September 30 - October 2*

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## **Give Them Hope Health Summit**

*October 13 - 16*

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Youth Director Steve Hamilton, the assembly listened to powerful messages on leadership inspired by the life of Jesus and the story of Peter.

In addition to key worships, Saturday's schedule included numerous seminars on leadership from "Bringing Young People to Christ" by Steve Hamilton to "Wise Steward Award & Family Blessing" by Isabelle Cruz and Serena Laubscher. Other seminars, such as "Staff in Personal & Spiritual Growth," by Kathy Dom-Walker, focused on providing support to the Conference's Pathfinder leaders themselves.

Finally, business meetings on Saturday night and Sunday morning provided a time to vote for new leadership and give key updates on items such as the budget, insurance and the schedule for 2017.

As the weekend concluded, the Pathfinder executive leadership agreed that this year's Leadership Convention was outstanding. For the Pathfinder ministry as a whole, the year saw wildly successful events, including the Adventurer Family Campout at Mills Spring Ranch and Pathfinder Camporee at Glacier View Ranch.

The success of the Leadership Convention indicates the events of the new year should be nothing short of spectacular.

For more information or to get involved with Pathfinders or Adventurers, contact Chris Hill at [donchris@rmcap.org](mailto:donchris@rmcap.org), Kiefer Dooley at [kieferd@rmcsda.org](mailto:kieferd@rmcsda.org), or call RMCYouth at 303-282-3664.

[Kiefer Dooley; photo by Paula Nelson]

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## **Lighthouse Christian School Elementary Students**

**Visit Local Businesses »** Lighthouse Christian School students in grades 1-4 visited downtown Fort Morgan businesses during their Future Entrepreneurs in Action field trip August 31.

Walking from the school to downtown Fort Morgan, they stopped at JCPenney, The Flower Petaler, Rent-A-Center and Bank of Colorado, according to Jodie Aakko, head teacher at Lighthouse.

After touring each retail shop, the owner/manager gave students a short summary of the business. Students interviewed their hosts, asking how their business is doing, what future plans they have for the business, the easiest and most difficult parts of running a business, how their business helps the community and how prices are determined. They

church members.

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also asked what advice they had for students who might run their own business in the future.



"The students were thrilled to see -- first-hand and in their very own community -- business owners putting into practice the very principles and concepts which the students studied in class," Aakko said. "Several students were inspired on future career choices."

Before the field trip, students had formed teams and created their own mock businesses, including a pizza restaurant and a lumberyard, during their economics studies. "Each team selected a business name and created a sign that included a tag line, prices, incentives, products, features/specials and customer service features," Aakko explained. So the field trip held a lot of meaning for the students.

At the Bank of Colorado, students received, according to Aakko, "a special behind-the-scenes tour of what banking is all about." They heard about its general operations, the workings of loans, safety deposit boxes, savings accounts, credit scores and even compound interest.

This was "not only a day of learning about economics, but a day of connecting personally with their community in a fun, adventurous way, which in turn inspired [them] to become responsible citizens," Aakko said. "It was a great day to watch my students get excited about the many options their futures hold."

"The flower shop let us go into the refrigerator to see all the flowers," said fourth-grader Brayden Farmer. And "we got to see the safe at the bank and the safety deposit boxes."

"We went to four places to find out information to see if we want to start our own business someday," said third-grader Clara Aakko.



"It was fun because we got flowers!" enthused first-grader Leah Alvarado.

"This week, students will 'open' their [mock] stores to customers (classmates), who are eager to spend their 'lighthouse' money."

Aakko created a game the students play which is related to their studies where they draw cards and

deal with whatever business-related scenario is on the card. Possibilities include health department fines for not washing hands, pine beetles infesting lumber and renting out the restaurant for a party.

The final part of the economics project will be writing about it and brainstorming what they learned to create a book," Aakko said.

"We owe a great amount of thanks to JCPenney, Flower Petaler, Rent-A-Center and Bank of Colorado for taking time out of their busy schedules to educate and inspire these young future entrepreneurs," Aakko said.

[RMCNews adapted from article by Jenni Grubbs at Fort Morgan Times]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

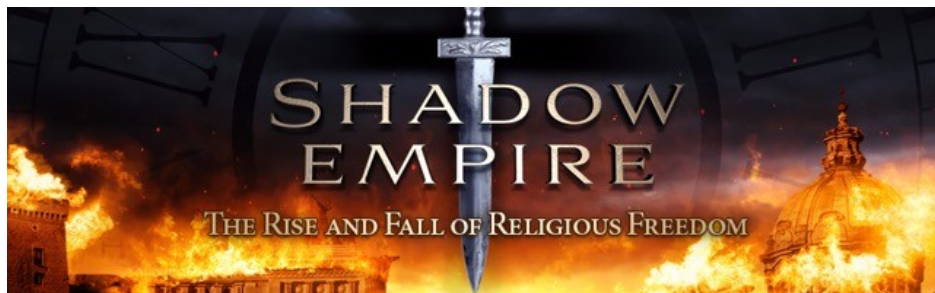
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**Vista Fellowship »** Prophecy seminars in both English and Spanish begin at Vista Fellowship at 7 p.m. September 9 and continue each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday through October 7. Tim Jones will present in

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.

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**Host *Shadow Empire* at Your Church »** The Voice of Prophecy's *Shadow Empire* series returns September 15-17 to local churches, and pastors will again have the opportunity to be the event co-speaker with Pastor Shawn Boonstra.



This series, which addresses modern-day religious freedom by exploring the life of Constantine the Great, was filmed on location in Europe and the Middle East, and offers a fresh, Bible-based perspective on historical and current events.

Pastors can find all the details they need at

[www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event](http://www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event).

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### **Adventist Choice College Fair and Financial**

**Workshop »** You are invited to attend this valuable workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Sunday, September 18 at LifeSource Adventist Fellowship. Many of the regionally accredited Adventist colleges and universities will be there. Learn how a Christian education can be affordable for you. Apply free to attending colleges (at the event only) and meet with admissions counselors. For details, go to [www.AdventistCollege.org/college-fairs](http://www.AdventistCollege.org/college-fairs).

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### **Daughters of Grace Women's Ministries Retreat »**



The conference-wide women's retreat at Glacier View Ranch, September 16-18, will feature Elizabeth Talbot, director of *Jesus 101 Biblical Institute*, and the author of several books. The retreat will include praise and worship music, inspiring skits, book giveaways, friendship circles,

Saturday night activities, and a service project opportunity.

The Adventist Book Center will feature a display of several publications by Elizabeth Talbot for sale. Registration and information brochures were sent to Women's Ministries leaders in participating churches. Call or email Ginger Bell for more information, and to receive a brochure via email, at [720-980-9006](tel:720-980-9006) or [rexngingerbell@msn.com](mailto:rexngingerbell@msn.com).

Registration deadline is September 1.

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**Golden Church YOUTH RALLY »** Evangelist Eddy Perez will speak at the Golden Church YOUTH RALLY September 16-18 under the theme *Overcome*. The RALLY begins at 7 p.m., Friday, September 16 and continues at 9:30 a.m., Sabbath, September 17. Sleep over at the church to enjoy an 7:30 a.m. breakfast on Sunday, September 18, followed by more activities. Golden Church is located at 3101 S. Golden Road, Golden CO 80401.

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**2016 Western Colorado Men's Advance »** Join us in Pitkin for our Jeep trip as we pray, study, fish, hike, and enjoy the colors in the mountains, September 16-18 (tentative, based on snow melt). Learn how to restore relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Study and prayer time held on Friday evening and Saturday. Bring your Jeep, motorcycle, mountain bike, fishing pole, hiking shoes, and Bible. Meals and rooms included in the flat fee of \$170.00. To register or for more information, contact Wayne Oldham at [970-209-7911](tel:970-209-7911) or [woldham170@gmail.com](mailto:woldham170@gmail.com).

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**La Vida Camp Meeting »** Celebrate 100 years of Adventist Mission in Navajo Land, September 16-18, at the 2016 La Vida Camp Meeting. Our guest speaker is NPUC Native Ministries Director Pastor Monte Church. Attendees will stay in our guest house, dorms, and staff houses, or you can bring tents or RVs. Please call or email to reserve your spot with us at [dorie@lavidamission.org](mailto:dorie@lavidamission.org) or [505-215-6642](tel:505-215-6642).

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**Longmont Church »** Elizabeth Montgomery will share her testimony in song at 11 a.m. September 17 at the Longmont Church. Invite friends and family to hear and be blessed. The Longmont Church is located at 1712 Mountain View Avenue in Longmont. For more information, email [stanhagen@juno.com](mailto:stanhagen@juno.com)

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**Seeing Jesus through Muslim Eyes »** The Seeing



Jesus through Muslim Eyes seminar, 2 p.m. on September 17 at the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, will equip attendees for reaching out to Muslims, helping to fulfill the Gospel Commission. Gerald Babanezhad, Coordinator of Muslim Outreach at Pacific Union Conference, will share the historical setting and perspective of Islam, the role of the Adventist Church in sharing the Three Angels' Messages with Muslims, Muslim's understanding of Seventh-day Adventists, testimonies and much more, followed with question and answer session. Location: 2675 S. Downing St., Denver, Colorado 80210. For more information, call [303-744-1271](tel:303-744-1271).

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**Grandparent's Day »** You are invited to spend the day at Mile High Academy with your grandchild, eat breakfast, enjoy a special chapel, visit classrooms, meet teachers, and more. This 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. September 27 event is your opportunity to become better acquainted with your grandchild's school world through a peek at their day-to-day experience. For details or to save your spot, call us at 303-744-1069 or save your spot online at [milehighacademy.org/campus-life/grandparents-day-registration](http://milehighacademy.org/campus-life/grandparents-day-registration).

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**Prison Evangelism Certification and Training »** All lay persons and pastors interested in learning best practices and cutting-edge, Christ-centered methods for evangelism behind bars are invited to attend the certification and training program September 30 through October 2 at the Rocky Mountain Conference office. To register, call AdventSource at 800-732-7587 or register online at [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org).

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**Hispanic Women's Retreat »** September 30 - October 2, Sara Bullon will be speaking at the Hispanic Women's Retreat. Location: Glacier View Ranch - 8748 Overland Rd, Ward, CO 80481. For additional information, contact Patty Rivera at [303-910-3548](tel:303-910-3548).

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**The Great Health Controversy »** Colorado Indonesian-American Church is holding a health seminar at  
7 p.m. Friday, September 30  
9:30 and 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. Sabbath, October 1  
10 a.m. Sunday, October 2.  
Hear health revivalist and evangelist Rico Hill speak on the role food and health play in the Great Controversy, the 10



laws of health contained in Genesis, hope for heart disease, and what animals could say if they could speak. Enjoy a hands-on session on natural remedies and a nutrition demonstration/lecture on disease-fighting nutrition.

Colorado Indonesian-American Church is located at 2241 S Holly Street, Denver CO 80222. For more information, call Farrah Lolowang at 407-924-3842.

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### **Give Them Hope Health**

**Summit »** Learn how to reflect God's character in health ministries through ongoing support at the Give Them Hope Health Summit, held October 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Through the acquired skills of ongoing

support, you can bring hope to your church and community through the prevention and reversal of diseases such as heart disease, cancer, Type II diabetes, and Alzheimer's. For more information about this health summit, visit our website at <http://www.rmcsda.org/hope> or call the RMC health ministry department at [303-282-3604](tel:303-282-3604).

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Mile High Academy** Positions are open at Mile High Academy as a part-time receptionist. The receptionist's weekly schedule will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Receptionist applicants should have a high school diploma and a

minimum of three years of relevant experience. Interested individuals for any listed positions must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing, and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. Please send your resume to Jocelyn at [jaalborg@milehighacademy.org](mailto:jaalborg@milehighacademy.org), and visit our website at <http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/> for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions.

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**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](mailto:michellevelbis@gmail.com) or call [719-561-9120](tel:719-561-9120).

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