

The President's Pen!



New Leadership for Camp Ida-Haven – I am thrilled to announce that Bethany and Bruce Pratt have accepted the invitation of the Idaho Conference Board of Directors to serve as the Administrative Director and General Manager of Camp Ida-Haven, respectively. The Idaho Conference administration worked with the Camp Ida-Haven Operating Board, the Idaho Conference Personnel Committee and Board of Directors to recognize this talented and gifted couple for these important positions of leadership. Bruce and Bethany are passionate about Camp Ida-Haven where they have served as employees and volunteers for many years. They have two sons who also enjoy participating at Camp Ida-Haven. The details of their transition from Corvallis, Oregon will be finalized soon. Please join me in welcoming Bethany and Bruce to the leadership of Camp Ida-Haven. They succeed Douglas and Darla Roe who are retiring, effective December 31, 2022, and have given thirty years of exceptional and unprecedented leadership at Camp Ida-Haven.



Niere Accepts Invitation – We welcome Pastor Lemuel and Cheryl Niere to serve as the pastoral couple of the McCall, Cambridge, and Garden Valley district. The Nieres began their ministry in the Philippines where Pastor Niere held various responsibilities in ministry and leadership. They transitioned to the United States about twenty years ago where he has served as a pastor in the Southern California, Potomac, and Southeastern California Conferences. We are excited to welcome the Nieres to the Idaho Conference and to our amazing team of pastors.

Barefoot Media Ministries' Fall Fundraising – October 11 – 14, 2022, was designated for Barefoot Media Ministries' week of fall fundraising for the KTSY (89.5) and the Project (88.7) radio stations. Barefoot Media Ministries is listener supported. They receive no tithe dollars for their daily operations. Therefore, this is an extremely important week for the ministry. The goal for KTSY was \$265,000.00. By God's grace and the dedicated, focused, hard work of the Barefoot Media Ministries team and volunteers, they exceeded the goal with a total of \$278,425. Praise God! Thank you, Brian Yeager, and team! Feel free to go to their website and share a gift for this important ministry. <https://www.ktsy.org/>

Elders' Retreat Reaps Amazing Blessings – Nearly 100 elders and spouses converged on the Camp Ida-Haven campus for the biennial Elders' Retreat, October 7 – 8, 2022. English language and Spanish language tracks provided a weekend of worship, fellowship, inspiration, and instruction. English language featured speakers included Idaho Conference Vice President for Administration, Elder David Salazar, Dr. Carl Cosaert and Professor Brant Berglin, Dean of the School of Theology, and professor at the School of Theology at Walla Walla University, respectively. The Spanish language featured speakers were Pastor Santiago Avelar, from the Greater New York Conference and Elder David Salazar. An important area of

instruction included powerful expository preaching. Elders and spouses left the mountaintop experience equipped and empowered to continue to provide effective lay leadership for God's people.

Let's Go! NPUC Invitational Pathfinder Camporee – 1,337 Pathfinders and Adventurers from 68 clubs from the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) met at the Flathead County Fairgrounds in Kalispell, MT for the Let's Go! NPUC Invitational Pathfinder Camporee, September 21-25, 2022. The days and evenings were filled with working on honors, service projects, interesting and inspirational programming, and a visit to the Glacier National Park. I was proud of the Idaho Conference Pathfinder Director, Dan Gilbert, and his team, and our eight clubs and 119 Pathfinders and Adventurers who participated in the Camporee.

Operation Exponential Growth – The Idaho Conference and It Is Written have entered a partnership for soulwinning and evangelism in 2022 and 2023. As a part of the preparation for the evangelistic meetings scheduled for April 14 – May 13, 2023, Elder John Bradshaw, President/Speaker, will conduct a weekend of training and inspiration at the Caldwell Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 28 – 29, 2022. Plan to send a delegation from your church to participate in this amazing weekend. Learn more by visiting the following link <https://www.dropbox.com/s/7r0tcu7idp3u00o/Idaho%20Flyer%20PRESS.pdf?dl=0>.

Fun Facts – God has blessed the Idaho Conference with a 23.15% tithe gain for the month of September 2022, compared to September 2021. Year-to-date (YTD) tithe (January through September) shows an 11.6% gain compared to January through September 2021. We praise God for the faithfulness of His people in returning God's tithe to the biblical storehouse.

Baptisms and Professions of Faith through October 18, 2022 - 76
Total membership – 7,067

Keep looking to Jesus. He is coming soon!

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