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Hope In A Time Of Crisis

Kevin Miller, President



Kevin Miller

The New Mexico desert is in an uproar as I look out my window. The wind is throwing sand everywhere and howling its frustrations. This feels very appropriate for the moment as we experience this COVID-19 pandemic. Life is in an uproar and people are howling their frustrations in various ways. It feels like a surreal dream out of someone's tormented imagination.

We, as people of the Book, can remain calm and bring hope during this crisis. The apostle Paul reminds us "that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4 ESV). Let's continually encourage each other according to the promises given to us. We will find that the Lord will provide what we need to weather this, and any other storm, that comes our way.

With that in mind, we do not want to take our eyes off the goals the Lord has given us to pursue. While not ignoring the present circumstance, we continue to plan and implement the strategies to reach our state with the Good News of Jesus' soon return. We must follow Nehemiah's example and not allow anything to distract us from following Jesus.

Our conference priorities remain consistent. Over the last four years we have made some wonderful strides in fulfilling those priorities. We, however, have much

more to accomplish. Too many people still haven't heard the message we are entrusted with sharing.

For the next four years the conference remains committed to continuing the priorities already in progress. Those priorities remain discipleship, Arctic Mission Adventure, and youth/young adult ministries. These encompass the core values of a vital personal experience with Jesus, mission mindedness, and leaving a living spiritual legacy. The conference will add one other priority for this next four years: leadership development. The church at all levels needs committed, talented, and equipped spiritual leadership. When Jesus called His disciples, He was calling leaders to continue and complete His global work of invitation to eternity.

Time is rushing by like a fast-moving river at flood time. Four years slipped by in a seeming blink of the eye. If our current pandemic crisis tells us anything, it tells us that we are closing the gap of history according to the Bible. We have many people near and dear to the heart of God that need invited to experience Jesus. This requires us to step up and be the loving body of Christ that will win their confidence and trust. Let us keep our eye on the prize of the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus and let the Spirit of God carry us for the next four years in Christ's love.

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The Heart Of The Church

Melvin Santos, Vice-President of Administration

Jesus shared earth-shaking principles in the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. The “Great Commandment” is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27) and the Great Commission, “Go, and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19-20) This means total love and commitment for Jesus Christ and mankind, and helping individuals to be totally in love with Jesus and people too.

In the last two years we’ve launched the first phase of the Discipleship Master Plan (DMP) to provide this foundational platform to more than half of our churches. We’ve identified root problems, why churches are not maximizing the potential God designed for them and initiated a movement to break this cycle. As a result, we’ve had people recommitting their lives to Christ and engaging in being centers of influence for the church and community.

Looking into the future, we now focus on phases two and three of DMP. We build on the structure and the engine of disciple-making. Our goal is to provide a new culture and mindset in how we do church and ministry. We focus on new ways of equipping members and leaders and identify best practices that transforms churches in the model Christ provided in the book of Acts.

Disciple-making becomes the heart of the church. It is not just one of the activities a church does; it is what the church does! This is God’s plan for building healthy churches and His strategy for evangelizing the world. The church moves from the realm of evangelizing the community by addition to multiplication. We must remember that the promise of Jesus to give authority and power to the church will not be fully realized until the church is obedient to His commission of making discipleship as its primary focus.



Melvin Santos

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**ALASKA CONFERENCE
 18TH REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION**

Due to state mandates in regards to the coronavirus pandemic, the 18th Regular Constituency Session originally scheduled for July 26, 2020 has been rescheduled as voted by the Alaska Conference Executive Committee.

The 18th Regular Constituency Session of the Alaska Conference will be held at the Hillside O'Malley Seventh-day Adventist Church at 6000 O'Malley Road, Anchorage Alaska, on September 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Constituency Session is to receive reports of conference activities for the quadrennial ending September 20, 2020, to elect Officers, Departmental Directors, Conference Executive Committee, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, conduct strategic planning and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Kevin Miller, President Melvin Santos, Vice-President Administration

Camp Meeting 2020

Brenda Campbell Johnson, Communications Director



As with most aspects of life, the coronavirus has affected one of the events that the conference most looks forward to: Southcentral Camp Meeting. This is one of the few times church members from around the state come together to fellowship and worship. Sadly, we won't be able to be together in person however, we can join together in spirit and through technology! This year, the conference is bringing camp meeting to its church family virtually July 21-25. Plans are still being made—and will probably continue to evolve right up to July 20th—but we want to share what is in place so far.

Adventist Book Center

The conference is exploring how members can order and receive ABC products in September at the time of the 18th Regular Constituency session.

Annual Blood Drive

Mandates permitting, the Blood Bank of Alaska will be on-site at the conference office for donors on September 20 during the constituency session.

Arctic Mission Donations

Palmer camp meeting is one of the major AMA capital campaigns to help support workers in Bush Alaska. This year will be no different. We have inspiring stories to tell about how God continues to open doors through this unique ministry as well as provide opportunity for you to help through prayer and financial support.

Musicians

We are planning to have the traditional Sabbath afternoon concert on July 25, 2020, but musicians are needed. If you are willing to participate either live or virtually via a pre-recorded performance, please email brenda.johnson@ac.npuc.org for details.

Site Reservations & Payments

2020 site reservations will be used to fill requests for 2021 camp meeting in Palmer in the order received. If you have prepaid, funds will be applied to next year or a refund can be requested through the treasury department. If you will not be attending next year, please let us know by calling the office at 346-1004 x1000 or email alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org.

Streaming Platforms

Facebook, Vimeo and Zoom will be the platforms used to bring camp meeting to the Alaska church family. We are excited with the possibility of expanding our reach through these platforms. Segments will be posted to the upcoming Alaska Conference YouTube channel. For communities with less robust internet, sessions will be sent to churches to share via computer.

We will continue to share updates via email (make sure to sign-up to receive the Around the AKC email), Facebook and the conference website. Check back often for updated information and if you have a question, email us at alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org.



Brenda Campbell-Johnson

ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

VIRTUAL CAMP MEETING
JULY 21 - 25, 2020

Standing Before Your Throne

Karl Haffner **José Cortez Jr** **Bill McClendon** **Byron Dulan** **César & Carolann DeLeón** **John McVay** **S.R. Thorward** **Jessie Seibold**



Everything Changes

Jim Jensen, Vice-President of Finance

When you first become attracted to someone all of your life changes. How you spend your time, what you pay attention to, the places you go and who you are with. I have recently been reminded of how much fun it is to watch people in love as two of our teachers have married in the last three months.

When we find out how much God loves us and what he has done for us, it also changes almost every area of our lives. After a period of time, we usually settle into a routine and in general this is a good thing and helps to bring balance to our lives. However, when we are committed to following Christ, that also means that sometimes we have to adapt to changes quickly.

With the Covid-19 virus, that is what we each have needed to do. And yet, many good things have come out of this. As long as we keep our focus on listening for God's voice and following it, we will be used by Him.

So how have things changed in our conference finances? First, we started 2020 with 140% of required working capital. That means that if no tithe came in, we could still spend at the current level for 126 days before running out of money.

As things have developed, your conference Executive Committee and administrative team have taken steps to deal with our new reality. We began the year with a tithe budget of \$4.1 million. \$800,000 has been identified that will not be spent this year unless things return to normal. A hiring freeze has been put in place. Anyone who we had already made a commitment to hire will still be brought on as a pastor or teacher, but no new people will be interviewed for open positions through the end of August. Camp meeting will be virtual; summer camps are either cancelled or replaced with local options at the end of summer.

In March our regular tithe was down -23%; in April it was down -8%. For the four months ending April 30, 2020, we are down about -2%. I personally feel the conference has been very blessed that the impact has not been greater. However, with all of the major parts of Alaska's economy being hit hard, I believe recovery may take longer than other parts of the country.

I do want to thank each one of you for your faithfulness not only in tithe and offering, but also the many stories that we have heard of how you are being God's hands and feet in caring for the communities that we live in. May God continue to bless as we each listen for His voice.



Jim Jensen

ON-LINE RESOURCES FOR HOME WORSHIP



Alaska Churches On-Line

- Anchorage Northside: www.anchoragenorthside.net
- Hillside OMalley: www.omalleysda.com
- Living Hope: www.youtube.com/channel/UC_-WzNi8vAqSo5KhI9x9Dbg
- Palmer: www.youtube.com/channel/UCmWtmkK2BwFkAZYyVu7BMyw
- Tok: www.youtube.com/channel/UCJDjZOU_T8MLgIjTXuVpevw
- Ketchikan: www.facebook.com/Ketchikan-Seventh-day-Adventist-Church-149497475119351/

Sabbath School Resources

Beginners, Kindergarten & Primary:

- www.gracelink.net
- www.primarytreasure.com
- www.aplacetodosomething.com

Juniors:

- www.juniorpowerpoints.org
- www.guidemagazine.org
- www.kidsbibleinfo.com

Earliten:

- www.realtimfaith.net
- www.sabbathideas.org

Teens | Young Adults:

- www.cornerstoneconnections.net
- www.inversbible.org

Adults:

- www.absg.adventist.org
- www.ssnnet.org
- www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org

Living And Loving Through Our Mission Spirit

Tandi Perkins, Director of Development

Each year I endeavor to raise awareness and funds for the many needs and programs of Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA); I am always confronted with the enormity of the task at hand. Often, I am struck with how little control I have over the outcomes of any campaign and how much I must depend on God to dictate the result. It is in these times of blind faith that I have seen the many spiritual, financial and social blessings played out through our selfless supporters.

Over the past two years, our AMA partners have supported community outreach such as food and clothing resources, church planting and Bible volunteer support, Vacation Bible School (VBS), summer camp programs and a venue for survivors of sexual abuse in Anchorage and Nome. Most recently, I have been humbled by the willingness of our sewing heroes across the United States to sew masks for Alaska Native villages during the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when there is much fear and uncertainty, these acts of kindness and compassion mirror Christ's call for us to serve and touch others in His name. Thanks to our partners, we are doing just that. In response to our mask program, a Yupik elder from Saint Mary's village said, *This one Yupik elder wants to thank you for showing love to one another. If you see one old, white human with no mask go to him and offer him a mask. That is loving our neighbor as ourselves. God bless you and I give you my elders blessing.*



An Elder in Selawik receives masks from an AMA volunteer

As we strategically plan ahead, within an environment of uncertainty, I know that God is leading us. He is calling us forward in our continued spiritual and physical support in Alaska Native villages and He is making a way through new opportunities. Our Adopt-a-Village program is growing, and we will continue to invite churches, schools and individuals to see church planting and transformative evangelism in action in our backyard mission field and how a future of hubs as centers of influence can support current and future growth across Alaska.

We will continue to seek ways to partner with the North American Division and other church entities to financially support and grow the outreach programs, such as village day camps, to reach young adult leaders that can be mentored and trained to lead the work in their villages. Finally, we will continue to seek God's plan to support new opportunities of growth and development such as music camps, community programs and services and spiritual teaching.

Without doubt, God is shaping and building AMA through our partners. Like our Bible workers on the front lines, you share the spirit of mission. You reflect Phil 2:13 by allowing God to give you the desire to see His work accomplished. Thank you all for empowering AMA to touch lives in Alaska Native villages.



Tandi Perkins



ACS End of Year Matching Funds Update

This summer, AMA was geared up to conduct village day camps, VBS programs and send kids from villages to one of our resident camps. These programs were a direct result of the 2019 end-of-year Adventist Community Services (ACS) match campaign that was successful because of our generous supporters. However, as a result of the state and tribal COVID-19 no-travel mandates, AMA has postponed all events in our villages. We have committed these funds to be spent for village camps and VBS programs to be held in the summer of 2021.

Thank you again to all who supported this fundraising effort! Please do not hesitate to contact Tandis Perkins, Director of Development at (907) 346-1004 ext. 1020 if you have any questions.



Educating For The Kingdom

Rod Rau, Education Director

In describing the ideal teacher one writer wrote, “An ideal teacher is susceptible to adaptation or modification.” Never before has that been as true in describing teachers as it is in our world today. Who would have ever dreamed, three months ago, that we would be in this present, world-wide Covid-19 pandemic, and that education would take on a whole new challenge for teachers?

Adaptation, modification, flexibility, and change are now part of a teacher’s normal way of doing business. Educators all over the country have had to give up the comfortable classroom and stretch well beyond their comfort zones to teach using different methods than ever experienced before.

Teachers in the Alaska Conference have “stepped up” to the challenge and are doing a tremendous job of meeting the needs of their students whose classroom is now the “kitchen table.” Every teacher is doing his/her best to meet the challenges of delivering a quality education under the present situation.

Where internet service is slow or almost nonexistent, teachers are traveling to homes to deliver weekly learning packets, pick up

completed work, take it home for grading, making phone contact with students, then delivering completed work back to the student.

For the schools having adequate internet service, teachers are using Zoom and making Google or YouTube videos. Getting creative with iMovies and creating instructional videos on their iPhones or iPads are becoming second nature for our instructors.

Depending on state and federal mandates, teachers will discover a new set of challenges this fall as they enter their classrooms to start a new school year. One can only imagine what social distancing is going to look like in a room of 20 young children or teenagers or teaching to masks instead of faces. Oh, by the way, how many soap dispensers are needed for 125 students and faculty? How many ways can you monitor handwashing and how do you make sure that everything the students touch is sanitized and free of coronavirus?

Teachers are now finding a new meaning for Matthew 6:34. “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”



Rod Rau



Dane Bailey
Amazing Grace Academy



Ellen Clark
Amazing Grace Academy



Sueal Cunningham
Dillingham



Cindy Dasher
Golden Heart Christian School



Jeanie De La Torre
Anch Jr Academy



Melissa Harriss
Amazing Grace Academy



Darla John
Anchorage Jr Academy



Cynthia Lewis
Juneau Adventist Christian School



Kallie McCutcheon
Sitka School



Jason McLin
Amazing Grace Academy



Marita McLin
Amazing Grace Academy



Louis Melchor
Amazing Grace Academy



Katie Richmond
Anchorage Jr Academy



Lauren Salazar
Amazing Grace Academy



Catherine Wieden
Amazing Grace Academy



Carol Woodward
Amazing Grace Academy

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Supporting Alaska Pastors

Steve Evenson, Ministerial Director



The Ministerial Department of the Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists focuses on pastors and their families. Our goal is to encourage and foster growth in developing pastors to become spiritual leaders, allow their families to thrive and be healthy, and enjoy their surroundings. This is also extended to Alaska Conference church elders.

As ministerial director, I am responsible for the promotion and coordination of the Adventist Learning Community (ALC). ALC is an online continuing education learning center where pastors and church leaders, as well as members, can learn from a myriad of courses offered in the field of theology as well as other areas of study. ALC is a great resource as pastors are required to take two continuing education credits per year. ALC is the main delivery system for Alaska pastors to meet this requirement.

The conference endeavors to support and encourage its pastoral leaders through meaningful gestures and listening to their concerns. This extends to the family as well. I counsel and encourage pastoral couples in


support of a health family life. Small gestures such as remembering birthdays, sending words of encouragement through conversation, cards, calls, texts, emails, and personal visits over lunch or dinners have a big impact, letting pastors know that support is there should the need arise.

The Ministerial Department supports and assists in the growth and development of conference pastors by offering them one-on-one conversation, empathy and support. Our conference is comprised of bi-vocational, full-time pastors and those new to the field. As such, we are committed to the development of conference interns by offering guidance, answering pastoral questions and utilizing North American Division "Best Practices."


Many of our pastors continue with their formal education. As such, I serve as a resource for the utilization of the Masters in Personal Ministry (MAPMIN), Masters of Divinity (M.Div) degree and Hybrid M.Div financial packages. This is to make a path for our staff to grow from a Bachelors of Science in Theology, to MAPMIN, M.Div, or Doctor of Ministry degrees.




Steve Evenson




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Zack Babb
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Steve Evenson
Fairbanks




Jim John
Anchorage Northside




Sun il Kim
Anchorage Korean-Bethel




Don Lee Jr
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Edmore Mangena
Glennallen-Valdez




Adrian Neacsu
Craig-Ketchikan




Ionatana Neufeldt
Anchorage Samoan




Puleia Onesemo
Kodiak




Todd Parker
Dillingham-Togiak




Ryan Rogers
Palmer




David Shin
Anchorage Hillside O'Malley



Brad Traxler
Juneau-Wrangell




Brian Wilson
Juneau



Noel Wilton
Petersburg

2020 Ministerial Staff





Executive Committee Minutes

December 8, 2019—Melvin Santos, VP of Administration



Melvin Santos

Present	Melvin Santos, John Loor, Jr., Jim Jensen, Joe Chythlook, Elsa Coronado, Steve Evenson, Missy Harriss, David King, Steve Lewis, Warren Libby, Ed Mangena, Alice Moncher, Adrian Neacsu, Ryan Woehler.
Invitees	Tobin Dodge, Rod Rau
Absent	Tandi Perkins (Invitee), Tau Siaki
NPUC Representative	John Freedman
Prayer	John Freedman

REPORTS

Minutes (19-43)	VOTED to approve minutes for July 18, 2019 and September 22, 2019.
Vice-President's Report	Melvin Santos reported Alaska Conference membership at 3,803; 29 baptisms and three Professional of Faith at the end of 3rd Quarter.
Treasurer's Report (19-44)	VOTED to approve the October 31, 2019 financial report, subject to audit. Jim Jensen reported budget projects for 2020: Projecting 2.5% increase in 2019 tithe for 2020 and budgeting on 98% of 2019 tithe. Budget includes 7.9 full-time office employees (FTE), 17.5 FTE pastors, 17 FTE teachers and six Arctic Mission FTEs.
NPUC Report	John Freedman reported on the General Conference's (GC) Annual Council session. Good unity on tithe parity from world divisions. North American Division (NAD) conferences will benefit within the next five years. On compliance issues, four European unions were warned as being out of compliance for not issuing ministerial credentials to ordained pastors. The NAD was issued two warnings for unions being out of compliance for ordaining women.
Ministerial Report	Steve Evenson reported on the NAD's <i>Called 2020</i> pastors' meeting in Lexington, KY before next summers GC session. Intern handbook orienting young pastors to the Alaska Conference is coming together nicely.
Arctic Missions-Camps-Youth-Young Adult Report	Tobin Dodge will give his full report in January.
Development Report	Tandi Perkins has been hard at work promoting the NAD funding opportunities with Adventist Community Services and NAD Ministerial. The conference has raised about \$40,000 toward the \$100,000 NAD match. NAD has extended timeframes to reach the \$100,000 match through the end of the first quarter of 2020.
Education Report	Rod Rau reported 2020 goal is to ensure Amazing Grace Academy is fully functioning.
Medical and Health Insurance Update	The conference is staying with Adventist Risk Management for medical and health insurance. The 2020 budget will be increased for annual medical expenses from \$16,800 to \$17,100 per employee.
Ministerial Credentials and Parsonage Exclusion (19-45)	VOTED to give ministerial credentials and parsonage exclusion for 2019 to Ryan Rogers and Sun Il Kim. The conference uses the non-accountable method for parsonage exclusion.
Community Church Property (19-46)	VOTED to approve Community Church's request to purchase the 2.1 acre property at Boundary and Newell ESE in Anchorage for \$620,000, subject to approval of loan.
Adventist Radio Officer Change (19-47)	VOTED the following names as officers of the Adventist Radio Corporation: Tobin Dodge, Jim Jensen, Melvin Santos, Ryan Woehler.
Realignment of Districts (19-48)	VOTED to accept the realignment of the following districts to new districts:

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	<p><u>CURRENT DISTRICTS</u></p> <p>Juneau & Sitka (1 FTE) Wrangell: Bi-vocational (.5 PT) Dillingham & Togiak (0) Wasilla & Eagle River (1 FTE) Anchorage Korean & Talkeetna (1 FTE) Kodiak (.5 PT) Kenai & Homer (1 FTE) Community & Spanish (1 FTE)</p> <p><u>REALIGNED DISTRICTS</u></p> <p>Juneau & Wrangell (1 FTE) Sitka: Bi-vocational (.5 PT) Dillingham & Togiak (1 FTE) Wasilla & Talkeetna (1 FTE) Anch Korean & Bethel Korean (1 FTE) Kodiak (.5 PT) Kenai & Homer (1 FTE) Community* & Eagle River (1 FTE) Spanish* (.5 PT)</p> <p><i>*Alternate District: Spanish & Eagle River (1 FTE); Community (.5 PT)</i></p>
Sexual Ethics Committee (19-49)	VOTED the following individuals as members of the Alaska Conference Sexual Ethics Committee: Pastor Jim John, Laypersons Mable Dunbar, Mindi Getty, Jan Kiele, SR Thorward.
Personnel (19-50) (19-51)	VOTED to accept Brad Traxler as pastor of the Juneau and Wrangell district. VOTED to accept Brian Wilson as bi-vocational pastor of Sitka. Todd Parker from the Gulf States Conference, potential pastor for Dillingham and Togiak district, is scheduled for a site visit.
Closing Prayer	John Freedman

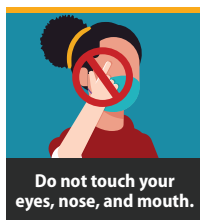
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Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



The Alaska Department of Health and Human Services has enlisted **Alaska 2-1-1** as a resource for handling calls from the public with questions regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The 2-1-1 information referral specialists are equipped to receive and triage calls, and refer callers to appropriate resources.

Call center staff are supplemented with an Alaska Respond volunteer to support the staff. Alaska Respond volunteers are licensed medical professionals who are lending their health care expertise to this effort.

For Alaskans who live in areas where 2-1-1 cannot be accessed, please call **800-478-2221**.



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Executive Committee Minutes

January 26, 2020—Melvin Santos, VP of Administration

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

June 7

Organizing Committee Meeting

June 14

Alaska Executive Committee Meeting

June 28

Virtual Town Hall Meeting

July 21-25

Virtual Camp Meeting

August 23

Nominating Committee Meeting

Virtual Town Hall Meeting

September 20

Constituency Session

Present	Melvin Santos, John Loor, Jr., Jim Jensen, Joe Chythlook, Elsa Coronado, Steve Evenson, Missy Harriss, David King, Warren Libby, Ed Mangena, Alice Moncher, Adrian Neacsu, Tau Siaki, Ryan Woehler.
Invitees	Tobin Dodge, Tandi Perkins
Absent	Steve Lewis
NPUC Representative	Bill McClendon
Devotional	Melvin Santos

REPORTS

Minutes (20-01)	VOTED to approve minutes for December 8, 2019.
Vice-President's Report	Melvin Santos shared that at the end of December 2019, Alaska Conference membership stood at 3,800 members. In 2019 there were 58 baptisms and 11 Profession of Faiths for a total of 69 additions to the church. The conference just finished holding several important meetings—A New in Ministry meeting with pastoral interns, a worker's meeting for all pastors of the conference and an elders training event over the weekend. The emphasis was on evangelism, church planting and lay involvement.
Treasurer's Report	Jim Jensen reported that through December 2019 tithes stands at \$4,516,765 which is an increase of 3.75%. Expenses through November were under budget by about \$145,000 and working capital stands at 114.43%.
(20-02)	VOTED to approve the November 30, 2019 financial report, subject to audit.
(20-03)	VOTED to approve the report from the Audit Review Committee for 2018. Since this is a constituency meeting year, the conference will hire accounting help for an early audit which will take place this spring.
(20-04)	VOTED to record that the executive committee reviewed the Salary Audit.
(20-05)	VOTED to approve the Evangelistic Budget requests for pastors.
NPUC Report	Bill McClendon shared that the strategic plans for the NPUC in 2020 will remain pretty much the same as 2019. Evangelism is going well throughout the union. Alaska had a 43% increase in soulwinning. All conference presidents will be doing an evangelistic series in their own conferences. The union is looking toward establishing 25 new church plants.
Camp Tuk Report	Jerilyn Burtch gave a report on Camp Tuk. The camp last summer (2019) partnered with Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually-impaired in conducting a camp for the blind. Two Junior Camps were held with a mission group from Oceanside helping with one of those camps. There have been lots of facility upgrades throughout the camp.
Conflict of Interest Statements	Conflict of Interest statements for 2020 were signed by committee members.
Constitution and Bylaws Report	John Loor shared all the recommendations that the Constitution & Bylaws Committee is recommending to the 18th Alaska Conference Regular Constituency Session July 26, 2020. The ACEC recommended a couple of clarifications for the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to look at which they will do.
(20-06)	VOTED to record that the ACEC reviewed the proposed Constitution & Bylaws recommendations to the 18th Regular Constituency Session.
Election of Conference Church Delegates (20-07)	VOTED the following names to be delegates at the 18th Alaska Conference Constituency Session: Fred Davis, Lynette Goude, Judith James, Penny Kennedy, Hannah Chung, Richard Dennis, Carol Robbins, Marie Savok, Tom Stathem. Alternates: Marc McCumber, Saul Lockuk, Helen Loon.

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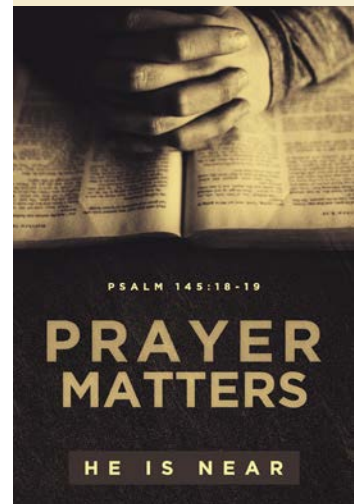


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(20-08)	VOTED to enable administration to fill whatever openings may occur because of delegates declining or not being qualified to serve as a delegate.
Selecting Organizing Committee Chair (20-09)	VOTED Carol Robbins to be on the Organizing Committee for the 18th Alaska Conference Constituent Session.
(20-10)	VOTED to enable administration to fill the Organizing Committee alternate opening.
Ordination Committee (20-11)	VOTED the following individuals to be on the Ordination Committee: Steve Evenson, Joe Koliadko, Jim John, Mike Maxwell, Kevin Miller, David Shin, Melvin Santos.
Ordination Recommendations (20-12)	VOTED to recommend the following names to the North Pacific Union Conference for ordination: Ionatana Neufeldt and Adrian Neacsu.
Missionary Credential (20-13)	VOTED to give a Missionary Credential to Brian Wilson.
Development	Tandi Perkins shared that the Development Department raised \$416,637 for 2019 and met the \$100,000 needed to match ACS \$100,000 for support for camps, food programs and kid's programs.
2020 Strategic Plans	The following departments presented their 2020 Strategic Plans: Secretariat/ Discipleship—Melvin Santos, Treasury—Jim Jensen, Youth/Camps/AMA—Tobin Dodge, Development—Tandi Perkins, Ministerial—Steve Evenson. Education and Communication plans, along with what administration and departmental staff shared, can be seen in the 2020 Strategic Plan booklet that was distributed to each committee member.
(20-14)	VOTED to record that the executive committee reviewed the Strategic Plans of administration and departments for 2020.
Personnel (20-15)	VOTED to accept Todd Parker as pastor of the Dillingham and Togiak districts.
(20-16)	VOTED to accept Adrian Neacsu as pastor of the Wasilla and Sunshine (Talkeetna) districts subject to a site visit and acceptance by the church elders and Adrian Neacsu.
Closing Prayer	Bill McClendon

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A New Vision

Tobin Dodge, Arctic Mission-Camps-Radio-Youth-Young Adults Director

Thinking forward for 2020, the vision was clear a couple months ago. AMA camp meetings were in full swing, summer camp preparation had ramped up, plans to install radio stations were being developed, not to forget a first annual ministries event with youth, young adult, radio and ACS scheduled in late May.

However, because of COVID-19 and the potential danger it poses, literally everything planned for this summer has been cancelled. On the one hand, it is our desire to never cease to be engaged in ministry that brings people closer to Jesus including those campers who are experiencing His love and acceptance for the first time. On the other hand, there are the Governor's mandates, people's fear and what many are now calling "social responsibility".

Regardless of your opinion on the pandemic or ministry, there is no question that our lives have been altered. Church online, social distancing, and not being able to find toilet paper at the stores. Roads are vacant during normal rush hour, students are home from college, moving to online schools for teachers and students and a host of other adjustments have had to be made.

For youth and young adults, it is my desire to help facilitate a connection for discipleship and growth; deepening their faith through online Zoom meetings and other media platforms.

AMA is the ministry that I envision needing a wider network of support: prayer, little notes of love and encouragement, supplies and of course funding. Living in a village with no roads can feel like living on an island. Being so far from other believers and a support system at times, feels like you are in isolation. Ministry is challenging—every pastor, teacher, Bible or AMA worker can tell you the challenges. But in these trying times, ministry has become exponentially more difficult. Continue to pray for God's work in the bush as well as ways to financially support the needs! Thank you for serving the Lord where you are and letting Him use you to bring *Hope & Healing* to those around you!



Tobin Dodge

