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DAKOTA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Dakota Messenger

I Will Be Dancing

Neil Biloff, President

It's an absolute, Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! moment every year. Every Easter season is like pure oxygen to the soul. A time of tears and rejoicing and 2019 was no different. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, I have assurance. Assurance that a whole lot of dear innocent children will rise again and a whole lot of pain will be destroyed for all eternity. As 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 puts it, "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."



With the loss of two nephews buried in Bozeman, Montana, another nephew buried in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, a niece buried in College Place, Washington and an infant daughter buried in Weston, Oregon, Easter is a special moment in time for rejoicing. Because of Jesus' death there is a resurrection morning. Because of Jesus there is assurance that those dear innocent children will rise again.

Dance, oh yes, I am going to dance. As King David danced in victory of old, I too will dance in the victory of Jesus. When the graves release those dear children, my feet will be moving and I really do not care who sees me or what they think. The restoration of life at the second coming of Jesus is a dancing, Hallelujah! moment beyond anything we will ever experience here. The thought of Jesus healing the wounds, healing the pain and the separations of this old world is what the cross is all about. Isaiah 61:1 says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and prisoners."

Most of you reading this have experienced great loss as well. The promise of Jesus to set the captives free is a reference to those who have been held as prisoners of sin and prisoners of the grave. Let us rejoice. The Easter season is a small reminder of what is to come.

Manfred Adventist Church

Celebrating 125 years

June 21 - 22, 2019

1510 35th Ave NE, Harvey, ND

Friday - 7:30 pm

Missionary Fireside Chat

Sabbath School - 9:30 am

Worship - 11:00 am

Call Jan Jones, 701.307.0127

Treasurer's Remarks

Mark Seibold, VP of Finance

The accompanying chart displays tithe distribution for the 2014-2018 period, broken into logical categories.

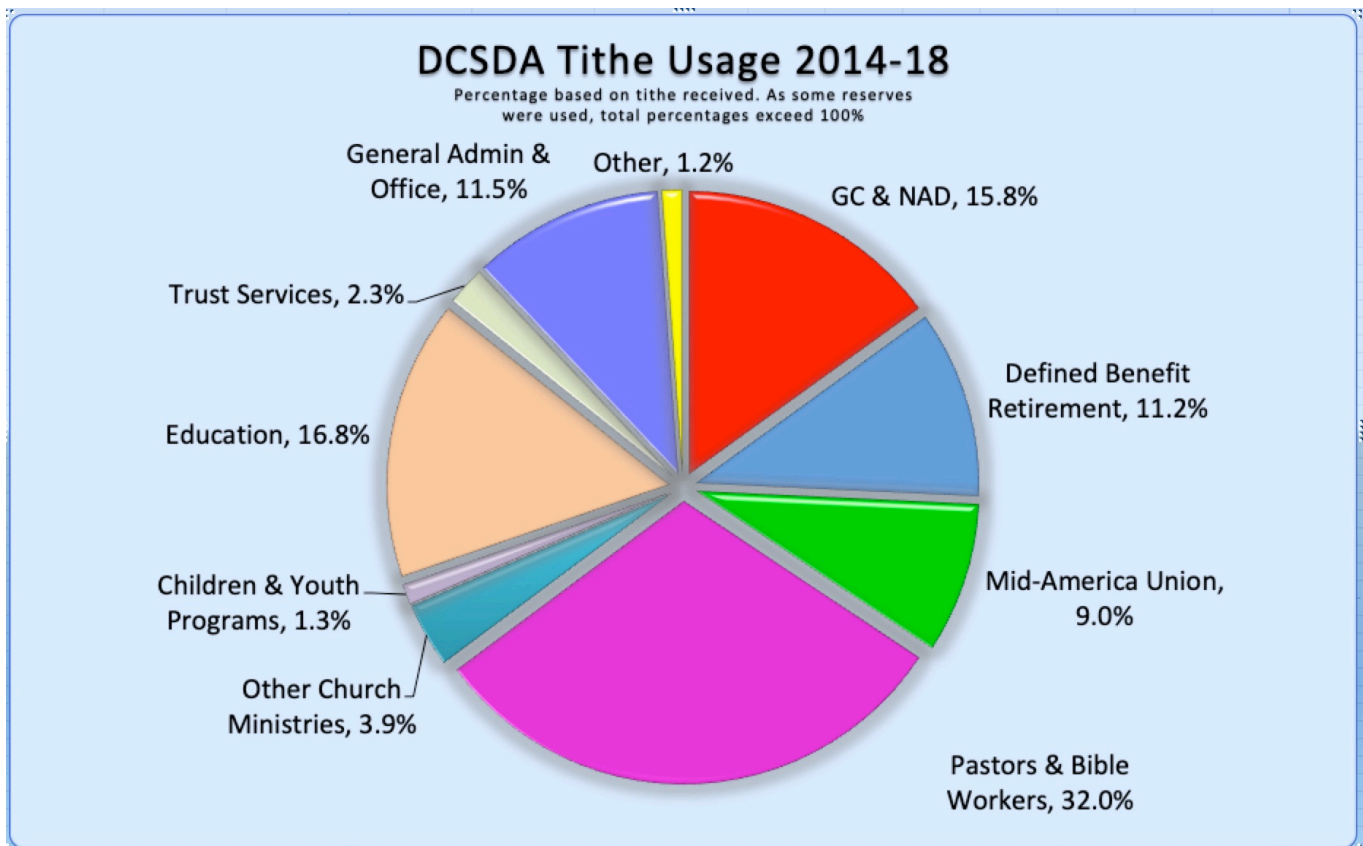
A certain amount of tithe necessarily leaves the conference. The General Conference receives around 6%, North American Division 10%, and Mid-America Union 9% of Dakota Conference tithe funds. If Union College had its own "slice" (in this chart, incorporated into "Education"), it would show 3%. Adding in the retirement program, the total leaving the Dakota Conference is right at 39%. Of course, some of this comes back to our conference in beneficial ways, such as financial audit/other support services and retirement benefits.



"Children & Youth Programs" include Pathfinders and youth camps, both growing segments; though the five-year average is 1.3%, in the last two years this represents closer to 3% of tithe usage. Less obvious are "Other" (Communication/PR, Religious Liberty) and "Other Church Ministries" (local church operations, church ministries administration, camp meetings, men's and women's ministries).

Not surprisingly, the largest single category remains "Pastors & Bible Workers", which includes payroll and benefits to keep qualified pastoral staff working to spread the gospel – our primary role as a conference and as individuals.

Your conference, like the overall Adventist Church, continues to be mindful of the importance of stewardship, but always in the context of extending the church mission in the Dakotas and obligations to the larger church organization. We trust this illustration will help you visualize and understand how Dakota Conference tithes have been used in recent years.



School Happenings

Sue Nelson, Education Superintendent

Rahel Hartman has accepted a position at **Hillcrest Adventist Elementary**. Hartman comes to Jamestown, ND from Idaho having



graduated from Andrews University with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education and a focus on TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).



Hartman is no stranger to other languages having grown up in Mongolia, a child of missionary parents. She speaks Mandarin Chinese and has taught Grades 1, 7, 8 and 10 as a student missionary at Centre Educacional Adventista in Honduras.

In her free time she enjoys being outdoors, hiking and traveling. This summer will find her spending a few weeks in Honduras again.



Top Left: Rapid City Adventist Elementary sings at nursing home.

Top Right: Red River Adventist Elementary "boys' school" enjoys a pizza lunch.



Bottom Left: Sioux Falls Adventist Elementary students play on new gym floor.

Bottom Right: Brentwood Adventist Christian visit fire department.



The Dakota Conference is looking for someone(s) to help in the kitchen at Campmeeting in June. Please contact Lynette Miller if you are interested. 701-751-6177.

Education Sabbath

Tracy Peterson, DAA Recruiter

“True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.” Education, page 13.



What great counsel! Sabbath, the 13th of April, students from Dakota Adventist Academy dispersed around the Dakota Conference to share a part in church services for Education Sabbath. Students traveled from DAA to Williston, Fargo, Manfred, Bismarck and Mandan churches sharing God’s love through song, story, verse and prayer.

It is our purpose as Adventist Educators, church members, and family to prepare the youth for more than academic greatness. By encouraging them to share the love of God, we help them “grow in knowledge and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52



Doing it God's Way

Loren Nelson III, VP, Camp Director

Faith, commitment, respect, compassion, surrendering to God are ideals we at Dakota Adventist Camps promote and try to model to the campers. We are excited to start this camp season with the theme, **Doing it God's Way**. Through the life of Jonah and other Biblical characters we will explore how we follow God in different circumstances. Many fun activities are offered and the camp ministry team is talented. Arts, crafts, ceramics, blacksmithing, archery, ukulele, gymnastics, canoeing, kayaking, waterskiing, wake boarding, sailing, culinary arts, remote control vehicles, climbing wall and more are offered at Dakota's two camps - Flag Mountain and Northern Lights.



This year, with the dedication of the members of the Dakota Conference and the assistance of Maranatha International, we are anticipating the functioning of a new cafeteria and office space at Northern Lights Camp. Many volunteer hours of work from people around the conference have made the new facility a reality.

Flag Mountain Camp is also the recipient of hours of volunteer time on the water system, removal of the quonset and dead trees, repairs and maintenance. There are individuals that work tirelessly at keeping both camps operating.

Each year, for the past five years, there has been thirty or more requests for baptism. Young people see the value of being a friend with Jesus and following Him no matter the cost. A favorite time of each week is seeing the young people, and sometimes adults, surrender to God. Camp does not end with the last day of the week, it continues during the year as young people keep in contact with the camp ministry team.

Flag Mountain Camp		Northern Lights Camp	
Junior Camp, 8 - 12 yr	June 23 - 30		
Teen Camp, 13 - 17 yr	June 30 - July 7		
		Family Camp	July 9 - 14
		Junior Camp, 8 - 12 yr	July 14 - 21
		Teen Camp, 13 - 17 yr	July 21 - 28

A variety of **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** kits are available for your use at the Dakota Conference Office. These kits include the Director's Manual, Planning Manual, Music and Promotional items. Please contact Sue Nelson to reserve your choice. They may be picked up at Campmeeting in June. 701.751.6177

Dakota Campmeeting 2019

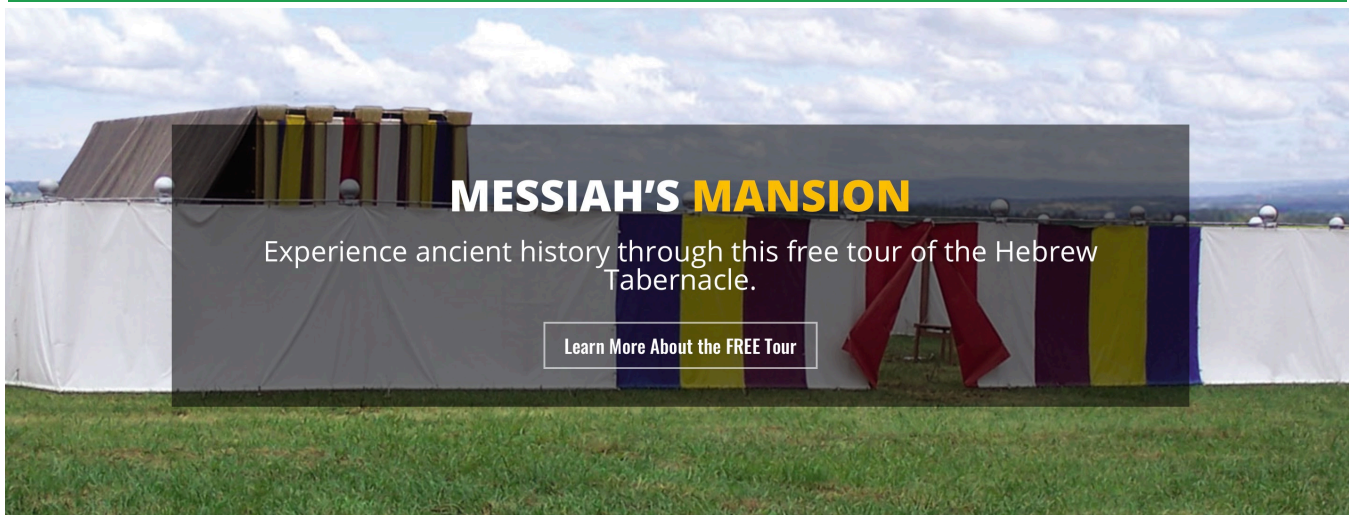
Day/Time	Wednesday - 13th	Thursday - 14th	Friday - 15th	Sabbath - 16th
7:00 - 7:30	Elder Dragos Profir, <i>Morning Devotions</i> , in Auditorium			
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast Served in Cafeteria			
8:30 - 9:45		Dr Thomas <i>Genesis Foundation</i>	Dr Thomas <i>Genesis Foundation</i>	9:15 - 12:15 Sue Nelson <i>Dakota Camps</i> Elder Gil Webb <i>SS Lesson</i> Dr Daniel Linrud <i>Sermon</i>
9:45 - 10:00	15-min Break			
10:00 - 11:00		Dr Justino <i>Understanding Diabetes</i>	Dr Justino <i>Reversing Diabetes</i>	
11:00 - 11:15	15-min Break			Dr Daniel Linrud <i>Sermon</i>
11:15 - 12:30		Dr Reeve ***	Dr Reeve ***	
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch Served in Cafeteria			
1:30 - 2:45		Carol Turk <i>The Reason for Unity</i>	Carol Turk <i>The Gift of Unity</i>	R-Table Discussion Drs Thomas, Justino Dr Linrud Ms Carol Turk Elder Matthews Elds Webb, Thurber Facilitator, Elder Neil Biloff
2:45 - 3:00	15-min Break			
3:00 - 4:15		Dr Reeve ***	Dr Thomas <i>Trinity Doctrine</i>	
4:15 - 4:30	15-min Break			
4:30 - 5:30		Mr Gary Way <i>Art Class</i>	Mr Gary Way <i>Art Class</i>	Ordination Services Elder Gary Thurber
5:30 - 6:15	Supper Served in Cafeteria			(in Gym)
7:00 - 8:30	Dr Reeve ***	Carol Turk <i>The Math of Unity</i>	Dr Thomas <i>A Pilgrim Journey</i>	Hall of Remembrance
8:30 - 9:30	Fellowship			Music Concert Elder John Matthew
8:30 - 9:40	Sabbath Schedule Differs Sundown is 9:38; ABC Opens 9:45			Dr Daniel Linrud ***

CR/Kindergarten, 0 - 5 yrs
Primary, 6 - 9 yrs
Juniors, 10 - 12 yrs
Youth, 13+

Brienne Engelhart
Roy Morris
Darrel Lindensmith
Brooke Melendez

ACS/DR will be serving a free Sabbath evening supper in the gymnasium at 5:30 pm.





Free tours of the Messiah's Mansion will be available June 22 - 29, 2019, in Jamestown, ND at the north parking lot of the fair grounds - 27th Street NW.

The Messiah's Mansion has been touring since 2003. Operated by Oklahoma Adventist Academy, presentations are by academy students and dedicated volunteers. This life-sized replica has been in 15 states, Canada and Jamaica. More information is available at: <http://jamestown.tourthesanctuary.com>

The Dakota Conference welcomes **Sarel and Ronica Smit**, with their daughter **Twainé**, from South Africa to the Dakotas.

Before he became a pastor, the Smits owned a mining company, which they sold to go into real estate. Ronica, as an accountant, was actively involved in these enterprises and also managed rental properties. Sarel studied to become an attorney and was appointed general manager of several state agencies until a dentist, located in the same office complex, introduced them to Adventism.



After they became Adventists, Sarel felt called into the ministry so they moved to Cape Town to study at Helderberg, which is similar to Andrews University. Ronica divided her time between being a mom and bookkeeping to keep Sarel in school. However, because he did so well in his studies his first year, the school offered him a full scholarship his second year and the conference sponsored the last two years if he would agree to work for them. Upon graduation the conference called him into the office as a Human Resource Director and Ronica as an accountant. However, his desire still was to be a pastor.

The Northern Conference, in Johannesburg, offered him a pastorate and he gladly accepted. His district included five churches in the Alberton area of Johannesburg. Ronica transferred as an accountant and was later internal auditor for the conference.

Smit also pastored for the Cape Conference in the area of Port Elizabeth before coming to the United States. The Smits are pastoring the Harvey-Manfred church district in North Dakota. Their daughter, Twainé, is enrolled in Dakota Adventist Academy as a sophomore. Welcome!

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