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## THE POWER OF TWO

By Dave Allen

In January of each year, the Conference schedules town hall meetings at various locations throughout our territory. It is a time to reflect on how God has blessed and look forward to ways we can all be members in ministry for Him. Part of my role in Administration is to keep track of statistics relating to the Conference and at these meetings, I was reporting on how our church had grown to 35,669 members by the end of 2010. During this past year, we were blessed with 952 new members who joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church! While we were reporting to the Southern Oregon members in the Grants Pass Church, it struck me that two of these new members were sitting right there in

the congregation, attending their first town hall meeting and they were, in fact, '2' of 952! That night I connected with Galen and Lucille Kelm, two new members in ministry, faces and names to the '2' in the statistic I had reported.

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Luci and Galen were baptized by Pastor John Witcombe on October 23, 2010 and became members of the Rogue River Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since retiring in Rogue River in 2003, their faithful attendance of mass at the local Catholic church would include a drive past the Adventist Church. They had attended some health seminars, including a Coronary Health Improvement Program (CHIP). One Sunday as they drove by, they noticed

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a banner advertising a prophecy seminar. They also received a brochure in the mail and decided to attend.

Two other members in ministry have been close friends to Galen and Luci in this process. Calvin and Virginia Smith have spent a lifetime in church service on different continents of the world, including a number of years as department directors at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. They retired in Southern Oregon and continue to be members in ministry in our Conference. They have spent many hours with the Kelms in Bible study.

Luci and Galen testify, "We love the faithfulness of our Adventist family; they are so warm and loving, and represent Christ in a very positive manner. We have learned so much about Christ's life and leading a healthy lifestyle. We feel this has helped us to continue to spread the word of God and praise God's glory, along with being a good example of His teachings. We eagerly are waiting for the second coming of Christ to take us home with Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!"

There is something special in the way Jesus sent out His disciples two by two (Luke 10). This is what God is doing in the Oregon Conference as two members in ministry, with their pastor and church family, are empowered by Him to reach two new members in ministry for Him.

I was privileged to meet these two couples again at Camp Meeting 2011 where Galen and Luci testified to the larger church family about the power of '2' in 952!



## GETTING OFF THEIR KNEES

By Cheri Corder

Sam and Dan pose for a playful photo with ASC DR leaders. Front row (L to R): Jeannie Reed, Colette Newer, Byron Dulan, Sam Pellecer. Back row: Cheri Corder, Dan Patchin, Rod Tachenko, Patty Marsh, Joe Watts, and Doug Venn.

Sam Pellecer has been a rock solid Seventh-day Adventist his whole life. He's been active in his local church, worked in the hospital system, and gone on numerous mission trips. However, his spiritual life and his service for the Lord have recently expanded in two major ways – and he says it has all come about through an area he would have never expected: Disaster Response, a major aspect of Adventist Community Services (ACS DR).

"I really like to help people," grins Sam, "I've helped build a lot of churches, and that's great, but I prefer helping people in a more personal way, when they really need you. It changed me quite a bit when I went to Beaumont, Texas, to help in the recovery from Hurricane Ike. There were miles of devastation, hundreds of homes that had just collapsed... I still remember seeing a guy hugging some elderly lady he'd helped who was crying because she felt somebody finally cared about her. He was crying because he felt he was finally doing what God wanted him to do. I could relate to him."

In addition to volunteering at other disaster sites, Sam started teaching how to be prepared for disaster, as well as leading training sessions for people who would like to respond to disasters through ACS DR. As a volunteer, Sam now serves as the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Oregon Conference. This is what brought about the second area of personal growth.

"I now go to a lot of meetings with other organizations active in disasters. This is a new experience for me, because I am a reserved person. The first time I went to one, they all looked at me and asked, 'Who are you?' When I told them, they said, 'Oh! The Adventists are back!' as if they were amazed or as if to mean, 'It's about time!' It really made an impression on me! I don't want the Adventists to ever be missing from those tables again."

"As Adventists, we can live in such a closed circle, and this is a chance to get out of that circle. As I've gotten to know people, in the various faith-based organizations especially, I've found out that many of them love the

Lord just as much as we do. It's really been a blessing for me to experience that. Now I'm comfortable outside of the circle, just talking to anybody."

Dan Patchin works closely with Sam. He has also served the church in a wide variety of ways over his lifetime, including as a missionary overseas on three long-term assignments and numerous short-term projects. The passion and conviction that motivate Dan run deep. He loves to discuss these, but even more, he loves to act them out.

"Too often," says Dan, "we take our requests before the Lord on Sabbath morning, but forget all about them as we leave the church. We forget that to a very large degree, He is depending on us to fulfill those requests! We can pray for Mrs. Jones at church on Sabbath morning, but on Sabbath afternoon, He needs me to get off my knees and go visit Mrs. Jones!"

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Dan has been "getting off his knees" for many years. He was with Sam in Beaumont, TX, and now works with Sam in ACS DR. He is also involved with the American Red Cross, specifically in the sheltering aspect of emergency services, and with the warming shelters in the city of Portland.

"These are opportunities to reach out and make available to people life-changing experiences. If I've been flooded out of my home but there's a Red Cross shelter and I receive food and a warm place to sleep, that changes my life in a pretty profound way. At Lents SDA Church, we're working with the Red Cross and we are an official shelter. If Johnson Creek floods, come on in. It's not the Hilton, but it works. This is a viable, meaningful way to reach out to our neighbors."

"To think – I did nothing to deserve to be born in America with liberty and abundance and antibiotics. This is not an award I earned, but a gift I received. I give my Father in Heaven glory for that opportunity, and then I ask myself, 'Dan, what are you doing to make lives better for those who were not born in these circumstances?' I think God expects us to get out there and make a difference."



## MEET THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT THE OREGON CONFERENCE

### D AVID FREEDMAN Vice President of Finance

David accepted Jesus as his Savior in his third year of college. He was attending Rutgers University in New Jersey where he completed a degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. After finishing at Rutgers he headed for Andrews University where he took two semesters of religion classes and then entered the seminary, following his brother, John, who is now the president of the Washington Conference. After finishing seminary David spent time pastoring in the New Jersey and Nevada/Utah Conferences.



David made the transition from pastoring to Treasury back in the New Jersey Conference where he filled various roles in the Treasury Department, including Treasurer. He then went on to become Secretary Treasurer for the Alaska Conference and has now filled the position of Vice President of Finance/Treasurer for the past 20 years, working in the Alaska, Illinois, and most recently, Texico Conferences.

When asked why they chose to come to the Oregon Conference, David had the following to say... "My wife and I define part of our definition of happiness with being where the Lord wants you to be and doing what He wants you to do. From the very beginning we have felt that this is the Lord's will for us. We prayed, counseled with friends, and looked into the Oregon Conference and felt impressed by the Lord that we should make this move to Oregon. We have no question this is where the Lord wants us. He equips those He calls."

David's wife, Ann, was born in Cuba, coming to the US when she was eight years of age. She is a bilingual 1st and 2nd grade teacher. They have three grown children, one grandchild, and another one on the way.

In his spare time David enjoys reading, walking, and spending time with his wife. He looks forward to exploring the Northwest once his family arrives in Oregon. He is also excited to have trees, grass, and water around again.

### BRIAN GOSNEY Under Treasurer

Brian graduated from California State University Sacramento with a B.S. in finance and then went on to get his CPA license. He has been a resident of the Portland area for the past 20 years, spending time in private accounting practices as well as time as the Vice Principal of Finance for Portland Adventist Academy. In July of this year he accepted the invitation to fill the position at the Oregon Conference as Under Treasurer.



Brian's wife, Sharon, is a physician at Portland's Adventist Medical Center. Brian enjoys fly-fishing, and going to baseball games with his teenage son.

Something you might not know about Brian... he recently learned to play string bass to keep up with the rest of his musically talented family.

### VIOLET PARASCHUK Assistant Director, Human Resources Dept.

Violet Paraschuk grew up in Estonia, a state in the Baltic region of Northern Europe. She married Alex, who is Russian, and moved to Russia. In 2000 she and her husband moved to the US and attended Andrews University Seminary where she graduated with a masters in religion.



Violet spent time working in the Human Resources Department at Andrews as well as in the Center for Adventist Research. In 2010 her husband was invited to pastor two Russian companies in the Oregon Conference.

Violet enjoys reading, walking, and spending time with her husband and teenage son, Mark.

Something you might not know about Violet... while in Russia she worked for Bible Translation Institute translating the New Testament from old Greek into modern Russian.

# CAROL MCLEOD

Associate Superintendent, Elementary Education

Carol grew up in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, in southern Africa. When she was 19, Carol came to the US on a scholarship to attend Walla Walla University and has been here ever since. Carol completed a degree in education and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Currently, she is working on a Masters in Administration.



Carol held the positions of teacher and vice principal for Tualatin Valley Academy as well as teacher on Hawaii's Big Island at Kona Adventist School and as principal and teacher at Lincoln City Adventist School.

Carol has two daughters and enjoys hiking and painting in her spare time.

Something you might not know about Carol... she's an artist. She takes after her father, who was a very well known wildlife artist in Africa. Her preferred mediums include pastels and ceramics.

# JOHN JOKELA

Association Treasurer

John grew up in Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a Bachelors in Accounting. Later in his career, he went on to get his Masters in Business Administration from the New York Institute of Technology. For the 10 years prior to his joining the Oregon Conference team, John served as the Senior Accountant at the Blandin Foundation as well as town treasurer for Harris Township, Minnesota.



John, his wife Lisa, and their four children enjoy exploring the Northwest. They're still looking for flowing lava, which they haven't seen yet and are a little disappointed.

In his spare time John enjoys spending time with family and exploring new places.

Something you might not know about John... he's been a distance runner for 30 years. He has run more than 250 races, four of those being marathons. He's run almost 15,000 total miles so far.

# LIESL SCHNIBBE

Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Dept.

Liesl grew up in Wenatchee, Wash. She graduated from Walla Walla University in 2009 with a degree in Spanish and graphic design.



Liesl has spent time as a camp counselor, office staff, and director of horsemanship at Camp MiVoden, as well as a task force worker in the Upper Columbia Conference.

She enjoys reading, learning about languages and cultures, hiking, and just being outdoors. Something you might not know about Liesl... she has her pilot's license and is SCUBA certified.

# DALE MILAM

Associate Superintendent, Secondary Education

Dale has taught in the Northwest for almost 20 years, spending 13 years at Mid Columbia Adventist School alone. He also taught on Orcas Island in Washington and most recently, he has been at Milo Academy acting as Vice Principal, School Counselor, College Counselor, and teacher of Biology, Algebra, and Bible.



In July he accepted the position of Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education in the Oregon Conference, making this the first time in 23 years that he and his wife, Darla, will not be working in the same building.

Dale and Darla have two sons in college. In his free time Dale enjoys photography, sports, camping, climbing, hiking, canoeing, bicycling and bird watching.

Something you might not know about Dale... he has seen four presidents in person. They are, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Regan, George H. Bush, and George W. Bush.

# JARED LEHMAN

Business Intern, Treasury Department

Jared grew up in the Portland area and graduated from Walla Walla University with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Finance. He has spent time working with Wells Fargo Bank, Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union, and Compushare Management Systems. In June, Jared began a business internship with the Oregon Conference.



Jared's wife, Jina, is an RN at Providence Portland Medical Center. He enjoys basketball, volleyball, camping, hiking and flying.

Something you might not know about Jared... he owned an airplane before he bought his first car. He also dove Guam's Blue Hole – one of the best blue holes in the world!



# OREGON CONFERENCE

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WRAP-UP

**E**xecutive Committee for August was a very full meeting lasting well into the afternoon. A number of reports were shared with the committee, including reports about the camp meetings that happened these past months. As many of you know, we had a very successful English camp meeting in July, with attendance running between twelve to fifteen thousand on Sabbath. What some may not know is that we also ran a very strong Spanish camp meeting the weekend before with close to five thousand in attendance. This was also the first time the Spanish camp meeting started Thursday night. We praise God for the decisions for Christ which took place during both events.

Just two weeks ago, a group of our pastors in Eugene met with the Light Bearers/Arise organization to talk about the impact that organization would have on Eugene as a result of their merger. Following a very open dialog between the groups, the consensus was that exciting days are ahead of the churches in Eugene. Arise begins a new training program this week in Jasper with 45 individuals who are passionate about the possibilities of learning and practicing skills of sharing Christ in the community.

Monte Torkelsen gave a report of our summer camp, Big Lake, and the exciting ministry that has taken place this summer. Over 1500 children/youth attended the camp this year, and as a result of the ministry of the camp counselors and leaders, over 135 made decisions to be baptized. Another 189 recommitted their lives to follow Jesus.

One report focused on the new Jewish ministry being developed in the Vancouver Church. The committee had the opportunity to see an eighteenth century hand-scribed Torah which has been used by this new group on a number of occasions. We were blessed to hear the development plans of the core leadership and pray that God will bless that congregation as they grow.

Our financial report was shared by Brian Gosney, who has recently joined the treasury team as the Under Treasurer, replacing John Rogers, who has moved to the Idaho Conference as Treasurer. David Freedman, our new Treasurer was not able to be present as he was back in New Mexico packing boxes. He will be here the first of September to take up his duties. Dale Beaulieu has been an important part of our administration these past few months, serving as

the Interim Treasurer for us. Our June financial report indicated that tithe has risen slightly from 2010, amounting to an increase of 1.59%. This has been a blessing as the year-to-date tithe has been showing a loss. In addition, our expenses up to June have been below budget. God has blessed even during these hard economic times.

Decisions were made to approve funds for remodeling some of our churches and schools, including a major decision recommended by the Finance Committee to approve a loan for the TurningPoint Church to purchase a building in Roseburg. The church members have been meeting at Roseburg Junior Academy since their beginnings and are very excited about the plans to move into their new building. There are definite miracle stories that TurningPoint members can tell about their new church.

One of the difficult decisions made at Executive Committee was to hear the report from the Newport Church and vote the change from church to company status. A report was shared about the meeting held a few weeks ago in Newport, where after considerable discussion and prayer, it was decided that the body of believers is no longer of a size to support the leadership necessary to function as a church. I ask that we pray for Newport and ask God to lead so that His lighthouse there on the coast will be able to continue to shine and, even through this change, grow brighter.

Our Ministerial/Evangelism Department reported a number of baptisms over the last few months. They also shared plans of a strong evangelistic program to be presented this fall by our Spanish churches. Jose Rojas will be holding meetings throughout the conference in November, ending with a three-day series at the convention center in Portland. Again, this is reason to pray that God will inspire people to make decisions for life. Along with this news, we had the opportunity to vote a potential project that will impact both English and Spanish church growth conference wide. This project will expand the media opportunities both in the Portland area as well as throughout the conference. Though all the details are not available yet, please pray that as God is opening some very exciting ways for His message to spread, we will be able to follow His leading.

— Al Reimche, Oregon Conference President



# NOTE WORTHY...

## ADVENTIST TEACHER/PRINCIPAL FOUND DEAD AT MEMPHIS JR. ACADEMY

Suzette York, 49, principal of the Memphis (Tenn.) Junior Academy was found dead in a classroom on Tuesday, August 10. A 17-year-old student has been charged with her murder. The school is operated by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Steve Haley, conference president says, "We are shocked and saddened over the tragedy that has befallen Suzette York. She was not only an administrator, but also a colleague, a friend and a fellow believer. We are also praying for all those impacted by this tragedy." York came to the school as a teacher in 1996. She had been principal for the past three years. Prior to joining the Kentucky-Tennessee staff, she taught for nine years in the British Columbia and Maritime Conferences in Canada.

## NATIONAL ASI CONVENTION RAISES \$2.1 MILLION FOR MISSION PROJECTS

The 2011 international gathering of Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries drew an especially large attendance of generous participants who reached deep into their pockets to surpass the organization's fundraising goal. More than 3,100 people packed into the Sacramento (Calif.) Convention Center on Sabbath morning, August 6, the final day of the 2011 ASI international convention. Approximately \$2.1 million in donations was collected in a special offering to fund 47 mission projects – greatly exceeding the goal of \$1.5 million.

## NPUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAPS PIFHER FOR STEWARDSHIP ROLE

Gordon Pifher has accepted an invitation of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee to become director of stewardship, leadership and creative ministries. Currently serving as president of the British Columbia Conference, Pifher and his wife, Marie, will return to the Northwest where they worked for a number of years. He previously served as Upper Columbia Conference youth and family life director, Walla Walla College associate pastor, and most recently, from 1997–2005, UCC executive secretary. The Executive Committee also voted to approve the nomination of current officers Max Torkelsen II, President; John Loor Jr., Executive Secretary; and Mark Remboldt, Treasurer. The officers will be formally elected at the September 11 NPUC constituency session in College Place, Wash.

## LIGHT BEARERS AND ARISE UNITE FOR ENHANCED MINISTRY

Two active, growing ministries have agreed to merge their operations in the Northwest. Light Bearers, which produces millions of evangelistic materials for worldwide mission work, and ARISE, a training institute for Bible workers in Sonora, Calif., will co-locate on the Light Bearers' campus in Jasper, Ore. Ty Gibson, Light Bearers president, says the two organizations will soon begin casting the creative vision for what specific projects they will undertake together.

## ABUSE PREVENTION CHURCH RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The annual Abuse Prevention Sabbath was scheduled for August 27. A survey published in 2007 confirms more than 40 percent of Adventists have suffered some kind of abuse during their lifetime. Abuse can include intimidation and physical violence, sexual victimization, controlling and demeaning behavior and other negative actions or attitudes. The weekend of August 27 is merely a suggested timeframe. Each church is encouraged to find an appropriate Sabbath for this discussion. Resources, including a sermon with PowerPoint presentation, children's story and program ideas for adults and young adults, are available at <http://bit.ly/o8ynIV>. A Summit on Abuse will be held in Loma Linda, Calif., on Oct. 15–17. Read more at <http://bit.ly/mPEBEP>.

## AD HOC GROUP EVALUATES NPUC STRUCTURE AND MISSION

A 20-member committee, chaired by Dennis N. Carlson, Walla Walla University vice president for advancement, has completed its study of church structure and mission within the North Pacific Union Conference. A summary of the report is contained in an eight-page section of the September Gleaner. It is also available online at [gleaneronline.org](http://gleaneronline.org). The committee compared historical and current data to develop recommendations on how church structure in the Northwest can eliminate redundancy and distribute more resources to frontline ministries. To read the complete, unedited report from the committee, visit <http://bit.ly/n8Ynvl>.

## NEW ADVENTIST UN REPRESENTATIVE SELECTED

Ganoune Diop, a theologian and multi-linguist, is the new voice of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the United Nations. Diop, originally from Senegal, takes up his responsibilities this month as the associate director of the denomination's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department. He will represent the church at the United Nations in Geneva and in New York. Diop will also contribute to PARL's work with the International Religious Liberty Association. In his most recent assignment, he served as director of the five Global Mission Study Centers of the Office of Adventist Mission. Read more at <http://news.adventist.org/>.

## VETERAN ADVENTIST COMMUNICATOR PASSES

Don Roth, 84, veteran Seventh-day Adventist communicator, pastor and advocate for retired denominational workers, died at his home in Loma Linda, Calif., on July 26 following a brief illness. In 2009, Roth received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual meeting of the Society of Adventist Communicators. In May, Roth received an award from G. T. Ng, world church secretary, for his lifetime of denominational service. The Adventist Periodical Index lists more than 420 articles published under his byline, primarily in the Adventist Review.

## ADVENTIST CHURCH IN HUNGARY LOSES LEGAL STATUS

Under controversial legislation passed last month, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hungary is one of 344 Christian churches and other faith groups that have lost their legal status and must apply to the Hungarian Parliament for registration. Read more at <http://bit.ly/n1t2tO>.

## MAYS PICKED AS NPUC DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Larry Mays, Upper Columbia Conference pastor, will add the responsibilities of North Pacific Union Conference disaster response coordinator to his ongoing pastoral role. He takes over for Doug Venn, who is "retiring" from this volunteer position. This important service is provided in part by a small subsidy from each conference to coordinate this critical area of church readiness and community outreach.

## NEEDED: MORE LAY YOUTH PASTORS

Did you know that there are fewer than 200 youth pastors in the NAD? James Black, Sr., director of the NAD youth/young adult ministries, has set a goal to train youth leaders in every Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division territory. That's where CLYP – the Certified Lay Youth Pastor Training Program comes in. CLYP is a complete training program – with webinars, mentors, and a progression of practical, field-tested curriculum elements to allow volunteer youth leaders to gain the experience necessary, as lay youth pastors/leaders, to lead the youth of their church and community. Students work at their own pace. Potential participants begin registration online. Once accepted into the program, they will be assigned a primary mentor for support and feedback. Register now at [www.clyponline.com](http://www.clyponline.com) so that the approval process can be finished in time for the first webinar, September 6!



# Events

## HIS PRAISE REUNION CONCERT

*When:* October 15, 3:00pm

*Location:* Meadow Glade Adventist Church

His Praise Men's Chorus will be presenting a 20-year Reunion Concert, at 3:00pm, at the Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist Church at 11001 NE 189th St., Battle Ground, Wash., on Saturday, Oct. 15. His Praise is a group of about 30 men drawn from the Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., areas, (currently directed by Finis Johnson), who have one thing in common: they love to sing gospel music. Come and enjoy His Praise's music during the morning worship service as well. Their first director, Joedy Melashenko, will preach, supported by the Melashenko Family Singers. See the web site at [www.HisPraiseMensChorus.org](http://www.HisPraiseMensChorus.org).

## DISCOVER PROPHECY SEMINAR

*When:* September 11, 7:00pm

*Location:* Hood View Adventist Church

Evangelist Brian McMahon's Discover Prophecy Seminars have transformed the lives of thousands throughout the US and abroad. The continuing series will run September 11 through October 8 at two simultaneous locations! – Boring and Estacada. Nathan Hellman, completing his masters degree at Andrews University currently is a passionate student of the Bible and prophecy. He will hold the meetings at Estacada. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to one of these outstanding presentations of Bible prophecy. Locations are 26775 SE Kelso Rd, Boring, Ore. and 207 N Broadway St, Estacada, Ore.

## ORION CHORALE CONCERT

*When:* September 10, 6:00pm

*Location:* Sunnyside Adventist Church

In Concert – Orion Chorale of Washington State, Connie Barrow, Director. Join us Sept. 10, 2011 at 6:00pm at Sunnyside Adventist Church for this wonderful concert! Sponsored by Carl Parker and People to People Ministries. A free-will offering will be taken for this non-profit urban ministry. For information, visit [www.peopletopeoplem ministries.com](http://www.peopletopeoplem ministries.com) or call 503-893-9022. The Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market St., Portland.

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## SENIOR CARE CLASS SERIES

*When:* Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

*Location:* Somerset Lodge, Gladstone, Ore.

SAGE and Oregon Family Ministries is joining Somerset Lodge in promoting a series of senior care classes for family caregivers. This free support series will be presented at Somerset Lodge on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm, with two classes per month. September topics will be "Recognizing the Signs of Aging" – September 7 and "Communication Issues" – September 21. For additional info and to reserve your seat, call 503-657-5659.

## UNSEALING DANIEL'S MYSTERIES

*When:* September 17, 7:00pm

*Location:* Shady Point Adventist Church

Dr. Virginia Smith will present a series of Evangelistic Meetings titled "Unsealing Daniel's Mysteries". The series will begin on September 17, 7:00pm at the Shady Point Church on Highway 62, between Eagle Point and Shady Cove. Everyone is invited to come.

## OYC WELLNESS REFORMATION

*When:* September 15-18, 2011

*Location:* Camp Kuratli, Boring, Ore.

Registration is now open for Oregon Youth for Christ's (OYC) 2nd event: Wellness Reformation. Speakers will include Dr. Neil Nedley, Dr. Diane Burnett, Dave Fiedler, and Lisa Puffer. Renew! Revive! Restore! yourselves September 15-18 at Camp Kuratli, Boring, Ore. Learn more and register for this event by visiting <http://oregonyc.org>.

## 2011 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

*When:* October 14-16

*Location:* Skamania Lodge

SHINE! Get out from under the bushels that are keeping you from being everything God intends you to be! Attend this year's Christian Women's Retreat Oct. 14-16 with special guest speaker Dr. Janice Johnson Browne. This year we'll be in a new location—Skamania Lodge in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge! Breakout speakers include Tami Milligan, Dr. Lucille Ball, Stan Beerman, and Cheri Corder. Teen breakout speaker is Melissa Howell. For more information, or for a printable brochure, visit [www.OregonConference.org](http://www.OregonConference.org), click on Departments then on Women's Ministries. This year there is a limit of 300 people, so register early!

## PART-TIME AUDITING POSITION

*When:* Currently Open

*Location:* Oregon Conference

Part-Time Auditing Position. The Oregon Conference is accepting applications for a part-time auditing position. If you are interested in helping audit the financial records of churches and schools within the Oregon Conference, please send a completed employment application, cover letter, and resume to Attn: Human Resources Department, Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR 97027 or email to [liesl.schnibbe@oc.npuc.org](mailto:liesl.schnibbe@oc.npuc.org). The job description and employment application are available on the Oregon Conference website. Just go to [www.oregonconference.org/employment-home](http://www.oregonconference.org/employment-home).

## 2011 MEN'S CONFERENCE

*When:* November 11-12

*Location:* Holden Convention Center

Harvey and Kathy Corwin will present four sessions on the topic "We Are Family: Building Relationships for Eternity". Their sessions include "Reducing Stress & Depression", "Dealing With Unresolved Anger & Forgiveness", "The Seven Desires", and "Relationship Killers". For more info or to register go to <http://bit.ly/n600jJ>

# Transitions

William Hurtado, (Shelley) has joined the staff at Milo Academy as pastor and chaplain. He comes from the Orcas Church in the Washington Conference.

Robert "Bob" Mix, (Loretta) is taking the position of pastor for the Forest Grove/Laurelwood/Gaston district. He joins the Oregon Conference from Georgia.

VJ Puccinelli, (Marilyn) will be going back to retirement from his position as interim pastor in the Forest Grove/Laurelwood/Gaston district.

# Ministry Fest 2011

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

|            | Sept 3  | Sept 10 | Sept 17 | Sept 24 | Oct 1   | Oct 8   |
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| Bend       | 7:40 PM | 7:27 PM | 7:14 PM | 7:01 PM | 6:48 PM | 6:35 PM |
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