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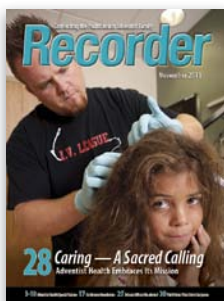
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## *Living the Adventist Health Mission*

*Ricardo Graham, chairman of the Adventist Health board*

**K**indness. Compassion. Caring. Simple words that are living witnesses to Jesus' caring ministry throughout the Adventist Health family of hospitals and clinics.

Every day in countless ways, the professionals of Adventist Health demonstrate the ministry of healing because caring is their sacred calling; it's the guiding principle that shapes their work.

Maybe it is in emergency treatment, regular check-ups with the physicians and nurses or post-operative care. In each case, the sacred calling of caring is present.

I recently received a copy of *Our Stories: Living the Adventist Health Mission*, volume 2. It chronicles actual events that have occurred in some Adventist Health facilities. These true stories are powerful illustrations of Jesus using people today to touch the lives of others with compassionate care.

A young man was brought to an Adventist Health hospital by police, suspected of harming his parents. Wearing blood-splattered clothing, he wouldn't talk to



staff, while apparently talking to himself. Later determined to be a schizophrenic, he received compassionate, caring attention from the staff, not unlike the leper who came to Jesus and received the caring, healing touch. "Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be healed!'" (Mark 1:41, NLT).

Then there was Mary, a cancer patient, who wanted to get out of bed to use the bedside commode. She didn't have the strength to carry her own weight, so the nurse held her up and assisted her in and out of bed, wanting her to have dignity, even while she was dying.

A young woman with a serious heart defect was confined to bed during her pregnancy. She wanted to give her baby every chance at life. While her nurse couldn't fully speak her language, she sat by her bedside, holding the expectant mother's hand, talking and crying, giving her comfort and care.

What a blessing that so many health care professionals live out the words: "Caring is our Sacred Calling."

## Notable Accomplishments

**Feather River Hospital** received the Governor's Award for Excellence, presented by the California Council for Excellence on behalf of the governor of California, Jerry Brown. This award recognizes the hospital in Paradise, Calif., for emphasis on quality and excellence in patient care outcomes. FRH is only the fourth organization — and the first hospital — to ever receive the award.

**Simi Valley Hospital** is one of the only Adventist Health hospitals offering a Child Development Center. The CDC helps children with identified needs get care from the center's therapists and interventionists.

CDC offers physical, occupational and speech/language therapy. Services are tailored to each child — from mild, short-term developmental or language delays — to needs as a result of Down syndrome, cerebral palsy or other chronic conditions.

**Ukiah Valley Medical Center** nurses were awarded the "2011 Best Nursing Team" by *Advance for Nurses* magazine. An independent team of judges reviewed blind applications, and according to *Advance's* regional director, UVMC's application stood out from all the rest. UVMC nurses are on the cover of the May issue of the magazine.



## *Caring — Our Sacred Calling*

*Robert G. Carmen*

**A**t Adventist Health, we are in the business of care and caring. As a system of hospitals, clinics and other health care services, you probably already figured that out. What we do, however, is far more than just business.

Everyday hundreds of people enter our hospitals because they trust us to care for them as we would care for our own families. And I am proud to say that is exactly what we strive to do. Why? Because caring is our sacred calling.

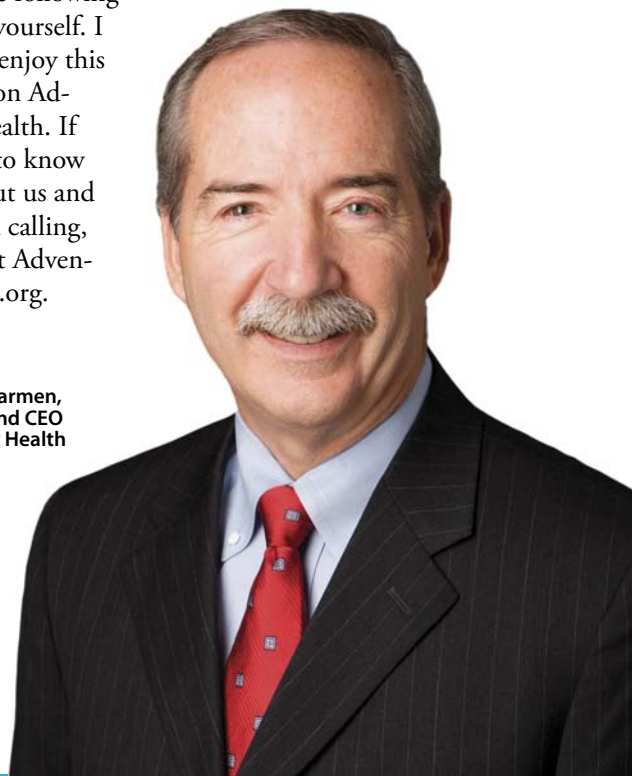
The essence of our Adventist Health mission — Sharing God's love by providing physical, mental and

spiritual healing — is caring for patients and their families. In carrying out this mission, all Adventist Health employees — whether dietitian, accountant, housekeeper, nurse or physician — strive to make a positive difference in the lives of those with whom they come in contact.

Throughout this special issue of the *Recorder*, you will read stories from across our four-state system, demonstrating that our mission is more than a few words on a page. From spiritual care and its effect on physical healing, and what it means for our patients; to excerpts from our newest inspirational book, emphasizing the emotional connections our caregivers make with patients and their families.

As you turn these pages, you will see our employees living the Adventist Health mission — a mission that finds its true expression through care given. I don't want to give anything away, so read the following pages for yourself. I hope you enjoy this spotlight on Adventist Health. If you wish to know more about us and our sacred calling, please visit [AdventistHealth.org](http://AdventistHealth.org).

**Robert G. Carmen,**  
president and CEO  
at Adventist Health



### **Facts about Adventist Health**

- 17 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- More than 263 service sites, including 130 medical clinics
- 14 home care agencies offering home health, hospice, personal care, medical equipment and infusion therapy services
- Four joint-venture retirement centers
- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- Approximately 19,500 employees
- More than 2,500 beds
- 123,540 admissions in 2010
- 448,155 Emergency department visits in 2010
- 2,336,167 outpatient visits in 2010
- 211,195 home care visits in 2010
- 86,047 hospice days in 2010
- 763,190 rural health visits in 2010
- Provided nearly \$300 million in free and low-cost services to our communities in 2010



## *Adventist Health Fosters Innovation*

*Brittany Russell Dobbs*

**T**he world is innovating. Now more than ever, people and businesses are trying to come up with great ideas that have never been thought of.

Not such an easy task.

It isn't likely that Edison invented the light bulb on his first try or that Google's founders launched their search engine in one afternoon. Both innovations have rocked our world and are still evolving every day!

Adventist Health wants to rock the health care world — or at least its patients' worlds. "Innovation Everywhere" has become a call to action for employees across the four-state system.

How does Adventist Health define innovation? According to JoAline Olson, vice president for Innovations, it is the "introduction of new processes, products, services, systems, organizational structures or business models consistent with our mission."

### **Improving Through Innovation**

Adventist Health's hospitals across the West have taken the call and are becoming innovative in more ways than one. For example, White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles adopted a Culture of Safety, based on a model by Johns Hopkins University. This initiative guides progress towards established goals, monitors the hospital's safety record and clinical performance and holds hospital leadership accountable for improvements.

One of the patient safety initiatives adopted by WMMC was an effort to reduce severe pressure ulcers (bedsores) among its patients. That effort proved so successful that the hospital shifted its focus to eliminating all pressure ulcers consistent with new state standards. The hospital has

focused on identifying at-risk patients, along with replacing all mattresses and pillows in the hospital, providing regular staff trainings on wound care and designating wound care champions on each hospital unit.

Since 2009 when the initiative launched, White Memorial has reduced pressure ulcers by 84.6 percent. Being innovative really does improve quality care for patients!

### **Plant a Seed**

To ignite excitement for innovations at the hospitals and to cultivate new ideas, the Innovations Council, Adventist Health's committee to help spread innovation throughout the system, offered seed money for new ideas to be implemented.

Earlier this spring, the council considered 25 proposals from six different hospitals, clinics and the corporate office. In June, they awarded a total of \$250,000 to six proposals that best represented innovative concepts which assist in accomplishing the system's strategic initiatives and could be duplicated at other locations throughout the system.

Several California hospitals were awarded for their innovative ideas:

The Central Valley Network, which includes Adventist Medical Center—Hanford, Adventist Medical Center—Selma and Central Valley General Hospital, received nearly \$150,000 total to implement four ideas.

Sonora Regional Medical Center won \$45,000 for an idea to improve the hospital's admitting process.

### **A Reason to Innovate**

Adventist Health isn't just trying to innovate to increase revenues or become more well-known. Innovation is an organization-wide culture change, affecting every employee and every patient. Innovation at Adventist Health is about collaboration and diffusing ideas from one care site to another.

"By spreading successful innovations throughout our hospitals, we can develop a deep and enduring capability for innovation in our organization," said Olson. "Our patients will ultimately reap the benefits of this innovative culture shift."





## *The Science Behind Spirituality and Healing*

*Brittany Russell Dobbs and Paul Crampton*

**N**ew research has shown that spirituality and religion have an impact on physical healing. Harold G. Koenig, M.D., is out to scientifically prove this link. Trained at Stanford University and Duke University Medical Center, he is considered by biomedical scientists as one of the world's top experts on religion and health. Koenig's research has been featured on programs including "The Today Show," National Public Radio and *Newsweek*, to name a few. Currently, Koenig is the director of Duke University's Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health.

Adventist Health sat down with Koenig to talk about the research. Here's what he had to say.

**Adventist Health (AH):** Explain the clinical trials at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Southern California.

**Koenig (HGK):** At GAMC and Duke University Medical Center, we are recruiting religious patients who have depression and cognitive medical illness. We will randomize participants where some will receive state-of-the-art cognitive behavioral therapy and some will receive the same treatment, but with a religious twist. By following participants for three to six months, we will be able to monitor if their depression changes, follow up on their lab results and see if there are any differences.

**AH:** Why are these findings significant?

**HGK:** Most studies just observe. In our study, we are going to intervene. We will ask, "Is religion causing these changes in behavior?" The results of this could show real scientific evidence that other scientists and healthcare practitioners can use.

**AH:** How does religion help people heal physically?

**HGK:** Three factors contribute to this:

- Religious coping, which is the use of religious beliefs and practices that help people deal with difficult life circumstances, counteracts changes that adversely affect health — physiological changes, healing, vulnerability to diseases, etc.
- Giving and receiving support influences the same physiological factors: immune, endocrine and cardiovascular. This effects their treatment and response.
- Health behaviors practiced due to commitment to religious beliefs include not smoking, drinking or engaging in risky sexual behaviors. The belief that the body is God's gift encourages patients to comply with medical treatments.

**AH:** Does science support this?

**HGK:** It is not proven, but there have been more than 3,000 quantitative studies on this topic, two-thirds supporting this theory. That is why I am working with GAMC to scientifically prove that religion promotes healing.

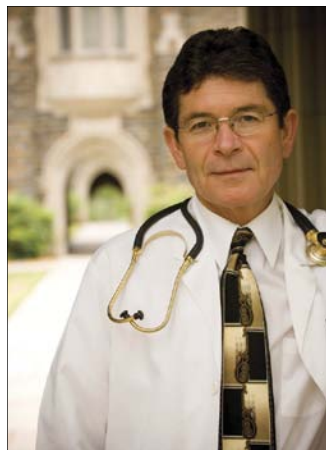
**AH:** Why should health care practitioners use religion to help patients heal?

**HGK:** There are many reasons why health care professionals should address the spiritual needs of patients. This is essential for high quality care of the whole person. Many patients in our hospitals turn to religion for comfort, hope and meaning. Since the mind and emotions are directly connected to the body's natural healing systems, health care practitioners, chaplains and pastors can use religious tools to positively influence patient outcomes.

### **What it Means to Adventist Health**

Paul Crampton, assistant vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care, offers what he believes this means for Adventist Health:

Thanks to dedicated scientists like Koenig, there has been a marked increase in research and published articles on the relevance of spirituality in health over



Harold G. Koenig



the past decade. This trend has compelled nursing and medical schools to include this topic as an integral part of their standard curriculum. Currently, virtually all nursing schools and more than two thirds of all medical schools include this subject.

Many organizations are now experimenting with mechanisms that integrate this new learning into practice. Although this is an emerging extension of contemporary, quality patient care — Adventist health care institutions have understood its relevance since the first sanitarium opened its doors nearly 150 years ago. Our history with whole person care (mind, body and spirit) places us at an advantage as we move toward the future.

Adventist Health has already established education and systems that appeal to a new generation of health care professionals expecting methodology that assesses patients' religious/spiritual needs and incorporates these into the care plan. The modern age of health care expects its leaders to do more than provide for the physical needs of our patients. It requires them to care for the whole person by acknowledging the scientific role spirituality plays, as well as how to integrate it in all aspects of care. This includes the ability to unite the diverse segments of our organizations: physicians, administrators, clinicians and ancillary staff through a common bond of service that is integral, sustainable and measurable; one that transcends the superficial aspects of work and gives meaning and fulfillment in every person's job.



**Paul Crampton, assistant vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care at Adventist Health.**

In our diligence to share God's love by providing the highest quality health care we are constantly looking to improve our systems and expand our knowledge. By forming collaborative relationships with educational institutions that are on the cutting edge of these processes — partnerships with Adventist universities and collaborative efforts with Duke and George Washington universities

— we are opening groundbreaking possibilities for the very near future and ensuring our place as a top provider of quality, whole-person care.

The most exciting aspect of these efforts is the significant opportunities that are emerging to creatively collaborate with our Seventh-day Adventist Church family in not only advancing our health message, but to heal the people of our communities by sharing Jesus' love through our religious practices.





## *Caring is Our Sacred Calling*

*Brittany Russell Dobbs*

**H**ealth care professionals have the unique opportunity of sharing life's most precious and difficult moments with patients. By offering the love, compassion and care that they would offer their own loved ones, Adventist Health staff makes impressions on many patients and their families.

Some of these encounters are relived in the most recent book, *Our Stories: Living the Adventist Health Mission*. This is the second edition of the book that shares stories — written by Adventist Health staff — from all of our hospitals and many different professions. This series illustrates how caring really is Adventist Health's "sacred calling."

### **Combing Out Fears**

A little girl was brought into the Emergency Department at Adventist Medical Center—Hanford with a head wound needing 10 staples. She had long, dark hair, but it was badly tangled and matted. She was crying, obviously scared and in pain.

Casey was the emergency technician on duty that day, and it was hard for him to watch the young girl suffer. The emergency physician asked Casey to comb out the little girl's hair so he could begin to mend her wound. However, the comb available wouldn't do the job. Casey felt horrible for the young girl so he took his lunch break, went to the store and bought a sturdy comb and some de-tangling spray.

When Casey returned to the little girl, he gently combed out her hair, careful not to pull too hard. Her long, dark hair fell straight against her back, so the cut was accessible to the physician. She and her family were very grateful for Casey's willingness to go the extra mile. He was thankful for the opportunity to help the little girl. Casey knew he was right where God wanted him to be.

### **Loving Care Goes Both Ways**

Leadership at Hawaii's Castle Medical Center distributes newspapers to inpatients each morning. One day, Kevin Roberts, president and CEO of the hospital,

entered a patient's room and found the man in bed, eyes closed and talking to himself. Roberts' first impression was the patient had a mental issue and wouldn't want a paper. However, he decided to observe before leaving.

Roberts heard the patient say, "Dr. Koo is such a kind man; bless him and give him wisdom. And the nurses, Father, they take such care of me, and they have such compassion toward me; bless their work so others can feel the love they show."

Roberts realized the patient was not delirious — he was praying! Roberts listened as he prayed for everyone except himself, and he was the one in the bed.

Finally, he noticed that Roberts was standing there, and proceeded: "And Lord, this man is here to give me a paper; bless him, and all that he does. Thank you that he's here to give me a newspaper this morning. Father, I am so forever blessed!"

When he said, "Amen," Roberts began to pray aloud for him, asking God to bless him tenfold for his gracious, thankful and loving spirit. Afterwards, they clasped hands and smiled at each other, knowing they had shared a special spiritual privilege.

Roberts was blessed much more than he was able to give that morning, and learned that "loving care" can go both ways.

### **Love Makes a Way**

An elderly gentleman in the ICU at St. Helena Hospital Clear Lake was near the end of his life. To his nurse, Aura, he mentioned that his wife, who lived in a nursing home, should be notified only after he passed. She couldn't come to see him anyhow, and he was concerned that she would worry about him.

But when the wife called to check on her husband, Aura was impressed that she had to tell the truth. The wife cried as Aura explained the situation. Aura told her that maybe there was a way she could see him. Working with the nursing supervisor and the nursing home, it was arranged for her to come.

After she arrived, Aura stepped out of the room to allow her privacy with her husband. From the nurses'



Casey Milburn, an ER tech at Adventist Medical Center – Hanford, combs the hair of a child in the Emergency Room.

station, Aura watched as she leaned over the bed and stroked his cheek. Aura was moved to ask the wife something she had never asked a patient's family member before: "Would you like to be in the bed with him?"

She turned her tear-soaked face toward Aura and sobbed, "Could I?"

Aura helped her into the bed and covered the two of them with a blanket. Almost immediately, he leaned into her as if he understood that his wife had come home to him. They lay there for hours, him breathing softly and her speaking lovingly to him. She stayed until he drew his final breath — then for a while longer to say goodbye.

Aura learned later that the patient had struggled with having his wife placed in a nursing home. He tried to maintain their close relationship, even through their illnesses. Aura believes God spoke to her that day to arrange for them to be together.

## The Shoe Fund

She was only 50 years old, but she was so depressed that she wanted to die. She came to Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital because her rheumatoid arthritis was so severe that not even a nursing home could care for

her. She suffered with painful abscesses and had been unable to walk for almost a year.

After living at the hospital for a few months, her spirits began to lift, and she became open to trying physical therapy. The physical therapist suggested getting shoes for her, and found a pair that would help her avoid further skin breakdown. However, Medicare would not cover the cost, and the patient had no money to buy the shoes herself.

Staff believed that if she had these shoes, she might actually be able to walk. Since the holidays were near, staff sent out an e-mail and put a collection envelope at the nurses' station.

They arrived before Christmas. Staff wrapped the box and handed her the present. She was ecstatic.

From the first day she wore those special shoes, she set goals to walk further and further. First she started to walk around her room, then she ventured a few feet out to the hall. She set her sights on going home — and she achieved that goal.

These stories are excerpts from *Our Stories: Living the Adventist Health Mission*. To read the book in its entirety, download the free PDF at [adventisthealth.org/about-us](http://adventisthealth.org/about-us).



## Adventist Health Expands Care through Physicians Network

*Lauren Brendel*

Earlier this year, Ryan\* was under the care of Corey Warner, M.D., at Adventist Health/St. Helena Internal Medicine in Hidden Valley Lake, Calif. He writes, “No matter how busy things are, you always have time to spend with me and answer all of my questions. Your up-beat attitude is always appreciated when I come into your office for a visit. At 66 years old, I have never liked going to the doctor’s office, and since I have had you as my main physician, I always look forward to coming in and seeing everyone in your office.”

Providing exceptional care that is easily accessible to patients like Ryan, is why the Adventist Health Physicians Network (AHPN) was created in early 2011.

“Having physicians in the network that care about the Adventist Health mission and vision means that our patients and communities benefit. This access to care really allows us to “share God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing,” said Jeff Conklin, president and CEO of AHPN.

### What is AHPN?

AHPN is a network of various physician practices in California. This new business is led by Conklin and Mark Ashlock, senior vice president of Adventist Health.

At present, AHPN has 42 physicians that provide patients with a broad range of services in 11 specialties. This spectrum ensures patients are receiving the care they need, where they need it. AHPN has clinics throughout California’s Napa Valley, Central Valley and in Bakersfield. Committed to growth and working with our hospitals, AHPN is currently looking to expand care in the Los Angeles area.

“Adventist Health Physicians Network expands our care footprint and reflects our dedication to high quality outpatient care, which is a top priority for us,” said Ashlock. “AHPN is able to support the business and clinical aspects of each medical practice, which allows the physicians to focus on what they do best — providing excellent medical care and improving the well-being of the community.”

### Adventist Health Physicians Network Clinics

#### Napa Valley

- Calistoga
- Clearlake
- Hidden Valley Lake
- Middletown
- Napa
- St. Helena

Associated with St. Helena Hospitals  
([StHelenaHospitals.org](http://StHelenaHospitals.org))

#### Central Valley

- Hanford
- Lemoore

Associated with Adventist Health/Central Valley Network ([AdventistHealthCV.com](http://AdventistHealthCV.com))

#### Bakersfield

Associated with San Joaquin Community Hospital ([HighgroveMedical.com](http://HighgroveMedical.com))

*AHPN is a network of physician practices in California, 42 doctors at present, who provide service in 11 specialties.*

# LLU Research: Excess Body Fat in Elderly Decreases Life Expectancy

*Jennifer Frehn*

While some past studies have shown that persons carrying a few extra pounds in their 70s live longer than their thinner counterparts, a new Loma Linda University study that measured subjects' weight at multiple points over a longer period of time reveals the opposite.

Research from Adventist Health Studies recently published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* showed that men over 75 with a body mass index (BMI) greater than 22.3 had a 3.7-year shorter life expectancy, and women over 75 with a BMI greater than 27.4 had a 2.1-year shorter life expectancy. Generally, a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 is considered normal weight, and a BMI of 25 to 29.9 is considered overweight. A BMI of 30 or more is considered obese.

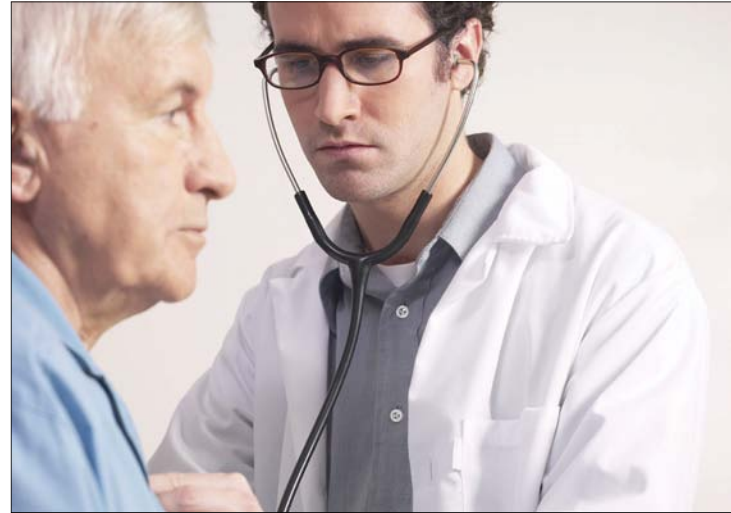
Previous work in this area by others found a protective association for a high body weight among the elderly. Pramil N. Singh, Dr.P.H., lead author of the paper and an associate professor in the School of Public Health, says the data from many past studies is problematic because only a single baseline measure of weight was taken, which does not account for weight changes or how these weight changes affect life expectancy. Additionally, most past studies had mortality surveillance of fewer than 19 years, which analyses have shown to be an inadequate amount of time to study risks associated with weight.

"We had a unique opportunity to do 29 years of follow-up with a cohort that was also followed for mortality outcomes," Singh explains. "Across this long period of time, we had multiple measures of body weight, which provided a more accurate assessment."

The study looked at 6,030 adults who never smoked and who were free of major chronic diseases at enrollment. It then examined only those adults who maintained a stable weight. This was done in an effort to exclude individuals who, for example, were in the normal weight category because they experienced significant weight loss due to a disease. Therefore their death would not have been related to their normal weight, but rather to the disease that caused them to reach normal weight.

"When you control for confounding by disease-related weight loss, overweight and obesity remain a risk for persons over the age of 75," Singh says. "This suggests that elderly individuals of normal weight should continue to maintain their weight."

Researchers noted a difference between genders in that men had a higher sensitivity to body fat than



women. Men started to experience a greater risk of mortality at a BMI of 22.3, while this risk did not appear for women until a BMI of 27.4. One possible reason for the difference between genders, Singh says, is that body fat is the primary source of estrogen in post-menopausal females, and a minimum level of estrogen in those years can be protective against heart disease and hip fractures.

"This is not to say that extra weight is good for women over 75," Singh notes, "but rather that the negative effects of extra weight in women over 75 appear at a higher weight than in males."

Singh says further studies are needed to understand the positive and negative effects of lifestyle patterns that help individuals maintain low body weight over long periods of time.

# African-Americans Gather for Annual Convocation

*Taneshia Farquharson*

African-Americans from all across the Central California Conference travelled to Fresno, Calif., for the 28th annual African-American convocation at the Fresno Westside church on Sept. 15-16. Worshipers heard a call for revival, reformation, transformation and restoration within their communities.

Reflecting on the various economic and social problems facing “an already depressed social structure of black communities,” Pastor Fred Anderson, director of African-American ministries in CCC, told the audience: “However, if we confess our sins and claim the gift of salvation, we can produce a different strategy for dealing with life’s difficult circumstances. We have the opportunity to become God’s ambassadors to humanity. We can be co-laborers with Christ to make disciples.”



Central California Conference administrators Ron Rasmussen, executive secretary; Ramiro Cano, conference president; and Fred Anderson, director of African-American ministries, listen as Dr. Hyveth Williams addresses the congregation.

The weekend’s services were officiated by Pastor Vigil Childs, director of African-American ministries for the Northern California Conference; Dr. George King, director of African-American ministries for the Southeastern California Conference; Dr. Hyveth Williams, professor of homiletics at Andrews University; and Taneshia Farquharson, assistant director of communications for CCC.

“The entire worship service was the perfect culmination of our Sabbath school lessons. I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit come in with such a rush of comfort. I started crying and could not stop. The service was truly beautiful,” said Roberta Denyce Joseph from Bakersfield, Calif.

The fellowship lunch was followed by an enriching and inspiring musical program coordinated by Dr. Kimberly Horton and featuring the talents of Shelea Frazier-Kyle, Stevie Mackey Jr., and Le Quintet among others.

The afternoon’s highlight was the annual Bible Quiz-a-rama, where eight teams of young people under the age of 35 went head-to-head to show their



Members of the Fresno Westside team react to taking an early lead in the Bible Quiz-a-rama.

knowledge on the book of Exodus. Participating churches receive the Bible chapter two months before the event. Team members study to get ready.

After the first few answers, all teams were advancing neck and neck. The Quiz-a-rama ended with Fresno Westside in first place, San Jose Ephesus in second place, Seaside placing third.

“I’m proud of all the hard work each person has put in,” says Tammy Thompson, captain of the Fresno Westside team, adding that the most important part is the biblical knowledge they now have to share with others. For this reason, the team has pledged to start a youth Bible study to continue to learn and to share the experience with the other young people in their church.



# CCC Hires Full-Time Ministerial Director

*Caron Oswald*

**A**t a meeting in January, Central California Conference pastors were divided into small groups and asked to prioritize the needs of the conference. “Pretend you are the conference president” was their instruction. When each group reported, a full-time ministerial director was near the top of almost every priority list.

For years, the ministerial position was traditionally partnered with conference evangelism, creating conflicts for attention and priority. “Fulfilling this request from our pastors became one of my top priorities,” says Ramiro Cano, conference president.

The job description is comprehensive and includes developing pastoral resources for personal and professional growth; counseling with and assisting pastors who are having doctrinal issues, personal or family problems; planning the annual ministers retreat; and planning and conducting weekend seminars for churches in areas of expertise.

“The Lord kept bringing César De León to my mind,” Cano says. Not only is De León an ordained minister with a Master of Divinity from Andrews University, he is a licensed marriage and family therapist. He holds a master’s in marriage and family therapy from Loma Linda University and a Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary.

César’s wife, Carolann, shares César’s passion for successful marriages and families. A registered

nurse, she also earned a master’s in marriage and family therapy from Loma Linda University and will soon complete her Ph.D. in the same discipline.

In 1994 they founded “Tu Familia Primero,” a ministry for families. Since then, they have traveled extensively speaking and holding seminars.

“I understood quickly that if [my wife] Carolann was happy, everything was better for me,” César shares. And that “family always comes first and to stay connected to my kids.” They are the parents of two sons, Zachary and Jonathon, a sophomore and freshman, respectively, at Monterey Bay Academy.

The De Leóns served as the pastoral couple for the San Jose Hispanic church for the past 10 years. While in San Jose and with support from the congregation, they launched a family radio program. Follow up programs for listeners and community members were held at the church.

De León accepted the call to be the full-time ministerial director and began on Sept. 15. “I am excited,” says Carolann about her husband’s new position. “I have always had a heart and passion for ministers and their wives.” Carolann volunteers her time whenever needed.

“When pastors come and talk to me, confidentiality is guaranteed 100 percent,” De León explains. His license dictates that. “My job is to encourage and to help others be their best. I am scared. I believe the challenge is huge. I’m trusting that God knows what He’s doing.”



The De León family: Zachary, Carolann, César, and Jonathon.



# NCC Hispanic Convocations Inspire and Encourage Members

*Julie Lorenz*

**I**nspiration and encouragement marked this summer's Northern California Conference Hispanic area convocations. NCC Spanish-speaking church members usually get together each summer in one location for several days of Hispanic camp meeting. However, this year, weekend area meetings were held at various locations throughout the conference in July and August.

3,500 Hispanic church members in the NCC.

"I'm happy that a high percentage of our members were able to attend," said NCC Hispanic Ministries coordinator Richard Dena, who noted that attendance was higher than any previous NCC Hispanic camp meeting. "My biggest desire is to inspire our members, get them motivated and let them know they are not alone."

Each area meeting — coordinated by local pastors and church members — had its own theme, speakers and musicians. The north area convocation was held for two weekends in the Sequoia Grove during Redwood camp meeting. About 180 people heard lay leader and Concord International church member Luis Melvin Leiva speak about being prepared in order to give one's best for God's service.

Almost 700 people attended the Delta area convocation, held in the Lodi

Spanish church and at Lodi Academy. Eduardo Mayoral, a pastor in the Sonora Mexican Conference, spoke about church planting and other topics, and singer/songwriter Felipe Garibo presented a concert of songs based on Scripture.

The East Bay convocation was held at the Concord International

church and Hilltop Christian School for about 550 people. Roger Hernandez, Oregon Conference Hispanic Ministries director, preached on small group ministry, while Pacific Union College Chaplain Laffit Cortés spoke to the young people, and Lilyette Uriarte gave a vocal concert.

More than 600 attended the Bay Area convocation, held at the Hayward Spanish church and the Oakland Latter-day Saints auditorium. Elden Ramírez, youth director from the Central California Conference, preached on the relevancy of the Adventist message, and Cortés again spoke to the young people. The group Cuarteto Shalom presented the featured music.

"It was a joy to see all the brethren coming from all the different areas and churches to be together, to worship God and to learn from one another ... sharing their faith and plans for what they're doing at the different churches," said Victor Mérida, Lodi Spanish/Stockton Spanish district pastor.

After receiving feedback from those who attended the convocations, Dena — along with pastors and lay leaders — decided that area meetings will be held every other year, alternating with the traditional one-location Hispanic camp meeting. "Every summer, we want the meetings to inspire our members as they meet with one another and listen to the speakers," said Dena. "We hope they receive a blessing."

Martha Santos



**Roberto Carlos and Maritza Chicas wear the national costume of El Salvador, and Elyana Martinez and Armando Camacho wear the national costume of Mexico for the Parade of Nations during the Bay Area convocation. During the parade, 17 countries, including the United States, were represented.**

"In the past, when the Hispanic camp meeting was held at one location, it was too far away for some people to make the trip," said Concord International church pastor Pedro Trinidad. "We wanted to bring the camp meeting closer to the people." About 2,000 people attended the convocations — out of



# PhoneFaith Fosters Fellowship and Wholistic Growth for the Blind

*Julie Lorenz*

**W**hen Dexter Thomas came to the United States from Trinidad and Tobago a decade ago, he was amazed to discover how many resources were available for blind people like himself, including newspapers in audio form that he could access over the telephone. He wondered why Adventist materials were not available in the same format.

Earlier this year, Thomas started PhoneFaith, a service for blind people to learn and interact over the telephone. Currently, more than

120 people from around the United States are using the free service for spiritual, social and professional interaction. Thomas chose this medium because many blind people cannot afford computers or find them difficult to use. “The phone is simple and straightforward,” he said.

Users can listen to books, attend live conferences, hear podcasts, visit chat rooms, and send messages without divulging personal information. Especially popular are the seven message boards (with themes such as friendship, health and business) where callers leave announcements and messages for everyone to hear. People use PhoneFaith for everything from exchanging recipes to singing gospel karaoke, from meeting in a women’s group to attending a health and wellness hour, and much more.

Thomas calls his phone service Facebook for the blind. “Being blind is very tedious,” he said. “People get bored, depressed and lonely. They’re now able to call and have fun. They’re really excited.” Thomas hopes that in addition to interacting socially and networking professionally, the people who use PhoneFaith will discover something deeper than they’d find at another phone service. “There are lots of chat

lines, but none of them share our message,” he said.

Spreading the good news about Jesus is important to Thomas, who serves as pastoral assistant at the Richmond-Beacon Light church. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the San Francisco Theological Seminary, and has preached throughout North America, Japan and the Caribbean.

Every Sunday night, Thomas conducts a worship service for PhoneFaith. “I’ve planted a church over the telephone,” he said. “I really feel a deep sense of calling to do this.” Thomas sends Bibles and study materials to those who want to learn more. He also contacts pastors to arrange rides to church for interested people. However, he has much bigger goals for his phone congregation. “I want to do more than get them a ride. I want to empower them, and I want to network with pastors and church leaders to get them involved.”

Thomas needs volunteers for many aspects of his phone ministry, including people who are willing to call in and read for three minutes once a week. He also hopes to find volunteers to give presentations once a month on such topics as health, family life and business.

“Our prayer is that millions among the visually challenged population can be touched by our message without cost to them,” said Thomas. “My vision is winning them for Christ.”

Preston Davis



Dexter Thomas started PhoneFaith to reach out to the blind community. For more information about PhoneFaith, call 510-542-8511, write [dex4jesus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dex4jesus@sbcglobal.net), or visit <http://richmond-beaconlight.adventistfaith.org/phonefaith>. To access PhoneFaith, dial 231-732-7070; press 6 at the main menu to leave a message.

# La Sierra Freshmen Serve Community During IGNITE

*Darla Martin Tucker*

Approximately 420 La Sierra University freshmen and 100 upperclassmen spent Thursday morning, Sept. 22, in various service activities throughout Riverside, removing graffiti, planting trees, clearing litter, painting and other volunteer work.

Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz visited student groups at three work sites and thanked them for their contributions to the city. "It seemed like a great opportunity to bring the Riverside community closer to the La Sierra community," and to recognize the university as "an integral part of the community," he said.

The community outreach endeavor, called iServe, is a new component of La Sierra's traditional IGNITE freshman program held before the start of school each fall. IGNITE ran Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 21-23, and included a talent show, "Hello Walk" for freshmen to greet administrators and faculty, a "Blessings" service for parents and their college-bound children, workshops and meals.

Through iServe, students worked with approximately 20 community service providers including Habitat for Humanity, Riverside's Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful project, the Riverwalk Dog Park, and La Sierra University church. Their work for Habitat for Humanity involved providing a \$1,500 paint job on a doublewide trailer in a mobile home park. The painting project helped

prevent the eviction of the tenant who is on a fixed income.

Samantha Morales, a pre-dietetics/nutrition major and transfer from Riverside Community College, worked with 17 other new students cleaning debris from dirt lots at a street corner in Riverside. A driver stopped briefly and asked about the students' work, then thanked Morales for their efforts.

"It's pretty cool," Morales said after the students finished raking litter into green trash bags. "We were actually doing something [of benefit]. It's something so small, but it does matter."

The previous evening, freshmen, their parents and families and other La Sierra students attended the Blessings service, a program added last year to the IGNITE activity lineup.

The program, held at La Sierra University church, included prayers and words of welcome from administrators and faculty, a skit by Chris Oberg, the church's senior pastor and her daughter, La Sierra alum Amanda Oberg, and a presentation to parents by Yami Bazan, vice president for Student Life. While Bazan spoke, students handed out packets of flower seeds to parents to either plant or display in their offices or homes. The seed packets represented the freshmen students, beautiful on the outside and filled on the inside with talents and opportunities.

"Every time you look at the seed packets, pray for us, pray for your



La Sierra University freshmen spread out over Riverside to perform a variety of community service projects as part of iSERVE. One project involved partnering with Habitat for Humanity to paint a modular home for a woman on a fixed income.

children," Bazan said. "We thank you for entrusting La Sierra with your most prized possessions. Please be assured we know all too well what they mean to you."

Irasema and Michael Fore, parents of freshman Danielle Fore, attended the Blessings service. "It definitely is a touching experience," Irasema said of the event. "It's good to be a part of it. Danielle grew up in this place." Irasema Fore worked at La Sierra as a receptionist while pregnant with her daughter. Now Danielle, a La Sierra Academy graduate, is a freshman pre-nursing major at La Sierra University.

Sabrina Cerda, a freshman pre-nursing major from Buena Ventura High School, came to La Sierra to play on the Golden Eagles softball team. Her mother, Jeannette Davila, particularly liked the Oberg's skit during the Blessings program. "That was excellent," she said. "That's how me and Sabrina were." She described the entire orientation process at La Sierra as "the best experience for me. When I sat through orientation and they prayed, it touched my heart."

"I have a good feeling about this school," she said. "There are a lot of helpful, loving and caring people here."

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# Baptisms Highlight Evangelism in Kona

*Valerie P. Oskins*

Central California Conference evangelist and Hawaii native Taj Pacleb brought his Revelation of Hope series to Kona in June. So far, 19 have been baptized as a result.

Kona church member Audrey Freitas heard Pacleb speak at another event, and she wanted her son to hear his presentations. She approached the evangelist in 2010, and asked if he would consider coming to Kona to do a full-scale evangelistic campaign.

Church leaders in Kona prayed, then asked the conference to approve bringing in Pacleb and his team. Once approved, Kona's Personal Ministries team, led by Jim and Cyndi Kiyabu, led the church in nine months of preparation and planning.

In June 2011, Taj and Wati Pacleb arrived in Kona with a team of 14, and began the series. The

non-Adventist guest count ranged from 34 to 67 each night, in addition to the members of the church.

For several years, Freitas and her youngest son, Kahana, were the only ones in her family attending church. But during Pacleb's evangelism campaign, her prayers were answered when both of her older sons, Michael and Isaiah, her brother Ipo, and her husband, Ron, began attending.

Michael, 21, had not attended church for at least five years. Partying, drinking, and smoking marijuana were priorities in his life. One night, Michael drove his mother and Isaiah to the meetings. That first meeting was a life-changing experience for Michael. That night, he decided to stop buying marijuana.

When he returned to his apartment after the meeting, Michael heard yelling in the parking lot.

Looking over his balcony, he saw a neighbor, who is a Mixed Martial Arts fighter, standing next to Michael's car, swearing and screaming that Michael was parked in his parking spot. When he saw Michael, the neighbor bolted up the three flights of

stairs screaming obscenities all the way.

When he got to Michael, the man shoved him and clipped his right jaw with a force that should have thrown him over the third floor railing. "It was as if some unseen strong arms gently laid me down on the stairway landing, and a feeling of complete peace came over me," said Michael.

The neighbor leaned over, and Michael could feel his breath and spit. "I just lay there smiling at him as the tirade continued," he said. To ease the tension, Michael moved his car to a guest spot in another part of the lot.

The next evening, as Michael was getting ready to go to the meeting, the neighbor knocked on his door, threw his arms around him, and apologized.

Following the second Revelation of Hope meeting, Michael joined his friends at a party where he began drinking. He eventually blacked out. When he woke up in his own bed, not knowing how he got home, he decided to quit drinking.

On Sabbath, July 9, five new members were baptized into the Kona church. That afternoon at Keei Beach, 14 more decided to follow Jesus and be baptized.

Kona's new pastor, Luis Camps, and Bible worker BeeJay Crisostomo are following up with Bible studies with other interests generated by Pacleb's campaign.



Michael Freitas, left, and his brother Isaiah rejoice together following their baptism.



Fourteen were baptized at Keei Beach. Pastors Luis Camps (left in blue) assists evangelist Taj Pacleb (right in blue).



# Church Leaders Learn the Art of re:connecting

*Betty Cooney*

"I can relate to what is being taught here," said Brenda Williams at the re:connect seminar held in September, "because I was one of those who went away from the church. I left for three years and have been back for the last 10 years."

Lay leaders from 72 Southern California Conference churches attended the weekend meetings to learn from Paul Richardson, re:connect ministry director of the North American Division. "Be an advocate for inactives," Richardson urged. Quoting 2 Cor. 5:18-19, he added, "Our commission is clear: we are ministers of reconciliation, ambassadors. God is making this appeal through us."

Re:connect ministry has become a key focus of SCC evangelism and personal ministry planning. By executive committee vote, the position of Reconnecting Ministries coordinator is an elective position of the local church. Re:connect leaders will help equip members for reconnecting ministry to former members.

"Re:connect is not an event," said Gerard Kiemeney, SCC Personal Ministries and L. A. Metro Region director, who, with James G. Lee Jr., vice president, coordinates SCC re:connect ministries. "It is an expression of God's love in the flesh, through His people. It is a whole way of life, with the church being the expression of God's love on an ongoing basis, tuning in to



Church re:connect leaders role play and discuss re:connecting in small groups at the re:connecting seminar. A second training seminar is scheduled on March 24-25, 2012. (Previously trained leaders will attend March 23.) Details TBA.

the heart of God to learn the value of people who no longer worship with us."

Camarillo church elder Eugene Amey attended the seminar because of his ongoing interest in reaching former members. "A lot of members are on our church membership list for whom we have no contact information," he said. "I have been given approval to try to find and get in touch with them. I already have tracked down two or three and will be contacting them." A retired pastor, Amey is not new to reconnecting. "In many of the churches I pastored," he said, "I inherited outdated membership lists. The first thing I would do was work on updating the lists. I received many different kinds of responses when contacting missing members. When I showed up at one door, an irate man threatened to sue if his name

was not taken off the church list. He thought it had been removed years earlier. Another member burst into tears, grateful for my visit. When you do reconnecting ministry, you have to be prepared for all sorts of reactions."

## Erratum

A Sept. 2011 article about the new SCC Superintendent of Education Harold Crook, Ed.D., inaccurately stated his years of service at Newbury Park Adventist Academy. Crook actually served at NPAA for 27 years, initially as vice principal and Religion Department chair, and then as principal for the past 24 years. We regret the error.



# Let's Move Day MOVED in Southern California

*Betty Cooney*

Brenda Richards



**"We are planning on doing it again next year, on a bigger scale!" said Rodney Andregg, coordinator for the Run/Walk-a-thon at The Place in Newbury Park.**

**S**CC pastors and members — 665 of them — laced up their shoes on a cool gray September Let's Move Day. They walked, jogged, hiked and exercised; played soccer, dodgeball and softball; they gardened.

The Simi at the Garden project swarmed with a total of 102 volunteers starting at 8 a.m., donating 402 hours of their time and energies. The 2.3 acre community garden has 200 plots and is located at the back of property owned by the Simi Adventist church and school. Children helped their parents, and they helped make birdhouses, one of the many items donated by Home Depot and local companies.

The Altadena, Pasadena, Pasadena Spanish and Central Filipino churches planned joint activities, ranging from a 7 a.m. power walk at the Rose Bowl, hiking some Altadena trails, scheduling a Fun Day at the Park that included a

walk and active games for children. Calos Williams Sr., a coordinator, urged that Let's Move Day not be a one-time event. "I would like to see us continue to work together to reach our area," he said. "Reaching across region lines will strengthen our outreach in our diverse area."

SCC young adult pastors, leaders of Pheron, a group for collegiate Adventists and their friends, sponsored a dodgeball tournament that drew 17 young adults, who logged 127.3 miles of activity.

A group of three L.A. Spanish churches (El Sereno, Glassell Park and Lincoln Heights) was on the move

— gardening, hiking, playing soccer or participating in a charity walk/run. "Bonnie, who has been ill for a long time, came on the hike," said Gloria Huerta. "I at first wondered if it was a good idea for her to join us, but I cautioned the group, 'Only do what you feel you can.'"

Bonnie and the others made it to the top, a distance of seven miles. "I have never walked more than two miles in my entire life," said Bonnie. "I am so happy!"

The Place's Run/Walk-a-Thon registered 107 participants, reporting 461.7 miles and raising \$1,272 for a charitable organization.

The 2012 Let's Move Day will be Sept. 23. Let's Move Week will be Sept. 23-29, 2012, during which schools are encouraged to include an emphasis on activity and healthful living.

For additional photos and some videos, visit [www.socalwellness.info](http://www.socalwellness.info).

C. Elwyn Plainer



**Children at the Simi at the Garden site helped paint a mural on the garden fence and put together pre-fab birdhouses donated by Home Depot.**



# Mission Trip to Haiti Unites Church at Home

*Enno Müller with Tae Woong Im*

**G**rowing Vine Ministries of the San Diego Korean church has been going to Hinche, Haiti, for the past five years for their yearly medical mission trip. They have supported the Haiti Endowment Fund with their work in Hinche, a city in the central plateau about three hours by bus from Port-au-Prince.



Members of the San Diego Korean church pray with local Haitians at a medical clinic.

This year, the team from San Diego Korean church consisted of 24 members, including physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, a nurse, a pastor, and high school and college students. During their one-week stay, the group saw how God took care of them and how He used them to share His love with the people of Haiti.

Days in Haiti consisted of early morning devotions, preparing the daily sandwich lunches and driving through dirt terrains and small rivers in the back of pick-up trucks to village churches. There the group set up and ran medical and dental clinics.

After seeing hundreds of patients each day, they ended the evenings with Vacation Bible School for the children. VBS included demonstrations of good oral hygiene and distribution of donated care packages to families. After dinner, the group had evening worship and restocked supplies and medicines for the next day.

Aside from daily clinics, one highlight of the trip was worshiping at the local Adventist church in Hinche on Sabbath. Members of the group felt blessed by the passion and richness in the worship service of the Haitians. "When they sing, you can hear the angels singing with them," said Tae-Woong Im, coordinator of the mission trip. "Their harmonies give only a glimpse of their burning hearts, and you can't help but feel the hearts of worship fill the room."

"I am always amazed at how God touches the lives of not only the Haitians, but of all the people that go on these trips," Im said. "I was privileged to witness the miracles



The mission group prays after a long day before heading back to their compound.

in the lives of the people that went and to see just how God used each one of them on this trip."

Each member came back with his or her own story. The mission trip helped the Haitians, and the Korean church members have grown closer together, as well. "I encourage everyone that has not been involved in mission service to give it a try," said Im, who has coordinated the trip for several years. "I believe this is one of the best ways to grow one's church, by doing what Jesus did during His time here and sharing hope, peace and love."





# Empower Conference Enables Asian-Americans to Lead in

**G**et to steppin’,” said Andrea King, associate pastor of Imani Praise Fellowship and Valley Fellowship church, at the first general session of the Empower Ministry conference. She borrowed the phrase from the sitcom “Martin,” a popular TV show in the mid ’90s. When Martin, the main character, blurted out the phrase, he wanted someone to get out of his apartment. “Get to steppin’” has other meanings, including get motivated or get moving. For the attendees of the conference, it meant “get empowered.”

The Empower Ministry conference took place at the Renaissance Hotel in Palm Springs Sept. 3-5 with nearly 400 attendees, mainly young adults. It focused on ways to empower, equip and enable Asian-Americans in ministry and leadership in churches. Asian-Americans are fluent in English, have a western mindset, understand the Asian culture and attend Asian churches.

According to Jonathan Park, organizer of the event and vice president for Asian-Pacific ministry

in SECC, “There are difficulties in leadership transitions due to language and cultural differences between Asian-Pacific first generation, immigrants to the States, and second generation, those born here. The conference bridged the gap between these

two groups, and through the seminars, empowered attendees with practical ministry skills.”

The event was organized by the Southeastern and Southern California conferences Asian-Pacific ministry offices. It was a place for attendees to find enrichment, community and rejuvenation. Time was set aside for seminars as well as fellowship. That was evident in the many conversations around dinner tables and visible as young adults stood on their feet in praise.

Workshops shared information on how to communicate, improve worship programs, how to reach the modern world and much more.

Other general session speakers included Michael Kelly, senior pastor of the Mt. Rubidoux church, who reminded attendees that they were



Empower Conference attendees get together for a group shot at the end of the meetings.

the Joshua generation. Iki Taime, pastor of Genesis church, shared the top three things every leader must know. Finally, Sam Leonor, chaplain from La Sierra University, concluded the final general session with a reminder that at the core of all is Jesus Christ.

“It was a huge success, because many pastors that attended were able to connect with their young adults,” said Park. “Many young adults saw opportunities to be involved in their church. Even beyond that, many of them were amazed that the church cared so much and was willing to invest in such a high quality conference for them.”

The attendees were empowered by their churches, because each church subsidized the event. At the end of the conference, young adults left feeling empowered for ministry.



Young adults focus during one of the many workshops offered during the conference.

# Thunderbird Adventist Academy Joins Renaissance Network

*Kaleigh Bengé*

**F**resh paint, new carpet, and flower-lined pathways were just a few of the developments that welcomed 138 students to Thunderbird Adventist Academy this school year. The 20 percent jump in enrollment is an encouragement to all those who are working hard to make school-wide improvements.

This past summer, TAA partnered with the Alumni Awards Foundation to become the first school to enter the Renaissance Network for the 2011-2012 school year. The Renaissance Network is a program developed and funded by AAF, a nonprofit that works to improve Adventist K-12 education.

Schools accepted into the program are connected with a powerful support system that encourages excellence in the spiritual, academic, social, and physical development of students. TAA will receive external management expertise, comprehensive school planning services,

and resources from the Renaissance Network. Initial funding from AAF has been released for marketing and recruitment, facility upgrades and academic enhancements.

"We are thrilled to finally be on the ground working with Thunderbird and the Arizona Conference," said Melanie Litchfield, AAF director. "Our goal is to create a sustainable model that can be replicated in schools across the North American Division."

Arizona Conference President Tony Anobile said the conference is excited about the partnership. "I have sensed the Foundation's sincere desire to work with us and to make sure that there is a solid level of comfort on our part as we move forward," Anobile said.

Considerable improvements have already begun on campus. A major reorganization of classrooms and school-wide clean up took place over the summer. Renovations of the student center, library, girl's

dormitory, and cafeteria will continue throughout the school year.

"I believe God has big things in store," said TAA Principal Wayne Longhofer. "AAF is giving us tools we need to make this school truly great."

As part of the program, TAA is immediately expanding its college-prep curriculum. Honors Physics, Honors

Calculus, Spanish, technology classes, and a reinstated music program are all additions to course offerings this year.

Wendel Tucker, TAA project manager for the Renaissance Network, believes Adventist academies should be the Christian school of choice. "The basic course of study must demonstrate the rigor and relevance necessary to gain entrance to any university in the nation," said Tucker.

A data analysis system will be implemented to track student learning and inform teachers. AAF will provide funding for professional growth and teachers will be expected to become members of the professional organization within their field of expertise. Teachers will also receive training in the most relevant instructional technology.

"The overall culture being promoted by the Renaissance Network is to deliver the greatest college-bound educational experience possible," Litchfield said. "We are going to be very objective and realistic... but our long-range plan is to create centers of excellence."

AAF intends to expand the program to more schools for 2012-2013. "I believe that this model will work for other schools as well," Anobile said. "We are serious about our commitment to educate for eternity and AAF shares that goal. God will bless."

Learn more at [alumniawards.com](http://alumniawards.com).



Students at Thunderbird Adventist Academy use the new computers in the renovated library and media center.



# Arizona Officers Re-elected

*Gerry Chudleigh*

**T**he three officers of the Arizona Conference were re-elected Sunday at the 29th regular session: Tony Anobile, president; Ed Keyes, executive secretary (and ministerial/evangelism director); and Robert Hastings, treasurer.

Others elected included: Judy McGee, Adventist Book Center; Phil Draper, communication/development; Ruben Escalante, education/family ministries; Jason Carlson, literature ministries; Jack Robinson, religious liberty; Jose Marin, Hispanic and Sabbath school ministries; John Schachinger, trust services/stewardship; Benjamin Lundquist, youth adult ministries; Erik VanDenburgh, youth ministries; and Walter Arties, African-American ministries. The delegates authorized the conference executive committee to fill the native ministries leadership position later. Delegates also approved

holding future constituency sessions every five years instead of every four years.

In their reports to the delegates, the officers reported that during the last four years:

- More than 3,300 members joined through baptism or profession of faith.
- Membership grew from 16,000 to nearly 18,500.
- Nearly every local pastor conducted evangelistic meetings. In 2009 alone, 43 of Arizona's 51 full-time pastors conducted their own evangelistic campaigns.
- Since March 2009, "our own television channel," Good News TV, has been broadcasting the gospel 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. In August 2009, a Spanish channel, MAS TV, was added.



Delegate Don Droze speaks at the 2011 constituency session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Sunday, Oct. 2, in the Camelback church.

- In 2010, the conference finished the year with the first tithe gain since 2006, permitting the conference to begin building up the recommended working capital.
- Summer youth camp attendance jumped from 240 in 2009 to 740 in 2010 after the fee was reduced to \$100 per week. And 79 young people were baptized.

During the session, Anobile challenged the delegates to "Go Out."

"It is time to finish the work," said Anobile. "People need to know. Do you have a heart burning to light the world? Well then, go light your world."



Officers pose after the election at the 2011 constituency session. From left: Robert Hastings, treasurer; Tony Anobile, president; Ed Keyes, executive secretary.



# Three Different 2011 Area Convocations a Success

*Denny Krause*

In the three years since the closing of the conference-sponsored Nevada-Utah camp meeting in Springville, Utah, members have successfully transitioned to Sabbath convocations in the major metropolitan areas of the conference.

This year, area convocations offered a new version of the old-fashioned camp meeting get-together where friends renew acquaintances, share experiences, and mingle with fellow believers from area churches.

In addition to adult meetings, each convocation hosted meetings and activities for children.

Held at the Cashman Center Convention Complex May 25-28,

the Las Vegas-area Convocation featured the It Is Written “Babylon Rising” event, drawing hundreds for each morning and evening session. John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, presented the daily messages.

Camp Richardson, the South Lake Tahoe site of the Reno-area convocation, Aug. 5 and 6, is a camping/RV area complete with large camp meeting tents. The tents and the surrounding camp/RV sites serve a dual purpose — the Tahoe camp meeting runs Monday evening through Friday afternoon and is followed by the Reno-area convocation Friday evening through Saturday evening.

Many camp meeting attendees stay for the convocation, and lots more drive in from the greater Reno and Sacramento areas on Friday and Saturday, adding large numbers to the crowd. Guest speaker for camp meeting and the convocation was Bill Kilgore, Southwestern

Denny Krause



**Tahoe camp meeting/Reno-area convocation guest speaker, Bill Kilgore, preaches.**

Gerry Chudleigh



**It Is Written speaker/director John Bradshaw speaks at the Las Vegas-area convocation, which was bundled with the Babylon Rising event.**

Denny Krause



**Dan Jackson, NAD president, speaks during the Salt Lake City-area convocation worship service.**

Adventist University vice president for spiritual development.

Hundreds of members made their way to the Hilton Salt Lake City Center for the Salt Lake City-area convocation, and a full day of spiritual meetings Sabbath, Sept. 17.

North American Division President Dan Jackson was the featured speaker for the day. After lunch, many participated in an outreach event to the homeless of Salt Lake City.

“The annual area convocations are a blessing to those who attend, and a foretaste of heavenly Sabbaths to come,” said Jason Bergmann, Nevada-Utah Conference secretary-treasurer.

# PUC Guest Speaker Recounts Inspirational Journey

*Larry Peña with Midori Yoshimura*

Pacific Union College welcomed NASA astronaut Jose Hernandez to an Oct. 29 presentation in the PUC church. He encouraged an overflow audience of PUC community members, especially students, to persevere in their lifelong pursuit of ambitious goals. “Don’t ever, ever, ever give up on yourselves, because you can do it,” he advised.

Beginning with a clip from his interview on Oprah, Hernandez recounted his inspirational journey from the strawberry fields of California’s Central Valley to his 5.7 million mile voyage aboard the International Space Station.

The astronaut, who has received a flood of media attention because of his inspiring story, also revealed that at the urging of President Barack Obama, he has joined the race for Congress in California.

As the son of migrant farm workers from Michoacán, Mexico, Hernandez grew up picking produce in California. His parents, despite having only a third-grade education themselves, did their best to keep the children in school. Hernandez said, “After a long day of work, my dad would look each of us in the eye and say, ‘You have the privilege of living your future now. If you don’t want to go to school, you can come back and work with me in the fields seven days a week.’”

At the age of nine, Hernandez discovered his dream of becoming an astronaut when he watched the final

Apollo lunar mission on TV. Upon hearing his goal, Hernandez said that his parents gave him “a license to dream.” He graduated from high school with good grades and enrolled at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., earning a B.S. in electrical engineering.

After the morning presentation, PUC honored Hernandez with a special luncheon, with guests including local Hispanic business and civic leaders, Latino members of PUC’s faculty and staff, and several of PUC’s engineering, aviation, and Latino-heritage students.

At the luncheon, Hernandez detailed his career path. For 12 years, he continuously reapplied to NASA’s astronaut training program. In a process of “smart perseverance,” to improve his eligibility, Hernandez worked with the U.S. Department of Energy, learned Russian, became a certified pilot, and took SCUBA training.

He was finally selected for Astronaut Candidate Training in 2004, and chosen as flight engineer aboard the space shuttle Discovery in 2009. His mission lasted 14 days, during which the crew witnessed 214 sunrises and sunsets as they orbited the planet once every ninety minutes.

Hernandez’s extraterrestrial perspective gave him new insights. Seeing just how thin the Earth’s atmosphere appeared from space, he thought, “That’s the only thing keeping us alive! It seemed so delicate, I became an instant tree-hugger.”



**Astronaut Jose Hernandez encourages PUC students to follow their dreams through hard work and education.**

Hernandez also said his faith in God grew stronger from seeing the Earth below and the vastness of the universe beyond. He noted, “I’m a scientist — and it’s too perfect to be a coincidence.”

He joked about his upcoming political prospects, saying, “I used to say that we should send all our politicians into space to get that perspective — maybe on a one-way ticket. Since I may be one of them soon, maybe I shouldn’t say that anymore.”

Hernandez wrapped up the day at PUC by recounting his story to a group of several hundred local elementary school children. For this presentation, he wore the bright blue flight suit he had worn during his astronaut training, receiving especially-enthusiastic applause.

Hernandez was the first speaker in this year’s Colloquy Speaker Series at PUC. Upcoming guests documentary filmmaker Martin Doblmeier on Nov. 10.

# Pathfinders Plan Union Camporee

*First Pacific Union Camporee in 20 Years*

*Gerry Chudleigh*

For only the fifth time in more than 60 years, Pathfinders from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah will gather next spring for a Pacific Union Pathfinder Camporee.

Nearly 5,000 Pathfinders and leaders are expected to camp together March 28 to April 1, 2012, at Glen Helen Regional Park on the outskirts of San Bernardino, Calif. This park boasts the largest outdoor amphitheater in North America — the 65,000 seat San Manuel Amphitheater.

Recreational and educational activities during the four-day event will include a climbing wall, obstacle course, Sumo wrestling arena, joust area, canoeing, archery, centipede, Frisbee toss, Indian carriage, kites honor, gold mining, lighthouse honor, cactus honor, flight simulator, air rockets, finger, rocket arena, knots honor, and much more.

“But our purpose for this camporee is to have a spiritual impact in the lives of everyone who attends,” says Elden Ramirez, camporee on-site coordinator and youth director for the Central California Conference. “Together we will learn some of the biblical principles that have changed the history of the world: ‘Love, Live, Lead.’ That is the theme of this camporee.”

On Sabbath afternoon, the camporee will host the North American Division “Pathfinder Bible Experience,” a new Bible Bowl event for

Pathfinders between the ages of 10 and 17. Pathfinders are already studying the books of Mark and First Samuel for the event. Teams that finish in the top level at this event will go to General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., for the division-wide conclusion on April 21.

Guest speakers at the camporee will include Jonatan Tejel, world Pathfinder director; James Black, North American Division Pathfinder director; Jose Rojas, NAD volunteer ministries director; and Ron Whitehead, Oshkosh International Camporee director. Dan Jackson, NAD president, will speak Sabbath morning.

Church members who would like to visit the camporee on Sabbath must register for the camporee

at [www.puccamporee.org](http://www.puccamporee.org), then purchase a day pass at the same website.

The first Pathfinder clubs started in the late 1920s, just a few miles from the spring camporee site, in Orange County, in the Southeastern California Conference. The modern, world-wide Pathfinder movement started in the Pacific Union in the late 1940s. In 1960, the Pacific Union conducted the first union Pathfinder camporee in the world, near Lone Pine, Calif., followed by union camporees in 1965 and 1972 at Big Pine, Calif., and the most recent one, in 1992, at Laguna Seca Recreation Area, near Monterey, Calif.

For more information, contact the local church Pathfinder director or go to [www.puccamporee.org](http://www.puccamporee.org).



## CALENDARS

### Central California

**SENIOR CITIZEN SEMINAR** (Nov. 5) Mtn. View Central church. Guest speakers: Rene Quispe and Silvia Flores. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3176 or mnovielli@cccsda.org.

**PRAYER PARTNER TRAINING** (Nov. 12) CCC office. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Guest speaker: Kenny Fraser. Spanish translation is available. Bring your favorite dish for potluck. Info: Joyce, 559-696-3692 or joycejmuligan@sbcglobal.net.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** (Nov. 18-20) Camp Wawona. Pre-registration/fee is required. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3176 or mnovielli@cccsda.org.

**SINGLES RALLY** (Dec. 3) CCC office. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. A full day of worship and fellowship. Guest speaker: Collin Ross. Pre-registration/fee is required. Info: Marlyn, 559-347-3176 or mnovielli@cccsda.org.

present for the full day of activities. Info: 707-459-1704 or impala@pacific.net.

**PATHFINDER CAVING** (Nov. 11-12) Lava Beds National Monument. Info: Youth Department, 925-603-5080.

**VOICE AND PIANO Sacred Concert** (Nov. 12) 4 p.m. Sacramento-Central church, 6045 Camellia Avenue. Joy Lin and Rodney Abriol will present a free musical program. Info: 916-457-6511.

**SABBATH SCHOOL COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Dinner** (Nov. 22) 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sacramento-Capitol City church, 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue. Info: Carol Herbert, 916-381-5353.

**NATIVITY DRIVE-THRU** (Dec. 9, 10, 16, 17) Roseville church, 914 Cirby Way, 7-10 p.m. 13th annual "Live the Experience." Live actors and animals. A local news program called it "one of the most spectacular holiday sights anywhere in the area." Info: 916-786-8350.

### Pacific Union College

**CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP** (Nov. 4) Championship event for the California Pacific Conference Division II league in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Call the PUC Athletic Department, 707-815-1813.

**RASMUSSEN ART GALLERY** Opening Reception: Tim Fleming (Nov. 5) Tim Fleming, who specializes in landscapes of the American West, as well as scanner art, will present his exhibition "Clarity of Vision: Scanner Photography." Rasmussen Art Gallery, 7-9 p.m. Exhibit showing Nov. 5-Dec. 3.

**FALL FESTIVAL** (Nov. 6) 3-9 p.m. Pacific Auditorium. PUC annual event featuring ethnic food booths, cultural shows, and family-friendly games.

**COLLEGE DAYS** (Nov. 6-7) Academy students are invited to get a preview of college life at PUC. Info: 707-965-6425.

**LONGO LECTURE** (Nov. 10) Martin Doblmeier, founder and president of Journey Films, whose documentary films include "Bonhoeffer" and "The Adventists," will speak to the PUC community. Colloquy at 10 a.m., PUC Church Sanctuary; Longo Lecture at 7:30 p.m., Scales Chapel. Both presentations free; Info: 707-965-6303.

**ORCHESTRA CONCERT** (Nov. 12) 7 p.m. Paulin Hall. PUC's orchestra presents their fall concert under the direction of Dr. Rachelle Berthelsen Davis.

**ACADEMY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** (Nov. 30-Dec. 3) PUC hosts the annual basketball tournament for academy students in the Pacific Auditorium. Call the PUC Athletic Department at 707-815-1813.

### Southeastern California

**COMMUNITY SERVICES RETREAT** (Nov. 3-6) Pine Springs Ranch. Info: 951-509-2298.

**GARDEN GROVE CHURCH** celebrates 115 Years (Nov. 5) Church and world events during the 1930s will be highlighted. Worship service speaker, James R. Nix, director, Ellen G. White Estate. Info: 714-534-1987, www.gardengrovesda.com.

**HERALDS OF HOPE** (Nov. 5) 3 p.m. Paradise Village, 2700 E 4th St., National City. A men's chorus in concert under direction of Gerald and Dorothy Wareham. Info: 619-475-0383.

**SHINE GIRLS' RETREAT** (Nov. 11-13) Pine Springs Ranch. Girls' retreat for ages 13-24. Info: 951-509-2333.

**INDONESIAN CONVOCATION** (Nov. 11) Chaffey High School, 1245 N. Euclid Ave., Ontario. Info: Praban Agussaputro, 909-246-1909.

### Southern California

**LIVING STONES CHURCH** (Nov. 4-5) 5th Anniversary. Celebrating the church's name change for the purpose of letting God change us individually and as a church. Info: 818-249-2492, livingstonessda.com.

**HEALTHY TASTE OF LA 2** (Nov. 5) Dinner with T. Colin Campbell, Ph.D., author of The China Study. Gourmet whole food, plant-based cuisine prepared by celebrity vegan chefs. (Nov. 6) 6:30 p.m. \$75/person. South Bay church, 401 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach 90277. Info: 310-214-3123.

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**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** (Nov. 24) 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Valley Crossroads church, 11350 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima. Volunteer opportunity; donations for food baskets accepted. 818-437-2737.


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**GERALD, WALTER EVERETT** — b. Feb. 26, 1930, Trenton, N.J.; d. Aug. 21, 2011, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: wife, Onlea; daughters, Sharon Clark, Gloria Arzate, Ruth Mitchell.

**HENRY, JOSEPH R.** — b. March 14, 1930, New Iberia, La.; d. Aug. 6, 2011, Martinez, Calif. Survivors: wife, Geneva (Barnes); sons, Darius "Danny," Keith "Pete"; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**HOOVER, MARLAND LEE** — b. March 18, 1938, Hong Kong; d. Aug. 3, 2011, Coquille, Ore. Survivors: wife, Linda (Paullus Boyd); sons, Marvin, Darryll, Michael; stepson, James Boyd III; daughters, Tammy Carter, Tanya Cornell; stepdaughter, Joelle Chinnock.

**JUSTICE, CARROLL L.** — b. Jan. 19, 1937, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. Sept. 10, 2011, Auburn, Calif. Survivors: wife, Helen; son, B.J.

**MEREDITH, ROBERT LEWIS** — b. Dec. 28, 1917, Toledo, Ohio; d. Sept. 2, 2011, Vallejo, Calif.

**PARKHURST, DAVID LEE** — b. March 16, 1933, Rushville, Ind.; d. Sept. 1, 2011, Riverside, Calif. Survivors: son, Gary; daughter, Cindy; two grandchildren.

**PERKINS, DONALD R.** — b. Feb. 27, 1934, Sacramento, Calif.; d. March 2, 2011, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: wife, Arlene; sons, Thomas, William; daughters, Charlotte, Debbie; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

**POMMERENKE, LYLIA** — b. Oct. 14, 1948, Cadillac, Mich.; d. Aug. 31, 2011, Peoria, Ariz. Survivors: husband, Paul; daughter, Tamara Nault; five grandchildren.

**RHYS, ADELA** — b. May 24, 1916, Buenos Aires, Argentina; d. Sept. 3, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, David; son, Carlos; daughters, Nidia Vyhmeister, Myrtha Pizarro; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

**RICE, ALYSE K.** — b. Feb. 26, 1919, Seoul, Korea; d. Sept. 7, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, Richard; daughter, Marlys Jacobson; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; sister, Gladys Schlinkert.

**ROBERTS, JAMES D.** — b. March 30, 1933, Plymouth, Penn.; d. Sept. 10, 2011, Placerville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Dixie; daughters, Linda Oster, Sandy, Patti; two grandchildren. Served in various organizations of the church in education and healthcare.

**ROSS, JAMES ORVILLE** — b. Dec. 9, 1943, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Sept. 21, 2011, Calistoga, Calif. Survivors: wife, Janelle; son, Leroy; daughter, Victoria Gingerly.

**SCHELLER, CARLOS CHRISTIAN** — b. June 2, 1912, Hillman, Mich.; d. Aug. 14, 2011, Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Carla Ruth Reeves; sisters, Marie Mooney, Juanita Kemp.

**SCOTT, EDITH** — b. March 10, 1920, Loma Linda, Calif.; d. Sept. 11, 2011, Calimesa, Calif. Survivors: son, Robert; daughter, Marian Chrispens; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**SMITH, KATHRYN AVIS** — b. Aug. 18, 1911, Winfield, Kan.; d. Sept. 5, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, John; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

**TSENG, MARK** — b. April 4, 1943, China; d. Jan. 6, 2011, Los Angeles, Calif. Survivor: wife, Sylvia.

**TURNER, WILLIAM RAMON** — b. Dec. 19, 1920, Hardin County, Tenn.; d. Aug. 26, 2011, Oxnard, Calif. Survivors: wife, Shirley; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

**UNDERWOOD, JOHN W.** — b. Sept. 5, 1932, Beach, N.D.; d. Aug. 15, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Ilo; sons, Todd, Corey; daughter, Darolyn; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**VEGLAHN, LAWRENCE F.** — b. Sept. 15, 1921, Britton, S.D.; d. July 23, 2011, Palm Springs, Calif. Survivors: wife, Aileen; son, David; brother, Don.

**WESSLEN, EUGENE J.** — b. Dec. 18, 1922, Tobique, Minn.; d. July 3, 2011, Grand Terrace, Calif. Survivors: son, John; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Maygene.

**WIELAND, ROBERT J.** — b. May 1, 1916, Audubon, Iowa; d. Aug. 13, 2011, Walnut Creek, Calif. Survivors: sons, Robert E., John; daughter, Margaret Utt; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Served as a missionary to Uganda and Kenya; pastor in the Southeastern California Conference; authored many books and articles.

**WILLIAMS, DAVID ALAN** — b. Oct. 25, 1949, Benton Harbor, Mich.; d. Aug. 19, 2011, Lodi, Calif. Survivors: wife, Kathy; son, Michael; daughter, Amy Reeves; father, Robert; mother, Ann; brothers, Chuck, John; sister, Marci Henley.

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	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
Alturas	5:52	4:45	4:39	4:35
Angwin	6:05	4:59	4:54	4:50
Calexico	5:48	4:42	4:39	4:36
Chico	6:01	4:54	4:48	4:45
Eureka	6:08	5:01	4:55	4:51
Fresno	5:58	4:52	4:47	4:44
Hilo	5:45	5:42	5:41	5:40
Honolulu	5:53	5:50	5:48	5:48
Las Vegas	5:40	4:34	4:30	4:27
Lodi	6:01	4:55	4:50	4:47
Loma Linda	5:52	4:47	4:43	4:40
Los Angeles	5:57	4:51	4:47	4:44
Moab	6:12	5:06	5:01	4:57
Oakland	6:06	4:59	4:54	4:51
Phoenix	5:32	5:27	5:23	5:20
Reno	5:53	4:46	4:41	4:37
Riverside	5:53	4:48	4:44	4:41
Sacramento	6:01	4:55	4:50	4:46
Salt Lake City	6:19	5:12	5:06	5:02
San Diego	5:54	4:49	4:45	4:43
San Francisco	6:07	5:00	4:55	4:52
San Jose	6:05	4:59	4:54	4:51
Tucson	6:30	5:25	5:21	5:19

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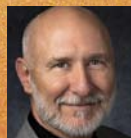
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