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## A Little History of Camp Meetings

*Ken Crawford, President*

Young John Wesley was not having a good time. In late 1735, he had come by ship to Georgia to convert the American natives, but he ended up spending his time railing against the colonists for what he considered their vanity and fancy clothes. While in the colonies, he had his heart broken by a young lady, and it affected his ministry. In less than 24 months he returned to England, discouraged with his ministry and questioning his own conversion, but his influence on one young man named George Whitefield was powerful and transforming.

As the "Great Awakening" grew in strength from Whitefield's preaching, Ben Franklin quipped, "From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seem'd as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk thro' the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."

The spiritual undercurrents of that movement led to new churches springing up spontaneously around the country. Bible study groups were constantly being introduced and new levels of commitment to Jesus and love for each other were formed as the Great Awakening spread.

Camp meetings exploded around the frontier, sometimes housing as many as 10,000 people for up to two weeks at a time. Because they weren't chained to a church building and traditional forms of worship, many young people joined. It was a new faith for a new nation. By 1830, the Methodist Church formed the largest church in America fueled by camp meetings.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the early stages of the development, took up the mantle of teaching through a camp meeting style and it was a key component in spreading the message of the soon coming Savior.

Since then, these annual gatherings have become a place of renewal, spiritual growth and precious fellowship for Adventist church members. Why not come this year? You will be richly blessed.



*Early Alaskan Adventists from the Matanuska Valley Area*

George Whitefield spent time in England with Wesley and then returned to the colonies. He landed in Delaware then preceded to travel up through Massachusetts, north to Maine, preaching repentance and conversion. Because of the resistance of the more traditional churches, many of his meetings were held in the open air. As he traveled west through the frontier, people gathered in local fields to listen to his messages. Wesley had seen his American adventure as an utter failure. "I went to America to convert the Indians," he later wrote, "but, O! Who shall convert me?" Yet how little he knew of the impact he was to have.

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## Camp Meeting Time

Quentin Purvis, Vice-President Secretariat

“Quentin, Heaven would not be the same without you!” I can still remember these words as though they were yesterday. It was at the end of the summer in 1979 and I was about to board a jet back to Alaska to go home. It was a special summer for me, because it was at the Oregon camp meeting that I heard the late Ron Halverson preach “From Gangs to God.” I was so moved by the Spirit that when he gave a call, I was compelled to take a stand for Jesus. I remember thinking, “If God could save a man like him then there must be hope for me.”

Everything about the place spoke to my senses. The food and music were just part of that great gathering, and meeting people who were true followers of God was something I had never had before. It was a new beginning for me and I surrendered my life to an awesome Father in Heaven. I was so captivated by Jesus that I read the Gospels that summer, and looked forward to going home and sharing what I had learned. My sister Diane’s body language was screaming concern, as I knew she was worried about me going home.

Looking deep in her eyes, I could see tears welling up. She begged me to stay and not go back to Wrangell. She tried to convince me to go to academy so I could be around young people with the same faith. She said, “I know the trials you will face when you go home—the influences that will be around you, and I fear for your salvation. Heaven will not be the same without you.” Little did I realize how quickly her prophecy would come true.

Despite her predictions, it was at camp meeting that God planted a seed of love in my heart. No matter how far I would fall, I would still hear the foot steps of my Savior walking back and forth at Adventist camp meetings. From Oregon, Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin, and in the great state of Alaska, the trumpet sound of the Three Angels Message would keep my eyes on the Great Controversy and God’s promise for me.

There is something spiritual and wonderful about camp meeting and

the Alaska Conference is doing everything it can to provide its constituency with quality meetings. Whether at Southeast, Southcentral or the Interior, there will be someone who will surrender their life to Jesus or rededicate it. Even as this article is being written, the speakers are praying and preparing to present a message that will allow the Holy Spirit to work on someone’s soul. Listen to the words Bonnie Casey put in her song, “Camp Meeting Time.”

### Camp Meeting Time

by Bonnie Casey

Years ago to keep me from wrong,  
Grandma would hitch up the white horse so strong.  
We’d live in a tent, how well we got along;  
For you see it was camp meeting time.  
And we would sing that glorious song

How Christ would come and it wouldn’t be long  
How we all needed to be ready and strong  
For you see it was camp meeting time  
Years have gone by and Grandma is gone;

But as you hear, I’m still singing this song  
We come in a camper—how well we get a long;  
For you see it is camp meeting time.  
And we will sing that glorious song

How Christ did come - it didn’t take long  
How He helped us to be ready and strong  
For you see it was camp meeting time.

May we all prepare our heart for another powerful camp meeting.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Alaska Camps

Tuk Jrs: Jun 21-28

Tuk Teens: Jun 28-Jul 5

Polaris: Jul 12-19

Lorraine: Aug 2-9

#### Ministerial Convention

(Austin, TX)

June 28-July 1

#### 2015 GC Session

(San Antonio, TX)

July 2-11

#### Alaska Men's

Retreat

July 17-19

#### Southcentral Camp Meeting

(Palmer, AK)

July 21-25

#### Southeast Camp Meeting

(Vank Island)

July 30-August 1



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ALASKA SOUTHCENTRAL CAMP MEETING

JULY 21-25, 2015

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adults (18+)

camp meeting schedule

TIME	Tue, July 21	Wed, July 22	Thu, July 23	Fri, July 24
7:00-7:45 a	CAMP PITCH	Devotional	Devotional	Devotional
8:00-8:45 a		Breakfast		
9:00-10:15 a		THE ROAD AHEAD: Ken Crawford		
10:30-11:45 a		LEARNING TO ENJOY THE PRESENCE OF GOD: Allan Walshe		
12:00-1:00 p		Lunch		
1:15-2:15 p	GUEST CHECK-IN	PRAYER: Pavel Goia		
			**PREPARING FINANCIALLY FOR THE FUTURE: Kimberley Schroeder	
2:30-3:30 p		HEALTH: Hans Diehl		
		**DISCOVER BIBLE SCHOOL: Tina Steenmeyer		
3:45-5:00 p		WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Hans Diehl		
5:30-6:30 p	Dinner			
7:00-9:00 p	EVENING MESSAGE: David Asscherick			

Sabbath, July 25	
7:00-7:45 a	Devotional
8:00-8:45 a	Breakfast*
9:15-10:40 a	Sabbath School
11:00-12:30 p	DIVINE WORSHIP David Asscherick
1:00-2:30 p	Fellowship Meal
2:30-3:30 p	Ordination
3:30-5:00 p	Concert
5:00-6:00 p	DBS Mini-Training
6:00-7:00 p	Dinner*
7:00-9:00 p	David Asscherick

\*\*Held in School Gymnasium

\*No cafeteria service on Sabbath

children & teens

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	No Session	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 (No afternoon sessions)
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

Young Adults are invited to join the main sessions in the auditorium



# the speakers

## DAVID ASSCHERICK

LIGHT BEARERS | ARISE

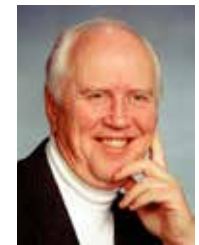
David is a Light Bearers speaker, pastor of the Kingscliff SDA Church in Australia, and co-founder of ARISE. With a gifted clarity that wins both heart and mind, he has spent the last 15 years traveling the globe preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. His first book, *God In Pain*, offers penetrating insights to the nature and existence of evil and suffering in the light of the Cross. He and his wife Violeta are the happy parents of two boys, Landon and Jabel. They enjoy backpacking, climbing, running, fly fishing, and reading. One of their very favorite place on earth is—you guessed it!—Alaska!



## KEN CRAWFORD

ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

As the conference president, Ken is passionate about bringing the Adventist message to the people of Alaska. To this end, he launched the Arctic Mission Adventure ministry which places Bible Workers in rural villages throughout the Arctic, and establishes radio stations across the state that provide 24-hour coverage of Adventist programming. Ken and his wife, Colleen, started their ministry here in Alaska in 1979 serving as missionaries in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island and Kodiak.



## HANS DIEHL

CHIP| COMPLETE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Diehl's work as a lifestyle interventionist, researcher, educator, and speaker has found its most powerful expression in the CHIP program, a community-based, 30-day, 40-hour educational lifestyle intervention, which draws together healthcare professionals, faith-communities, corporations, schools, and community infrastructures. More than 40,000 CHIP graduates vindicate the applicability of these CHIP lifestyle principles in their daily lives. His book *Health Power* (co-authored with Aileen Ludington, MD) is being published in 16 languages and has sold over 1.5 million copies.



## PAVEL GOIA

LEXINGTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Pavel Goia knew at a young age that God had called him to ministry. Born and raised in communist Romania, he didn't find it easy to follow that calling. After drifting during his teenage years, his life took a proverbial turn, and he promised to fulfill his original calling. His promise was tested almost immediately. The events that ensued are chronicled in *One Miracle After Another: The Pavel Goia Story*, by Gregg Budd. Pavel pursued careers in engineering, private business, and law before finally settling into ministry. Today he pastors the Lexington SDA Church in Lexington, Kentucky, is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for the North American Division, and a doctoral candidate at Andrews University.



## KIMBERLEY SCHROEDER

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Kimberley Schroeder is Planned Giving Director of North Pacific Union Conference Association of SDA. Her work revolves around the day-to-day operations of irrevocable gift planning and assisting donors in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. She enjoys helping church members find ways to make gifts to benefit the Lord's work in a way that is meaningful to the donor. Kim has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Lewis and Clark College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Portland State University and earned the Certified Specialist in Planned Giving certificate in 2013.



## TINA STEENMEYER

ALASKA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Tina serves the Alaska Conference as the Discover Bible School (DBS) Outreach Coordinator. Her main responsibilities include the development and training of local members in how to effectively establish and maintain a Discover Bible School in their church. Tina has worked in the field of real estate for many years and until recently, she and her husband Steve, owned a bed and breakfast and horseback riding tour company. In September 2014, with God's leading, they opened the Greater Works Christian Living Center, the first Adventist discipleship home for formerly incarcerated DBS students transitioning back into mainstream living.



## ABC CHANGES

The Auburn Adventist Book Center (ABC), who has provided services for our camp meeting, has closed operations. Upper Columbia Conference will operate the ABC beginning 2016. They were not able to be on-site this summer, however if you have ordered food items, you may pick them up at the ABC during the hours listed above.

HOURS	
<b>(Closed during evening meetings)</b>	
Tue	2-10 pm
Wed-Fri	10 am-10 pm
Sabbath	Closed
Sunday	8-10 am

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The camp ground is well equipped to meet your needs. We offer cabins, RV and tent sites as well as a fully appointed bathhouse to help meet your physical needs. Cabins are \$150 for the week; RV and tent sites are \$50. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by calling 907-346-1004 or email [alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org](mailto:alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org).

## AUDIO SESSIONS

Meetings are broadcast live on FM 94.1.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Bank of Alaska is back on campus this year! We are happy to support the Blood Bank by providing the opportunity for campers to give blood! The BloodMobile will be on the grounds Thursday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Give the gift of life and sign up to be a donor. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Coordinator Barney Baty [2bbaty@gmail.com](mailto:2bbaty@gmail.com). Remember to eat breakfast, bring picture identification and donate!



## BOOK SALE

Because ABC management is in transition, this year the conference is hosting a book exchange. Come and browse a variety of books, DVDs, music CDs and sheet music. If you have children's books, DVDs, CDs or sheet music you would like to donate, please bring them to the staff at the ABC during the hours indicated above.

## CAMP STAFF

Thanks Alaska Camps Staff! Without your assistance, camp meeting would not be possible. Your help in the cafeteria and with the grounds, facilities and children's programming is immeasurable! We love having you here to promote both Alaska Camps and service to Jesus.



## CAMUS KITCHEN

Did you know there is a campus kitchen for public use? Located directly south of the auditorium, the kitchen is equipped with microwaves, stoves, refrigerators and a washer and dryer. We invite you to use the kitchen, but ask that you collectively help to share space and keep the area clean.

## CREDIT CARDS

The Information Booth accepts credit cards for meal and accommodation payments along with purchases for the book exchange and Yuki and Alaska History books.



## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sabbath there will be a campus-wide potluck. Please plan accordingly and bring your dish prepared and ready to serve; remember to bring extra for your neighbors! For your convenience, the campus kitchen is available for use as there are no meals served nor access to the main cafeteria during Sabbath. Please plan in advance.

## INFORMATION BOOTH

The Information Booth is the "hub" of the camp ground. If you have questions or need assistance, please let us know. The booth is open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. Note: the Information Booth will be closed during Sabbath hours.

## the speakers cont.

### ALLEN WALSH

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Allen Walshe is the Associate Professor of Christian Ministry, Director, MA Youth and Young Adult Ministry Program for Andrews University. Dr. Walshe came to Andrews from his homeland in Australia. He is the chair of the new seminary department of Discipleship and Religious Education. He also serves as a lead professor and coordinator of the Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality.



### JEFF AKENBERGER (youth speaker)

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Jeff Akenberger is a young passionate preacher. He has been married to his wonderful wife Stephanie for nearly five years, they have two spirited children, Judah and Noella and a mostly obedient red bone coonhound named Finley. Jeff especially loves young people and encourages all to take a logical look at the Bible in spite of the illogical times we are living in. Above all it is his delight to share his Friend Jesus with those he meets. Currently Jeff and Stephanie are serving the Traverse City and Kalkaska churches in Michigan.



## around campus cont.

### MEALS

Lacto-ovo vegetarian meals will be served Tuesday-Friday evenings in the school gymnasium. Tickets are available at the Information Booth; there is no café service on Sabbath.

	Meal Schedule	Adults	4-12 yrs	0-3 yrs
Breakfast	8-8:45 am	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00	n/c
Lunch	12:00-1 pm	8.00	6.00	n/c
Dinner	5:30-6:30 pm	6.00	4.00	n/c



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A complimentary pancake breakfast will be served Sunday, July 27, from 8-9 am at the school. Remember to bring your favorite topping.

## Andrews University

Community & International Development

*“True education is missionary training. Every son and daughter of God is called to be a missionary; we are called to the service of God and our fellow men; and to fit us for this service should be the object of our education” (The Ministry of Healing, 395).*

Whether you are still in school and looking for a Master’s program that will give you the edge and the education you need to make significant positive changes in your community, or you are mid-career and interested in transitioning to the field of international aid, the Masters of Science in Community and International Development (MSCID) program is what you are looking for. A MSCID will equip you for leadership, management, and supervisory roles, both domestically and abroad. You will gain competencies in development, needs assessment, grant writing, project design and evaluation, management, research, emergency response, and a speciality of your choice. Our concentrations include: advocacy, development communication, development education, emergency preparedness and management, gender and development, global health, NGO development and operations, and youth and sustainable development. There is also opportunity for field experience with our international study tour and internships.



To help finance your education, all students accepted into the MSCID program for 2015-2016 receive a scholarship amounting to a 45% reduction in tuition. You can find more information about our program on our website: [www.andrews.edu/cidp](http://www.andrews.edu/cidp). Please call us today at 269-471-6538 or email [cidp@andrews.edu](mailto:cidp@andrews.edu) to discuss how this program is the perfect fit for you.

# Stable and Growing!

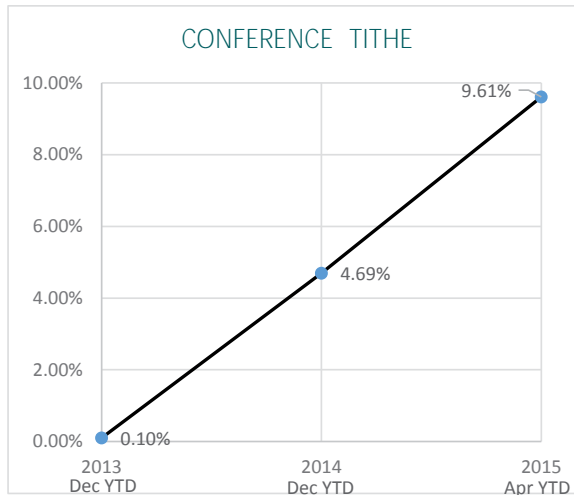
Jim Jensen, Vice-President Treasury

The Alaska Conference has been blessed with stable and growing tithe for the past three years! Percentages for 2013 through April 2015 are shown on the provided graph. The figure for April is partially due to having more church reports in on time. Thank you treasurers who help make that happen.

Giving is a spiritual gift that warrants development. It is proper for the church to encourage and assist people in developing the gift of giving. The essence of good financial stewardship is a deepening commitment to the lordship of Christ in the lives of believers. As the leadership of the church casts a vision of what can be accomplished for the kingdom of God, material resources are increasingly seen as a trust from God to be responsibly stewarded, and giving becomes a priority.

The Adventist Church does not undertake fundraising, annual pledges or stewardship drives to fund regular operations. Instead we have used a system originally called "Systematic Benevolence." This biblically based system teaches not only a 10% Tithe but ongoing regular offerings. Teaching includes a discussion of scriptural principles as well as instruction and practical help in developing biblical stewardship in contemporary culture.

Our office has resources for pastors and local leaders who are interested in



developing local ministries. If you would be interested in the book "Beyond Blessings" we have a number of copies available in treasury for free. Also we can help with the Adventist financial course called "Faith and Finance." Many churches will also use other Christian financial courses such as Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

We are building on a 150 year Seventh-day Adventist Church legacy. That little group that organized in 1863 has grown to nearly 20 million believers. I don't think that I comprehend a number with that many people but I can walk alongside two or three more people every year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Interior Alaska Women's Retreat  
August 7-9

Teachers' Meetings (Anchorage)  
August 13-14

Outdoor School (Location tbd)  
August 24-28

Health Expo at the Alaska State Fair  
Aug 27-Sep 7

Alaska Youth Prayer Conference  
September 11-12

AKC Executive Committee  
October 14

Pastors Meetings  
January 11-14, 2016

Elders Training  
January 15-17, 2016

## **MEN'S RETREAT: July 17-19, 2015 with David Asscherick**

Visit [www.alaskaconference.org/men-s-ministry](http://www.alaskaconference.org/men-s-ministry) for registration information.



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