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LIGHT THE WORLD WITH LOVE

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Kevin Miller, Alaska Conference President

Camp meeting is right around the corner. As many of you know I love camp meeting. When I was young in the faith, camp meeting was instrumental in my spiritual growth and understanding of Jesus. That is why I am saddened that I will not be there this year.

I have the privilege of serving the Alaska Army National Guard as a chaplain as well as serving the church. In this capacity, I am deploying to serve soldiers for several months. Though on the surface this seems untimely and somewhat of a sacrifice, I deem it a providential privilege that not only do I get to serve soldiers as their chaplain, but I also get to represent our church and faith in a unique environment. I thank you already for your prayers.

While I am gone, vice-presidents Elder Melvin Santos and Brother Jim Jensen will continue the work that the Lord has us doing. During this time, we are also adding Elder John Loor Jr. as a general vice-president. Elder Santos will lead out in the executive committee and administrative team. Brother Jensen will give oversight to Arctic Mission Adventure and office staff. Elder Loor will provide for the gaps such as minutes for meetings, service record updates, and other administrative needs that enrich the conference's abilities to do its job. The main focus of the conference will be to continue enhancing the ministries and initiatives that are already launched. This will ensure we are doing what the Lord has led us to do to the best of our abilities.

As I write this, I praise God for His allowing me to serve alongside the Alaska Conference team. They are amazing people and leaders.

What is even more gratifying is serving with each of you, the members, for Jesus. He has led us in so many ways and through so many experiences—good, hard, and downright joyful. I know that He has us in His hand and is guiding us by His Spirit. If we don't lose sight of that, we will continue the progressive march to our eternal destiny in Him.

This camp meeting's theme revolves around serving with love. Let the Alaska Conference lead the way in Christ's love to our neighbors, friends, family, and one another. Though I will miss this camp meeting, I am looking forward to the next one. We'll share our stories, get caught up, and continue serving Jesus until He returns.



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Deployed for Ministry

Melvin Santos, VP of Administration

During Elder Kevin Miller’s nine month deployment, our goal is to continue to focus on the three major objectives for our conference: Discipleship, Arctic Missions and Youth/Young Adults.

We will keep intact the operational integrity and effectiveness of this administration. But it’s not a period where we just stay in maintenance mode, just to “survive” and keep the status quo.

It’s about making sure everyone, from the conference office to all church leadership, become more Christ-centered and Spirit-filled, using their gifts and talents as we build the body of Christ and advance God’s kingdom. The parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 clearly emphasize about doing our maximum for Jesus daily! We too are deployed by Jesus to use our talents for the Lord. This is a time when you can support the ministries in your church and partner with God in growing His kingdom. Until Elder Miller returns, if you have specific needs to be addressed, please feel free to contact us.



Melvin Santos

derived from the sanctuary imagery; this year we focus on the golden lampstand in the holy place. The theme will be “Light Your World with Love!”

Families make this their special summer vacation. You can attend the whole five days, or just the weekend, or on the Sabbath day. There will be workshops, seminars and activities for all ages. Please visit the conference website at www.alaskaconference.org and click on "camp meeting" for the most current information.

Alaska State Fair | Messiah's Mansion Outreach

In August, we will have a booth at the annual State Fair in Palmer August 22-September 2 promoting the Messiah’s Mansion coming to Anchorage on September 7-15, 2019.

The Messiah’s Mansion is a life-size replica of the Old Testament tabernacle with young people sharing powerful Christ-centered messages. We have the best opportunity to invite thousands of people coming to the fair to learn more about Jesus. This will be our biggest community outreach that is welcomed by all denominations. Many are moved by the sanctuary presentations that often generate hundreds of Bible studies. We are inviting you to pray for God’s blessings and for area Adventists to help volunteer for these major outreach projects. To learn more, visit www.messiahsmansionalaska.com.

2019 Camp Meeting

Each year Adventists in the Alaska Conference gather for spiritual revival and renewal at various locations around the state. This year Southcentral’s camp meeting at the Palmer campground will be July 16-20, 2019. The yearly themes for camp meeting are

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Alaska Camps

- Lorraine | June 23-30
- Teen xTreme | Jun 30-Jul 7
- Tuk Jrs | Jul 7-14
- Tuk Jrs II | Jul 21-28
- Polaris | Jul 28-Aug 4

Men's Retreat

July 11-14

Office Closed

July 22

Oshkosh Camporee

August 12-17

Alaska State Fair Outreach

August 22-September 2

Team Strategic Planning

September 3-5



Messiah's Mansion coming to Anchorage September 2019

Gatwick Gary And Open Handed Living

Jim Jensen, VP of Finance

On April 10, 1986, in the Gatwick airport in London, United Kingdom, a clerk from the airport duty-free store was taking a bathroom break. In the bathroom she saw what she thought was just trash someone had left behind. However, it turned out to be a 10 day old infant who was cold and barely alive. She and many of the airport staff quickly sprang into action spending their own money to get dry clothes and formula for the baby. Airport paramedics were on hand and the baby was warmed up and survived. He was later adopted and went on to grow up, marry and have a family of his own.



Gatwick Gary

Often times I think our giving of tithe and offering may feel somewhat like the airport staff that sprang into action that April day in 1986. We know that it is the right thing to do and we truly have that God-given desire to help others, but we don't get to see the results of our time, effort or financial giving. The airport staff that saved his life were thrilled to find that he was living a happy and fulfilled life.

As an adult Gary began trying to learn more about his beginnings. This gave him a chance to thank those that had come to his aid. However when a baby shows up at a hospital or police station, your search area is somewhat limited. When the baby shows up at the airport, they could be coming from almost anywhere in the world. Through DNA testing and genealogy websites, he was eventually able to locate some relatives. Unfortunately, by that time his biological mom had passed away.

Although the death of a loved one is always a difficult time, it is interesting to hear the many little stories of how that person impacted other lives. I encourage each of you to keep listening for God's prompting in tithe, offerings, special projects as well as when he prompts you to be at a specific place so you can be His hands and feet that day. Someday soon God will come and end all the sin and death. I think God will enjoy showing each one of us about the lives that you have impacted for eternity.

If you have children in your life, I would like to ask you to try an experiment. Set aside a small amount of money and have your child choose where it will be given. It can be someone in the church, an Adventist Development and Relief project or perhaps the local food pantry or soup kitchen. If they are old enough, maybe even have them not only give to the project, but work some time for the project as well.



Jim Jensen

ENCOURAGE • EQUIP • EMPOWER

RE: THINK MISSIONS

Your offering on June 29 directly supports Arctic Mission outposts in bush Alaska to feed the hungry, clothe the needy and teach the Gospel of Christ to young and old in Alaska Native communities.

Please give in support of our Alaska Mission Volunteers serving in the Arctic.

 BETHEL Vecous & Loretta Waito	 DUTCH HARBOR Epher Caroro	 KOTZEBUE Chad & Elizabeth Angasan	 SAVOONGA Elouise Hawkes
 SELAWIK Edna & José Estrella	 SHUNGNAK Anthony & Airen Sherman	 TOGIAK Lynette & John Gonde	 UTQIAGVIK Celesta & Zack Bahh
Quyana (Yup'ik)	Qagaasakung (Aleut)	Quyanaq (Inupiaq)	Thank You!

ALASKA CONFERENCE ADVANCE OFFERING | JUNE 29, 2019

www.arcticmissionadventure.org

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Messiah's Mansion
September 7-15

Board of Education
September 19

Executive Committee
September 22

Staff Training (Office Closed)
September 23-24

AMA Annual Event
October 13

AMA Board
October 14

YA Leadership Training
November 1-2



2019 Southcentral Camp Meeting

SCHEDULE

MAIN SESSION

(All sessions in the main auditorium unless otherwise indicated)

TIME	Tue, July 16	Wed, July 17	Thu, July 18	Fri, July 19	Sab, July 20
7:00 a		Breakfast (7:00 a - 7:45 p)			No Cafeteria Service
8:00 a		Devotional			Corporate Prayer
9:00 a		Living the Light			Sabbath School (9:00 a - 10:45 a)
10:30 a		The Legacy of Ellen White			
12:00 p		Lunch (12:00 p - 1:00 p)			Worship Service (11:00 a - 12:30 p)
1:15 p	GUEST CHECK-IN Begins at 1 pm	Burst the Bubble			Potluck (1:00 p - 3:00 p)
2:30 p		Grieve Well & Comfort Others Effectively			Concert (3:30 - 5:00 p)
3:45 p		Blueprint for Men			
5:30 p	Dinner (5:30 p - 6:30 p)			No Cafeteria Service	
7:00 p	The Light of God's Love In And Through Us				



Watch. Stream.

Meetings will be broadcast locally and live streamed on the Alaska Conference Facebook page. Sessions will also be available for download on the conference website.

YOUTH

Teens (13-17)	Juniors (10-12)	Primary (7-9)	Kindergarten (4-6)	Beginners (0-3)
Tue 7 p-9 p	Tue 7 p-9 p	Tue 7 p-9 p	Tue 7 p-9 p	Tue No Session
Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 2:30 p-5 p 7 p-9 p	Wed-Fri 10 a-12 p 3:30-5 p
Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p	Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p	Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p	Sabbath 9:15 a-12:30 p 7 p-9 p	Sabbath 9:15 a-10:45 a

SPEAKERS & SEMINARS

SUNG KWON
ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES



Burst the Bubble: Finding Your Passion for Community Outreach

- WED: Transitional From "Attractional" Church To The "Missional" Church Movement
- THU: Changing The Culture Of "Self-Serving Churchianity" To "Other-Serving Christianity"
- FRI: Equipping Disciples Through Transformational And Personal Leadership Development

Sung Kwon (Ph.D. in Leadership, Andrews University) is the executive director of the North American Division Adventist Community Services and an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He grew up with Buddhist and Catholic family beliefs and was baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist in 1991. He serves as a Chaplain (Captain) for Civil Air Patrol, US Air Force Auxiliary. He is a licensed consultant for the Standards for Excellence Institute and instructor for the Cultural Intelligence Center. He also has published Burst the Bubble: Finding Your Passion for Community Outreach.

BLOOD DRIVE

You make the difference they count on it.



**July 18, 2019
11 am - 5 pm**

Eat Well, Stay Hydrate & Bring ID!



JUD LAKE

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY



The Legacy of Ellen White

- WED: Ellen White's Legacy As A Person
- THU: Ellen White's Legacy As A Prophet
- FRI: Ellen White's Legacy And The Civil War

Jud Lake, Th.D., D.Min., professor of Preaching and Adventist Studies in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University, is a passionate advocate of expository preaching and Ellen White's prophetic ministry. At age 17 he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church and remembers well the profound impact Ellen White's book, Steps to Christ, had on his life. He is the author of Ellen White Under Fire, A Nation in God's Hands: The Civil War Visions of Ellen White, and coauthor of The Pocket Ellen G. White Dictionary. He is also a contributor to the Ellen G. White Encyclopedia, The Gift of Prophecy In Scripture and History, and Understanding Ellen White: The Life and Work of the Most Influential Voice in Adventist History.

JOHN LOOR JR.

ALASKA CONFERENCE



Living The Light

- WED: Loving The Unlovely
- THU: Immaturity And Church Membership: A Deadly Combination
- FRI: The Elihu Syndrome

John Loor Jr. is the former North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive secretary/vp for administration. Retired since January 2018, John has served as the NPUC executive secretary from 2010-2018. Loor came to the NPUC from Montana Conference where he served as president from 2000-2010. Prior to that he spent two years in the Upper Columbia Conference as assistant to the president, communication director and director of the BibleInfo.com ministry. In addition to his years in church administration, Loor served for 12 years as pastor and more than another decade as a conference youth director.

MARTY MILLER

GEORGIA CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE



Blueprint For Men

- WED: Extended Adolescence
- THU: Fatherhood In Focus
- FRI: Building Better Men

Marty Miller is the Men's Ministry Coordinator for the Georgia Cumberland Conference. A lifelong disciple of Christ, Marty's career path has been primarily in the field of education having served in both public and private sectors from California to Tennessee. He has held positions that include elementary school principal, multi-grade teacher, middle and high school science teacher, nature center director, outdoor school director, educational consultant, university education professor, student teacher supervisor, and outdoor leadership program director.

KAREN NICOLA

COMFORT FOR THE DAY



Grieve Well & Comfort Others Effectively

- WED: Bereavement 101: What is Grief and How Do I Do It In A Healthy Way
- THU: God's First Aid For Healthy Grief
- FRI: Discovering Your Natural Grief Support Skills

A friend to the hurting heart, Karen Nicola has known the inexpressible experience of watching her precious three year old son slip away in death to leukemia. Through her drive to make sense of the pain, she found two resources that comforted and brought healing. She created her book entitled, Comfort for the Day and leads workshops that help her audiences grow in grief awareness and discover skills to authentically help grieving friends. The warmth and connection Karen fosters as a grief coach leaves her clients with hope and courage to do the difficult work of traveling THROUGH the valley of the shadow of death.

MIC THURBER

MID-AMERICA UNION CONFERENCE



The Light of God's Love In And Through Us

KEYNOTE SERIES SPEAKER

Currently the Ministerial Director for the Mid-America Union, Pastor Mic Thurber most recently served as senior pastor of the Keene SDA Church on the campus of Southwestern Adventist University. Before moving to Texas, Pastor Mic led the Pacific Union College SDA Church, Calimesa SDA Church and the San Diego Central SDA Church, all in California. He has also served as conference Ministerial Director in the Southeastern California Conference, as well as Bible and Music teacher at Sunnyside Academy, Centralia MO and his alma mater, Mt Pisgah Academy, in Candler, NC.

CAMPUS-WIDE HAYSTACK POTLUCK

July 20, 2019

- 1) Please bring a watermelon, sliced and ready to serve,
* AND *
- 2) The item assigned to your church below:

Tortilla Chips

Fairbanks-Gambell-Kodiak
Nome-Sitka-Tok-Valdez

Chopped Tomato & Onion

Delta Junction-Hillside-Homer
Korean-Shungnak-Spanish

Chopped Lettuce

Community-Northside-Palmer
Savoonga-Valdez

Grated Cheese

Copper Basin-Eagle River-Juneau
Petersburg-Samoan-Selawik-Togjak

Salsa & Sour Cream

Bethel-Craig-Ketchikan-Kenai
Kotzebue-North Pole-The 2nd Mile

Salsa & Sliced Olives

Dillingham-Palmer-Sunshine-Utqiagvik
Wasilla-Wrangell

Please bring all items ready to serve. Tomato, lettuce and onion should be chopped and placed in plastic bags.



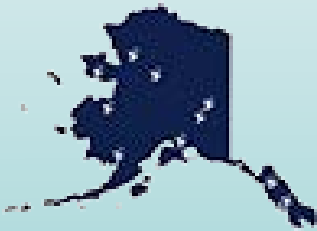
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2019 Camp Meeting

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Attention Churches & Schools

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to us the month prior.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabins, rv and tent sites, a fully appointed bathhouse and community kitchen are available to meet your needs. Cabins are \$190 for the week; rv and tent sites are \$75. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by phone at 907-346-1004 or email alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER (ABC)

The Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) ABC will be on-site with books and food offerings.

BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank of Alaska BloodMobile will be on campus Thursday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Make your appointment by emailing the conference at alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org with two time options. Don't forget to eat breakfast and bring picture identification!

CAMPUS KITCHEN

Available for public use, the campus kitchen is located directly south of the auditorium. Furnished with microwaves, stoves, refrigerators and a washer and dryer, feel free to use the kitchen as needed. Please help collectively to share space and keep the area clean.

MEALS

Cafeteria service will be offered during camp meeting starting Tuesday evening. Tickets are available for purchase at the Information Booth. All meals are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ages 4-12 (kids 0-3 eat for free). Breakfast is 7-7:45 a.m., Lunch 12-1 p.m. & Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will be no meal service or access to the cafeteria kitchen on Sabbath.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A complimentary pancake breakfast will be served Sunday, July 21, 8-9:30 a.m. at the school. Remember to bring your favorite toppings!

RESERVATIONS FOR 2020 CAMP MEETING

Reservations for 2020 will be accepted as of July 16, 2019 and can be made at the Information Booth or by contacting the conference at 907-346-1004. Because requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, site assignments may change based on availability.

SABBATH ACTIVITIES

Fellowship Meal: Join in the campus-wide Haystack & Watermelon fellowship meal after Divine Worship. Please bring all foods prepared, ready to serve and remember to bring extra for your neighbors! The campus kitchen is available for use for preparing and heating food items.

Concert: Beginning at 3:30 p.m., musicians around the state share their talent at the traditional Sabbath afternoon concert. It always promises to be an entertaining afternoon so plan to attend!

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Afternoon shuttle service will be offered to Fred Meyers in Palmer. Trips are one-hour in duration, leaving from the Information Booth at 3 p.m. Sign-up at the Information Booth with requests being honored on a first-come, first-served basis for a maximum of eight available seats.



2019 MENS RETREAT
July 11-14 with Marty Miller
www.alaskaconference.org



Executive Committee Minutes

May 19, 2019 | Melvin Santos, VP of Administration



Present	Kevin Miller, Melvin Santos, Jim Jensen, John Loor Jr, Elsa Coronado, Steve Evenson, Missy Harriss, Steve Lewis, Warren Libby, Alice Moncher
Teleconference	Ed Mangena, Ryan Woehler
Invitees	Tobin Dodge, Tandi Perkins, Rod Rau
Absent	Joe Chythlook, David King, Tau Siaki, Don West
NPUC Representative	John Freedman, NPUC President
Devotional/Prayer	Kevin Miller gave the devotional and prayer

REPORTS

Minutes (19-09)	VOTED to approve the minutes for January 27 and March 19, 2019
President's Report	Kevin reported on Adventist Health trip to Castle Hospital and conference office roof repair status
Vice-President's Report	Melvin reported on first quarter baptisms and attendance for 2019
Transfer (19-10)	VOTED to accept transfer of membership: Elsie Kettenburg from Alaska Conference Church to Grangeville, ID Church
Treasurer's Report (19-11)	VOTED to accept the treasurer's report (<i>subject to audit</i>)
NPUC Rep Report	John Freedman reported on NPUC and North American Division pertinent action items
Department Reports	<p>Ministerial Arctic Missions/Youth Steve Evenson reported on Southeast pastor visits Tobin Dodge reported on Pathfinder Camporee and Alaska Camps</p> <p>Development Tandi Perkins reported on AMA financial status and outreach initiatives: Adopt-a-Village, annual October event</p> <p>Education Rod Rau reported great year with schools and teachers</p>
Arctic Missions Development Report (19-12)	VOTED to approve Nick Evenson film project for AMA with travel expense up to \$15k
Conflict of Interest Forms	Conflict of Interest forms for 2019 were passed and signed by committee members present
Conflict of Interest Resolution (19-13)	VOTED to approve conflict of interest resolution for Melvin Santos and his relationship with Discipleship Master Plan (per attached information)
Company Status (19-14)	VOTED to approve Barrow Mission Group's request to be a church company status to be designated Arctic Adventist Company
Parsonage Exclusion (19-15)	VOTED to approve parsonage exclusion for John Loor and Ryan Rogers for 2019
General VP (19-16)	VOTED to approve John Loor to be the general vice president during his nine-month tenure with the Alaska Conference with voice and vote
Ministerial Credentials (19-17)	VOTED to approve Ryan Rogers for ministerial credentials
Ministerial Emeritus (19-18)	VOTED to recommend Don Barnt to receive emeritus ministerial credentials to the NPUC Executive Committee
Development Director (19-19)	VOTED to approve Tandi Perkin's as development director contract for one year beginning February 1, 2020
Adjourn (19-20)	VOTED to adjourn



Melvin Santos

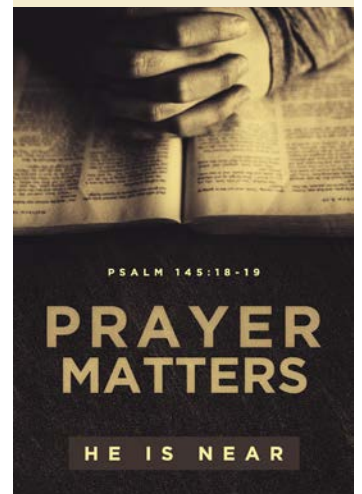
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When Tukuskoya Was Young

Terri Dopp Aamodt

Our family spent summers at Camp Tukuskoya in the late fifties when my father, Bud Dopp, pastored the Anchorage church. We took boats through three lakes, getting out and walking along the two canals as grownups pulled tow ropes. One day we piled into a crowded boat after a canal passage. One passenger on the stern lost his balance, fell over backward, and came up laughing, his mouth full of mud.

A large, hand-painted sign crafted by an Alaska Native girl graced the dining hall: "Camp Tukuskoya" above a painted arctic tern. The terns owned the place and resented human invasions. One day a friend, Jay, strolled too close to a nesting site and was dive-bombed by an angry tern that pecked his ear until it drew blood.

When the first cabins were under construction, we accompanied the lumber in Fred Frakes' Grumman Widgeon. We landed on Flat Lake and taxied to the beach. Fred gunned the engines, swinging the tail parallel to the shore. I was concerned about getting my little sneakers wet, but a 2" x 4" from the cargo enabled me to walk down to dry ground.

One winter we drove to Tukuskoya on roads plowed on the frozen lake. During our last summer I sat on my dad's lap and steered the ski boat for a few moments, thrilled beyond words.

Perhaps I was inside the day my dad waterskied behind a T-Craft float plane. The pilot decided to take off at about 60 mph. With the tails of his skis barely touching the water, my dad bailed, but the skis stopped in their tracks. Onlookers said his splash went higher than the airplane. Fortunately, his bulky military life jacket kept his spinal cord intact. No doubt the insurance folks would have disapproved, had they known.

Camp Tukuskoya made a deep impression on my young mind, and I look forward to seeing it this summer for the first time since 1959.



Elder Matthew (Bud) and Janice Dopp with Randy and Terri



Bernice Greiner, member of the Anchorage church, pictured above with her grandmother, Jennie Blatchford (back left with Bernice next to her) who translated the name for 'Arctic Tern.'

