

## Evangelizing Alaska!

*Melvin Santos, Vice-President of Administration*

**P**raise God for the 55 people who were baptized as of September 2019! Decisions were made for God because disciples invested their time to be engaged in people's lives.

We can learn lessons from nature's harvest cycle: "Sow, Grow, and Reap." We can't expect a harvest if we don't sow; we can't expect a harvest if we don't get involved in growing plants.

This year we were intentional about sowing seeds. At the Alaska State Fair this past fall, area Adventist churches handed out thousands of invitations for people to view the Messiah's Mansion exhibit in Anchorage. Imagine, almost 3,000 people heard Biblical teachings on the sanctuary and God's plan of redemption with about 300 decisions for Bible studies and other related seminars. What a powerful testimony! Seeds were sown that we pray will lead to people coming to know more about Jesus. We even had a VIP tour for church leaders and pastors of other faiths. Those that expressed interest were invited to advance sanctuary meetings.

In 2020, we are planning conference-wide evangelistic meetings with Brian McMahon which will be live-streaming to churches and homes throughout Alaska. Check with your pastors to make sure your church is participating.

But the sowing we did is not enough. The best way to sow seeds and grow plants for

harvest is by praying and making friends for Jesus on a one-on-one level. This is ground zero discipleship and research confirms this: 65 to 75 percent of people that are baptized say it was through relationships with friends and family. It's that simple.

Jesus spoke to His disciples, "...The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Jesus didn't say plan more meetings or outreach events, but to PRAY!

What can you do to prepare for the reaping meetings? First, pray intentionally. Prayer is the key that will connect us to God and reach people. Prayer activates the process of reaching people's hearts. It's not the evangelist nor the pastor who brings people to the Kingdom, it's you. It's every person in the church.

So what should you pray for? The passage states to pray "to Lord of the harvest." That's the first step. Ask God to prepare **you**. All the strategies and planning will be futile if we are not asking the Lord to prepare us first. How does God do that? Through His Holy Spirit who changes and transforms us. Unless we let the Holy Spirit recreate in us a spiritual nature daily, we are going to find it difficult to pray for people, much less to care about their spirituality.

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*Melvin Santos*

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## Greetings From Kosovo

*Kevin Miller, Conference President*

**K**osovo is a beautiful little spot in the Balkans of Europe. I had the opportunity to take a walk through the countryside a short time ago. Our allies, the Danes, put on a ruck march which they call the DANCON. It is a 25 km (15.5 mile) hike in uniform with 10 kg (approximately 22.5 lbs.) in your pack, not counting food and water.

This hike was at military speed and there were soldiers of various nations who actually ran the whole thing. I managed to keep a pretty good pace, finishing in a bit over four hours. Near the end of the march I developed blisters on both feet and my legs seemed to run out of steam. It was an act of will to cross the finish line. But I wasn't done just getting to the end; now I had to walk up a slight hill to my room. After 15.5 miles, that 22.5 lbs. felt incredibly heavy and the short distance seemed like another hike.

As I was stumbling up the hill, a colleague could see my dilemma and offered to carry my pack. At first the old soldier's pride reared up, but then better sense took over and I gratefully



*Kevin Miller*

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

accepted his help. What a blessing not to have to carry that for a few steps.

That reminded me of Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” I think too often I've concentrated on the burden instead of the person carrying it, scrutinizing the burden the person is carrying. Instead, Jesus lifts the burden so it's bearable.

Kosovo is a bit like that. The United States and it's allies are lifting the burden here so it's bearable. Let's do the same in our families, churches, and communities. God blesses us beyond measure offering us safety in His arms and assures us that He is the haven for the tired and weary.

I look forward to returning to Alaska. May you stay always in His grace.

## Evangelize Or Fossilize

*John Loor Jr, General Vice-President*

**D**r. Adrian Rogers, pastor of a large Baptist church in Memphis, Tennessee once said, “We will either evangelize or we will fossilize. We will grow and glow, or we will dry and die. . . Where there is no passion, the church perishes.”

I believe our churches today need to evangelize, grow and glow just like the New Testament church did during the Apostles' day.

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He called two men to be fishers of men—Andrew and Peter. Though brothers, they were extreme opposites. Andrew was quiet and reserved. We would call him an “ordinary layman” not exceptionally trained or gifted. Peter was just the opposite—a natural leader, extroverted, reckless, impulsive, impetuous and explosive. He was fearless and made quick decisions. Yet, God used both brothers to be soul winners for Him.



*John Loor Jr.*

God can use all of us in different ways to win souls for Him. The key is—are we willing to let Him use us? We are all different, but if we will become “useable.” God will employ us to do great things for Him in reaching people. How? By using Christ's method found in Ministry of Healing p. 143. “Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “follow Me.” Every single one of us mingles with people every day. If we are quiet and reserved like Andrew, or an extrovert like Peter, God can use us to share His love with others.

Evangelize or fossilize? The choice is yours.

# Here Am I, Lord Use Me

Jim Jensen, Vice-President of Finance

I have seen a number of times recently where God was able to use our office staff. Sometimes the item seems relatively small, but the timing turns out to be crucial. Last year I received a call from parents who were working on an international adoption and had a very short time in the Anchorage airport, but needed papers notarized. Nita Larson, our assistant treasurer at the conference, is a Notary and met them at the airport. The adoption is complete now and their child is home.

A pastor was asking for help arranging flights to his father's funeral and I suddenly had a strong impression that this needed to be done right now rather than in a few hours. We booked the ticket for a few days later as

the flights were full, but told the pastor and his family to go to the airport and they might get out flying standby. They got out on the very next flight. That was the last flight out as commercial aviation was then halted for at least two weeks.

If the Lord gives you the thought to call or send a note of encouragement to someone, please do it. You just never know how God will use what we perceive as an insignificant action at the moment to make a big difference. We know that God does not need our money nor does he need any of us to complete his work on this planet. However, He has asked each of us to participate with Him. I have to believe that this is because it does more for us than for Him.

This year has been a comparatively good year financially for the Alaska Conference. Through September 30, 2019, year-to-date tithe is up a little better than 3.0%. Each dollar donated may seem small by itself, but trust that God is using the money just as He uses our actions. Thank you for your faithfulness in actions and dollars.



“And let us not be weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)



Jim Jensen

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Next, ask the Lord to give you **Christ's love** in your heart so that you will have Christ's compassion for people. It's that simple. Some people may reach out to their neighbor out of guilt or duty with no love for people. When you are imbued with Christ's love, you will love people too!

Last, be specific and pray to soften the hearts of your husband, your wife, son or daughter for Christ. Sometimes it feels that it is harder to reach family. In reality, they are the easiest to win because they already know you. The problem is we don't pray regularly and intentionally to God to win a family member. Imagine how wonderful it would be to see family members give their hearts to Jesus.





## Messiah's Mansion Comes To Anchorage

Mike Osborn, Anchorage Northside

On a crisp October morning in 2018, pastors from Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley gathered together for prayer, fellowship and breakfast at a local diner. The conversation eventually moved towards answering, “How are we going to be salt and light in Alaska’s largest metro area in 2019?”

From this God-inspired conversation, six pastors began to earnestly pray and work to bring the Oklahoma-based Messiah’s Mansion (the life-sized wilderness tabernacle) to Anchorage. Area churches caught the vision contributing expertise and funds to publicly present the plan of redemption as taught in the sanctuary message.

The event was scheduled for September 7-15. Bringing Messiah’s Mansion up to Alaska was no small task and the budget reflected the considerable expense of moving equipment and people from Oklahoma to Alaska. Seeing the commitment of area churches, the Alaska Conference offered to cover up to 50% of the proposed budget!!

A meeting in June saw volunteers stepping up to help with marketing, site safety and security, logistics and operations, lodging and meals. Soon thereafter, weekly Sunday morning prayer meetings began where leaders and volunteers collectively prayed for God’s blessing for a successful outreach to our Anchorage friends and neighbors.

At the Alaska State Fair in late August with almost 300,000 attendees, a booth with a full-scale model of the Ark of the Covenant was

displayed. Volunteers promoted the Messiah’s Mansion event talking with people and handing out brochures. While purchasing frankincense for burning in the censer atop the Ark of the Covenant, Pastor Jim John befriended the Russian Orthodox Arch Bishop who caught Jim’s enthusiasm and asked one of their leaders to encourage the entire congregation to attend.

A few days into September, the truck arrived and the following day Messiah’s mansion staff landed in Anchorage. Assembly of the full-scale mosaic tabernacle on the Delaney Park Strip began in earnest the next day. On September 6, the first tour was conducted by Clayton Leineweber, Director of Messiah’s Mansion, for local evangelical church pastors. The tour was not only a peek over three thousand years back in history, but a humbling account of the measures that God has taken to bring us all back to personal communion with Him.

Public tours began the next afternoon, and despite the heavy rain, there were over 330 visitors. One sincere young couple, Miles and Kaitlin, drove by the Messiah’s Mansion and circled the block a few times. Miles said, “I’ve got to go see what this is all about.” The couple had recently arrived in Anchorage and been convicted that they need to get back to God and attend church. The tour they attended on that rainy fall day hit the mark and they wanted to learn more. They attended the follow-up meetings at Northside and have now started Bible studies. Pastor Jim John writes, “Miles and Kaitlin are seeking for a deep relationship with God and their sincere efforts to learn about His character was sparked by attending the Messiah’s Mansion and we praise God for His faithfulness.”

By the final day, there had been 2,910 visitors including groups from schools and senior centers with over 285 requests for follow-up by non-Adventists! On Sunday, staff and volunteers took down the tabernacle and said their goodbyes to new friends, as they were on their way to Virginia for another event. We all truly appreciate their dedication and their ministry which is very powerful. The staff members were wonderful people who loved teaching the sanctuary and loved serving God. They were a privilege to work with and to get to know.

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Mike Osborn



People across Anchorage visit Messiah's Mansion



Messiah's Mansion on the Delaney Park Strip

# A Place Of Refuge

Tandi Perkins, Director of Development



Thanks to a generous donor, Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) was able to hire videographer Nick Evenson to capture life in Bush Alaska's Native villages. The goal of the video project is to raise awareness of and funds for the amazing work that God is doing through AMA. This past July, Nick and I set off on a whirlwind tour of nine villages in 15 days to collect video of each of the villages and interview our AMA volunteers and village folk that have been impacted by this ministry.

As Nick and I travelled from village to village, one theme was repeated time and again by village kids and adults alike, "The Seventh-day church is where I can feel safe and get the help I need." In one village, a mama and her 4-year-old came to the door of the parsonage one night and said, "I used to come to this church when I was a little girl. I didn't know what else to do or where to go; can I stay here?" The AMA volunteers invited them in and gave them a warm place to sleep. Through this, they were able to talk and pray with the woman and she observed them having morning devotion. We pray that the seeds planted in this one kind act will produce fruit.

We also heard of a child who walked across a village early one Sunday morning to the "Seventh-day" parsonage carrying two eggs. She had awoken in a house of inebriated adults and was hungry. She got dressed and went off to her grandmother's house after not finding anything to eat. Her grandmother told her to get whatever she could find in the refrigerator and go back home. The little girl found two eggs, but there was no one to cook them for her. It was then that she thought of our AMA volunteers so she walked across the village, knocked on the door and asked if they would prepare the eggs for her.

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

As I visited these villages, I learned that every day children in Alaska Native villages face enormous challenges: food insecurities, substance and sexual abuse, and suicide rates that top the nation. Providing safe spaces and programs are a priority of this ministry to champion Alaska Native kids through these challenges. This holiday season, God has opened a way for AMA to continue to provide safe spaces and programs in Bush Alaska. Adventist Community Services (ACS) is partnering with AMA to support two very important programs:



Tandi Perkins

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## ACS DOUBLES YOUR POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE!

**\$100,000 MATCH**

Every day kids in Alaska Native villages face enormous challenges.

One in five experience food insecurity. Sexual abuse among Alaskan children is 6x the national average, while substance abuse and suicide rates top the nation among the young.

Adventist Community Services is partnering with AMA to support two important programs:

**Send a Kid to Native Camp & After-School Meals & Vacation Bible School**

Every dollar you give through **DECEMBER 31**, Adventist Community Services will match up to \$100,000.

Donate at [WWW.ARCTICMISSIONADVENTURE.ORG](http://WWW.ARCTICMISSIONADVENTURE.ORG)





# Alaska Radio Ministry Expands

Ryan Woehler, Alaska Adventist Radio Network

God has richly blessed the radio ministry in Alaska this year. This spring, Henry Parker joined the Alaska Adventist Radio Network (AARN) here in Nome. Henry (NLOH)\* comes to us from Maine and brings with him a love for Christ, a love for radio, and no less important... he loves snow! Volunteering for a short-term student missionary position gave him the opportunity to see what living in Nome and working in radio was all about. At the end of his commitment, we were blessed to be able to offer him a regular paid position. Henry happily accepted and became the first paid employee in our radio ministry in Alaska. My, how far things have come.



Ryan Woehler

The Alaska Adventist Radio Network was organized in 2015 and incorporated in 2017. Our mission is to provide programming and support for Adventist radio stations in Alaska. We have created a blend of uplifting music that appeals to our rural listeners with messages of hope that reflect the unique message that we as Seventh-day Adventists have to share. Listening to our station, you are likely to hear country gospel music alongside inspirational thoughts and sermons. You'll hear *Your Story Hour* and the *Bible in Living Sound*. During the week we provide weather forecasts and information relevant for each unique location. On the weekend you can join us for a Sabbath School Lesson study Friday nights at 6 p.m. and Sabbath mornings at 8 a.m. followed by a fantastic mission story from Adventist Frontier Missions at 9 o'clock. And if your absence from church is excused, we invite you to join us for the sermon as well. Otherwise, your church needs you.

In September, we welcomed three new stations to the network in just under two weeks. KUIM in Bethel is now broadcasting on 96.1 to around 6,500 people. Selawik is home to roughly 850 people and they can now tune

## ALASKA ADVENTIST RADIO NETWORK

KQQN 89.3 Nome

KSVQ 89.3 Gambell

KKLK 89.3 Savoonga

KHGQ 101.7 Shungnak

KSLK 101.7 Selawik

KUIM 96.1 Bethel

KRGW 106.9 Fairbanks

KWRG-LP 99.9 Wrangell

in to KSLK on 101.7. The Fairbanks church is encouraging people to 'Keep Reading God's Word' on KRGW 106.9. We had hoped that our small transmitter could cover most of the city of 30,000 people, but judging from the reports that are coming in, we are being received by most of the 97,000 people in the North Star Borough. Hearing this has left us very grateful as well as speechless. We finished September feeling very thankful and exhausted.

If you're unfortunate enough to not live in one of the areas where we broadcast, we would love to have you join us on the web. Our radio streams live 24/7 at [www.akadventistradio.net](http://www.akadventistradio.net) and oddly enough, the majority of our online listeners join us from the lower 48!

We are so grateful to God for His leading and provision this year as well as the many volunteers who have pitched in to make this possible. As we look forward to 2020, we are excited to see how He will continue leading. Utqiagvik is scheduled for construction next summer as well as a few other exciting projects that are under development. Stay tuned!

*\*NLOH is Henry's Ham radio callsign (with 0 being a zero).*

# ALASKA

ADVENTIST RADIO NETWORK



Henry Parker broadcasts on KQQN 89.3

# Training Leaders For Native Ministry

Tobin Dodge, Arctic Missions Adventure Director

Each year AMA Leadership takes intentional focus to find and develop Alaska Natives to be church leaders in their community. AMA takes seriously the command of Jesus to disciple people not just to follow, but to lead. God has placed each Native leader in their context "...for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14) It is our privilege to encourage, equip and empower each individual to their full potential in Jesus.

The workshop began Thursday evening, which hosted selected Native leaders from villages across Alaska. This year's focus was to help each person recognize their value to God, His work and their village. Time was dedicated to exploring unique spiritual gifts with the purpose of giving each attendant an understanding of their unique gifts and abilities to make a major difference for the kingdom and the communities they live in.

Several sessions were spent learning from guest presenter, Pastor Boyan Levterov, who recently moved to Maryland, in understanding

Biblical spiritual gifts and individual passions combined with ministry style. This was done through personal assessments, dialoging about the results and conversing about the first steps to implementing a personal ministry plan in collaboration with village needs.

Pastor Chad Angasan of the Nome & Kotzebue Districts led out in worship and music as well as gave a presentation on taking personal time with God: *Time Alone with God*—TAG as he called it. He showed the necessary steps to spend time journaling and praying in a personal way.

Sabbath was spent studying, praying and worshipping together capped with singing at the local Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage followed by a wedding reception for the church leader in Gambell & his new wife, Chris & Jessica Koonooka. Congratulations!

In 2020, the Alaska Native Leadership Workshop will target collaborative work between the community and church leadership.



Tobin Dodge



L-R: Chad Angasan, Alice Moncher & Joe Chythlook prepare to lead music.

Leaders discover their spiritual gifts.



Alaska Native Leadership Workshop Attendees



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## Messiah's Mansion Comes To Anchorage cont.

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In the following weeks, a follow-up campaign began. Volunteers continue to meet the follow-up requests which include invitations for Sanctuary classes, studies on Daniel, and mailing of *A Divine Design* as well as invitations to the Brian McMahon evangelism series which will be held February or March 2020.



## He Knows Our Needs

*Edna Estrella, Selawik Arctic Missions Volunteer*

For the past 1½ years, my husband and I have lived in Selawik, Alaska, an Eskimo village of approximately a thousand people. What a joy it has been!

In October 2018, we received a \$9,000 donation for "whatever was needed." The Lord knew how urgent it was to buy a snow machine, but we were also praying for another project in the village—a radio antenna. We wanted to bring the radio signal from Nome to our village and as we prayed we felt the Lord was calling us to walk by faith. We decided to give the money towards the radio antenna, so we prayed, "Lord, thank you for the donation. You know how much we need a snow machine in our visitation and to help our neighbors. We thank you for you have sent your angels to help us every time our four-track gets stuck in the snow. But we believe the radio antenna would reach more than us. We know you will provide for the next winter" and with that, we donated the money towards the radio antenna.

In February 2019, we went to visit our family in Bellevue, Michigan and a friend invited us to talk about Alaska missions. With pleasure, we talked about how the Lord called us to Alaska, the challenges of living in remote

areas, and how the Lord has blessed His work. We asked for prayers so the Lord would provide a snow machine for the next winter.

The average snowfall in the U.S. is 26" a year, but in Selawik it is 60" and the snow season lasts approximately eight months. Simple tasks such as doing house visits, taking the trash to the dump, or carrying boxes from the post office are quite challenging in knee-deep snow. It was so challenging that when my beautiful 85-year-old neighbor saw me walking from house to house burst in laughter and said, "You walk like a moose." Most importantly, a specific population live in tents outside the village limits, and we were unable to minister because of a lack of access.

Back home from Michigan, we receive an email. God had impressed a family to donate \$9,000 towards our snow machine! The dealer shipped our machine to Kotzebue where my husband and a church member brought it home by boat. Now we have both: the radio antenna and the snow machine. We serve a living God. I invite you to trust the Lord, to put your resources in His treasury and then rest in His arms because He will take care of you.



*Edna Estrella*



*The donated snow machine is off-loaded in Selawik*



*Ready for use in Selawik where average snowfall is over 60 inches*

## A Place Of Refuge cont.

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Native day camps and after-school meals/Vacation Bible School (VBS). ACS is providing \$100,000 as a match to give kids a chance to meet Jesus at camp and VBS with full stomachs. By raising the ACS match to total \$200,000, we can send 70 kids from two villages to camp! What an amazing opportunity to allow kids to feel safe—to be kids again.

I am asking each of you to help us reach the \$100,000 needed to match ACS's gift. Each dollar given will be doubled. I am reminded of the verse in James that says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." James 1:27



# 2020 Conference Calendar



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## MAY-AUG

## SEP-DEC

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| <p>January 1<br/><i>Closed: New Years Day</i></p> <p>January 13<br/><i>AMA Board</i></p> <p>January 20<br/><i>Closed: MLK Jr Day</i></p> <p>January 20-23<br/><i>Pastors Meetings</i></p> <p>January 23<br/><i>K-12 Board of Education</i></p> <p>January 24 &amp; 25<br/><i>Elders Training</i></p> <p>January 26<br/><i>Alaska Executive Committee</i></p> <p>February 6 &amp; 7<br/><i>Teachers Meetings</i></p> <p>February 17<br/><i>Closed: Presidents Day</i></p> <p>February 21-23<br/><i>Nome Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>March 6-8<br/><i>Bristol Bay Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>March 20-22<br/><i>Bethel Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>April 10-12<br/><i>Utqiagvik Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>April 20-23<br/><i>Closed: Team Building</i></p> <p>April 24 &amp; 25<br/><i>Youth Prayer Conference</i></p> | <p>May 8-10<br/><i>St. Lawrence Island Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>May 14<br/><i>K-12 Board of Education</i></p> <p>May 17<br/><i>Alaska Executive Committee</i></p> <p>May 21-25<br/><i>Alaska Adventist Ministries Convention: ACS-Pathfinders-Growing Young-Alaska Pilots</i></p> <p>May 25<br/><i>Closed: Memorial Day</i></p> <p>May 31-June 6<br/><i>Camp Cresendo*</i></p> <p>June 7-13<br/><i>Alaska Camps Specialty Training</i></p> <p>June 14-20<br/><i>Alaska Camps Staff Training</i></p> <p>June 19-20<br/><i>Interior Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>June 21-24<br/><i>NAD Called Convention</i></p> <p>June 21-27<br/><i>AMA Day Camps I</i></p> <p>June 25-July 4<br/><i>General Conference</i></p> <p>June 28-July 4<br/><i>AMA Day Camps II</i></p> | <p>July 2<br/><i>Closed: Independence Day</i></p> <p>July 5-12<br/><i>Alaska Camps: Tuk Juniors (ages 8-12)</i></p> <p>July 12-18<br/><i>Alaska Camps: Tuk Teen xTreme (ages 13-17)</i></p> <p>July 17-19<br/><i>Men's Retreat</i></p> <p>July 21-25<br/><i>Southcentral Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>July 26<br/><i>18th Regular Alaska Constituency Meeting</i></p> <p>July 28<br/><i>Closed: Camp Meeting deBrief</i></p> <p>July 30-August 1<br/><i>Alaska Camps: Polaris Teens (ages 13-17)</i></p> <p>July 31-August 2<br/><i>Southeast Camp Meeting</i></p> <p>August 2-9<br/><i>Alaska Camps: Lorraine &amp; Polaris Juniors (9-13)</i></p> <p>August 3-5<br/><i>Teachers Meetings</i></p> <p>August 27-Sept 7<br/><i>State Fair Outreach</i></p> | <p>September 7<br/><i>Closed: Labor Day</i></p> <p>September 8-10<br/><i>Conference Leadership Strategic Planning</i></p> <p>September 21<br/><i>AMA Board</i></p> <p>September 24<br/><i>K-12 Board of Education</i></p> <p>September 27<br/><i>Alaska Executive Committee</i></p> <p>October 6-8<br/><i>AMA Workers Conference</i></p> <p>October 8-10<br/><i>Alaska Native Leadership Workshop</i></p> <p>October 12<br/><i>AMA Board</i></p> <p>November 26-27<br/><i>Closed: Thanksgiving</i></p> <p>December 24-31<br/><i>Closed: Christmas</i></p> <p>*Blind Camp</p> |
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## Executive Committee Call In Minutes

July 29, 2019 | Melvin Santos, VP of Administration

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| Present                                     | Melvin Santos, John Loor, Jr., Jim Jensen, Steve Evenson, David King, Steve Lewis, Warren Libby, Ed Mangena, Tau Siaki, Ryan Woehler, Don West.  |
|   | Invitees: Tobin Dodge  |
| Absent                                      | Joe Chythlook, Elsa Coronado, Missy Harriss, Alice Moncher   |
| NPUC Representative                         | Mark Remboldt, NPUC Treasurer  |
| Prayer                                      | John Loor, Jr.   |
| <b>REPORTS</b>                              |  |
| Executive Committee Replacement (19-13)     | <b>VOTED</b> to ask Adrian Neacsu, pastor of Ketchikan/Craig District, to serve on the Alaska Conference Executive Committee. Pastor Neacsu fills the the open pastoral representative position for the Southeastern portion of the conference.  |
| Office Roof Repair (19-14)                  | <b>VOTED</b> to replace the office roof for \$425,000 and request loan from the North Pacific Union Conference Revolving Fund to cover 65% of cost. Part of this vote includes obtaining another bid within seven days. Cap on bid to be \$500,000   |
| Pioneer Campground Project Proposal (19-14) | <b>VOTED</b> to remove the concrete floor of the campground auditorium with help of volunteers plus equipment for cost of \$8,855 and start raising funds for the new floor to include in-floor heating. Vote includes replacing windows and installing drywall for 20 a-frame cabins with the \$10,000 donated by volunteers and the cost of leveling the ABC building floor for \$908. |
|   | Melvin reported on baptisms and attendance for last quarter. Also noted state of Discipleship training for conference  |
| Closing Prayer                              | Mark Remboldt  |



Melvin Santos

## Executive Committee Minutes

September 22, 2019 | Melvin Santos, VP of Administration

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| Present                            | Melvin Santos, John Loor, Jr., Jim Jensen, Steve Evenson, David King, Steve Lewis, Warren Libby, Ed Mangena, Tau Siaki, Ryan Woehler, Don West.   |
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| NPUC Representative                | Mark Remboldt, NPUC Treasurer   |
| Prayer                             | John Loor, Jr.  |
| <b>REPORTS</b>                     |   |
| Minutes (19-15)                    | <b>VOTED</b> to approve the Minutes for May 19, 2019 & July 29, 2019.   |
| Vice-President's Report (19-14)    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melvin Santos reported on the discussion between the North American Division and the General Conference concerning tithe parity.</li> <li>As of September 22, 2019, Alaska had 42 baptisms, seven Profession of Faiths and one re-baptism. Membership is 3,798.</li> <li>2,910 individuals went through the Messiah's Mansion exhibit</li> </ul> |
| Treasurer's Report (19-16) (19-17) | <p><b>VOTED</b> to approve the August 31, 2019 financial report subject to audit.</p> <p><b>VOTED</b> to approve the report from the Audit Review Committee for 2017.</p>   |

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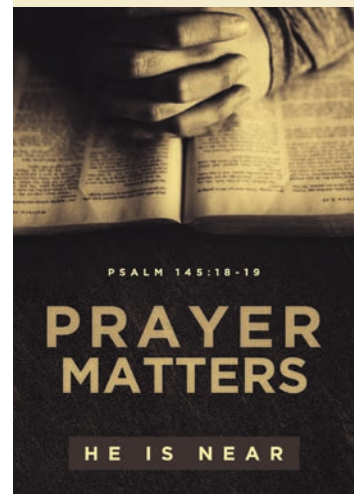
# Executive Committee Minutes CONT.

September 22, 2019 | Melvin Santos, VP of Administration



|  | REPORTS CONT.   |
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| Ministerial Report                                   | Steve Evenson reported on the North American Division's (NAD) CALLED 2020 pastors' meetings before the 2020 General Conference session.   |
| Arctic Missions   Youth                              | Tobin Dodge shared via video that 120 Alaska Pathfinders attended the International Camporee in Oshkosh. Alaska Camps attendance: 325 campers with 100 committing/recommitting their lives to Jesus.  |
| Development  | Tandi Perkins reported on the village video tour with Nick Evenson to obtain footage for three AMA promotional videos. Two possible NAD funding opportunities with Adventist Community Services (ACS) and NAD Ministerial. To date, donations total \$308,000.  |
| Education (19-18)                                    | Rod Rau reported on the Amazing Grace Academy (AGA) process to apply for full academy status. <b>VOTED</b> to recommend to the NPUC Board of Education that AGA be permitted to operate as a full senior academy effective 2020-2021 school year.   |
| Medical   Health Insurance Update (19-19)            | Jim Jensen provided update on different health plans being considered. Two issues: 1) how much of a cost reduction would be realized with a high deductible and health account, and 2) information needed from Adventist Risk Management (ARM) on the increase in catastrophic medical premiums. <b>VOTED</b> to table insurance discussion until additional information is received. |
| Office Roof Repair Youth Department Report           | Received \$226,000 from ARM with possibility of additional \$45,000 for code upgrades. Bid for roof is \$425,000 from Pinnacle Construction. Estimated repair period is October 4 - November 11.  |
| Building Committee (19-20)                           | <b>VOTED</b> the following individuals to be on the Alaska Conference Building Committee: George Alder, Doug Becker, James Cazort, Jim Kincaid (Chair), Jim Jensen, Jim Keeney, E.J. Ranville.  |
| Broadcast Ownership Survey (19-21)                   | ACEC members were given the FCC Broadcast Application/Licensee Disclosure and Certification form to sign. <b>VOTED</b> that the conference revive the Adventist Radio Alaska Corporation (Entity No. 10028386) to be reinstated for the purpose of transferring licenses to an entity to be determined.   |
| Emeritus Ministerial Credentials (19-22)             | <b>VOTED</b> to recommend to the NPUC Executive Committee Emeritus Ministerial Credentials for the following: Wendell Downs and Puleia Onesemo.   |
| Registered Agent for Alaska Dept of Commerce (19-23) | <b>VOTED</b> to appoint Jim Jensen as the registered agent for the Alaska Department of Commerce.   |
| Alaska Constitutency Session (19-24)                 | <b>VOTED</b> the date of July 26, 2020 for the 18th Regular Conference Constitutency Session.   |
| (19-25)  | <b>VOTED</b> the local church membership deadline date for delegate counts be the end of Third Quarter 2019.  |
| Sabbatical Request (19-26)                           | <b>VOTED</b> to grant David Shin his sabbatical request for November 12-December 20, 2019.  |
| Pioneer Campground Fundraising Committee (19-27)     | <b>VOTED</b> the following individuals be on the Pioneer Campground Project Fundraising Committee: Jerilyn Burtch, Jim John, Brenda Johnson, Steve Lewis, Tandi Perkins (Advisor), Danny Whatley.   |
| Conflict of Interest Statements                      | ACEC members provided 2019 Conflict of Interest statements for signature.   |
| Personnel (19-28)                                    | <b>VOTED</b> to enable Administration to extend call to Brad Traxler to pastor the Juneau Church and serve as interim pastor for Wrangell Church subject to approval of Juneau members in business session.   |
| Closing Prayer                                       | Steve Evenson   |

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## Intrepid Missionary Goes To Sleep In Jesus

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**A** great worker for the Lord has laid his burdens down and sleeps in Jesus. Dan Rotthoff came to the Alaska Conference in 2012 asking for a position as a missionary. A few years prior, Dan and his wife had donated their entire cattle ranch in Idaho with several houses to an organization for troubled youth called "Project Patch." Then shortly after, his beloved wife passed away yet at the age of 82, Dan still felt like he could contribute with his spiritual gifts.

We placed him as a pastor/missionary in Togiak, Alaska. The church flourished under his leadership and the village loved and respected him. Dan was a quiet man, but a deep student of the Bible. He surrounded himself with an untold number of books and studied many of them until he understood prophecy as well as any pastor could.

A year before he died, he finished a book on his life story, *A Family Blessed*, then drove over 8,000 miles across the country in his old motorhome, giving the book and his testimony to three generations of his prodigy. He wanted to see them all in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We will miss him, but he will soon awake to see his Jesus, whom he loved with all his heart. He was a friend.



*Dan Rotthoff, Former Togiak AMA Volunteer*

*Project Patch*  
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