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Worship and Gratitude

In God's kingdom economy, worship and thanksgiving are part of the same equation. We read in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (NKJV). Giving thanks isn't optional for Christians. It is God's will that we give thanks in all things. Therefore, to be ungrateful is to be outside of God's will. This high premium on gratitude is based on the fact that a grateful heart is a worshipping heart, and a worshipping heart is the foremost evidence of a redeemed heart.

We see this in the story of the woman with the alabaster jar of costly perfume (Mark 14). Her extravagance reflected the depth of her gratitude. Some considered it a waste. For her, it was a reasonable response to God's love. Worship is giving God all that we are and have, no matter how costly, in gratitude for His amazing grace.

In an attempt to calm a frustrated mom whose son failed to say thanks for the gift they'd given him, the kind relatives told her, "It's not important. We don't need him to thank us." But the mother countered with this insightful response: "You may not need to hear it, but he most certainly needs to say it. He will say 'thank you' because it is right, because he should be grateful, and because he will be a better person if he does."

Similarly, God doesn't need our thanks, but we need to thank Him because of what gratitude does for us. That's why Scripture commands it: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100:4, 5). These verses teach that the prescribed route into God's presence is thanksgiving and praise and that we always have at least three reasons to be thankful: "the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations."

So as the Thanksgiving season rolls around, be mindful of the relationship between worship and gratitude. Yes, a worshipping heart is a grateful heart; a grateful heart is a worshipping heart. To be a Christian is to spend one's whole life giving God thanks for His indescribable gift. Doing so makes us better worshippers.

— *Whaid Guscott Rose*
Denver office

“Worship in the Spirit” Conference Tour Update

The “Worship in the Spirit” tour continues full throttle. Some 1,300 attended the mid-August tour stop in Houston! No stop was scheduled for September due to Ministerial Council, though the subject of worship was broadly treated during council week. We pick up again in the New York/New Jersey area on October 11 and then in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on October 25 (replacing the previously announced November 1 stop in Oklahoma City). Here’s the entire schedule at a glance:

Cobourg, Ontario, Canada	June 28, 2014
Houston, Texas	August 9, 2014
New York/New Jersey	October 11, 2014
Fort Smith, Arkansas	October 25, 2014
Port Saint Lucie, Florida	December 6, 2014
Phoenix, Arizona	December 13, 2014
Lodi, California	January 17, 2015
Los Angeles, California	March 21, 2015
Acme, Alberta, Canada	April 11, 2015
Chicago, Illinois	May 2, 2015

See you in the weeks and months to come as we turn the spotlight on worship, the church’s highest priority. “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be above all the earth” (Psalm 57:5, NKJV).

— *Tour Team*



Houston tour worship team

Conference News

A New President

The search is underway for a new Conference president, and the Succession Planning Committee is pleased to share the job description for this position with the church-at-large (see p. 3). This document is available for download in its entirety at cog7.org/succession.

Thank you in advance for making the selection of our new Conference president a matter of daily prayer.

Business

The Bylaws Revision Committee, appointed at the 2013 business session, has completed its first draft of proposed revisions to the General Conference bylaws and is making it available to the Conference membership.

The draft was distributed via e-mail in late September. If you did not receive it, the Conference office either doesn’t have an e-mail address for you, or what’s on file isn’t current. Those who did not receive the e-mail may access this information with the following link: cog7.org/bylaws.

Bylaw revisions will be acted upon at the 2015 business session in Milwaukee. Voting privileges at convention business sessions are reserved for General Conference members only.

We must know and appreciate our history and heritage, lest by being ignorant of our past, we fail to visualize and embrace our future.

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General Conference
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Job Description

Job Title: President of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)

Position Details

Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- Establishes a clear vision and direction for the General Conference.
- Integrates planning efforts across General Conference districts and ministries.
- Demonstrates the characteristics and fulfills the responsibilities of an elder listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
- Provides oversight for people in leadership (executive director, district superintendents, G. C. Ministries directors).
- Personally committed to the doctrinal teachings of the Church of God (Seventh Day).
- Works confidently with diverse personalities.
- Builds and manages positive working relationships across all areas of the organization.
- Works with board of directors to create an optimal governance environment to include supporting the policies, procedures, and philosophy of the board.
- Understands and communicates the importance of expecting excellence throughout the organization.
- Recognizes, recruits, and develops internal talent.

Travel or Outside Activities

- Extensive domestic travel; some international travel required.

Position Requirements and Qualifications

Experience

- Membership in the Church of God (Seventh Day) for the past five (5) consecutive years or membership since January 1, 2010.
- Active participant within a Conference congregation.
- Participation in Church of God (Seventh Day) activities at a national or district level a plus.

- A minimum of two (2) years managing leaders in an executive role.
- Performance management experience with senior level managers, supervisors, and team members.
- Experience managing/overseeing budgets of \$1M or more.
- A writing sample on one aspect of Christian living or a list of published writings.

Educational Background

- Bachelors degree required. Graduate degree(s) preferred.

Proficiencies and Attributes

- Possesses strong platform communication skills and motivational ability.
- Exhibits positive ability to work confidently with diverse personalities, including board members and others in leadership positions.
- Displays vision, personal integrity, high moral and biblical standards.
- Demonstrates effective conflict-management skills.
- Exemplifies stable marriage and family home life as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
- Possesses excellent interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

Required Training

- Ongoing professional development training through seminars, course work, etc. will be expected.

Application Process

- Please submit your résumé and a letter of application to: General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day), P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233 ATTENTION: Talent Management Task Force

Hispanic Women's Retreat



Ramón Ruiz

Chicago was the “happening place” August 29 – September 1, when 318+ women from as far away as Guatemala, México, and throughout the United States came for the XXVII Annual Hispanic Women’s Retreat. Elder Ramón Ruiz, IMC president, encouraged us to seek God’s guidance in finding our place of service in CoG7. Sylvia Corral gave a history of the Hispanic retreats, and Eva Delgado challenged us to discover and develop our mission, despite obstacles we may face. She encouraged us to support all the CoG7 ministries in our local churches and worldwide. She and the team put together wonderful slides to promote G. C. Missions, SHINE, Cristo Viene, Sierra Leone, and other ministries that need our support.

Brian Baker was on board to promote the Widows and Orphans Ministry and received a good response from attendees.

An “on the spot” auction was held to raise funds for G. C. Missions. Ladies donated jewelry, purses, clothing, and other items and raised nearly \$8,000 by the next morning!

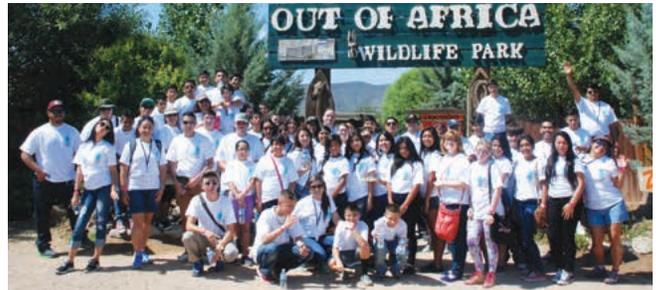
These gatherings have become such an annual pilgrimage to many women that retreats are scheduled for the next three years (Los Angeles, Houston, Maryland). Make plans to join us. We’d love to see you there!

— Sylvia Corral



Celebrating Summer Camps

Refuge in the Rockies. This year’s camp (June 26 – July 1) was an incredible week of fun, friends, and faith in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Tied to the theme “Life’s Journey,” the goal was to encourage and equip campers to make appropriate choices and live out their faith so they can experience the full life Jesus offers them. We look forward to seeing *you* in 2016 (see cscog7.org)! — Troy Gedack



Arizona Youth Camp. Youth from three neighboring states attended this camp in Prescott, Arizona, July 21-28. With inspirational sermons from camp pastor Israel Steinmetz and others, the week culminated with three baptisms and two more at their home church. The camp succeeded in developing the teens’ character, morals, and social interaction with others. — Angie Kaufman



Dakota Youth Retreat. At this event August 7-10, guest speaker Andrew Fernandez stressed putting God first and making commitments early in life. Older campers took responsibility for leading, counseling, giving devotionals, and making younger campers feel accepted. Two campers planned to be baptized in September. Youth (ages 11-25) are encouraged to attend next year’s retreat, August 6-9, 2015. — Jesse and Wanda Hopewell

Northern California Youth Camp. Sixty-seven junior campers and 28 senior campers gathered July 7-13 to learn about the armor of God and how to prepare for challenges we face. Seven of our youth gave their hearts to the Lord. Others accepted the Lord and went home to be baptized later. Each of us came home with at least one piece of armor to help us defend our faith and give us courage to stay on the narrow path. See you all next year! — Levi Van Fossen

SIS-Q Service Project 2014

Last year, youth and adult staff at the Sis-Q Meadows Senior Youth Camp raised \$450 to purchase five bikes for Kenyan pastors. With this year's theme of "Pay It Forward," the camp challenged youth to assist with the Church of God in Sierra Leone. Folks there are going to plant 225 acres of rice to help in different areas of outreach. They hope to use these resources to build a church structure, pay for a pastor, buy bicycles, and help with church planting. Each acre will cost \$45 for seed. By the time we left camp Sunday morning, we had collected \$540 — enough to plant twelve acres!

If you're having a youth camp or retreat, or if your local church would be willing, we'd like to challenge you to sponsor a few acres. Little is much when God is involved!

— Harold and Vona Ogren
Greg and Lori Haffner
Sis-Q Meadows Youth Camp Directors 2014

Analysis of Evolutionary Arguments

Dr. Richard Jensen, a trained philosopher and CoG7 minister, will deliver a series of college-level lectures on the logic and implications of arguments for naturalism, materialism, scientism, and evolutionary theory. Delivered live before the Colorado Springs, Colorado church each Sabbath (11:00 a.m. Mountain time) beginning in October 2014, these lectures are archived and available for audit at cscog7.org. Supplementary materials are also available online at artofreasoning.com. To learn more, e-mail Dr. Jensen at rjensen@artofreasoning.com or Pastor Gedack at office@cscog7.org.

LifeSpring

Congratulations to these summer 2014 graduates: Jody Crowson, Springfield, Oregon (Diploma of Christian Ministry, Pastoral Ministry Emphasis) and Keith Legg, Lehigh Acres, Florida (Certificate of Biblical Studies).

Also, congratulations to those who made the Summer 2014 Dean's List*: Marina Anderson, Jacksonville, Florida; Ruben Beard, El Paso, Texas; Thomas Childers, Artesia Well, Texas; Eliel Cortez, Channelview, Texas; Jody Crowson, Springfield, Oregon; Ricardo Flores, Garland, Texas; Gerson Gonzalez, Claremore, Oklahoma; Careta Grant, Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Ismael Martinez, Norcross, Georgia; Cindy Medrano, Pflugerville, Texas; Omar Medrano, Pflugerville, Texas; Felipe Orduño, Escondido, California; Martin Ramirez, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Howard Simpson, Derby, Derbyshire England; Eduardo Villalba, Thornton, Colorado.

* These students took courses part-time and earned a minimum 3.5 GPA.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Fencine Moldenhauer

Fencine Moldenhauer (89) of Albany, Missouri, passed away September 17. She was the widow of long-time CoG7 minister Ray Moldenhauer, who preceded her in death in 2001. Survivors: daughter Darlene (Larry) King, Albany; sons Jerry (Paula) Moldenhauer, Ken (Bonnie) Moldenhauer, both of Denver, Colorado, and Ed (Jan) Moldenhauer, Albany; sisters Catherine Carlin, Stanberry; Alice Sheffield, Galt, California; eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



Paul and Virginia Heavilin celebrated 66 years of marriage August 25. The Heavilins have served the Church in pastoral ministry for more than 60 years. Congratulations on both counts!



TAKE NOTE ✓

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

The General Conference is pleased to promote this worthy observance in honor of those who labor in the gospel and shepherd those under their care.

Individuals and local congregations are encouraged to make good use of this opportunity to appreciate the clergy, their wives, and their families.

CALENDAR 2014

October 17-19 – Octoberfest Family Retreat, Jasper, AR CoG7 campgrounds; contact: Jason or Stephanie Overman (870-446-5736; jasonoverman@hotmail.com)

October 25 - Youth and SWORD Revival: "God Never Fails," Chicago, IL; contact: Ruben Davila Jr. (rjdblues80@hotmail.com)

October 31 – November 2 - SWD Women's Retreat, Hoblitzel Camp and Conference Center, Midlothian, TX; contact: Janie Alcala (210-478-8326; nhu.lift@gmail.com)

November 7-9 - SWORD Fall Retreat, CoG7 Walla Walla, WA; contact: Danielle Hicks (509-842-4970)

January 1-4, 2015 - Southwest District Winter Retreat (single young adults and youth), Hoblitzel Camp and Conference Center, Midlothian, TX; contact: Jason and Rose Rodriguez (jandrrodriguez@att.net)

May 23-24, 2015 - National Women's Ministry Conference, All Saints Academy, Gloucestershire, England, UK; theme: "Married to the Main Man"; contact: Marvet Simpson (marvetsimpsonsaved@hotmail.com)

LifeSpring Calendar Events

November 11 - Winter certificate program early applications due

November 17 - Winter course registration opens

December 2 - Winter district scholarship applications due

December 9 - Winter general scholarship applications due

December 30 - Winter course registration ends

January 11, 2015 - Winter classes begin

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Spring Vale Academy

Spring Vale is celebrating an excellent enrollment season: 23 new students, up from a total of 39 last year to 50 this year. More students will likely come over the next few weeks. Students represent thirteen states and two foreign countries. The school is excited to have one student from Mexico and two exchange students from China.

Recipients of the G.C./SVA Future Leaders Scholarship!

Josiah Carbajal

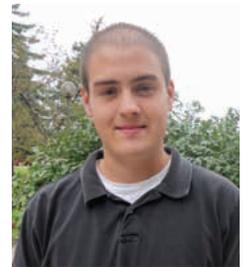
Grade: Senior

Home church: St. Paul, Minnesota

Parents: Joe and Diane Carbajal

Running for student body president; instrumentalist on worship team, SVA SOUND member; plays goalie on soccer team and basketball

Future plans: Work in a landscaping business



Matt Nienhuis

Grade: Senior

Home church: Lodi, California

Parents: Keith and Cindy Nienhuis

Running for senior class president; SVA SOUND member, A/V technician; plays soccer and basketball

Future plans: Study computer science at UC-Davis in Sacramento



SVA Homecoming Weekend

October 3-5, 2014

Contact SVA at 989-725-2391



Successful NAMC 2014

The North American Ministerial Council convened at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center, Talladega, Alabama, September 15-21. Under the theme “Worship: Leading The Way,” council president Sam Holland led the ministerial body (several wives were present) in a week of meetings marked by words such as *uplifting*, *encouraging*, and *unifying*.

The theme of the council week, which coincides with the General Conference’s biennium theme, provided opportunities for a rich and meaningful menu of devotionals, seminars, and messages. Business sessions were vibrant; electronic voting devices were introduced; a report from the Bylaws Revision Committee was given. The Wednesday evening group outing to NASCAR was a nice touch.

A number of observers were present for this council, as well as IMC officers who met after the council adjourned. Sam Holland was reelected president, and Jhabel Chagollan and Monico Muffley were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively. Oscar Mata, Eddie Villalba, and Noe Reyes were elected to the License and Credentials Committee, joining Ken Lawson, Steve Kyner, and Jhabel Chagollan.



NAMC Officers



License and Credentials Committee



What G. C. Missions does . . .

- Cristo Viene
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- Orphans/Widows
- Sustainability Projects
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- Pioneer Missionary Training
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November is Missions Emphasis



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Their Values, Our Heritage Annual Pioneer Sabbath

November 8, 2014



And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2, NKJV).

From the pages of our history

While visiting Battle Creek, Michigan, in the mid-1800s, Joseph Bates, a prominent Sabbath-keeping Adventist, inquired at the local post office for the address of the most honest man in town. He wanted to share the truth about the Sabbath and was being careful to share it with an honest and trustworthy individual. Bates was directed to the home of David Hewitt, where he conducted a Bible study on Sabbath observance. Hewitt began to observe the seventh-day Sabbath the very next week, and his friend, Gilbert Cranmer, also began observing it that very same day.

It is no small matter that our history includes this story about Bates' search for the most honest man in Battle Creek. It says something about the world in which our pioneers lived; it speaks to their core values; and it describes our spiritual heritage as a church: honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, and commitment to biblical truth.

Celebrating our heritage

More than one hundred and fifty years later, we celebrate this aspect of our church's heritage by reaffirming our commitment to

- the time-honored core values of honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity, as individuals and as a corporate body;
- living above the fray of shifting values in the surrounding culture and in the church;
- knowing and appreciating our history and passing on a godly legacy to the next generation.

General Conference congregations across the US and Canada are encouraged to honor the faith and commitment of our church's founding pioneers on Sabbath, November 8. Observances may range from simply reading this page and offering a prayer to incorporating this thought into a worship service.

Let us know and appreciate our history and heritage, lest by being ignorant of our past, we fail to embrace our future.

Resources available from the Bible Advocate Press

The Story of the Church of God (Seventh Day),
by Robert Coulter

*Our History – Years of Change: A Timeline of
Events in the Development of the Church of
God (Seventh Day) in North America*

*The Journey: A History of the Church of God
(Seventh Day),* by Robert Coulter