

News Notes

April 2021



Meet Our New Youth Pastor



Beginning June 1, Larry Graack, along with his wife Bridgette, will become our new PAC Youth Pastor. Pastor Larry brings a set of background experiences that make him uniquely prepared for this important ministry role. He was born into an abusive home, and then raised by his grandparents in Arizona, the back hills of Kentucky, and Southern California. When their home burned to the ground, the family learned to rely on God and the kindness of friends. In his youth he spent time at Pine Springs Ranch, where he made a personal commitment to Christ and found a calling to youth ministry.

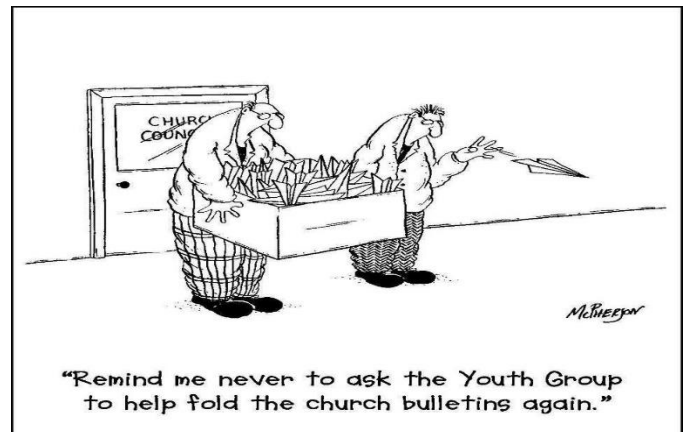
While pursuing a theology degree at Pacific Union College, Pastor Larry engaged in a variety of ministries and served as the Religious Vice President for the Student Association. Graduating during the recession, when pastoral openings were extremely limited, he took a job as a literature evangelist. Then he served as a missionary in Korea for a year and a half, where he taught English and Bible classes, and was a ministry coordinator.

When Pastor Larry returned to the States, he became a taskforce pastor in a bilingual church. It was during this time that Larry and Bridgette met. This ministry experience was followed by two years as a local hire youth pastor stint in the Placerville church, and then served as an enrollment counselor at Pacific Union College. During his time at PUC, he founded Connect Ministries to help students learn to preach, do music ministry, lead, and serve in various campus venues.

While transitioning from PUC to youth ministry in the Palo Cedro church, Pastor Larry was diagnosed with cancer. Through this difficult time, he learned to trust God with whatever the outcome may be. In time, Larry was healed, and a year later he and Bridgette married.

Pastor Larry and Bridgette have been at Andrews University for the past two years where Larry has pursued his Master of Divinity degree, with a dual focus in chaplaincy and marriage/family life ministries. He has also organized an honors society to inspire academic excellence in the seminary community.

Pastor Larry enjoys playing chess. Ju-Jitsu, fishing, and kayaking are also an important part of his life. More than anything, Pastor Larry enjoys a growing relationship with Jesus, and is eager to share the love of Jesus with our Paradise youth, church family, and community.



April Calendar



- 3 | Communion Celebration
- 3 | Worship Speaker: Dan Martella
- 4 | Easter
- 6 | PAE Board Meeting
- 6 | Finance Committee Meeting
- 8 | Church Board Meeting
- 9 | Vespers in the Quad
- 10 | Worship Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 15 | Communication Meeting
- 15 | Elders' Meeting
- 15 | PAA Board Meeting
- 16 | Vespers in the Quad | Speaker: Dan Martella
- 17 | Worship Speaker: Mary Jo Lauderdale
- 23 | Vespers in the Quad
- 24 | Paradise Adventist Academy Day
- 24 | Worship Speaker: Steve Hamilton
- 30 | Love Paradise Make a Difference Days
- 30 | Vespers in the Quad
- 1 | Love Paradise Make a Difference Days

Church Without Walls Events



- April 17 | Table Mountain Hike
- June 25-27 | Backpacking Trip (location TBD)
- July 23-25 | Campout (Antelope Lake)
- Aug 7 | Canoe/Kayak Trip (Lost Creek Reservoir)

Save the Date for the PAC yearly campout on July 23-25! This year, reservations have been made at the Lone Rock Campground on Antelope Lake (30 miles NE of Taylorsville). This beautiful lake offers swimming, boating (motor and non-motor), hiking, biking, and quad biking/Quadriding.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/plumas/recarea/?recid=11233> To secure the Campout at this location, 10 campsites have been purchased. To obtain one of these reservations, call or email Dawn Horning at the Church Office (877.4454; dawn@paradiseadventist.org). Otherwise, those wishing to attend the Campout have the option of first-come-first-serve campsites. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship outdoors together!

Love Paradise Make a Difference Days

Join The Ridge community
as we focus on cleaning up the major
roadways & parks on the Ridge

April 30th & May 1st

Schedule of Events Friday & Saturday

8:30: Drive through registration &
task assignments at Paradise Community Park

9:00: Disperse to group projects

12:00: Meet back at Paradise
Community Park
for a **FREE** drive through
sack lunch

Please Remember to bring a mask, work
gloves, water bottle & any of your own rakes,
weed eaters & spade shovels
We want to respect social distancing and
covid safety

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In-Person Sabbath Schools Resume April 10



Children, Youth, and Adult Sabbath School classes will begin in-person classes starting on April 10! We are excited our Sabbath School classes can finally meet again! Sabbath schools will start at 9:30 am and finish at 10:45 am sharp. For all Sabbath Schools the 3 W's apply: Wear a mask, Watch your distance, and Wash your hands. Come join us as we study God's Word together!

Adult Sabbath Schools

The Community in Christ Sabbath School Class led by Dan Appel, John Kempton, Dan Martella, and leader Randy Waring will meet in the PAE/PAA Library. This will be a hybrid class with the option of meeting in-person and on Zoom. Come at 9:15 am for a Meet and Greet time of fellowship before Sabbath School begins at 9:30 am.

The Sabbath Quarterly Class, previously known as the Sanctuary Class, will meet in the PAA Physics/Math classroom, i.e., David Goymer's Classroom. Greg Baron, Brad Brown, Joseph Lee, and Leader Milton McHenry will alternate teaching. This will be a hybrid class with the option of meeting in-person and on Zoom. Come at 9:15 am for a Meet and Greet time of fellowship before Sabbath School begins at 9:30 am.

The only Adult Sabbath School Class that will not meet in-person is Julie Kitto's Women's' Bible Study. This study group will continue to meet online via Zoom.

Children and Youth Sabbath School Classes

Grades 1-6 will begin Sabbath School in the PAA Quad before moving into the History Classroom each Sabbath. Grades 7-12 will meet in the PAA Student Lounge. Parents of Grades 1-6 are welcome and encouraged to stay with their children during Sabbath School. Parents of all ages, please pick up your children at 10:45 am.

Teachers are not responsible to transport children to the main worship service.

Vegetarian Corn Dog Sale



The Senior Class of Paradise Adventist Academy is now taking orders for a Vegetarian Corn Dog fundraiser on Sunday, April 11. Prices are \$18 for a half dozen, and \$36 for a full dozen. Orders are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please order early. Email your orders to paaseniors21@gmail.com and include the following information: 1) Name, 2) Cell phone number, 3) number of half dozen or full dozens desired. You will be contacted by phone for payment options and to arrange a pickup window on Sunday afternoon, April 11. The pick-up location will be at the Paradise campus – 5699 Academy Drive. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our PAA seniors!

Paradise Adventist Academy



We are grateful that Butte County has progressed to the red tier. This opens up some opportunities for our students at Paradise Adventist Academy. The Campus Ministries Team is now able to conduct outdoor vesper services, and they conducted their first official one on March 12. We are grateful for those who have been conducting more informal events during the period when the school was not able to conduct these events officially.

We are also able to proceed with certain outdoor sports activities, and the PAA soccer and tennis teams have officially begun practice sessions.

We anticipate that the last quarter of the school year will be a flurry of activity as opportunities become available to engage in activities that we have had to put on hold for most of the school year.

This is the season when we focus on inviting families to register to enroll their students at Paradise Adventist Academy for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know of any families who may be interested in this opportunity, please contact Monte Nystrom at mnystrom@mypaa.net.

We are grateful for the continued support of our church family as we pursue our mission to develop well-educated citizens who do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

— Monte Nystrom

Adventist Health Recruits More Providers



In 2020, Adventist Health (AH) recruited twelve new providers in various specialties to support services and programs provided in Butte and Tehama counties. In 2021, AH is on track to recruit nearly that same number, with seven new providers already in place or starting with AH by June 1, 2021.

Most of these providers are primary care, though dental, orthopedics and dermatology are also included in that group. Visit our website at AdventistHealth.org/OurClinics to see a list of all AH providers by location and by specialty.

23 BENEFITS OF LAUGHTER

1. It relaxes the whole body
2. It boosts the immune system
3. It triggers the release of endorphins
4. It protects the heart
5. It lowers stress hormones
6. It relaxes your muscles
7. It enhances resilience
8. It adds joy to life
9. It improves your mood
10. It strengthens relationships
11. It enhances teamwork
12. It helps defuse conflict
13. It eases anxiety and fear
14. It lowers blood pressure
15. It increases memory
16. It helps oxygen flow to the brain
17. It maintains healthy blood sugar levels
18. It promotes better sleep
19. It is contagious
20. It improves alertness
21. It makes you more creative
22. It is a workout for your abs, shoulders, and diaphragm
23. It gives you more energy

Laugh
More

Adventist Health Provides COVID-19 Vaccinations to the Community

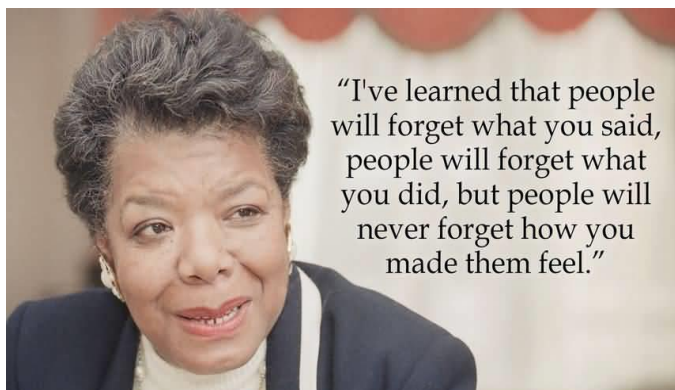


Adventist Health (AH) held its first two COVID-19 vaccine clinics for the public on March 12 and March 19. Vaccines were provided by appointments only.

“We are pleased to be able to offer COVID-19 vaccine appointments to the public,” said Bev Roberson, RN, BSN, Quality Nurse Manager. AH follows the CDC protocols for administering the vaccine according to the prioritization tiers and provided vaccinations to individuals aged 65 and older, or adults aged 18-64 who had ‘severe co-morbidities’ that affected their health status.

Individuals who are interested in obtaining the vaccine can call the Customer Support Center at 530-872-2000 to make an appointment for an upcoming vaccine clinic. As appointments are filled, individuals who qualify may be put on a waiting list for upcoming clinics.

“Adventist Health is committed to supporting our patients and our community by providing COVID-19 vaccines,” noted Tim Williams, Administrative Director, Physician & Outpatient Services. “As more vaccine becomes available to us, we will continue to provide these vaccine opportunities for our community members.”



Adventist Health Partners with Hope City



Adventist Health (AH) is supporting the efforts of Hope City (a division of Hope Crisis Response Network (HCRN)), to house volunteers who are here to help rebuild the ridge. HCRN is a faith-based humanitarian non-profit organization that serves in all phases of disasters providing volunteer services to help cleanup and home rebuild/repairs, community recovery development, and much more. Hope City is here to serve the ridge communities following the Camp Fire, coordinating volunteers to come in as groups or individuals to support lot prep, site work and tree removal that is necessary to help homeowners to rebuild.

Hope City, a member of the Camp Fire Collaborative, is currently housing some of these volunteers in the community by leasing space owned by AH. “This is an amazing example of aligning with our AH mission,” said Tim Williams, Administrative Director, Physician & Outpatient Services. “As we continue to find ways to support the rebuilding of the community we serve, we are pleased that we can partner with organizations such as Hope City.”

Hope City collaborates with AmeriCorp and works with sponsors and partners to provide housing and support for the volunteer teams that are anxious to help communities that have been devastated by disasters. In Butte County, Hope City expects to rebuild 185 homes for families that are not financially able to rebuild without this type of help.

For more information about Hope City or Hope Crisis Response Network, visit their website at HCRN.info.

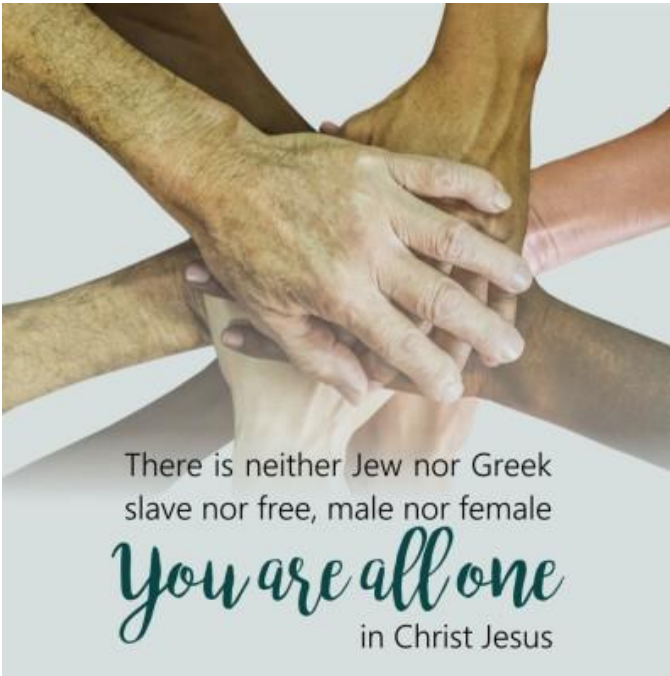
NCC Disaster Response Team



In response to the Northern California fires of recent years, the NCC administrative team established the Disaster Response Team (DRT) last fall.

Tasked with creating a disaster response plan for the conference, the DRT met for the first time on Feb. 22. The team has a combined 20 years of emergency management knowledge and eight years of experience in disaster response in a professional capacity. Five of the members have personally been affected by recent wildfires.

"This team will be able to design and support the implementation of a plan that will help our members and those associated with our churches when they need it most," said President Marc Woodson. "The task is enormous, but with the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing, I know they will succeed."



Standing with Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters



As leaders of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, we condemn the acts of violence and expressions of hate against Asians and Pacific Islanders that are taking place across our country, including the recent shootings in Atlanta and violence in the Bay Area.

Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, and all of our Asian and Pacific Island sisters and brothers who live with the terrible reality of racism. We want them to know that we stand with them against any who seek to do them harm.

Our conference has members from at least 13 Asian and Pacific Island countries, and we believe that our diversity is a foretaste of heaven! Violence, racism, prejudice, hate, and fear demonstrate the temporary power of Satan in this world. However, none of these evils belongs in the Kingdom of God to which we belong.

We have received clear instructions about how to live as citizens of this Kingdom: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8, *NIV*).

As conference leaders, we make the following commitments, and we encourage all our church members to do the same. We promise:

- To listen and empathize with the experiences of our Asian and Pacific Island sisters and brothers;
- To speak up and take appropriate actions when we witness acts or hear words of bigotry;
- To work for justice in our communities;
- To refuse to tolerate racism, especially among members of the body of Christ.

Please join us as we pray for justice, healing, and love in our churches, communities, and country.

March 3, 2021

NCC Executive Meeting



On Wednesday, March 3, the Conference Executive Committee (CEC) held its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Carmichael church Senior Pastor Keith Jacobson presented a devotional message to begin the session, which was followed by a time of prayer. Some highlights of the CEC meeting include:

Jacobson gave a report about early plans for a center of influence in the Sacramento area – the Life Hope Center. Beginning with the food distribution efforts the Carmichael church is currently spearheading, the center will eventually provide multiple services to help community members.

President's Report: CEC members viewed President Marc Woodson's State of the Conference video message, which is being shown during local church worship services. : (10) [State of the Conference - NCC President Marc Woodson - YouTube Watch it here.](#)

Executive Secretary Jose Marin gave an extensive report on NCC membership.

At the end of 2020, the NCC had 40,699 members, 147 churches, and 17 companies.

During the fourth quarter of 2020, 137 people in NCC congregations joined the Adventist Church through baptism and 24 joined through profession of faith, including:

- Paradise church and Fairfield Suisun Spanish church - 7 baptisms each
- Red Bluff church - 10 baptisms
- Granite Bay Hilltop church - 16 baptisms, 4 professions of faith.

During 2020, 384 people in NCC congregations joined the Adventist Church through baptism and 91 joined through profession of faith, including:

- Oakland Spanish church - 12 baptisms
- Oroville church - 16 baptisms, 1 profession of faith
- Granite Bay Hilltop church - 30 baptisms, 12 professions of faith

Special Mentions:

- Dobbins church (32 members) - 5 baptisms
- SDA Abundant Life church, Petaluma (73 members) - 15 baptisms, 3 professions of faith

2020 Baptisms/Professions of Faith Analysis by Age:

- Children Up to Age 13 - 17%
- Teens 14-17 - 10%
- Young Adults 18-29 - 8%
- Adults 30 and Older - 27%
- Unknown - 38%

Executive Secretary's Report: Online worship services have allowed local churches to expand their outreach. A good example is the Oakland Elmhurst church. Its online worship service received an average of 6,847 views each Sabbath in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Earlier this year, the NCC held its first-ever online training sessions for local church clerks. Also, training in Spanish was offered for the first time. In all, 60 church clerks participated, including one from Hawaii.

The ACTS Church Planting Support System will be coming to Leoni Meadows, May 3-5.

Financial Matters: The NCC tithe total for 2020 was nearly \$483,000 more than for 2019 – a cause for rejoicing and thankfulness!

NCC Treasurer John Rasmussen and Associate Treasurer Sonnett Peterson presented reports on various budgets, funds, and investments.



The CEC voted to approve the 2020 Financial Report, subject to audit, and voted to approve the (balanced) 2021 Operating Budget, subject to audit.

The audit review subcommittee, chaired by CEC member Robert Chiles Sr., presented its report, which the CEC voted to accept.

Preparation for the Pacific Union Constituency

Meeting: The CEC approved the following people to serve on the NCC nominating committee, which must nominate 74 delegates for the upcoming Pacific Union Conference constituency session to be held Aug. 15-16, in Tucson, Arizona.

- Felix Ajayi, Lodi English Oaks church (CEC member)
- Gabriel Barraza, Ukiah Spanish company
- Natalie Bechtold, Pleasant Hill church
- Jenni Glass, Carmichael church (CEC member)
- Steve Hamilton, Paradise church (senior pastor)
- Lynal Ingham, The Haven church (NCC associate superintendent of education)
- Barbara Morrison, Ukiah church (Union Executive Committee member)

Other Business: The committee accepted the resignation of Shirley Abell, who has left the CEC because she has moved out of the conference territory. The NCC administrators greatly appreciate her service!



The CEC approved three new members of the Rio Lindo Adventist Academy Board: Sheilvina Knight, Grand Advent church member; Shaun Lazarus, Redwood Adventist Academy principal; and Rick Nelson, Ukiah Junior Academy principal.

The committee voted to approve the dissolution of the Bieber company due to very low membership. Rich Magnuson, director of Planned Giving & Trust Services/Property Management, reported on the ongoing sale of the former NCC office building and property in Pleasant Hill.

Woodson presented the results of a recent CEC member survey, which asked about ways that the quarterly meetings can be more effective.

Paradise Adventist Elementary in Pictures



Seventh and eighth graders



Students building a character house



Students building garden grow boxes



Students building garden grow boxes



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Sprouting seedlings



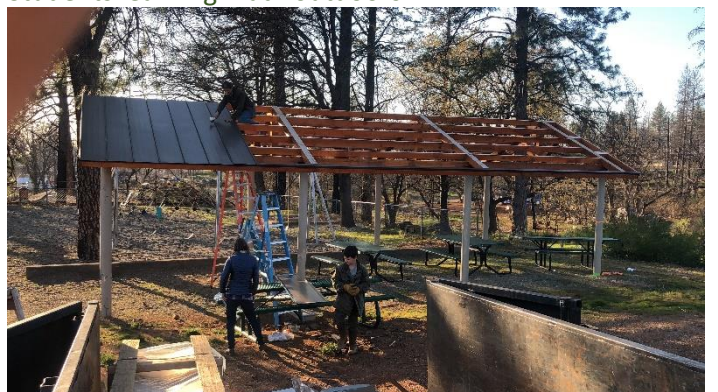
Special Bible class



Students learning math outdoors



Social distanced PE activities



Doug, Gail, and Andrew Hamilton are helping PAE rebuild its lunch shelter



Pastor Larry Unterseher giving our students a special visit and worship



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14-DAY JORDAN & ISRAEL TOUR

MARCH 18 - 31, 2022

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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- Tabgah
- Ancient Boat Museum
- Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee
- St. Peter's Fish Lunch
- Magdala
- Beit Shean
- Jericho
- Qumran
- Masada
- Ein Gedi
- Mt. Scopus
- Mount of Olives
- Garden of Gethsemane
- Pool of Bethesda
- Via Dolorosa
- Church of Holy Sepulcher
- Caiaphas House
- Herodium
- Bethlehem
- Israel Museum
- Yad Vashem
- City of David
- Upper Room
- Jewish Quarter
- Western Wall and Tunnel
- Southern Steps
- Garden Tomb
- Bethany Beyond the Jordan
- Mt. Nebo
- Madaba
- Petra
- Amman
- Amman Citadel
- Shuk

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Itinerary subject to change.*

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Name must be EXACTLY as it appears on passport.

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Preferred Name (name tag)			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	Phone
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Registrations accepted without passport information. Please submit when available. Passport MUST be valid for 6 months after date of return. Promptly renew if necessary.

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Issuing Country	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room (supplement \$1,050)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please Assign Roommate (two separate beds)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rooming with Spouse (one bed)	

Tour Roommate (if left blank, we will do our best to pair you with a suitable roommate)

Emergency Contact and Phone (not traveling with you)

\$100 deposit due now to reserve space
\$400 full deposit due June 18, 2021
\$1,500 due September 16, 2021
Remaining balance due December 15, 2021

Credit card fees will be waived for initial tour deposit. If final balance is late, there will be a 5% fee assessed based on outstanding balance owed.

Credit Card Number (additional 3.5% will apply)	\$	
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You agree to the Terms & Conditions when submitting your deposit and completed registration.

Signature	Date
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