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# BE BOLD!

The theme for this year's southcentral camp meeting is "Gospel Boldness—Sharing the Good News." In a world that is unraveling with bad news it is time for some bold good news. In the book of Acts the new Christian church faced some tough challenges. They understood their call from Jesus to share His gospel, that they had experienced, with others. Unfortunately, there were those who would rather have bad news instead of the love of God as expressed through Jesus. So, the church prayed for the boldness to share the good news even in the face of this opposition (Acts 4:29).

Today stand those same forces that oppose the good news of Jesus and His redeeming love for us. That love and redemption is the power that restores people back to the image of God breaking the grip of sin. There are spiritual forces arrayed that fight this good news of God's love to and for people. It is not easy in a world that seems intent on hate, anger, and division to carry this gospel everywhere.

The question then becomes how do we boldly share Jesus in a world that seems not to want Him? We love in word, deed, and truth (1 John 3:18). People have enough of what's wrong in the world. They need to experience what, and more importantly who, makes things right. Those of us who maintain a loving and positive experience with Jesus are the ones who can boldly share His love.

Let's begin to pray like the early Christian church for the boldness that flows from Jesus to share His good news. The good news that He loves us, forgives us, and is returning to be with us in the earth made new. It's time to boldly share the good news.



**PASTOR  
KEVIN MILLER**



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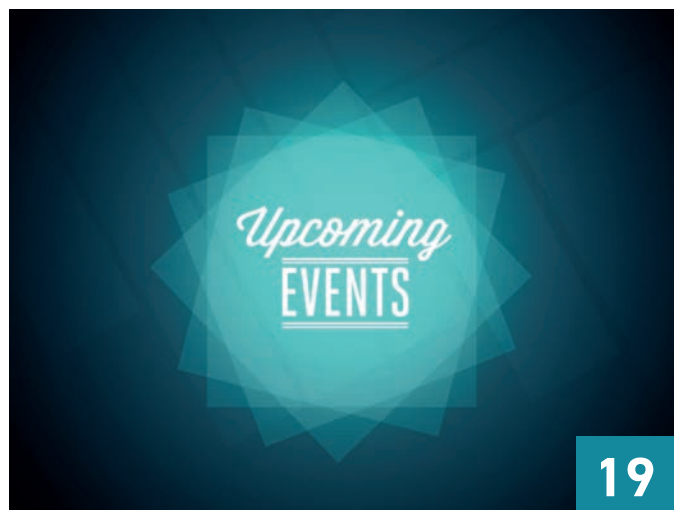


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# A TIME LIKE LIKE NO OTHER

WES PEPPERS, Evangelism Director, *It Is Written*

*It Is Written*, at the invitation of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC), is thrilled to partner with the Alaska Conference for an exciting evangelism initiative in 2024! That means we are partnering with each of your local churches and you individually to assist in equipping, and preparing you to share Christ and the Three Angels' Messages in your community. At this year's camp meeting, we will share the full calendar and strategic plan that you can adapt to your local context as we unite together in this initiative. It's going to be an exciting year of mission! Pastor John Bradshaw and I look forward to joining you for the 2023 Alaska camp meeting to provide inspiration and training from the Bible. We know God will do miraculous things in Alaska over the next year!

God wants to use you (yes, you!) to bring light to those in darkness without Him. He will use you to reach their hearts, comfort their sorrow, and open their eyes to His love and truth. In an age of darkness like no other, His light, through His people, will shine brighter and brighter till Jesus returns.

Over the next several months, training sessions of various kinds will take place online and in person. We encourage you to attend and become involved in community outreach, Bible studies, and eventually, the conference-wide Revelation Today evangelistic meetings happening in April 2024. Following that series, souls who come to Christ will be mentored and equipped to become disciples themselves! There is much work to do, and we look forward to laboring beside you as we unite our work together for the salvation of those across Alaska who are seeking something better. Yet, we will give them

more than just "better." We will give the very best of everything, which is Jesus! Revelation 10:11 - "You must prophesy again before many peoples, nations, and tongues, and kings." More than any other time, this is a verse for our day, church, generation, and you individually!

Camp meeting time is here once again! What a joy to reconnect with friends and family to fellowship in such a rich setting. God intended camp meetings to be a small taste of what heaven will be like when we are together for eternity, nevermore to part! An essential aspect of camp meeting is Bible study and prayer with one another. It is a focused time where we can draw near to God without the interference of the regular routines of life. Revival happens in those who seek God with all their hearts.

Additionally, camp meeting allows God's people to re-align in their call to God to share the gospel with the world! To know and love God, be known and loved by Him, and make His love known to others is our God-given purpose and identity as His creation. There is no higher calling we can live for in all the universe!



Revelation 10 reveals the timing and experience of the final prophetic movement of God's people. It tells the Great Disappointment of our pioneers and God's Divine Appointment to "Prophecy Again" to all the people of the earth (vs 11). How incredible to be a part of a movement that not only believes in the Bible but is actually in the Bible! That's us as Seventh-day Adventists (SDA)! This prophecy is God's appeal to recognize His leading in our life even through disappointment and rise above our discouraging circumstances to see Jesus in the Heavenly Sanctuary interceding for us! In addition, He commissions us to carry His gospel into the world in verse 11. This includes your town and territory - all people of Alaska!

I invite you just now to bow your head and decide to allow God to use you over this year in whatever way He desires. Be willing to step out in faith beyond your comfort zone. Let Him have His way with you; you will see Him do wonders in your heart and in others around you! As you make that decision, *It Is Written* is here to provide the resources and training as God uses you to turn Alaska upside down for Him. See you soon at camp meeting!

# PRAY, PLAN AND PREPARE

ASHWIN SOMASUNDRAM, Vice President—Administration, Alaska Conference

Pray, Plan and Prepare is the new Alaska conference evangelism strategy and motto, as we look forward to our 2024 "Revelation Today" Spring evangelism series with John Bradshaw and *It is Written*. It will be both a conference and statewide event and our hope is for over 100 new souls to be won for God's kingdom! We are excited and appreciative of our partnership, not only with *It is Written*, but also the NPUC. We are grateful for their resources and support.

## PRAY

Prayer is the sacred dynamic where heaven and earth meet; it's the fusion of God, the conduit of the Holy Spirit and us, where supernatural power is released and experienced. Prayer releases supernatural power! The disciples in the book of Acts understood the significance of this powerful dynamic and made it a priority in their lives and ministry. For ten days in the upper room, the disciples gathered together in that place of united prayer, until the heavens were opened and they were all "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4). They went on to turn the world upside down for Jesus Christ. If we are to do likewise here in Alaska today, the church must know how to pray together. Praying with one mind and one heart. The church must unite in prayer! Hence, with that in mind the Anchorage/Valley church pastors have been meeting on a monthly basis to pray together for our evangelism plans

and to have our own "Upper Room" experience. It has been a tremendous experience thus far, and there are plans afoot to extend these prayer meetings to our pastors and churches outside of Anchorage.

## PLAN & PREPARE

The plan is to equip and empower our churches for evangelistic success. Outside of our prayer events, since the turn of the year, we have focused on preparing our churches through monthly sabbath afternoon, online (Zoom), evangelism training seminars expertly led by Bill McClendon (NPUC Vice President/Evangelism Coordinator), Dr. Roderic Bishop (Texas Conference, Prayer Ministry Director) and myself. The subjects covered include "First Impressions"; "Making Sabbath Worship Inspiring"; "Developing a Powerful Prayer Ministry" and "Think Big, Think Small Groups!" They have been well attended across the conference and the feedback has been positive and appreciative.

In addition to online seminars, we held an in-person weekend, "Church Revitalization Summit" (March 24-26) in the conference office for our churches in the Anchorage/Valley area. Church leaders, elders and pastors came together to learn how to revive and increase the health of their churches. The goal is for our churches to become more loving and a center of hope for our communities. It was a spirit-filled,



informative, challenging and enjoyable experience. So much so, that the question on many lips at the end was, "when's the next one?"

Over the next several months, we plan to have an online Church Revitalization Summit for our churches outside of Anchorage and a "part two", for Anchorage/Valley churches. Furthermore, our upcoming South-central Camp Meeting will not only be a time of inspiration, but also equipping and training for evangelistic success. We are excited that the *It is Written* team will be with us this summer and look forward to their ministry. Moreover, in the fall they have planned in-person rallies and Zoom trainings for members and pastors that will lead nicely into our evangelistic series in Spring 2024.

As we pray, plan and prepare, may God grant us miracles, blessings and success, so that new souls will be won for his kingdom, right here in Alaska.

**pray** plan prepare

# SHARING IS CARING PRACTICAL PERSONAL MINISTRY

DANIEL JEAN-FRANCOIS, Anchorage Community & Northside District Pastor, Alaska Conference

“There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen....”  
MINISTRY OF HEALING p. 143

Evangelistic methods have always included public and private evangelism. Jesus was a master at both. Today, public evangelism includes familiar events such as evangelistic meetings, and media campaigns. However, we are told that many souls can be won to Christ through our personal efforts that could not be reached through preaching and evangelistic campaigns alone. Then what should we be doing to have a successful personal ministry?

There's no better example of an effective ministry than that of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 4, Christ spent more time healing than preaching. He was observant, intentional, and personable. He spent His precious time listening and addressing the needs of the people He met on an individual level. Jesus led with what we now call “friendship evangelism”. Relationship is essential

at every stage of evangelism, but our duty is not fulfilled by just being friendly. When sowing the seeds of truth, while studying the Bible together, at baptism, and beyond, relationship is essential to continue growth into spiritual maturity. Eventually we must prayerfully invite our friends to follow Him (MH p.143). Sharing eternal life with our friends is the best way to care for them!



As we prepare for the evangelistic series in 2024, let's follow Christ's example and think about what we can do personally to build “seed planting” relationships with our families, coworkers, neighbors, and friends. Anchorage Northside and Community Church members participated in a personal ministry training session where we talked about simple things such as going door-to-door sharing baked goods and GLOW tracts with neighbors during the holidays, participating in community service projects, and Bible studies. Here are a few websites that can help you get started with ideas for your own personal evangelism efforts:



DANIEL JEAN-FRANCOIS

[GLOW Tracts](http://www.glowonline.org)

[www.glowonline.org](http://www.glowonline.org)

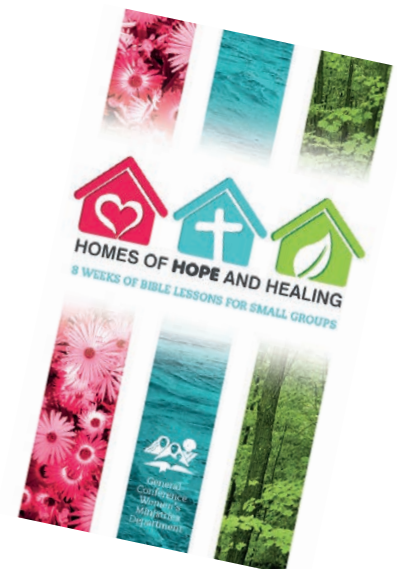
[Witnessing Ideas](http://www.findingjoy4eternity.com)

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We must learn to hurdle over, break through, or topple cultural and social barriers in our society and form caring, authentic relationships with those we wish to reach. When we combine this relational approach to soul-winning with the power of our unique message of hope, we will succeed in Christ's work and experience true renewal and growth ourselves.



# CREATIVE OUTREACH

## CAMEL EVANGELISM

RYAN ROGERS, Palmer District Pastor, Alaska Conference

After a couple hours of sledding down sand dunes with my family at White Sands National Park, my daughter enthusiastically announced, "There's a camel in the desert". As she took off running, I was pretty sure that we wouldn't be finding a wild camel in New Mexico but I didn't want to lose my daughter in the desert, so I ran too. Earlier, while working on a Junior Ranger scavenger hunt, my kids claimed to see all kinds of desert animals that I didn't see. But there was a different level of conviction with this camel spotting. We ran up sand dunes and slid down the other side. Then she would beg me to climb up the next, just sure that we could catch a glimpse of the camel from there.

I was enjoying her enthusiasm and the run in the sand but I was not really looking for a camel. Until we found it! There was a camel being led by a man with a sun hat and a long white beard! Seeing it from a distance wasn't good enough for my daughter. After all, we had journeyed across the desert to find that camel. As we approached, I felt like

our interest in seeing the camel might be an inconvenience to the owner, but he welcomed us. We visited and he let us pet his camel. He used our phone to take pictures and I learned that he brought his camel to the park every Sunday with the very intention of visiting with people. Before we left he said, "I need to pay you for stopping to see my camel". Several people gathered around the camel and he made sure to pay all of us as he handed out fake \$1 million bills. Printed on the bill was the million question: "Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?". The question was followed by several Bible verses outlining the basics of the Gospel message. Some people simply thanked him and walked away. Some looked confused. Everyone took it and I listened as a few of those camel visitors engaged in spiritual conversations.

My daughter was right. There was a camel in the desert. But what we found was something I expected even less and that was an evangelistic camel in that desert.



Camel evangelism reminds us that evangelism is a creative work. The mission God has given us is clear that we are called to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). The mission never changes, but the methods can. Jesus was a creative evangelist. He did parable evangelism, miracle evangelism, and conversations at-the-well evangelism. He was resourceful. He was an opportunist. He was creative!

Our conference leaders are guiding us in some exciting evangelistic plans and I am pleased that, along with the organizational structure provided, they are also leading us in conversations about creative evangelism.

The importance of our mission should motivate us to get creative. A few creative minds can be a great benefit, but our impact will be strengthened when each of us prayerfully explores the creative ways the Holy Spirit is inviting us to reach our communities. You have a unique perspective. Share your creative evangelism ideas with your church leadership and refine the ideas in prayer. When you are tempted to dismiss a method because it is too different, remember that God uses camels in the desert.



# INTERIOR CAMP MEETING

Alaska's Interior Camp Meeting meets at the Harding Lake state recreation area 45 miles south of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway June 16 & 17, 2023. With average temperatures around 70 degrees and sunny skies, it is a time to worship together in wondrous surroundings. This year, the speakers are Pastor Mike Tucker and his wife, musical artist Pam (formerly Lister) who are pictured below.

Pam Tucker has performed with noted artists Steve Green, Rudy Micellii, Steve Darmody, and Whintley Phipps. Her passion for missions has allow her to perform internationally and appear on 3ABN, It Is Written, and the Hope Channel and Christian television programs and networks across Canada.

In addition to her music ministry, Pam writes and records devotionals for Christian radio. Her devotionals have been published in several books and periodicals. Her passion is to bring the love of God to others by sharing her life and walk with God through her music, personal testimony, and written word.

Mike Tucker is the Speaker Emeritus of Faith for Today Television, and host of the award-winning television program, Lifestyle Magazine. He conducts seminars like Mad About Marriage, Good Grief, and The Choice, and serves as a teaching pastor for Canyon Creek Project, a church plant in Richardson, Texas. Mike has served as a pastor, counselor, Christian high school Bible teacher, youth pastor, a pastor's pastor for his denomination, and senior chaplain for medical and psychiatric facilities.



## SCHEDULE

CHECK-IN  
Friday, June 16 | 1-5 pm

FRIDAY, 7 pm  
The Lost Sheep | Luke 15:4-6

SABBATH WORSHIP, 11 am  
The Lost Coin | Luke 15:8-10

FELLOWSHIP MEAL, After Worship

SABBATH CONCERT, 2:30 pm

SUPPER, 5 pm

SABBATH, 6 pm  
The Prodigal Son |  
Luke 15:22-24

NOTE: There is  
no children's  
programming  
schedule.

# SOUTHEAST CAMP MEETING

Southeast Camp Meeting, July 27-29, 2023, will be held at Camp Lorraine on Vank Island located on its own island between Petersburg and Wrangell. Camp Lorraine—equipped with seven working cabins, a gymnasium, a fully functioning bathhouse, and a lodge with a full kitchen—has hosted an Adventist youth camp since the late 1960s.

Join speaker Ira Bartolome, pastor of the Downers Grove SDA Church in Illonois for a weekend of worship and fellowship. Pastor Ira previously served in Washington as associate pastor for the North Cascade SDA Church in Burlington and head pastor at the Centralia SDA Church. He holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Southwestern Adventist University and has a master of divinity degree from Andrews University.



*Heaven Is Our Home | July 27-29*

*Starts Friday Evening, 7 p.m.*



# SOUTHCENTRAL CAMP MEETING

## SEMINARS & SPEAKERS

### KEY NOTE

**John Bradshaw**  
*Director, It Is Written*



Pastor Bradshaw is the keynote speaker each evening, Tuesday through Sabbath. As he prepares our members for the spring 2024 outreach, topics will focus on aspects of God's plan of salvation.

A former radio broadcaster, John became a Christian as a young adult, and served as an evangelist and church pastor before joining *It Is Written* in January of 2011. He has held more than 100 evangelistic series, sharing God's word on six continents. John has filmed *It Is Written* programs in almost 30 countries, which along with his daily devotional, *Every Word* and other *It Is Written* programs are viewed around the world.



### SABBATH SPEAKER

**G. Alexander Bryant**  
*President, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists*



Prior to his current position of North American Division (NAD) president and vice president of the General Conference, Pastor Bryant served as executive secretary of the NAD and president of the Central States Conference as well as Temperance director, Youth / Pathfinders / National Service Organization director, and superintendent of Education.

the same. You don't want to miss this amazing training opportunity at camp meeting!

### REVELATION TODAY

**Wes Peppers**  
*Evangelism Director, It Is Written*



Wes Peppers accepted Christ at the age of 22, exchanging Atheism for Adventism. He has since served as a pastor, evangelist and conference administrator. He is currently the Evangelism and Missions Director at *It Is Written*. His greatest joys after the Lord include gardening, fishing, camping, hiking, and being a husband and father to his family.

Church and Conference Ministerial Director before being elected president in 2016. He loves working with people in all stages of their journey with Jesus as they answer His call in their lives.

### YOUTH

**Nitza Salazar**  
*Children's Ministries Coordinator, Idaho Conference of SDA*



Youth speaker Nitza Salazar is passionate about children's evangelism! She has been working in Children's Ministries since she can remember. Her mission is to motivate, train, and support leaders to guide as many youth this year to say YES to JESUS!

### IGNITED FOR MISSION

**David Hartman**  
*Professor of Applied Theology, Southern Adventist University*



Pastor Hartman has served for 34 years as a pastor, evangelist, and conference administrator. His doctoral thesis was on the topic of witnessing styles. He has a passion for winning people to Christ and training church members to do

### GOSPEL WITNESSES

**Kevin Miller**  
*President, Alaska Conference of SDA*



Elder Miller joined the Alaska Conference in 2007 serving as pastor of the Anchorage Northside

### OUR MISSION AT THE END OF THE WORLD

**Nathan Stearman**  
*Pastor, Northern New England Conference of SDA*



In this series, Nathan will lead us in unpacking two significant Bible passages: Jesus' Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24

## SEMINARS & SPEAKERS CONTINUED

& 25) and the message of Isaiah 58. We will re-discover, together, that these two messages are profoundly applicable to us now. You may even be surprised at how our discoveries challenge our common assumptions about our mission and message.

Nathan (MDiv, DMin) has been a pastor for 20 years. He served Alaska in the Juneau-Sitka district not long ago, but is now living and serving in Maine. He has an amazing wife and two surviving children, having lost his oldest son this past year. He loves Jesus and can't wait to share this journey of discovery with you.



The poster features a cartoon moose with a backpack and a walking stick, standing on a trail. The text 'ALASKA CAMPS' is written in a stylized font above the moose, with 'faith, fun, & friends' written below it. The background shows a mountain range and a full moon. The main text reads 'REGISTRATION IS OPEN!' in large, bold letters. Below this, four camps are listed with their dates: 'JUNE 18-25 CAMP POLARIS', 'JUNE 25-JULY 2 CAMP TUK JRS', 'JULY 2-16 CAMP BINGLE', and 'JULY 30-AUGUST 6 CAMP LORRAINE'. At the bottom, it says 'SIGN UP NOW' and provides the URL 'TINYURL.COM/AK-CAMPS'.



The poster has a dark, textured background. The main text 'CALL TO PRAYER' is in large, white, bold letters. Below it, 'Teleconference Prayer Meeting' is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom, the text 'Friday Evenings 7-8 pm', '1-800-719-6100', and 'Access Code 4760107' is displayed in white.

## CAMPUS GUIDELINES

### ANIMALS

Pets are NOT allowed on campus, buildings, meetings, tents or cabins with the exception of trained service dogs.

### LODGING

An adult (18+) must be on campus at all times. Minors may not be left overnight or stay on campus by themselves. All reservations are on a first-come first served basis.

Campers, check-in at the information booth, obtain a permit and park in designated locations.

Maximum occupancy per site is one camping unit plus one same-family tent. All sites are dry camping.

### PARKING

If camping on the field, please do not drive on/off the field during the event.

Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. Do not park next to cabins as it does not comply with fire safety and prohibits access for emergency services.

### SABBATH

Please honor the Sabbath by not moving in or out of accommodations during Sabbath hours. Due to large influx of constituents on campus, we ask that bicycles not be used on Sabbath.

### SHUTTLE SERVICE

Daily shuttle service to Fred Meyer is offered Wednesday - Friday at 3 pm.

### QUIET HOURS

11 pm until 6 am

### MISCELLANEOUS

Restrooms and portable toilets are available throughout the campus. The bath house is open 24-hours.

Trash should be deposited in designated receptacles.

No literature is to be distributed, displayed or sold without authorization from administration.

Fire arms, firecrackers, alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited.

Radios, TVs, music players or other noise-producing devices are to be used with discretion and respect.

# MEETING SCHEDULES

## ADULTS

TIME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SABBATH
7:30 a	CAMP PITCH	Breakfast			7:00 a	Breakfast (No Cafe' Service)
8:00 a		<b>Devotional</b> Craig Hamilton	<b>Devotional</b> Tyler Drumm	<b>Devotional</b> Matt Sandvik	8:00 a	<b>Devotional</b> John Winslow
9:00 a		<b>Gospel Witnesses</b> Kevin Miller			9:15 a	<b>Sabbath School</b>
10:30 a		<b>Our Mission At The End Of The World</b> Nathan Stearman			11:00 a	<b>Divine Worship</b> G Alexander Bryant
12:00 p		Lunch			1:00 p	Noon Meal (On-Your-Own/ No Cafe' Service)
1:15 p	GUEST CHECK-IN	<b>Revelation Today</b> Wes Peppers			3:30 p	<b>Concert</b>
2:30 p		<b>Ignited For Mission</b> David Hartman, DMin				
3:45 p		<b>Health In Motion</b>			5:30 p	Supper (No Cafe' Service)
5:30 p		Supper			7:00 p	<b>Key Note</b> G Alexander Bryant
7:00 p		<b>Key Note</b> John Bradshaw				

## YOUTH

<p><b>YOUTH (13+)</b> Youth Tent LEAD: John Winslow Speaker: Nitza Salazar</p> <p>Tues 7 p-9 p Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p</p>	<p><b>JUNIORS (10-12)</b> Junior Tent LEAD: Matt Sandvik</p> <p>Tues 7 p-9 p Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p</p>	<p><b>PRIMARY (7-9)</b> Primary Tent LEAD: Ryan Rogers</p> <p>Tues 7 p-9 p Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p</p>
<p><b>KINDERGARTEN (4-6)</b> School LEAD: Janet Fairchild-Hamilton</p> <p>Tues 7 p-9 p Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p</p>	<p><b>BEGINNERS (0-3)</b> School LEAD: Karen Cheeseman Adult must stay with child</p> <p>Tues No Class Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 4 p-5 p Sabbath 9:15 a-10:45 p</p>	



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800.286.0161 EMAIL: ABC@UCCSDA.ORG

UPPER COLUMBIA ABC PRESENTS:  
**ALASKA CAMP MEETING 2023**  
**BOOK AND FOOD SALE**

July 18-23  
Palmer, Alaska

**ABC Camp Meeting Hours**  
Tuesday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm\*  
Wednesday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm\*  
Thursday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm\*  
Friday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm\*  
Saturday - CLOSED  
Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
\*The ABC is closed during each evening meeting.

Please consider ordering your food and books in advance of camp meeting to ensure we bring what you need. The camp meeting store will be open for shopping if you forget to place a pre order.

**PRE ORDER DEADLINE IS JUNE 15th.**

Phone - 800.286.0161  
Email - abc@uccsda.org

Do not leave a voicemail order. You must speak with a customer service representative to place your order.  
- OR -  
If you prefer to email your order please include a name and contact phone number where you can be reached in case we have questions regarding your order.

# Camp Meeting Deals!

## CDs | \$4.99 each

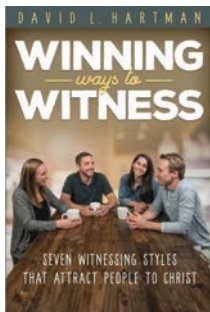
- 3 Voices - *A Might Long Way*
- Jemuel & Donna Mara - *4 Hands 4 Him*
- Beloved - *Guiame* (Spanish)
- Marcelo Caceres - *I Call On Thee Lord*
- Dani - *Mi Universo* (Spanish)
- Ysis Espana - *Golgota* (Spanish)
- Rick Foster - *Faith Is The Reason*
- Ethan McGrath - *Warfaring Stranger*
- Michael Harris (4) - *Merciful Savior; Saved By Grace; Touch of Southern Gospel; and We Shall Be Changed*
- Larry Karpenko - *Beautiful Together*
- King's Heralds - *Time's Windin' Up*
- Jonathan Meharry - *To The End*
- Lisbeth Melgar - *Rendirte Adoracion* (Spanish)
- Addi Morales - *Yo Sere* (Spanish)
- Jill Morikone - *Father Lead Me Home*
- Sam Ocampo (2) - *In the Morning, and Sam Ocampo and Friends*
- On Eagle's Wings - *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- Stacy Piontek - *Holy God We Praise*
- Michael Spencer - *Simple Hope*
- Eli Trejo - *Espero En Ti* (Spanish)

## BOOKS | \$4.99 each

- Jack Blanco (6) - *Chooosen: Genesis-Deuteronomy; Warriors: Joshua-Psalms; Rulers: 1 King-Obadiah; Survivors: Daniel-Malachi; Witness: Acts-Revelation; and Visions and Dreams: A Look At Daniel And Revelation*
- Timothy Crosby - *Garments of Grace*
- Elias De Souza - *Book of Daniel*
- Jaques Doukhan - *Proverbs*
- William Johnsson - *Mark: Gospel of Jesus*
- Ekkehardt Mueller - *Letters of John*
- Andy Nash - *Book of Matthew*
- Ranko Stefanovic (2) - *Book of Revelation; and Thus Says The Lord*
- Borge Schantz and Steven Thompson - *Biblical Missionaries*

## VISIT

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Winning Ways to Witness by speaker David L. Hartman shows how every believer can witness in his or her own "armor" by exercising one of seven unique witnessing styles (prayer, friendship, service, testimony, invitation, conversation, and proclamation). Witnessing styles also integrate with the unique faith journeys of the individuals you're witnessing to, in order to nudge them closer to Christ. This makes witnessing more pleasant for everyone! Through a combination of engaging stories, biblical illustrations, practical ideas, and reflection questions, David Hartman offers the liberating insight that soul winning can be an enjoyable process instead of a frustrating guilt trip.

\$14.99

# AROUND CAMPUS

Following is information to help your stay on campus be successful. We are looking forward to seeing you July 18th!

## ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

The Adventist Book Center (ABC) will be onsite for providing the opportunity to purchase books and food items.

### Hours

Tuesday - 12 pm - 10 pm

Wednesday - Friday - 9 am - 10 pm\*

Sabbath - Closed

Sunday - 8 am - 12 pm

\*Closed during evening meeting

## AUDIO SESSIONS

Sessions are broadcast live on Facebook and on FM 94.1 at [stream.campmeeting.net/akconf/](http://stream.campmeeting.net/akconf/).

## BLOOD BANK

The LIFEmobile returns to campus Thursday, July 20, from 10 am to 4 pm. Get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, hydrate and plan to give! Schedule your appointment at the information booth.

## GUEST CHECK-IN

Check-in begins 1 p.m., Tuesday afternoon. Programming begins the same evening for youth and adults with

the exception of Beginners which starts Wednesday morning.

## LODGING

Interested in reseving a cabin or campsite? Email us at [info@alaskaconference.org](mailto:info@alaskaconference.org), call 907.346-1004 x1000, or submit your request online at [www.alaskaconference.org/camp-meeting/lojding](http://www.alaskaconference.org/camp-meeting/lojding).

### Rental Rates

Cabins \$190/week \$38/daily

RV Sites \$75/week \$15/daily

Tent Sites \$60/week \$12/daily

## MEALS

Lacto-ovo vegetarian meals will be served in the cafeteria Wednesday through Friday for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is no cafeteria service on Sabbath; meals are on your own.

Adults (12+) \$9.00 | Youth (4-12) \$7.00  
Kids (0-3) eat for free

Meal tickets are available for purchase at the information booth.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The complementary pancake breakfast will be served Sunday from 8 - 9 am.

## SABBATH CONCERT

Join us in the auditorium at 3:30 pm for an afternoon of music with Alaskans from across the state.

## SABBATH FELLOWSHIP MEAL

This year we return in offering the campus-wide haystack & watermelon fellowship meal after divine worship. Please bring foods prepared, ready to serve and remember to bring extra for your neighbors! Here's how you can contribute:

Fairbanks-Gambell-Kodiak-Nome-Sitka-Tok-Valdez  
Tortilla Chips and Watermelon

Delta Junction-Hillside-Homer-Korean-Shungnak-Spanish  
Chopped Tomatoes & Onion and Watermelon

Community-Northside-Savoonga-Valdez  
Chopped Lettuce, Grated Cheese

Copper Basin-Eagle River-Juneau-Petersburg  
Samoa-Selawik-Togiak  
Grated Cheese and Chopped Tomatoes

Bethel-Craig-Ketchikan-Kenai-Kotzebue-North Pole-The 2nd Mile  
Salsa, Sour Cream and Watermelon

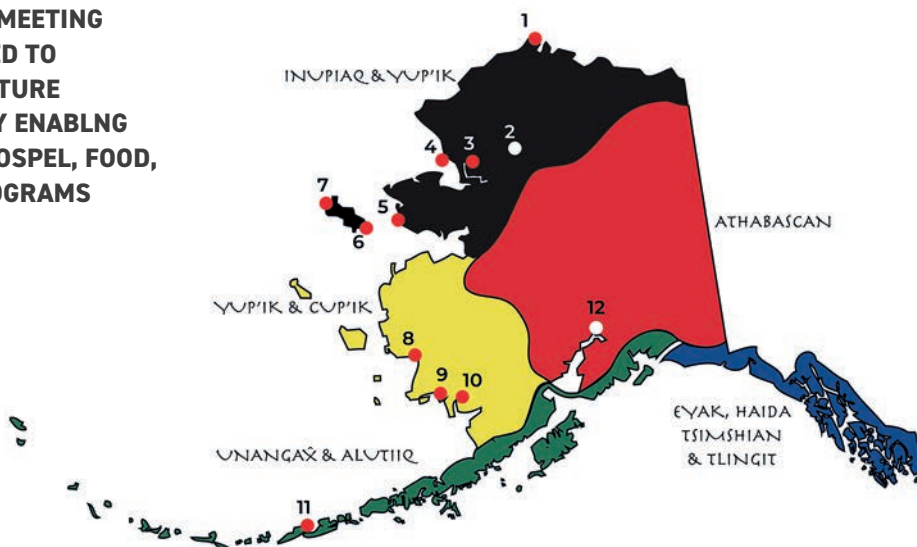
Dillingham-Palmer-Sunshine-Utqiagvik-Wasilla-Wrangell  
Salsa, Sliced Olives and Grated Cheese

**THE SOUTHCENTRAL CAMP MEETING OFFERING IS DESIGNATED TO ARCTIC MISSION ADVENTURE AND WILL HAVE AN IMPACT BY ENABLING OUR WORKERS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL, FOOD, CLOTHING AND YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**THANK YOU!**

### AMA VILLAGES

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|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Utqiagvik | 7. Gambell       |
| 2. Shungnak  | 8. Bethel        |
| 3. Selawik   | 9. Togiak        |
| 4. Kotzebue  | 10. Dillingham   |
| 5. Nome      | 11. Dutch Harbor |
| 6. Savoonga  | 12. Anchorage    |



# IMPACTING COMMUNITY

## WRANGELL HEALTH FAIR

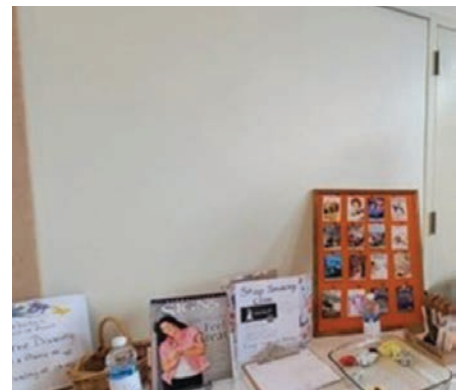
BROOKE REYNOLDS, Member, Wrangell SDA Church

When the Wrangell SDA Church heard that the annual health fair was resuming in the community, members knew they wanted to be a part of it. Missy Brendible, Personal Ministries Director, said “We want to be a part of spreading the good news of good health.” The church quickly got to work planning for the event by securing a booth, rounding up volunteers, and gathering supplies and literature.

April 1, 2023, the day of the health fair, the community center was full of volunteers and booths with health information from the local hospital, mental health, fire department, and tribal resources to name a few. Many had creative ways to engage people including a push up challenge and a teddy bear clinic.

At the Wrangell church booth people could read about spiritual health, sign up for a quit smoking clinic, and taste samples of sugar free desserts. One local church member who was waiting in the registration line that morning reported, “I heard about the sugar free desserts long before I got into the booth area. People were telling each other ‘go to the booth with the sugar free brownies; they are good!’”

Booth volunteers were able to share “taste and see the Lord is good” with not only brownies, but banana bread. They connected with visitors as they came through to try the goodies. The volunteers reported that the response from the community was positive. One local church member said it well, “It is events like this that allow us to connect with the community and show them what God’s love is really about. In this case that God loves us and cares about our health.”



## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

TIFFANY TAGO, Member, Alaska Samoan SDA Church

The Alaska Samoan SDA Church felt called to help those in need in the Anchorage area. The Personal Ministries Department chose the local Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis (AWAIC), the largest domestic violence shelter in Alaska. AWAIC is a non-profit organization that provides safe shelter and supportive service to women, men, and children affected by domestic violence and abuse. Many survivors who come to shelters are in need of essential toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion.

As faithful stewards of Christ, it is our duty to be of service to those in need, and the church saw a great need and opportunity to minister to God’s people. Throughout the month, members faithfully donated requested items along with other necessities. As a church, they came together to donate not only essential toiletries, but also extra clothes, coats, gloves, and more.



“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 13:34-35

# FOREVER CHANGED

NIC OWENS, Teacher, Thunderbird Adventist Academy

**As the plane slowly descended towards the expansive tundra, 17 students were anticipating where their home for the next ten days would be. As a few shining roofs, surrounded by ice and snow, began to emerge in the sun's setting rays, the students were unsure of their ability to handle the frigid temperatures of the subarctic north. Thus began our mission trip to Bethel Alaska.**

For months, Thunderbird Adventist Academy students had been preparing for this moment. Meeting after meeting, students asked questions about how they could survive in such a place such as Bethel. With the ebbing of time, students replaced that fear with expectancy and a conqueror's attitude. As the wheels touched the ground, the reality of all our planning came into sharp focus.

Bethel SDA Church welcomed us with open arms and though our dwelling was small, it was warm and ably housed us for the next week. Students hit the ground running; checking out the local digs (the local AC, Brown's Slough, snow and ice, etc.) as they settled into their new home. We spent Sabbath worshipping with the local church where our students put on the program and Julliette and Rebecca shared the Word with us. It was a blessing to us and the community.

Sunday started off early and we encountered our first obstacle of the trip. Our contact at the homeless shelter (Bethel Winter House) became ill and was unavailable. We kept looking to make sure we weren't in the wrong place and eventually gave up. Going back to the church a little discouraged that we had missed something important, we retooled and started to prepare for our Vacation Bible School (VBS) program that was starting that evening. The rest of the day was spent in preparation for that and when we finally connected with

the Winter House, all was explained and we developed another plan to begin our work at the homeless shelter on Monday.

The week went by quickly with morning work at the Bethel Winter House and VBS in the afternoons. Students cooked for the homeless community, deep cleaned the facilities, and organized many things that had been overlooked due to being short staffed. The VBS program brought us 22 young children eager to learn about The Creation Story. For seven days, Thunderbird students shared the message of God our Creator. This involved songs, skits, activities, and snacks all to show how awesome The Creation Story is. The culmination of the week was on Sabbath demonstrating how a loving Creator set a special day aside to spend time with us.

All good things must come to an end and Sabbath saw us heading back to the airport in the evening. We said our goodbyes to the children that we had bonded with over the week and wished everyone well. Soon the tundra was fading into the distance as night fell on Bethel, but the memories and experiences were forever etched into our minds. Our mission complete, 17 students started making their way back to the deserts of Arizona forever changed.



# SHUNGNAK A VILLAGE IN NEED

MARK HARRISON, Pastor, Alaska Conference

During my short time in the village of Shungnak, I witnessed things that left my heart bleeding for the people there. A village of roughly 275 people, many are unemployed and have few social activities. The predominant church in the village is the Friends Church though only a handful of people regularly attend. Most spend their days at home, while the children wander the village. Unfortunately, like other villages in Alaska, many of these kids have experienced some form of neglect or abuse.

When my wife Maddie and I arrived, our first priority was to provide a place for kids to find safety and care. Every week we opened our home for them to play board games, eat Maddie's fresh baked cookies, and drink hot chocolate together which brought a dozen or so children weekly. In fact, from this simple act, most of the attendance for church consisted of almost entirely these kids! Whenever I would run into them, they would ask if we were doing

the activities again that week. Because we were only in the village for the fall months, they were heartbroken when we had to leave. There is a definite need for care and attention of youth to help stop the cycle of anger and abuse some encounter. Adults in the village are kind and welcoming, but many struggle with substance abuse. There is such a great need and opportunity for mental, physical and spiritual healing in the Shungnak!

During my time there, I spoke with "David", chief of psychological help in the local clinic who requested permission to use the church building for an Alcoholic Anonymous meeting for the village. All that's left is to find people willing to ask for help. The prayers of others will be instrumental in moving people to make the decision to seek help.

There is an Adventist Christian radio station in the village with the ability to provide a wonderful ministry to the people, but sadly, due to bad internet connection, it has not been operational.



MARK HARRISON

People ask for it to be fixed as they miss the uplifting music. Hope in Shungnak is in short supply and it is evident that our station has been a benefit to village. My prayer is that it is soon repaired and returned to the people of Shungnak.

Although our time was limited, we see that a bi-vocational pastor would be the best fit for Shungnak. One that can work side by side with the people, while sharing God's word. Only He can give true hope and peace.

*The Harrisons have accepted a call to the Oregon Conference effective June 2023.*

# REMEMBERING SCOTT BAKER

Elder Leslie Scott Baker passed away April 11, 2023. No words can express the grief of losing a husband, friend, father, grandpa, and all the other titles held in a family! With the deep sadness of Scott Baker's death, there is much rejoicing that he is sleeping in Jesus! Born November 11, 1950, Elder Scott was ordained in Oklahoma and preached at several Adventist churches in Alaska, including Valdez, Northside, and Talkeetna. Scott shared the love of Jesus with many people and touched countless hearts with his service to the Lord. Please remember Carol, Katie and the family in your prayers.



## REMOTE SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath Mornings  
9:30 a.m.

1.800.719.6100  
Access Code  
4760107



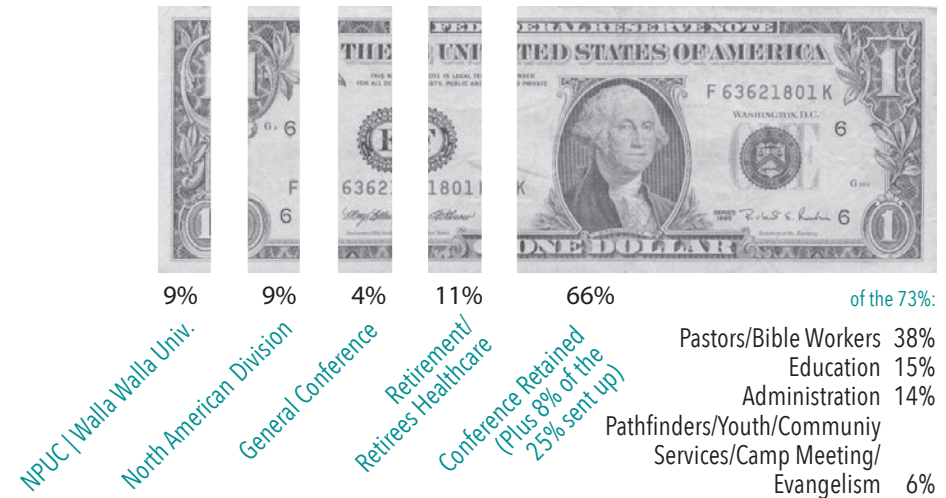


# YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT WORK

JIM JENSEN, Vice President—Finance, Alaska Conference

When I drop my tithe envelope into the plate, where does it go? Any local conference or church offerings stay local, whereas tithe begins a carefully thought out, but complex journey. First, your local church treasurer sends all tithe funds to the local conference which then starts a chain reaction. Keep in mind our figures here are approximate.

- 1) The local conference retains 66.1% for its region, including pastoral salaries;
- 2) It sends nine percent to the NPUC for ministry throughout the Northwest, plus another 24.9% to be passed on by the NPUC to the NAD;
- 3) The NPUC passes on the 24.9%, with 9% going to the NAD, 4.35% going to the General Conference for the World Church budget, and 11.4% going to fund defined benefit retirement and health-plan coverage for retirees;



- 4) A final slice of nearly one percent is sent to the NAD for a special assistance fund to help local conferences that have a low-tithe per-capita ratio or low membership. In the case of Alaska, we receive back about 7.9%. That is about 9% of the total tithe donated by members in Alaska.

## AT REST

### HAROLD DIXON

Former Treasurer  
Alaska Conference



Harold Dixon, former treasurer for the Alaska Conference, passed away May 23, 2023. He served as treasurer from 1998 until 2006 before finishing his career with the Idaho Conference. He graciously returned in 2013 to assist in treasury when Alaska was transitioning between officers.

Harold worked in the Montana Conference, first as band, choir and voice teacher at Mt. Ellis Academy and later as treasurer at Mt. Ellis and assistant treasurer in the Montana Conference. Please remember wife Janelle, daughter Lara and the Dixon family as they mourn the loss of husband and father.

## TITHE REPORT

### March 2023

#### COMPARISON BY MONTH

2022	\$ 429,301
2023	\$ 529,594
↑ Increase: 23.36%	

#### YEAR TO DATE

2022	\$ 1,034,101	(2022: 13 Sabbaths)
2023	\$ 1,057,988	(2023: 12 Sabbaths)
↑ Increase: 2.31%		

# ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 11, 2022

**PRESENT:** Del Clark, Mally Concepcion, Jason McLin, Kevin Miller (Chair), Jim Jensen, Ryan Rogers, Ashwin Somasundram, Tina Steenmeyer, Tiffany Tago, Brad Traxler, Ryan Woehler

**NPUC REPRESENTATIVE:** Mark Rembolt (Zoom)

**ABSENT:** David King, Danya Nicketa, Jessica Yun

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **VOTED** to approve the agenda (22-56).

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **VOTED** to approve the September 25, 2022 minutes (22-57).

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **VOTED** to approve President's report (22-58).

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS:

- **VOTED** to grant and accept the membership transfers of (22-59):
  1. Noel Wilton from Alaska Conference Church to New Beginnings Church in Atlas, Texas.
  2. Dara Dusan from Brookings Adventist Church to Living Hope SDA Company, Petersburg Alaska.

3. Tyler Drumm from Ithaca SDA Church, Michigan to Living Hope SDA Company, Petersburg, Alaska.
4. Alice Merrill from Alaska Conference Church to Living Hope SDA Company, Petersburg, Alaska.
5. Don Merrill from Alaska Conference Church to Living Hope SDA Company, Petersburg, Alaska.

## SECRETARIAT'S REPORT:

- **VOTED** to accept the Secretariat's report (22-60).

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **VOTED** to accept the financial report including October 2022 remittance and financial statements, subject to audit (22-61).

## RENUMERATION RECOMMENDATION:

- **VOTED** to accept NAD's recommendation of 6% remuneration (22-62)

## RENUMERATION RECOMMENDATION:

- **VOTED** to accept the parsonage exclusion up to \$70,000 and mileage rates and per diem for 2023 (22-63).

## CLOSING PRAYER

# ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 23, 2023

**PRESENT:** Del Clark, Mally Concepcion, Jason McLin, Kevin Miller (Chair), Jim Jensen, Danya Nicketa, Ryan Rogers, Ashwin Somasundram, Tina Steenmeyer, Tiffany Tago, Brad Traxler, Ryan Woehler, Jessica Yun

**NPUC REPRESENTATIVE:** John Freedman

**GUESTS:** Brenda Campbell-Johnson, Tobin Dodge, Tandi Perkins, John Winslow (Zoom)

**ABSENT:** David King

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **VOTED** to approve the agenda (23-01).

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **VOTED** to approve the December 11, 2022 minutes (23-02).

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **VOTED** to approve President's report which outlined the conference strategic plans for 2023: Discipleship, Health-In-Motion, Arctic Mission Adventure needs, conference team leadership training. Aviation policy was highlighted (23-03).

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS:

- **VOTED** to grant and accept the membership transfers of Elizabeth Larson from Eagle SDA Church to the Alaska Conference Church (23-04).

## CREDENTIALS:

- **VOTED** to grant the following credentials:
  1. Mark Harrison - Ministerial License
  2. Sergio Vasquez - Ministerial License
  3. Matthew Sandvik - Ministerial License
  4. Joy Anderson - Missionary License
  5. Colette Reahl - Missionary License

## PARSONAGE EXCLUSION:

- **VOTED** a parsonage exclusion for Matthew Sandvik (23-06).

## SECRETARIAT'S REPORT:

- **VOTED** to accept the vice president of Administration's report (23-07).

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **VOTED** to accept the December financial report, subject to

# ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 23, 2023 Continued

audit. Also addressed 2.93% tithe decrease (23-08).

- **VOTED** to accept 2023 budget (with some reductions in teaching and pastoral positions (23-09).

## NPUC UPDATE:

- John Freedman shared an update on tithe and a successful million dollar financial assistance/scholarship initiative to Walla Walla University. This program resulted in a waiting list for the pastoral ministry and teaching ministry programs. John mentioned the Union officer's visit to Alaska in June 2022.

## DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- **Education|Youth|Young Adults:** John Winslow outlined plans for 2023.
- **Communications:** Brenda Campbell-Johnson outlined plans for 2023.

- **Development:** Tandi Perkins shared an update including 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 donor supported projects.
- **Arctic Mission Adventure | Camps:** Tobin Dodge shared update from around the conference.
- **VOTED** to accept the directors' reports (23-10).

## EVANGELISM PLANS & BUDGET:

- **VOTED** to accept the evangelism plans and budgets for 2023-2024 (23-11).

## ACEC MEETING SCHEDULE:

- May 21, 2023; September 24, 2023; and December 10, 2023.

## MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

## CLOSING PRAYER

# ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2023 e-Vote

## ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH PURCHASE PROPOSAL

- **VOTED** to approve enabling action to move forward to purchase a new church building for Anchorage Community Church, located at 4317 Macinnes Road in Anchorage, for the purchase price of \$1.96 million dollars and to secure a revolving fund loan in the amount of \$725,000 to be used towards purchase price (23-17).

## INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

- **VOTED** to submit a North American Division business internship application for Trina Sandvik to be employed in the Treasury department with a goal of full-time employment (23-18).



<p><b>June 11-17</b> <i>Alaska Camps Training @ Camp Polaris (Dillingham)</i></p> <p><b>July 16-17</b> <i>Interior Camp Meeting @ Harding Lake</i></p> <p><b>June 18-24</b> <i>Alaska Camps @ Camp Polaris</i></p>	<p><b>June 19</b> <i>Closed: Juneteenth</i></p> <p><b>June 25-July 1</b> <i>Alaska Camps Juniors @ Camp Tuk</i></p> <p><b>July 2-16</b> <i>Alaska Camps @ Camp Bingle (Harding Lake)</i></p> <p><b>July 9-16</b> <i>Alaska Camps Day Camps</i></p> <p><b>July 13-17</b> <i>Southcentral Camp Pitch &amp; Pastors Meetings @ Pioneer Peak</i></p> <p><b>July 18-22</b> <i>Southcentral Camp Meeting @ Pioneer Peak</i></p>	<p><b>July 24</b> <i>Closed: Camp Meeting Debrief</i></p> <p><b>July 27-29</b> <i>Southeast Camp Meeting @ Vank Island</i></p> <p><b>July 27-30</b> <i>Men's Retreat @ Kent Sanvik's Mine</i></p> <p><b>July 30 - August 5</b> <i>Alaska Camps Day Camps @ Gambell &amp; Nome</i></p> <p><b>August 6-10</b> <i>Teachers Convention, Phoenix, AZ</i></p> <p><b>August 18-September 4</b> <i>Alaska State Fair Outreach</i></p>	<p><b>August 20</b> <i>Alaska Run Fest (Team HIM)</i></p> <p><b>September 4</b> <i>Closed: Labor Day</i></p> <p><b>September 7</b> <i>K-12 Board of Education</i></p> <p><b>September 8-9</b> <i>Pathfinder Fair</i></p> <p><b>September 22-23</b> <i>Native Leadership Workshop</i></p> <p><b>September 24</b> <i>Alaska Executive Committee</i></p>
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