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With the change in the seasons comes other changes as well. Read about some of these changes and happenings here.

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In October, Oregon Conference Young Adults came together for the annual fall retreat held at Big Lake Youth Camp.

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Reynolds senior Shamsa Mohamed and her little brother get school supplies from church volunteers.



New this year, dentist church members volunteer at the event. Dr. Eric Kim, DDS, fills a cavity in a patient's tooth while nephew, Daniel Kim, assists him.

ADVENTISTS GIVE AWAY...

School Supplies

By Tim Curran, *Mid-County Memo* reporter

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care at the event. "We're lucky to have so many medical professionals who belong to the church," said parishioner and dentist John Chung, who was volunteering his services.

What began in 2011 as a modest school supplies give-away held in the parking lot of the RoC (Rose City) Fellowship at Oregon Central Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church has grown into last month's large public-service event. Relocated to the parking lot of Portland Adventist Community Services in Gateway, RoC Fellowship members donated the supplies and more than 60 volunteers at the event, said Daniel Park, the English language Pastor at the church.

Last year, according to event coordinator Bonnie Song, parishioners distributed about \$8,000 worth of donated school supplies to more than 200 children.

Stacey Robertson, who lives in southeast Portland, said her aunt, who lives near PACS in Gateway, told her about the event, so she brought her eight-year-old son Kenai and neighbor Jimmy Hughes to get needed school supplies. "This is a really nice thing they're doing," Robertson said. Asked if they got what they needed for school after receiving supplies and while waiting in line for a snocone, they both smilingly replied, "Yep, I sure did."

New this year, church members are providing on-site dental services. Last year they added medical

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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Located in east Portland since 2000, the church has an enrollment of about 300; services conducted in Korean and English are attended by about 150 church members each, according to Park.

At 12707 N.E. San Rafael St. in the Russell neighborhood, the church is in a part of east Portland where every school district has more than seven of 10 children on free or reduced-price lunches.

Park said they are ready to expand the work as the need arises. "If we see more need, we'll reach out to the corporations for help; I think next year we will for sure."

Park said their ultimate mission is spiritual. "What's amazing for us in the context of church is that we get to pray with a lot of people and we can see their lives changing through our prayers. People are getting jobs. We pray for them, and they find jobs. We pray for them, and their children are healed." He added, "I think our school supply giveaway is more than giving school supplies to our local community members. We actually want to heal them spiritually, so that's our ultimate purpose."



TIM CURRAN

Because it outgrew the church parking lot, last month, RoC (Rose City) Fellowship volunteers at Oregon Central Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church moved their annual school supplies giveaway to Portland Adventist Community Services in Gateway. For the school year, an RoC fellowship member and volunteer helps a student choose a backpack.

CHANGES WITH THE NEW SEASON

By Al Reimche

The fall colors are turning the state into a medley of art and beauty. The leaves are crunchy on the ground and the air has that crisp feeling in the mornings that reminds us of the changing of the seasons. All we need to do is to keep our eyes open and we know a new season has begun. In our conference, beginning with the Constituency Meeting in September, a new season has begun as well, with many exciting changes and events happening throughout the state. Just like with the coming of fall and the beautiful colors God has painted everywhere to remind us of His love, He is reminding us as a church that He is also with us through every season.

In October, the conference leaders and members in central Oregon worshipped together at the yearly Central Oregon Convocation. We were inspired as David Asscherick presented a beautiful picture of the centrality of God's love in the whole foundation of our faith, a timely message as we enter a new quadrennium. Later in October there was another special event in central Oregon, the ordination of Jonathan Pawson to ministry. This took place in the Cascade church, and even though it was held in the afternoon of a beautiful fall day, the sanctuary was packed with family and friends. His wife, Tobi, introduced him in the service and stated that she was thrilled that he would be her pastor for the rest of their lives because of the spiritual leadership he exemplifies.

Something else new this 'season' is a new Executive Committee for the Oregon Conference. The last weekend of October this group attended a retreat so that they could begin working together as a committee. It was soon apparent that again God has given us an excellent committee to work with. There are a number of committee members that are businessmen in the areas of law, medicine, or leadership. Some have expertise in leading and teaching in our churches and schools. Others know from experience the joys and challenges of lay leadership in the church. Most are widely traveled and have insights from other parts of our country. And all have a passion to work for God,

both locally in their churches as well as corporately throughout the conference.

On Friday, the group spent the day addressing the terminologies, organization, definitions, and expectations of membership on the Executive Committee. On Sabbath we had a special time being a part of the Lincoln City church worship services. We were blessed by the Sabbath School discussions presented by the members of the local church. George Gainer, pastor from Pleasant Valley church and one of the members of the Executive Committee, spoke during the worship service. His emphasis on making Jesus first as the motivation for Members in Ministry was well received. The local CHIP team provided a very delicious lunch and then the committee continued their time together as they discussed the mission/vision of the conference.

**Blessings to each of you
as we go together into
this new season of the
church right here in the
Oregon Conference.**

Sunday morning was the first full Executive Committee meeting of this new quadrennium. David Freedman presented a financial statement showing that for this current year expenses have remained below budget and tithe income has continued to be above our budget expectations. For this we praise God and thank our members for your faithfulness in both tithes and offerings! There were also some personnel discussions that will be shared once other committees or individuals have accepted the changes. One of the jobs of this first Executive Committee is to elect the department directors for our conference. Materials that defined the vision of each department were given to the members Thursday night and throughout the weekend all these were examined. During this first meeting a vote was taken to reappoint all the directors. We are blessed to have directors in our conference that are passionate for God's kingdom in our territory.

Immediately after that weekend I flew to Andrews University to interview a couple of prospective pastors for our conference and to meet with the three pastors and families we currently have in attendance at the seminary. We enjoyed a meal together and talked about what was happening back in Oregon. I also had a chance

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to hear about classes, exams and favorite professors. The following day I flew on to Washington, D.C. where the North American Division Year-End meetings are taking place. Some major discussions have already taken place even though we are less than half way through the agenda. We spent some time addressing the decision of the Southeastern California Conference in electing a new president, there was general affirmation that there had been an attempt by the Pacific Union Conference to follow process throughout the election. We also spent considerable time addressing the new Affordable Care Act and the impact that will have on the health coverage we currently supply our employees. Exciting information was shared regarding the concept of transformational evangelism and the challenge of reaching our major cities. A strong vote was made to ask our members to make prayer a renewed priority this next year. Today we will be studying ways of reconnecting/reengaging our young adults in the church. I encourage each of you to read the full reports from these year end meetings on the North American Division website (www.nadadventist.org) so you stay informed of the latest happenings in your church. I am excited about the vision for the future of the church as we find a place for all of our "Members in Ministry," both young and old, women and men. Blessings to each of you as we go together into this new season of the church right here in the Oregon Conference.



By Meilani Long

Over sixty individuals came together to enjoy the Oregon Conference's Young Adult Fall Retreat at Big Lake Youth Camp over the weekend of October 11-13. Pastor Jonathan Griebel from the Corvallis Adventist Church presented on this year's retreat theme, "Connect to Live." His moving sermons emphasized God's great desire to share with us His "living water," and the privilege we have to connect and share with others God's love and hope for the future. Bethani King from the Portland, Ore. area led out in music.

"This was an inspirational and fun weekend!" Jared Walcott reflects, "The highlight of the weekend was reconnecting with God while spending time with friends, new and old." On Sabbath, the young adults ventured out on an afternoon hike

WHY HAVE YOU BLESSED ME?

By Ethan M. Rogers

"When you have everything you don't necessarily ask, 'God, why have you blessed me?'"

He had retired and moved from California to Oregon, where he took a job driving a school bus "for leisure," and had a rather nice nest egg of \$400,000. But four and a half years ago, that all changed for Samuel Valenzuela.

The real estate market had crashed, investments had taken a turn in the wrong direction and the government wanted their cut of money that wasn't there. Rather than being ahead and able to enjoy retirement, Samuel found himself behind. He owed the government, a lien was put on his home and that job he'd taken "for leisure" became "must-have income."

Samuel is quick to point out that he doesn't blame anyone for his circumstances, in fact he seems to welcome them. "God allows certain situations to make us more dependent on Him," says Samuel. He counts his blessings: health, life, the well-being of his children.

Although he's living check to check, sometimes buying food on credit, he hasn't lost faith, as "God always provides a way out."

When asked what advice he would give to others, whether they have everything or are facing trials of their own, he said, "Regardless of your situation never leave God on the sidelines. Always make Him number one."

Perhaps the best way to make God number one is, like Samuel, counting the blessings we do have, and remembering to ask, "God, why have you blessed me?"

despite snow flurries earlier in the day. They reconvened for vespers, and later participated in a marathon of four-way indoor volleyball. Many also enjoyed cocoa and conversation.

Young adult retreats (such as this) are important because they provide an opportunity for young adults from around the Oregon Conference to connect and share ideas about how to establish and maintain spiritually enriching communities. Pastor Les Zollbrecht, the newly appointed Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, shared his perspective of the retreat, "It is so critical for young adults to come together and catch a vision of how they can build a spiritual movement in their home communities. Hopefully through the program and conversations with each other, young adults are inspired to go home and start an active small group."

To learn more about upcoming young adult activities, visit <http://bit.ly/1eh8OKK> and/or like "I am Ignition" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lamignition.



NOTE WORTHY...

LIVINGSTONE STUDENT TAKES THE PRIZE

Tristan Loop, first-grader at Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Ore., recently won a contest in his local newspaper, the *Statesman-Journal*. He received a poster-sized color print of the original drawing he inspired with his answer to the SJ Kids question, "What new and exciting challenge did you conquer this summer?" Tristan's teacher Bev Laabs and first-grade classmates joined in the celebration for his winning answer, "I learned how to drive a train." Read more from the *Statesman-Journal* at <http://bit.ly/17CpUB3>.

PACS GOES DENTAL

Well, not quite yet, actually. But the well-established and growing Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) outreach has stepped out in faith to raise \$500,000 for a new dental clinic to serve needy patients. PACS currently operates a medical clinic, food pantry and thrift store as a service to the greater Portland, Ore. metro area. They have currently raised nearly 20 percent of the \$500,000 goal for the dental project. Read more about this new opportunity at <http://bit.ly/1hlvnb4>.

ROBERTS ELECTED AS FIRST WOMAN CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

The Southeastern California Conference (SECC) reports that 72 percent of its delegates during the conference constituency session on Sun., Oct. 27 voted to elect Sandra Roberts as president. She is the first woman to be elected to the level of conference president. Roberts had served since 2004 as executive secretary of SECC. Previously, she worked as a teacher, chaplain, youth director and pastor. The election brought a concerned response from the General Conference which does not recognize the ordination of women pastors — which is a prerequisite for becoming a conference president. Read more about the election at the SECC website at <http://bit.ly/19vNzBi>.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TO CHANGE

Kelly Bock, Washington Conference vice president for education, has announced that he will retire from his post at the end of the year. Bock, who came out of retirement to fill the Washington role, will be replaced by Archie Harris who is Bock's current associate. A graduate of Walla Walla University, Harris has more than 25 years of educational experience throughout the Northwest in Upper Columbia and Montana conferences. Read more from the Washington Conference at <http://bit.ly/HwXVH1>.

GARY THURBER HEADED TO LAKE UNION

Gary Thurber, Rocky Mountain Conference president, has accepted a call to become Executive Secretary of the Lake Union, where he will replace Rodney Grove who recently retired. Thurber is returning to the Lake Union territory where he served as president of the Indiana Conference prior to his service in the Rocky Mountain Conference where he has served as president since July 2009.

PACIFIC PRESS REQUESTING TERMINATION OF ABC MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

The Pacific Press Publishing Association (PPPA) Board has voted to "request termination of the management agreements" of 17 Adventist Book Centers. They indicate that a plan to terminate these management agreements with the local conferences should be in place by the end of the year. According to PPPA's announcement, "the current business model for these management agreements has experienced challenges due to changing trends in technology and the way people access information." Read more at <http://bit.ly/1ao4B2a>.

RUSSELL NAMED TO NEW POSITION WITH ADVENTIST HEALTH

Tom Russell, president and CEO of Adventist Medical Center in Portland has been named Vice President of Population Health Innovations for the hospital's parent company, Adventist Health headquartered in Roseville, Calif. In his new role, he will lead the development of market partnerships, create employer-based health solutions, expand an Adventist Health blueprint for wellness, and focus on designing a holistic care model for high risk seniors throughout the multi-state enterprise which includes Oregon. Russell's new role, which will begin in January, will allow him to remain in Portland. Read more at <http://bit.ly/1dPUjOf>.

OSHKOSH THEME SELECTION PROCESS GOING ON NOW

Oshkosh, Wis., will once again host the International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 11-16, 2014. Pathfinder clubs from around the Northwest and beyond will make the trek with vans, trailers and tents. Those wishing to enter the theme song selection process have until Feb. 2 to submit a song. Orchestra auditions are open until Dec. 25. Volunteers are needed to help with administration, programming, communication, safety, medical and other services. Find out how to apply at the camporee website at <http://bit.ly/1anWT6k>.

NW NATIVE LEADER ELECTED TO NATIONAL POST

Brian Cladoosby was elected Oct. 17 as the first Seventh-day Adventist president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Cladoosby is an elder in the Ferndale, Wash., district and a member of the Lummi Adventist Company. He is now the 21st elected president of the NCAI and the first person from his tribe to head up the organization. He has served as the chairman of the Swinomish Indian Senate — the official governing body of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community — since 1985. In 2012 he was the top honoree for Ecotrust's Indigenous Leadership Award. Read more about this position at <http://bit.ly/1858V4F>.

HAWAIIAN MISSION ACADEMY GOES SOLAR

Hawaiian Mission Academy (HMA) has gone completely solar. "Nonprofit organizations do not traditionally benefit from tax incentives," said Roland Graham, principal. "But we found a federal-backed grant that allowed us to work with a financing vendor in putting together a lease. This program gave HMA similar reductions in cost that for-profit organizations receive." It took 700 solar panels to cover 100 percent of the campus energy needs. Projected savings are \$3.9 million over the next 25 years. Whatever power they don't use is fed back into the grid and shared with the community. "Conserving energy agrees with our church's belief that we have responsibility for stewardship of the environment."

VIDEO APP FEATURES BIBLE HEROES

Concerned about the negative effect of video games? Here's an alternative. The first Adventist game for iPhone and iPad was downloaded 3,000 times in the first 48 hours of its release, tripling the benchmark analysts say a mobile app should meet in its first week to be considered successful. "Heroes" is a comic book style trivia game based on the lives of Abraham, David, Esther and other prominent biblical characters. Players can learn their stories and test their Bible knowledge by answering as many questions as possible within sixty seconds. Watch an introductory video via Adventist News Network at <http://bit.ly/19vQ4Ub>.

GLEANER WINS THREE AWARDS

The North Pacific Union Conference *Gleaner* received two Best in Class awards and one Honorable Mention during the 2013 Society of Adventist Communicators convention held Oct. 24–26 in Salt Lake City, Utah. These awards, selected by peer review from all entries submitted across North America, gave special recognition to the weekly *GleanerNOW!* as best electronic newsletter. They also selected the September 2012 issue of the *Gleaner* featuring an interview with Wayne Blakely, "A Question of Identity," as the best magazine feature with that issue's cover gaining an Honorable Mention. Read more about the convention at <http://bit.ly/17CoxCs>.

For additional news visit http://www.oregonconference.org/news_entries.



Events

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

When: November 8 & 10, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Location: Gladstone Park Adventist Church

Catch the holiday spirit at our holiday craft bazaar, benefitting the church fellowship hall and junior high wing! Enjoy shopping a huge selection of unique items, including 30+ booths with crafts, gifts, collectibles, antiques, and decorations. Home-based business displays, gift baskets, a bake sale, gourmet chocolate, cotton candy and more! Door prizes and fun for everyone! Calling all vendors, come join us! Table space is still available. Application and rules are available at www.gladstonepark.org. The Gladstone Park Adventist Church is located at 8378 Cason Rd., Gladstone, Ore. For more information, call 503-655-2614 or email fundraising@gladstonepark.org.

MEMORIAL FOR RALPH "BUDDY" LYDIE

When: November 9, 4:00 pm

Location: University Park Adventist Church

A memorial service for Ralph "Buddy" Lydie will be held at 4:00 pm on November 9, 2013 at the University Park Adventist Church. The University Park Church is located at 4007 N. Alaska St. in Portland.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM – BEND

When: December 5-7, 2013

Location: Bend Adventist Church

Join us for this FREE outdoor Christmas experience, December 5-7 at the Bend Adventist Church! Journey back to what life was like 2,000 years ago at the very first Christmas, surrounded with the sights, sounds and smells of village life. Doors open each evening an hour before the first journey begins. While you wait for your journey, you'll enjoy seasonal music by local musicians. Remember to dress appropriately for your outdoor, walk-through experience. Bethlehem Inn, a local homeless shelter, will be accepting donations, including non-perishable food, gently used clothing, warm blankets, or monetary gifts. December 5 & 6, event times are 6:00-9:00 pm. December 7, event times will be 5:00-9:00 pm. The Bend Adventist Church is located at 21610 NE Butler Market Rd. in Bend.

REUNION SABBATH

When: November 23, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Location: Beaverton Adventist Church

On Sabbath, November 23rd at 9:00 am & 11:00 am at Beaverton Adventist Church will be hosting a special reunion themed Sabbath. Pastor Terry Zull will be the guest speaker and a special fellowship meal will follow the second service. This is a good Sabbath to invite friends, perhaps a church member who has not joined us for a while or even a family member to church.

SIMPLY COOKING CLASS AT CASTLE ROCK

When: November 7, 6:30 pm

Location: Castle Rock Adventist Church

The Castle Rock Adventist Church will host "Simply Cooking" a plant based class led by Ronni Reinecke, on November 7 at 6:30 pm. November's topic will be "Holiday Fare" with free samples, recipe handouts and information. Please call Wanda at 360-967-2165 to reserve your place in this popular monthly class! The Castle Rock Adventist Church is located at 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N. Castle Rock, Wash.

JONATHAN RUSSELL TO BE ORDAINED

When: November 23, 3:00 pm

Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church

Pastor Jonathan Russell, Assistant Pastor at Sunnyside Adventist Church will be ordained on November 23 at 3:00 pm. The ordination will be conducted at Sunnyside Adventist Church, located at 10501 SE Market Street, Portland, Ore. Plan to attend this once in a live time event. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow.

STEVE MADSEN TO BE ORDAINED

When: November 9, 3:00 pm

Location: Lents Adventist Church

Pastor Steve Madsen, pastor at the Lents Adventist Church will be ordained on November 9 at 3:00 pm. The ordination will be conducted at Lents Adventist Church, located at 8835 Woodstock Blvd. in Portland. All are welcome.

WORSHIP WITH JAIME JORGE

When: November 16, 11:00 am

Location: Salem Central Adventist Church

Join us on Sabbath, November 16, for the 11:00 am worship hour with Jaime Jorge in concert and testimony at the Salem Central Adventist Church, 1330 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon. Fellowship meal to follow.

ADORE HIM CHRISTMAS CANTATA

When: December 21 & 24, 2013

Location: Healing Hope Adventist Fellowship

The Healing Hope Choir will be giving 3 performances of their Christmas Cantata, Adore Him. Please join us for one of the following dates and celebrate the Christmas Season with us. Concerts are FREE and open to all. Dec. 21, 11:00 am at Healing Hope Adventist Fellowship, 15150 NE Glisan St. - Christmas Brunch begins at 9:00 am with a kids program during brunch. Cantata to follow at 11:00 am. Dec. 21, 4:00 pm at The Village Retirement Center, 4501 West Powell Blvd., Gresham, and Dec. 24, 7:00 pm at Columbia Life Center, 27938 SE Stark Street, Troutdale.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH PRESENTS JAIME JORGE IN CONCERT

When: November 16, 6:00 pm

Location: Pleasant Valley Adventist Church

Jaime Jorge, a world-class violinist, will be performing November 16th at 6:00 pm at the Pleasant Valley Adventist Church located at 11125 SE 172nd Avenue in Happy Valley. Born in Cuba and raised in a communist country, Jaime has a passion for proclaiming the gospel through his music. His gift of musical interpretation brings new life and excitement to every song. You will be inspired by his music and blessed as he shares his testimony.

All links are clickable here and elsewhere in the eCommunique.



Transitions

Michael Brackett (Dawn) has taken on the role of Pastor for the Medford congregation, joining us from the Carolina Conference.

Tony Rodriguez (Sayuri) has joined Grants Pass as the new Associate Pastor, joining us from the Central California Conference.

Phil Dunham (Evie) has finished his time as interim pastor for the Central Salem church.

Julio Chazarreta (Lourdes) is transitioning from pastoring the Beaverton Spanish congregation to the Eugene/Albany/Coos Bay Spanish district.

Juancarlos Muñoz will be joining the Oregon Conference as the new Associate Director for Communications with emphasis on the Forest Grove media center, coming from the Adventist Media Center in California.

Lary Brown (Rhonda) is transitioning to the Dallas and Falls City district as the interim pastor, from the Roseburg/TurningPoint/Glide district.

Jonathan Pawson (Tobi), pastor of the Cascade and La Pine churches, was ordained in October.

Robert Roth (Julie) will be the new pastor for the TurningPoint and Glide churches. He is joining us from the Nevada-Utah Conference.

Jose Rafael Escobar (Lorraine) is transitioning from the position of Associate Pastor at Hillsboro Spanish to that of pastor for the McMinnville and Newberg Spanish churches.

Juan Pacheco (Patricia) is transitioning from pastoring the McMinnville, Albany, Eugene, and Coos Bay Spanish churches to Beaverton Spanish.

Hipolito Morales (Herlinda) is transitioning from pastoring the Newberg and Kelso-Longview Spanish churches to the position of Associate Pastor for the Spanish churches in Hood River and The Dalles.

Rudy Salazar (Janet) has left his position as an Oregon Conference trust officer to join the Texas Conference.

Linda Schrader (Mike) has resigned her administrative assistant position in Member Ministries and will be moving to Tennessee in order to pursue the next chapter of life

Jim John (Darla) has taken the position of pastor for the Rivers Edge/Sheridan/Grand Ronde district.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7
Bend	5:55 PM	4:46 PM	4:39 PM	4:33 PM	4:29 PM	4:27 PM
Eugene	6:02 PM	4:53 PM	4:46 PM	4:40 PM	4:36 PM	4:34 PM
Hood River	5:52 PM	4:43 PM	4:35 PM	4:29 PM	4:24 PM	4:22 PM
Longview	5:57 PM	4:47 PM	4:39 PM	4:33 PM	4:29 PM	4:26 PM
Medford	6:04 PM	4:56 PM	4:49 PM	4:44 PM	4:40 PM	4:39 PM
Newport	6:05 PM	4:56 PM	4:48 PM	4:42 PM	4:38 PM	4:36 PM
Portland	5:57 PM	4:48 PM	4:40 PM	4:34 PM	4:29 PM	4:27 PM