

Arctic Mission Adventure—What's Next

Tobin Dodge, Arctic Mission Adventure Director

The year was 1895 when the first recorded Seventh-day Adventist moved to Alaska to live and work. The village: Ketchikan; the mission: present the Gospel.

So much has changed in the past 123 years. Though we may not agree with many of the methods administered in centuries past, the Great Commission Jesus spoke on Mount Olivet is still the true believers' calling.

Today we often revile antiquated approaches that denigrate one's culture and dignity. So how do we remain faithful to the call to **PREACH & TEACH JESUS?** With each generation of believers, we need to consider the communities we are called to reach and adjust our methods to truly show the character of God in and through us.

The methods of Christ are applicable today in every village, on every street and in every home that we interact. *Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."* (The Ministry of Healing, pp. 143, 144).

Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) is answering Christ's command. An initiative of the Alaska Conference, AMA is designed to better serve those living in remote bush communities of Alaska. The goal of AMA is to bring hope and healing to broken people while intentionally encouraging leaders, families, and communities through personal connections that empowers a growing relationship with Jesus in order to ultimately equip them for His service.

AMA offers several ministries and events around Alaska, such as regional camp meetings which are highly spiritual weekends, Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) for young children, day camps, radio stations and aviation support. It takes mission-minded servants who rely entirely on the Lord to live and work in a village. Each one of our AMA workers takes a community-minded approach meaning that as they live and work in their community, the conference encourages them to be active neighbors, find out the specific needs of the community and become friends with those therein. This is based on the belief that once a relationship is established, it opens doors for discussions about Jesus.



Tobin Dodge

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Blessed In Bethel

Vecous Waite, Arctic Mission Volunteer

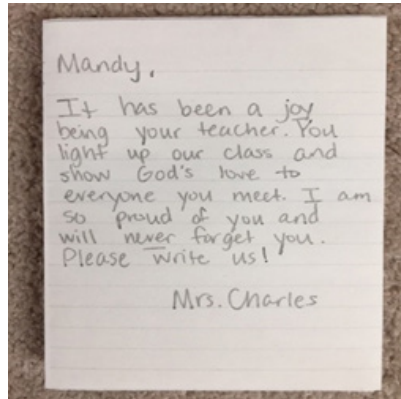
In March of 2017, Mandy and her sister came to our home as foster children. It was not long before they started learning of God's love for them and give Him thanks for a new home. As Mandy learned more about Jesus, she requested baptism and on June 30, 2017 she, along with two other candidates, gave their hearts to the Lord in baptism.

After her baptism, Mandy was passionate to share her love for God to others. While attending school, her teacher and her classmates were blessed by her positive attitude and the hope she shared in Jesus. Eventually the time came when Mandy and her sister were to be rejoined with family in another village. On her last day of school, Mandy's teacher wrote a note to her. We are so happy to have fostered Mandy and her sister and give God thanks to be a part of this story.

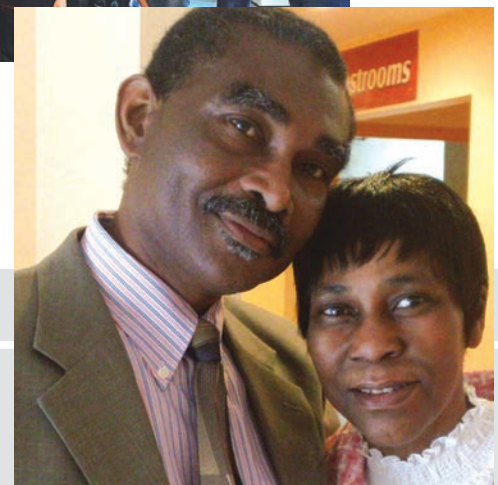
Before we came to Alaska, my wife was a preschool teacher and I was a finishing carpenter. One day apart, we unexpectedly both lost our jobs. Just a few weeks before, our daughter had offered us a vacation to Alaska. At the time we

were not planning to go because of our work schedules. However, God had other plans and since neither of us were working, we decided to visit. We had one month before leaving on our Alaskan vacation, during which we each accepted new jobs. When we were hired, we told our new employers about our vacation plans--they allowed us to go and not long after, we were off on our Alaskan adventure.

After visiting many beautiful places, it was time to spend a few days in Bethel. There wasn't much to do in the small village, so we went on the internet and to look at the Adventist work in Alaska. As we browsed through the Alaska Conference website, we saw the need for workers. God spoke to us and we instantly felt the call for ministry. We contacted the conference, connected with Pastor Ken Crawford and agreed to meet in Orlando for an interview after which we were processed to serve in Alaska as volunteers. We give thanks to God for the decision made and it is our joy serving.



First Row: Mandy, in the middle with flowers, on her baptismal day with other baptismal candidates, friends and family



Vecous & Loretta Waite

Village: Bethel, Alaska | Population 6,456
 Volunteers Since: December 2015
 Occupations: Carpenter | Preschool Teacher
 Membership / Nonmembers: 19 | 9

On The Edge Of Alaska

Joan Marlow, Arctic Mission Volunteer

Sitting at the end of Saint Lawrence Island, one hour away from Nome; 34 miles from Russia and 14 miles from the international date line, is the Russian Yupik Eskimo village of Gambell. Close to 750 precious people call this windswept, cloud-covered place home. Whale, walrus, seal, fish and shore birds provide the main diet for the village which is skirted on three sides by the ocean.

The work of the church started here many years ago. Today, there is a beautiful church which holds up to 100 people; a children's room; a comfortable guest room; a clean, spacious bathroom and a radio station. A huge project completed in 2017 was to provide every home with a radio to listen to Adventist programming (it's the only FM station in the village!). We have an average of 12-20 people attending church each Sabbath.

One nice feature of the church is the fact that the well-equipped, comfortable parsonage is attached to the church with just a door

between. A blessed fact especially when winds reach 50 mph or more.

This positive, picturesque place however is clouded with the many needs of the people here. As in many native villages, there is alcohol, drugs, gambling, violence, pornography and incest. Sweetened soda comes into the village by the ton, leaving toothless grins and diabetic bodies.

We are so appreciative of the AMA program and the Adopt-A-Village pilot! We look forward to working with those who choose Gambell as their adopted village to bring hope to our brothers and sisters here on the island we call home.



Paul & Joan are leaving Gambell in October 2018

Joan & Paul Marlow

Village: Gambell, Alaska | Population 697

Volunteers Since: January 2017

Occupations: Teacher/Counselor | Teacher/Pastor

Membership / Attendance: 56 | 16

BECOME AN ARCTIC MISSION VOLUNTEER

Are you ready for a life-changing and spiritually satisfying experience?

The conference is looking for pastoral couples who are willing to live in bush Alaska. We ask for a three year commitment and for those willing to:

- Uphold and demonstrate the core fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church in all areas of village life.
- Conduct regular Sabbath Services, including Sabbath School for youth and adults and a collective worship service.
- Become involved in and support community activities that do not conflict with core Adventists beliefs.
- Provide spiritual leadership and discipleship to church members and those who express interest in learning more about the Seventh-day Adventist message
- Provide via email, quarterly status reports to the conference on activities completed during the quarter and church attendance.

Contact Tobin Dodge, AMA Director | Phone 907-346-1004 x1017 | tobin.dodge@ac.npuc.org



You Are Perfect

Edna Estrella, Arctic Mission Volunteer

Growing up I remember raising my hand with excitement as the Sabbath School teacher asked who wanted to be a missionary. I would hop in a big cardboard plane and wave goodbye to the rest of the class as they sang "misionero, misionero adios"—missionary, missionary goodbye. In my little mind, missionaries were like the Captain America of the church. They were the true heroes.

With time, I saw these perfect portraits of missionary families in a far away land serving the Lord and I thought, "Well... that's not us". I convinced myself that the Lord would never call me as a missionary since I didn't fit that mold. Little did I know what the Lord had for me.

In the summer of 2017, my husband and I drove from Michigan to Alaska. We planned to stop by the conference office to get a Pathfinder patch for my brother-in-law's collection. Simple, right? Well, a warm welcome from the secretary, followed by a short conversation and

prayer with Pastor Quentin Purvis, and 72 hours of miraculous signs and we knew that God had called us. My husband was fully convinced, but I still needed more persuading.

After the visit to the conference, I spent the entire night talking to the Lord. Sounds beautiful, doesn't it? Well it was more like crying in terror, begging Him not to send me. But in the morning as I walked outside, He turned my face to the sky and showed me the most beautiful rainbow I had ever seen and with a still voice He said in my ear, "You are perfect".

Then I understood. God never looks for perfect people to serve him. It is just the opposite; He wants to use our less-than-perfect lives and weaknesses to reach out to others. Only then, *We can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*" (2 Corinthians 1:4). So seven months later, my husband and I are serving in Selawik Alaska like Captain America (pardon, like a missionary).



Edna and José prepare for their Alaska Mission Adventure



God sent Edna a reminder that, "You Are Perfect" for whatever He had in store



Edna and José Estrella

Village: Selawik, Alaska | Population 876

Volunteers Since: April 2018

Occupations: Nurse Practitioner | Retired Teacher

Membership / Attendance: 0 | 9

Mother's Day Fundraiser—An Answer To Prayer

Lynette Goude, Arctic Mission Volunteer

Each year, the number of kids wanting to go to Camp Polaris increases. For some, this is the only opportunity they have to leave our remote fishing village of Togiak all year long. Just getting to camp is an adventure including an airplane, bus and boat ride to arrive at the camp on Aleknagik Lake. What do you do when you have 27 young people wanting to go to junior camp and less than a handful can afford the camp fee, not to mention the airfare? You look at the \$14,310 price tag and ask God for a miracle, maybe more appropriately, a series of miracles. Reduced rates from one of the pilots for part of the campers and camp discounts for early registration helped cut some of the costs. The kids made and sold cookies, hosted movie nights at the church and tried something new this year—a Mother's Day lunch. Our local Alaska Commercial store was willing to let us have it outside at the front of the store and offered to donate some food items.

A businessman from Alaska called and offered to match what the young people raised for camp up to \$500. Together, John and I prayed that God would bless and that the Mother's Day lunch would bring in more than \$500 to receive the matching funds.

The week before was quite busy as young people came and helped prepare and package

the food to sell. As we baked cakes and cookies, one of the topics discussed was the weather. It had been raining solid for over two weeks. Wednesday we looked at the weather forecast and saw it was expected to rain on Mother's Day. With the event outside, we knew rain would keep people from showing up since most of us in Togiak either walk or use ATVs to get around. Together we prayed asking God to hold off the rain for Mother's Day.

Sunday, Mother's Day, the sky was beautiful and blue. God answered our prayer! The kids were full of energy and we were ready. As we pulled up in front of Alaska Commercial, there was a crowd of people already gathered waiting for us! It was a busy event and the kids worked hard to serve everyone. At the end, when we sat down to count the money we had raised over \$970. Later that afternoon a couple stopped by the church and purchased some of the remaining jam and salads. This brought the total to \$1,023 and with the matching funds it was \$1,523. God had doubled the amount we ask for and provided beautiful weather as well. We knew He would come through and help us raise the remaining funds for camp.

We continue to live by His promise in Phillipians 4:19: *My God will supply ALL your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*



Togiak members and neighbors enjoy the Mother's Day Lunch Fundraiser



Lynette and John Goude

Village: Togiak, Alaska | Population 868
Volunteers Since: August 2015
Occupations: Workers for Christ
Membership / Attendance: 10 | 25

NO CHURCH IN YOUR AREA?

**Join the Remote
Sabbath School
Class!**

**Sabbath Mornings
at 9:30 a.m.
1-800-920-7487
Access Code:
53383143#**





Building AMA Awareness

Tandi Perkins, Director of Development

Thank you for your continued support of Arctic Mission Adventure! God has blessed us with supporters like you. Below are the AMA goals for gleaning and retaining supporters for both 2018 and 2019; as you can see we have a way to go to meet our \$300,000 goal for this year. I would like to tell you about three giving programs that you can participate to help us reach that goal by the end of the year: *Healed Enough*, Giving Tuesday and Adopt-a-Village.

Healed Enough

On October 14, 2018 we will be presenting *Healed Enough*. *Healed Enough* is a 60-minute speaking and singing presentation by award winning Inuk singer/songwriter, Susan Aglukark, O.C. This is Susan's story; she writes, sings and talks candidly about recovering (enough) from her own abuse, about stumbling into her celebrity, about re-connecting with her Inuit heritage and the choice to use all of this to become *Healed Enough*. Susan is a two-time Juno award winner; has performed before the

Queen of England, Nelson Mandela, and Billy Graham as well as other notables.

We are seeking community support through ticket sales and donations to cover the attendance costs for survivors of sexual abuse who reside in the Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley areas and who can't pay to see Susan. A \$100 donation will enable four survivors to attend Healed Enough. We are also seeking support to work with GCI to livestream, via Facebook Live, the performance to as many bush villages as robust internet connection will allow along with Lower 48 Native American communities to promote this night of solidarity and hope.

Giving Tuesday

We are starting a new tradition of giving here in Alaska. AMA is partnering with the 92nd Street YMCA and the United Nations Foundation in participating with Giving Tuesday. This is a world-wide movement to create an international day of giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season,

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Tandi Perkins

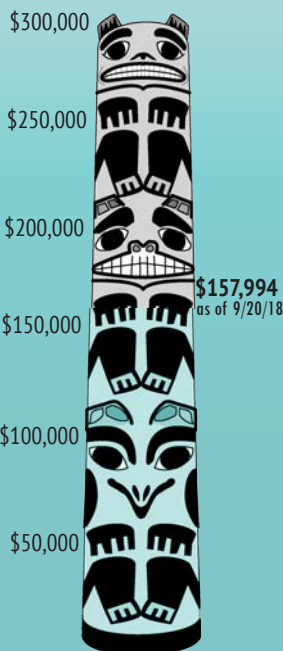
ARCTIC MISSION ADVENTURE SMART FUNDRAISING GOALS

Annual Overall Fundraising Goal: Increase fundraising to \$300,000 for 2018 and 2019

STRATEGY FOCUS: Growth through awareness, Outreach and Donor Empowerment and Retention

FOCUS AREAS	TARGETS
AMA Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in monthly Facebook ads to promote ongoing impact stories on Instagram and Facebook. Invest in video to promote village life and stories for YouTube, Facebook and AMA webpage Publish village stories in online and published media outlets nationally on monthly basis Build out AMA webpage to provide information about Adopt-a-Village to include ALL villages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase social media reach by 200% Publish one village story in online and hardcopy publication per month
Donor Acquisition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build out Adopt-a-Village program/network that invites current adopters, church members, board members and conference team to leverage networks to reach new donor audience Run matching Giving Tuesday and end-of-year campaign Hire videographer to create a promo for Adopt-a-Village that can be used peer-to-peer in churches across the nation Build out AMA webpage to provide information about Adopt-a-Village to include ALL villages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire 20 new village adopters in 2018 and 75 in 2019 Find donors willing to front \$25,000 for a match Raise \$50,000 in 2018 through Giving Tuesday and end-of-year campaign
Donor Retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move from reactive only, i.e., thank you notes, cultivation to proactive donor retention programs, i.e., quarterly outreach with impact reports Produce quarterly newsletter for donors focused on impact, not an ask Donor appreciation phone calls conducted by board members Implement donor survey; receive feedback about communication preferences, social media use, interests, etc. Re-engage lapsed donors from 2016 and 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain 75% of 2017 and 2018 donors Board members to make 20 donor appreciation calls in 2018 and 2019 Re-engage 10% of lapsed donors

2018 AMA FUNDS TO DATE



Adopt-A-Village



We are excited about the potential of the Adopt-a-Village program and the opportunity for building a bond with our friends and neighbors in rural Alaska. The program has started and we have several churches on board, both inside Alaska and in the Lower 48, and we are working with our AMA volunteers to get programs underway. Here are the program highlights:

MISSION	Building community through spiritual, emotional, physical and mental support to native Alaskans living in the outposts of the Alaska frontier.
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Third Angel's Message to those who need the hope of salvation and a future with God. Partner with churches across the nation to financially support the placement of a church planting pastor or Bible worker in bush Alaska. Church support to enable AMA to initiate outreach to kids through day camps, VBS, and afterschool programs. Aid those in need of food, clothing and safe space.
HOW IT WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRAY: Prayerfully consider the amount of financial support for a year (can be the total amount needed by the village or a portion of it). DECIDE: How will financial support will be given? (all at once, monthly, bi-monthly, etc.). CONTACT: Tandi Perkins, Director of Development, Alaska Conference of SDA by phone or email to initiate the adoption process. Email: tandi.perkins@ac.npuc.org or phone: 907- 346-1004 x1020. AMA COMMITMENT: Provides progress updates, stories, and video of how God is moving in your adopted village. PARTICIPATE: Where possible, individuals can participate in a mission trip to your adopted village to help in outreach efforts. These may be in the form of VBS, day camps, and other volunteer work.



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in response to commercialization and consumerism in the post-Thanksgiving season, i.e., Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Last year, Facebook and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced \$2 million in matching for donations to fundraisers on Facebook. We would like to participate in this opportunity for AMA to set aside a day of generosity during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Stay tuned for more information as we roll out this new giving opportunity.

Adopt-a-Village

The Adopt-a-Village program, launched this summer, invites churches, schools, individuals and other entities to support AMA volunteers through prayer, financial support and specific contributions. Contributions range from sending food bank donations to supporting a back-to-school drive with backpacks and school supplies to a variety of outreach efforts including VBS, Maranatha projects and local ministries. The specifics of the program are outline above.

Again, we appreciate your prayers and financial support, but remember, we need "boots on the ground!" Perhaps you have extra time or a talent that could be used by the AMA team. If so, please contact us! We truly need your time and talent. To learn more about Arctic Mission Adventure and these programs, visit the AMA website at www.arcticmissionadventure.org.



Radio Ministry Update

Tobin Dodge, Radio Ministry Director

If you get a chance to fly to or from Alaska, pull out that map from the seat in front of you and follow your course over the vast wilderness. You will be struck by a feeling of insignificance, for the human footprint is still small in this immense land as you fly over millions of acres of stark, yet beautiful wilderness dotted by tiny lights of isolated villages and towns. Fitly named *The Last Frontier*, Alaska is comprised mostly of isolated mini-civilizations so diverse it stretches one's imagination to go from the logging communities of southeast to the fishing villages of the Aleutian Chain to the gentle spirit of the vast Arctic Region.

Because of this geographical challenge in reaching people with the Gospel, the Alaska Conference has chosen a strategy to reach these isolated communities with the beams of radio broadcasts as part of our evangelism outreach.

History Paved the Way

As part of the original radio plan, small Low Power FM (LPMF) stations were the idea to share the Gospel in the Native villages across the state. They were relatively inexpensive and seemingly easy to operate. However, legal issues with having a LPMF station in every village became a technical and logistic impossibility. So after consulting with legal counsel and broadcasting experts, Alaska Adventist Radio decided to move in a direction that made the stations less complicated to maintain.

Current FM Stations

Each of the Adventist stations in Alaska are licensed and operating under the rules for its specific license. The cost to license a new station and install equipment and a tower is \$17,000 on average. Addition costs are incurred for travel and logistics for each location. Currently we have radio stations operating in Wrangell, Juneau, Sitka, Tok, Shungnak, Nome, North Pole, Delta Junction, Glennallen, and Dillingham and have applied

for license approval in Anchorage, Homer, Kenai, Selawik, Savoonga, Gambell, Galena, Kodiak, Dutch Harbor, Kotzebue, Barrow, Valdez, Bethel, Ketchikan, Birch Creek and Fairbanks—26 stations in all.

Full Service FM Stations		
COMMUNITY	CALL SIGN	STATUS
Delta Junction	KIAO 90.3	On Air
Dillingham		On Air
Gambell	KSVQ 89.3	On Air
Galena	KGKR-LP 95.5	On Air
Glennallen		On Air
Homer	License Released	
Juneau	KQQJ 90.7	On Air
Nome	KQQN 89.3	On Air
North Pole		On Air
Sitka	KQQS 89.3	On Air
Shungnak	KHGQ 101.7	On Air
Togiak		On Air
Tok		On Air
Wrangell	KWRG-LP 99.9 FM	On Air

Because of the geographical & financial challenges of installing & operating radio stations in Alaska, the conference administration has prioritized the stations so that radio broadcasting will start and continue as funds allow.

We need much prayer and financial support to get all 26 radio stations up and running in a manner that continually ministers to the local community. Not all the Adventist radio stations in Alaska carry the same content, many of the local leaders are plugged in and help to provide unique content customized for the local community. Each of the local stations need maintenance and supervision with local church and community leaders providing the necessary support for keeping the station on air.

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We need to be less concerned about our pet “mindset” and more concerned about loving the people God has entrusted to us. It is my prayer as we journey forward, that we will join the work that Jesus is already doing, being the “Salt & Light” in our context and let Him do the hard work of changing habits, breaking down walls, and correcting bad theology. Be willing, be available, be ready, but most of all remember who is God and what He is still at work faithfully doing!

Do you receive the monthly "AROUND THE CONFERENCE" email?

To join our mailing list, send your email address to alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org

Attention Churches & Schools:
The conference would like to include your ministry event in our monthly broadcast. Simply send event information to us **the month prior** and we will share information via email as well as our Facebook page.

Alaska Camps Partners With AMA

Tobin Dodge, Youth/Young Adults Director

Alaska Camps has traditionally held three resident camps during the summer in Alaska—Camp Tukuskoya in southcentral Alaska on Flat Lake; Camp Polaris in Dillingham and Camp Lorraine on Vank Island in southeast. This summer, Alaska Camps and AMA teamed up to present *Ultimate Camps* in the Alaskan bush. The *Ultimate Camps* pilot program was structured on a day camp format where campers would come for the day to enjoy a variety of activities and return home each evening. Both the day camp and resident camps were blessed this year.

Day Camps

A group of 30 young people went to Bethel, Nome and Selawik as part of the *Ultimate Camps* pilot to see how merging the camps and AMA ministries would work. It was successful in terms of real life contacts, impacts on the mission volunteers and families of the villages.

Bethel had as many as 40 children attending the day camps as did Selawik. In Nome, there were three different "camps" occurring simultaneously. A standard VBS-type program was held at the Nome church in the mornings with about 15 kids in attendance, while the afternoons were filled with programming and activities at the Girls and Boys Club. Praise God that as many as 95 children came through at one point or another. Friday culminated with a field trip to an oceanside cabin, owned and operated by Alaska Retreats, with 50 children attending the outing.

In an effort to connect with others in the community, Pastor Tobin, along with 15 children and six camp staff, attended Camp Crave, a local resident camp, to explore partnering with them for future camps. God



opened many doors for the day camp pilot program.

Resident Camps

The Alaska Camps resident camp program was a "mixed bag" in terms of results.

Camp Tukuskoya was a huge success. We were blessed to have a mission group from Washington state run the majority of the program with Alaska Camps staff filling in the gaps as lifeguards, activity staff and co-counselors.

Camp Polaris faced a week of difficult weather, but God blessed the efforts. Campers had a great time and by the end of the week over 30 campers committed or recommitted their lives to Christ. In addition, 15 campers were baptized! Praise God! Camp was extended by a few days due to the typhoon off the coast which made it impossible to get campers out safely.

Unfortunately Camp Lorraine was cancelled, however the conference is working through these challenges with plans to be back on Vank Island in 2019.

God richly blessed the Alaska Camps with reaching over 200 kids through Ultimate Camps and 125 campers through the resident program. Pastor Tobin had the privilege of baptizing two staff and 15 campers.



ALASKA PRAYER TEAM CALL TO PRAYER Teleconference Prayer Meeting

Fridays | 7-8 pm

Join fellow believers each
Friday for prayer and praise!

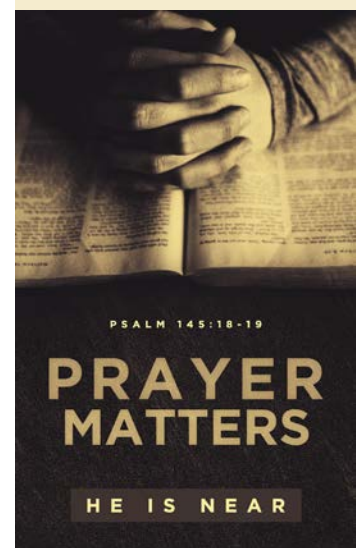
1-800-977-8002

Access Code 77861556

"#", say your name enter "#"

Jade's Story; Still Being Written...

Jade was just six years old when Tony and Airen Sherman moved to Shungnak. He grew up going to the Seventh-day Bible School each Sabbath with his brother and sister. After the Shermans left the village in August 2017—only to decide to return this coming fall—Jade's mom was looking for something to help him get out of the negative influences and into a Christian environment for the summer. Alaska Camps provided that option. By a miracle of timing, Jade was hired as an answer to the prayers of his mom. Over the eight weeks of summer, Jade blossomed and came out of his shell in every way, culminating in his baptism at Camp Polaris the last Sabbath of camp.



Alaska Conference Executive Committee Minutes

June 3, 2018—Melvin Santos, VP-Secretariat

Present	Kevin Miller, Jim Jensen, Joe Chythlook, Elsa Coronado, Steve Evenson, Warren Libby, Alice Moncher, Tau Siaki, Nathan Stearman, Ryan Woehler
	Video Conference: Melvin Santos, David King
	Invitee: Tobin Dodge
Absent	Steve Lewis, Ed Mangena, Don West, Missy Harriss
NPUC Representative	Mark Remboldt, NPUC Vice President for Finance
REPORTS	
Agenda (06-97)	VOTED to accept the Agenda
Personnel (06-98)	VOTED to accept dates for Steve Evenson's sabbatical July 30-September 1, 2018
Minutes (06-99)	VOTED to accept the January 28, 2018 minutes
Transfer of Membership (06-100)	No transfers to be voted on at this time
Treasurer's Report (06-101)	VOTED to accept the treasurer's report
Moving Expenses (06-102)	VOTED to approve 35% of additional pay moving expenses that are taxable in 2018 for employees that were non-taxable in 2017
Camp Lorraine (06-103)	VOTED to cancel resident camp for 2018
Adjourn (06-104)	VOTED to adjourn



Melvin Santos

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Native Ministries Workshop
October 11-13

Susan Aglukark Event
October 14

AMA Board Meeting
October 15

Young Adult Leadership Training
November 2-3

Daylight Savings Ends
November 4

Office Closed
November 22-23

Healed Enough
SUSAN AGLUKARK - LIVE
October 14, 2018

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Your support is critical to the success of Healed Enough. Ticket sales and sponsorships allow us to cover the admission of survivors of sexual abuse across Anchorage and Mat-Su valley, who otherwise would not be financially able to attend this evening of hope and encouragement. Sponsorship also helps defray operating costs of the event allowing funds to be allocated to other projects, i.e., working with GCI to livestream Healed Enough to bush villages to need to hear Susan's message.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT HEALED ENOUGH

- Purchase tickets by calling 907-346-1004 Monday—Thursday, 8:30 am-5:30 pm
- Purchase tickets online at <https://goo.gl/7FL3NG>
- Contact Tandi Perkins at tandi.perkins@ac.npuc.org or by phone at 301-335-2517 for more information on sponsorship

SPONSOR LEVELS

- Gold \$15,000 - \$25,000**
- Blue \$10,000 - \$14,999**
- Red \$5,000 - \$9,999**
- Green \$1,000 - \$4,999**
- Black \$100 - \$999**

EDITORS NOTE

The article, *Called To Missions*, in the *Alyeskan*, 2018 Issue 2, was incorrectly credited to Charlie Meigs. Our apologies to Tiffany Eilertsen who wrote the piece.

New Medicare Cards in 2018

Jim Jensen, VP-Finance



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Seattle Regional Office, M/S RX-100
701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600
Seattle, Washington 98104



Office of the Regional Administrator

May 16, 2018

Dear Faith Leader:

We are reaching out to you to help us raise awareness to members of your faith community about the new Medicare cards being mailed to all Medicare beneficiaries this year.

Beginning April 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) started issuing new Medicare cards to increase the security of our Medicare beneficiaries' personal information. The new Medicare card contains a unique, randomly-assigned identification number that replaces the Social Security-based number. Beneficiaries who are enrolling in Medicare *for the first time* are already receiving the new cards. New cards are being mailed to *current* Medicare beneficiaries on a rolling basis and will be completed by April 2019. For a full list of the mailing waves, please see CMS' mailing strategy, available here: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/NMC-Mailing-Strategy.pdf>.

We ask you to spread the word about the new card. CMS would be happy to mail you a New Medicare Card Toolkit with valuable official information and materials (posters, flyers and postcards). In the meantime, we ask that you distribute the enclosed flyer throughout your faith community. For more information and materials on the web, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/FaithBased.html>.

Here are 3 things we want new and current Medicare beneficiaries to know about the new Medicare card:

1. People who are enrolling in Medicare for the first time will be among the first in the country to receive the new cards.
2. Your new card will automatically come to you. You don't need to do anything as long as your address is up to date. If you need to update your address, visit your My Social Security account.
3. Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new card right away.

Please ask the members of your faith community to guard their Medicare card information. Medicare will never call anyone uninvited and ask them to disclose personal or private information in order to receive a new Medicare number or card. Medicare beneficiaries should be mindful that scam artists might try to secure personal information by contacting them under false pretenses. If someone calls and asks for personal or Medicare information or money, or threatens to cancel health benefits if they don't receive such information, Medicare beneficiaries should hang up immediately and call CMS at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Thank you for helping us educate Medicare beneficiaries about their new cards. We hope you find the information we've shared to be useful. Please call upon us if we can be helpful to you; we are happy to answer your questions. You may call us at (206) 615-2306 or email us at CMSROSEA_ORA@CMS.HHS.GOV.

Sincerely,

Darryl N. Means, MHA
Deputy Regional Administrator

Enclosure

MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE	
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Medicare Number/Número de Medicare	1EG4-TE5-MK72
Entitled to/Con derecho a	Coverage starts/Cobertura empieza
HOSPITAL (PART A)	03-01-2016
MEDICAL (PART B)	03-01-2016

The New 2018 Medicare Card
Source: <https://www.medicare.gov>

CONFERENCE CALENDAR CONT.

Alaska Conference Executive Committee
December 2

Conference In-Service Office Closed
December 6

Office Closed
December 24-28

New In Ministry Training
January 20-21

Pastors Meetings
January 21-24

AMA Training
January 25

Elders Training
January 26-27

Alaska Conference Executive Committee
January 27

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