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Focus on Youth, Evangelism Discussed at RMC

Executive Committee » Ministry by and for youth surfaced as a focus of the September 20 Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Conference. Commenting on the Education Department's report by Lonnie Hetterle, Ed Barnett, president, said "we are making young people a focus in our conference."



His remarks referenced outreach activities involving students, the service-based learning approach at Campion Academy, initiatives undertaken by youth in different churches, and a record attendance of 671 participants in the youth camp season.

His comments were echoed when the issue of training for evangelism was discussed in connection with the upcoming health series by Mark Finley for the Denver Metro area in the fall of 2017, as well as the Voice of Prophecy planning for the 2018 evangelism series with Shawn Boonstra, also in Denver. The committee members were informed about a focused training and outreach preparation involving pastors and laity.

Commenting on the potential that such ministry training can be beneficial to other regions of the country beyond the Denver area, Lynn Nicolai, a committee member from

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Executive Committee

September 20, 8 a.m. - Noon

Palisade said, "the more we are training the adults or youth, the more potential it has to affect many other areas. Often we are thinking about the ministry training programs for adults, but we need to consider ministry training for youth [who would gain] new insights and new skills for evangelism, for sharing Christ." Reporting on the current finances of the



Conference, George Crumley said that year-to-date tithe without windfall is 4.83 percent as of July, and RMC Advance is up 14.62 percent. "We are in a strong financial position," he

said.

In an Education Department update, Lonnie Hetterle reported that last year's graduating academy seniors received a total of 2.9 million dollars in scholarships to Union College. He shared that our schools continue to "give a strong character and knowledge base for our students as they embark on the future. The employment projections tell us that 60 percent of the jobs these students will fill have not even been invented yet," Hetterle said. "It is important to equip them with a sound educational background."

Students who graduated from Champion Academy will have completed at least 15 hours of service for others," said Don Reeder, principal. "There is a strong spiritual atmosphere on campus exemplified by the Wednesday night break-out sessions for Bible study and spiritual activities," he reported.

The committee also voted to grant the Agape Haitian congregation based in Aurora to become a church rather than a company of believers. Though listing 61 church members, the congregation has an attendance of 85 every week. [Text and photo by Rajmund Dabrowski; Top photo: newly-re-elected Mid-American Union Conference president attended RMC's Executive Committee; Bottom photo: Committee member Lynn Nicolai in conversation with Eric Nelson, RMC vice-president for administration]

Finance Committee

September 20, 8:30 a.m.

Campion Academy Alumni

September 22 - 23

Hispanic Women's Retreat

September 30 - October 2

Staff Meeting

October 4, 8 a.m.

Give Them Hope Health Summit

October 13 - 16

GVR Board

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

RMC Property & Trust Committee

October 19 9:30 a.m.

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Women Celebrate Being Daughters of Grace at Glacier View Ranch »

Nearly 200 women attended the conference-wide women's retreat at Glacier View Ranch September 16-18. From the moment the first women arrived until they left, the friendship and fellowship of women from around the conference and beyond was evident.



Worship with the praise team, individual and group prayer in the Prayer Room and Prayer Garden, inspirational skits portraying the retreat theme, sister circles for small-group inspiration and support, many organized activities for Saturday evening, Sunday morning prayer walk and more offered a variety of activities.

Featured speaker, Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, is passionate about the good news of Jesus Christ. Her "calling" is to lift up Jesus that He may draw all to Himself. "It's like fire in my bones," she says and she means it. Her four sessions, Loved by Grace, Redeemed by Grace, Called by Grace and Assured by Grace, allowed every woman to embrace being a Daughter of Grace.

As evidence of Jesus' desire to draw all to Himself, one of the women shared her desire for baptism at the retreat. She was baptized Sunday morning by Elizabeth Talbot and her joy was celebrated by all.

Comments from participants say it all: "I was expecting a pleasant, but superficial spiritual weekend. Wow!!!! Was I wonderfully surprised! It was deep, relevant and practical. Thank you!"

"My hope is restored in God, His Word, and the Adventist Church," said another participant.

"We praise God! The presence of the Lord and His blessing

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.

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.**

was evident throughout the retreat. From each of us, as Daughters of Grace, we say, 'To God be the glory!'"

Daughters of Grace, 2016 Women's Ministries retreat offered at least two milestones. 2016 is the 30th year of RMC offering a spiritual retreat for women and it is the first year that baptism was celebrated at the women's retreat.

[Kay Wakefield; photo by Julia Hansen]

The Head-shaving of Ed Barnett: Champion Academy Wins His Hair and More Students »

It was more than a year ago when Champion Academy looked at its viability as a serious contributor to Adventist education and designed an increased enrollment program. More recently, Ed Barnett, president of Rocky Mountain Conference and Champion Academy's board chairman, stepped in with a personal pledge.



Barnett promised he would get his head shaved if their marketing delivered at least 150 students for the new academic year.

Recruiter Jessica Rios took the

challenge on during a conversation at Wyoming Camp Meeting in July about enrollment projections for the academy. "If I do not deliver at least 150 students, I would cut my hair off," Jessica said. A deal was struck between Ed Barnett and Jessica Rios which Ed lost.

The deal helped Jessica "to be more intentional in the recruiting because I wasn't going to get my hair shaved," she commented.

"My hair will grow back," said Ed Barnett, "but I am thrilled to see Champion bouncing back, too, and doing it so seriously. Kudos to all involved," he added.

His promise was personal and his word went around the Conference. On the last day of summer, September 21, in the presence of the entire student body, faculty, and staff, the deed was done.



There was no end to the cheering and applause. Selfies were taken with the willing victim, and the haircut variations were attempted. Delight shot across Jessica's face as she shaved Ed Barnett's head with a "Reeder hair option" (a near-bald look) and transformed his thick, curly gray hair into a becoming new hair style. Donna Reeder, who regularly cuts hair for her husband, Don, principal of Campion Academy, delivered the final cut.

With his curls falling down, Ed Barnett commented, "I'm glad I can't see what it looks like. I'm not a bit sorry."

"It was a pretty good bet. He's definitely down to earth about it," said Faith Paden, a sophomore watching the event.

Raelynn Kelley, senior, said in a straight-forward manner, "He looks good with hair."

"From the front, it's not that bad," commented Nati Joya, junior.

"It's not too bad. It's not my style, though!" added Joe Philpott, sophomore.

Our enrollment was declining and we had to do something about it. Careful strategic planning and the motto, "To know Him -- to show Him," went to the core of the school's spirituality. We knew that God is leading our



109-year-old school as we lift up Christ. We added our creativity, focused on spirituality and mission, and intentional marketing to keep us on track," explained Donovan Reeder.

The school's enrollment in 2014 bottomed with 128 students, then in 2015, increased slightly to 135. Today, the

school has gone beyond the goal of 145, reaching 155 students for the current year on the Loveland campus.

[Text and photos by Rajmund Dabrowski]



Love Matters Most at Mile High Academy

» Energy was high as students, faculty, community and hospital leadership and

employees gathered for the second annual Love Matters Most community service event held September 13.

Highlighting mental health issues, guest speaker Dave Gamache from Ambassadors of Compassion spoke of the growing epidemic of youth losing hope and ways we can work together to make a difference.

Prompted to get up and cheer as loudly as possible because "Love is loud!", participant energy grew even as they divided into groups for projects. Holding signs, leaders directed them to buses and vans and headed out -- some to paint, others to fill wellness kits, some to ask for food donations from grocery stores to fill pantries around town.

Each segment -- from preschoolers to community volunteers to leaders -- had an important role to play in making the Love Matters Most day a success. Tired by the end of the day, some covered with paint, there was no shortage of smiles. Wearing wide grins and bright orange tee shirts, volunteers from all over the metro Denver area were an example of what God has asked us to do for even the least of these.

Love Matters Most is hosted by Mile High Academy, Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, Littleton Adventist Hospital, Parker Adventist Hospital, Porter Adventist Hospital and organized by South Denver Adventist hospitals.

[Agape Hammond]

New Pastor Installed at Campion Seventh-day

Adventist Church » The Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church, 300 SW 42nd St., Loveland, welcomes Esequias Perea Jr., as the third pastor on the pastoral team.



Perea and his family arrived in Loveland this past week from Texas where he has been pastoring. He will focus on youth and discipleship and will preach his initial sermon on November 12.

Perea has a master of divinity degree from Andrews University in Michigan and is certified as a church leadership coach. He pastored churches in Texas and led Spanish congregations in Michigan on a volunteer basis.

He is married to Anna Perea. They have two sons, Levi and Noah.

[RMCNews Adapted from Loveland Reporter-Herald; photo by MJ Photography]



Daystar Christian School 8th Grader Wins All-School

Bookmark Contest » Two-thousand students in elementary, middle school and high school submitted entries for the Pueblo City-County Library bookmark contest last spring.

Winners, announced September 20, included Daystar 8th grade student, Grant Velbis, who swept the entire middle school division with his artistic entry.

Each winner receives 35 copies of their printed bookmark along with a certificate of achievement.

Velbis, now a freshman at Campion Academy, continues to work on his art skills.

[RMCNews with Michelle Velbis; artwork by Grant Velbis]

First-time Parents Take a Look at Vista Ridge

Academy » Following morning drop-off, the Vista Ridge Academy Home and School Association hosted a Welcome Breakfast for first-time parents on Tuesday, September 20.



Sandy Hodgson, principal, and school board members were present to welcome the parents to Vista Ridge Academy. The parents were provided an overview of how to get involved at the school and were given the opportunity to ask any questions they had.

The 2016-17 academy year has 56 of students, down 14

from last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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-rmc-sda-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.

Franktown Church » International speaker David Asscherick is leading studies from the Bible that give hope in the midst of a world in chaos. Held at 6:30 p.m., September 23 through October 1 at the Franktown Church, 905 N. Highway 83, Franktown, CO. Children's programs held each evening with singing crafts, games and stories.

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.

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.

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. The first meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. To register, call AdventSource at 800-732-7587 or register online at www.adventsource.org. Click here to view entire [schedule](#).

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).

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.

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, and 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.

Eden Valley Institute » Annual Mission Convention, September 30 to October 2. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at 9325 World Mission Drive, Loveland, CO. Theme: "The Good News in the Coming Judgments of God." The program includes mission reports from around the world. Housing will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Sonya at 970-667-1770.

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.



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).

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.

Campion Church » The Larimer Chorale of Fort Collins, a 110-voice group with four Adventists, presents their first

concert, Sergei Rachmaninoff'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



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, and visit our website at <http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/> for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions.

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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