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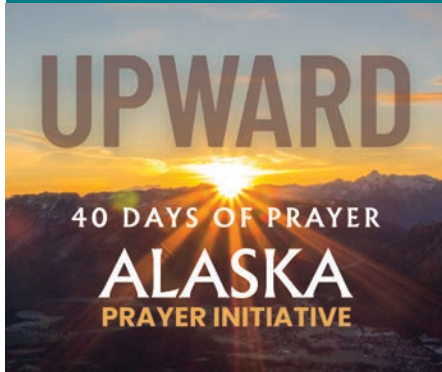
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UNITED IN PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S VISION FOR ALASKA

RODNEY MILLS, President, Alaska Conference



From September 7 to October 16, our Alaska Conference family joined hearts and voices across the vast expanse of our state for *Upward: 40 Days of Prayer*. From Barrow to Bethel, Kodiak to Ketchikan, Blessed Hope to Homer, Northside to North Pole, Tok to Togiak, and throughout the Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna Valley churches, God's people gathered together—morning and evening—to seek His presence and direction for our mission.

Each day, as the clock struck six, an average of 50 believers gathered on Zoom each morning and 40 each evening, united in the Spirit. Additional prayer sessions were also conducted by the Anchorage Spanish congregation. Across the state, songs and petitions rose heavenward in beautiful harmony. In fact, during these 40 days, five languages—English, Samoan, Spanish, Yupik, and Siberian Yupik—joined in prayer, lifting one voice to heaven's throne room. Truly, we have experienced what Jesus promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20) NKJV.

The purpose of *Upward: 40 Days of Prayer* was simple yet profound: to pray that God would pour out His Holy Spirit and give us a clear vision of what He wants to accomplish through His people in Alaska. We are not here to build our own plans, but to seek the Lord's direction for His church.

Throughout Scripture, prayer is the lifeline between heaven and earth. The Psalmist declared, "In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation" (Psalm 5:3) NIV. Jesus Himself often withdrew to quiet places to pray, showing us that strength, wisdom, and courage are born in the secret place of communion with the Father.

Ellen White, writing about the transforming power of prayer, reminds us: "Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him." *Steps to Christ*, p. 93

This truth has come alive for us over these past 40 days. We have felt ourselves drawn heavenward—our hearts knit together in faith, our

burdens lighter, our vision clearer. When we pray together, something beautiful happens. The Spirit deepens our love for one another. Barriers dissolve. Hope grows. And even across thousands of miles of tundra, mountains, and islands, the warmth of Christian fellowship unites us as one family.

I want to say thank you—to each pastor, elder, teacher, prayer warrior, and member who rose early, or paused your evening, to join in prayer. As you changed your calendar and prioritized a relationship with Christ, you have encouraged one another and lifted this conference before the throne of grace. Your faithfulness has not gone unnoticed. Heaven has recorded every whispered petition and every heartfelt "Amen."

If you were unable to join during these 40 days, it's not too late to be part of this blessing. The spirit of prayer continues. Our morning prayer time will carry on indefinitely, every Monday through Friday at 6:00 a.m. We will continue with





the same united purpose, joining with one another in prayer as we start each weekday. Come as you are. Join your church family in seeking God's direction together. Information on how to join is available on the home page of the conference website at www.alaskaconference.org.

The journey continued over the weekend of October 17-19, with our *Forward: Discovering God's Vision* at the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Anchorage. Representatives from every church, our Alaska Conference Executive Committee, along with the officers and directors of the Conference, gathered to listen for God's voice. Our prayer was simple: that the Holy Spirit would speak clearly and powerfully, revealing the path forward for His work in Alaska.

Please keep the Alaska Conference, churches and schools in your prayers. Ask that the same Spirit who

stirred hearts during the 40 days will continue to guide us. Pray that every decision, every plan, every vision that emerges will reflect heaven's priorities and lift up Jesus Christ in every community across this beautiful state.

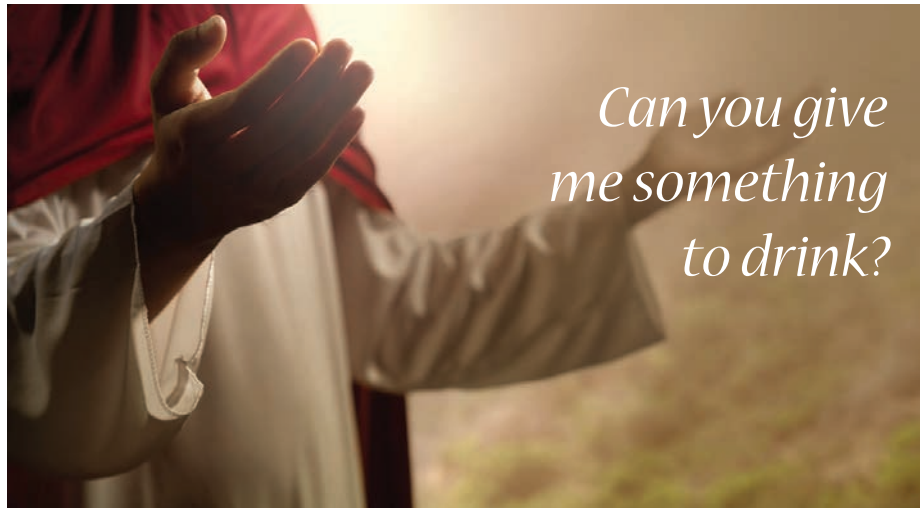
As we continue Upward, may we remember prayer is not an event—it is a way of life. The same God who met us in these 40 days invites us to walk with Him daily, to listen, to trust, and to believe that He will finish the work He has begun among us.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us—to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever." (Ephesians 3:20-21) NIV

JESUS' EVANGELISM STRATEGY

ASHWIN SOMASUNDRAM, Evangelism Director, Alaska Conference

An encounter with Jesus changes your life. Those of us who are born again in Christ understand the overwhelming joy we feel in knowing and trusting Him. Sometimes, however, it's difficult for us to figure out how to share the Good News with others, especially here in Alaska. But Jesus doesn't just command us to go and tell others the gospel message, He shows us through His life and actions how we are to go about doing so. The story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:7-14) is one example that can teach us some basic principles.



1. Show Value To All People

Jesus saw all people as God's image-bearers and did not treat people differently because of their culture, gender, race, position, or income. He initiated the conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well (v. 7), surprising her because it was so countercultural for Him to do so. Jesus was breaking down every wall imaginable: talking to a woman; talking to a sinner; talking to a foreigner. But in Jesus' eyes, no one is beyond hope; no one is unapproachable; everyone deserves to know "the gift of God" (v. 10).

2. Present the Offer of True Joy

Whether we realize it or not, everyone is searching for true joy, complete wholeness and happiness that will never end. "Eternal life" can be an elusive term that perhaps people today aren't really searching for. But if you describe it in a way that people can understand, as Jesus did for the woman at the well, those who don't know Jesus can see what they're missing—a chance for true joy. For the woman, that meant never thirsting and never having to

keep drawing water (v. 15). For us today, it might mean never having to search for happiness in things that don't last, or having a relationship that is completely reliable and faithful. Jesus offers true joy because He is the Holy God who died for our sins to give us that eternal joy and relationship with God. That's something that people will ask for if we present it in the right way.

3. Be Real About Sin

Jesus then revealed the sin He knew about the woman—her promiscuity (vv. 17-18). He didn't do this to shame her. He did it to show her that He knew her sin and that sin was something that would affect the gift that He offered. Sin is real because we know we do bad things and dishonor God and others all the time. It must be acknowledged, confessed and repented of.

4. Teach True Worship

The conversation then diverted to the topic of worship. Following God is about worshiping Him. All of us are created to worship. If

we're not worshiping God, we're worshiping something else: our job, our relationships, popularity, wealth, celebrities, etc. To access eternal life—true satisfaction—we must learn to worship only God and worship Him in spirit and in truth (vv. 23-24).

What does that mean? First, simply, worship the right God, the triune God: the Father, the Spirit, and the Truth—Jesus. Second, worshiping God in spirit and in truth means to give Him your all: heart, soul, and mind (that's your spirit) and with full transparency and honesty (that's in truth) with the power of the Spirit and in the powerful name of Jesus. Third, worship the right God on the right day—Sabbath!

5. Introduce Jesus as the Savior

The Samaritan woman then realized, Hey, I've heard about this Savior (Messiah/Christ) before. Jesus then revealed Himself as the one and only (v. 26). Jesus is the center of it all. He is the only One that saves. He is our Savior, our Messiah, our Christ.

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STEWARDSHIP AND FAITH DRIVES GROWTH

GARRETT HOLMES, VP of Finance, Alaska Conference

At the beginning of 2025, the Alaska Conference's Finance Committee and Executive Committee prayerfully and diligently reviewed the Conference's 2025 budget. This year, we stepped out in faith by budgeting at over 100% of last year's tithe. Through August 2025, our financial picture is one of growth, generosity, and hope. Tithe income in August had risen to \$2.83 million, exceeding both the year-to-date budget and last year's figures. This 5.5% increase over 2024 reflects the continued faithfulness of our members and their commitment to supporting the mission of the Church.

In addition to this encouraging tithe growth, the Conference is operating with a positive net income of \$170,470. This marks a significant improvement from the previous year's deficit and demonstrates the impact of careful financial stewardship. Total income, including both restricted and unrestricted funds, reached \$4.49 million, while expenses were held to \$4.15 million—underscoring a disciplined approach to budgeting and spending.

A particularly heartening development has been the receipt of several special donations, totaling over \$617,000 in restricted gifts, which include last year's 13th Sabbath offering for Bethel. These contributions are a powerful testament to the trust and support of our community, enabling us to invest in specific ministries and initiatives that further our mission across Alaska.

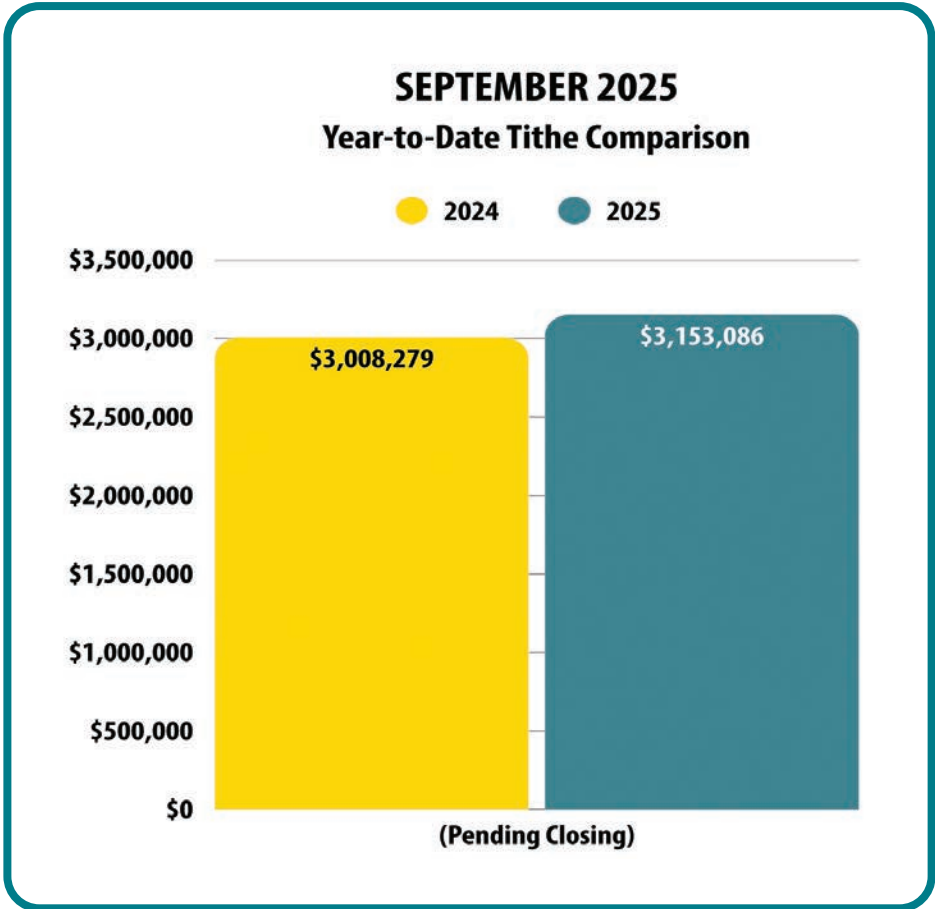
While we continue to work toward strengthening our working capital and liquidity, the current financial trajectory is promising. The combination of increased tithe, positive net income, and generous special donations positions the Conference to continue its vital work with renewed energy and purpose.

We are deeply grateful for God's provision and for the unwavering support of our members. Together, we are building a stronger future for the Alaska Conference and the communities we serve.

As we look ahead to the final months of 2025, we remain hopeful and prayerful, trusting in God's continued provision. The blessings we've experienced so far this year are a testament to His faithfulness, and we move forward with confidence that He will continue to guide and sustain the mission of the Alaska Conference.



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PARTNERS IN ALASKA MISSION WORK

CELESTA BABB, Pastor Fairbanks/North Pole & AMA Assistant Director, Alaska Conference

From sharing about the precious work of being the hands and feet of Jesus in Bush Alaska at the 2025 General Conference session, to witnessing three native children baptized during Alaska Camps, to seeing Alaskans rallying to help communities impacted by Typhoon Halong, we have been grateful to have you with us on this journey of sharing Christ's love. The leadership team of Alaska's Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) would like to express gratitude to each of you for the time you have taken to learn about the needs of AMA and the work ahead. The mission of sharing the love of Jesus with our Alaska Native brothers and sisters through word and action can continue thanks to the support of those partnering with us.

The most recent example of what can happen when we work together was displayed amid the devastation caused by Typhoon Halong, which ravaged villages along the coast of Western Alaska. Many Alaska churches responded by providing donations of both goods and winter attire for those suffering losses from the storm. Adventist brothers and sisters from around the United States contributed to the AMA disaster relief funds to help those affected. This tragedy has demonstrated yet again the blessing of being part of the family of Christ, as well as the positive impact we can make as we work together to be the hands and feet of Jesus to people in Arctic Alaska.

On November 29th, Adventist churches across the North Pacific Union Conference will be collecting offering donations for AMA. It costs approximately \$30,000 annually to maintain a mission worker in a single village and there are 15 villages that we hope to someday soon place a worker within. We have the goal of raising at least \$100,000 by year's end. We invite you to prayerfully consider allowing God to work through you to meet the unique needs in rural Alaska and to help us share the good news of Jesus and His love to those within these regions. With the rising costs of inflation and the expenses of operating in remote Alaska, we cannot do this work without you.

Nov. 29th Sabbath Offering KEEPING ALASKA'S MISSION ALIVE



Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus to Alaska Natives

Arcticmissionadventure.org



FAITH AND ADVENTURE UNITE

JOHN WINSLOW, Education/Youth & Young Adult Director, Alaska Conference

The buzz of excitement and nervous anticipation was unmistakable as 5th through 8th grade students from Anchorage Junior Academy and Amazing Grace Academy gathered at the boat dock ready for an unforgettable adventure at Camp Tukuskoya. Several trips were needed to ferry students, staff, and supplies across the lake. Laughter echoed as supplies were loaded in the crisp fall air. Once everyone arrived safely, the fun—and learning—began.

That first afternoon set the tone for the entire trip. Students dove right into earning their Search and Rescue Pathfinder Honor, learning essential outdoor survival and safety skills along with real-world rescue techniques. The highlight came when the Alaska Search and Rescue Dive Team arrived in their large dive boat. The team shared true rescue stories, demonstrated specialized equipment, and even let students try on dive suits. They shared an autonomous underwater video showing how technology helps locate people.

Although the weather turned rainy over the next couple of days, Alaskan resilience of both students and staff prevailed. Showers couldn't dampen the enthusiasm for outdoor adventures like canoeing, rock climbing, and archery. Inside, the craft area buzzed with creativity as students made items like cool keychains to take home.

Each day began and ended with worship, either in the warmth of the lodge or at the lakeside campfire bowl. Pastors from Palmer and Anchorage shared the love of Jesus drawing connections to His "Search and Rescue" mission for humanity. Students were reminded of Luke 19:10 (NIV): "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." They were encouraged to be part of that same mission, showing kindness, courage, and compassion in their communities.

Of course, no Alaska adventure would be complete without a few moments on the water! Students braved the cool water and even the rain for tubing, swimming,

and laughter-filled boat rides, proving once again that Alaskan kids are truly tough. Go Alaska kids!

Great food, fun, worship, and learning left students asking, "Can we have another outdoor school this year?" Alas, they'll have to wait until next fall when we hope more of our Alaska schools can join in this great outdoor school adventure where they can again create memories and learn practical lessons that will last a lifetime.

A heartfelt thank you to the incredible team of educators, pastors, and volunteers whose dedication made outdoor school possible. Their hard work, faith, and ingenuity created not just an event, but an experience that inspired hearts, strengthened friendships, and deepened each student's walk with God.

Alaska Adventist Schools

Amazing Grace Academy

2238 S Inner Springer Loop, Palmer
www.amazinggraceacademy.org
 907-745-2691

Anchorage Junior Academy

5511 O'Malley Road, Anchorage
www.ajaak.org
 907-346-2164

Dillingham Adventist School

446 Windmill Hill Rd, Dillingham
dillinghamak.adventistschoolconnect.org/
 907-842-2496

Golden Heart Christian School

1809 Farmers Loop Rd, Fairbanks
Fairbanksak.adventistschoolconnect.org
 907-226-2369

Sitka Adventist School

1613 Halibut Point Rd, Sitka
sitkaadventistschool.org
 907-747-8855



THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS ALASKA CONFERENCE VISIONING WEEKEND

RODNEY MILLS, President, Alaska Conference

The weekend of October 17-19 marked a sacred and Spirit-filled time for the Alaska Conference family. Representatives from churches across our vast state—stretching from the bush to the interior, from the southeast to the Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna Valley areas—gathered in Anchorage at the Korean Adventist Church for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and visioning. Together with the Conference Executive Committee and administration, participants sought the Lord’s leading for the future mission of His work in Alaska.

From the opening song on Friday evening to the closing prayer on Sunday morning, there was a deep sense that the Holy Spirit was present and moving among us. Whether in worship, testimonies, or table discussions, a unifying theme emerged: “God’s Spirit

is truly in this place.” Participants spoke of a renewed sense of calling, humility, and gratitude for how God has guided His people through challenges and opportunities unique to ministry in Alaska.

To encourage broad and Spirit-led conversation, participants were placed in six intentionally diverse groups. Each group included members from large and small churches, as well as urban, rural, and bush communities. This mix fostered genuine listening, collaboration, and spiritual unity as voices from across our conference shared their insights and dreams for God’s mission.

Over the course of the weekend, participants prayerfully wrestled with questions that were designed to help discern God’s direction for the Alaska Conference (see page 9).

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

On Saturday evening, a “Dream Team” of 12 individuals was prayerfully selected to continue the process. This Spirit-led group will meet with conference administration the weekend of November 22 at the conference office to consolidate the insights from the visioning sessions. Their role will be to synthesize the discussions, coalesce the key thoughts, clarify our core values, and begin crafting a strategic plan to guide the Alaska Conference for the next three years.

We invite every member to continue praying for this process. Just as the Holy Spirit moved powerfully during the visioning weekend, we trust that He will continue to guide each step as we seek to align our mission, ministries, and resources with God’s divine purpose for His work in Alaska.



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“*Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.*”
 —Psalm 127:1



VISIONING WEEKEND GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What moments and memories stand out as evidence of God’s leading in the Alaska Conference?
2. If the Alaska Conference could focus on three Spirit-led priorities to advance God’s mission, what might they be?
3. What Spirit-inspired strategies might God be inviting us to adopt so that His vision and values are clearly communicated to our schools, churches, and members?
4. What divine purpose has God raised up the Alaska Conference to fulfill in this territory?
5. What are some core, Christ-centered values the Holy Spirit has placed in our hearts to define and guide the Alaska Conference?
6. In what ways can we prayerfully and faithfully measure spiritual progress and ministry impact across the conference?
7. How is the Holy Spirit calling us to nurture and disciple our children so that they grow in a living relationship with Jesus?
8. What bold, faith-filled steps might God be urging us to take to reach and disciple our youth and young adults for Christ?
9. How is God calling us to minister better to both our attending and non-attending members?
10. In what specific ways might the Spirit be leading us toward revival, revitalization, and renewed passion for mission in our congregations?
11. Amid financial challenges, how might God be guiding us to creatively and faithfully sustain ministry in our smaller congregations?
12. As we look at staffing in the field and office, in what ways might we better streamline ministry for more effectiveness and efficiency?
13. In what bold and Spirit-led ways might God be calling us to innovate our approaches to ministry while remaining rooted in biblical truth and Adventist identity?
14. How can we ensure that the voices of the villages we serve are genuinely integrated into the planning process?
15. How do these principles in reaching these villages impact ministry in the greater Anchorage and valley churches?
16. How can we plan to sustain our financial resources in the long term, beyond relying on traditional fundraising methods?
17. What Spirit-inspired ministries or community initiatives has God placed on your heart that could reveal His love in new ways?
18. What Spirit-guided steps can help us form a Christ-centered, compassionate plan for engaging our communities—both locally and across the conference?
19. How might God be leading the conference to more effectively equip and encourage pastors, teachers, and lay members for Spirit-filled service?
20. What divine mission has God entrusted to Adventist education in Alaska?
21. How might God be calling us to restore confidence in and passion for Adventist education among our families?
22. What spiritual purpose does God intend for the Alaska Camp Meeting at Pioneer Peak to fulfill in the life of our members?
23. How can we prayerfully inspire greater participation and engagement at camp meeting so that it becomes a true gathering of spiritual renewal for all ages?

REFINED BY FIRE

BRENDA CAMPBELL-JOHNSON, Communications Director, Alaska Conference



When 2005 began, I thought I knew exactly how it would unfold. January 2025 was supposed to mark the start of my retirement—a new chapter of rest after years of work. But as the time drew near, God impressed upon me a clear message: *Not yet.* I didn't fully understand it then, but I know that God's timing is always better than following my own plans.

Instead of retiring, I took a two-month, self-funded sabbatical in February and March. Those weeks became a time of peace and renewal—quiet mornings in the warmth of the sun, walks in the beauty of the desert, and much needed rest. Looking back, I see how God was preparing me for one of the hardest periods of my life.

On May 5, tragedy struck when our home was destroyed by fire. It wasn't just a building—it was a piece of our family's story. My parents built it in the late 1950s with their own hands, a labour of love that held generations of memories. Losing it is deeply painful, yet the experience carries powerful echoes from the past.

In October 1950, my parents' previous home was burned down. At that time, Black families were not allowed to live

in certain neighborhoods, and hatred took the form of flames. But my parents never allowed that injustice to destroy them. They purchased a new property and rebuilt their lives, which eventually culminated in the home we lost this past spring. Ironically, when I was eight years old, that same home caught fire. Though the damage was great, my parents' perseverance allowed them to rebuild. Now, seventy-five years after my parents were burned out of their first home, life has come full circle as I now live on the same street where their story of resilience first began.

Through it all, my mother Mary Campbell—the spiritual leader of our home—never wavered in her faith. Her prayers guided us, her strength anchored us, and her example taught us that no matter what burns down around you, literally or spiritually, God will always restore what is lost.

Now, decades later, I find myself walking that same path of faith. After the fire in May, trials kept coming. On June 29, a friend of more than forty years passed away suddenly. In August, my husband's 88-year-old mother was in a car accident; by God's grace, although her car was destroyed, she wasn't injured. Then, in late September, my husband experienced a serious health scare that led to a five-day hospital stay.

But I am a witness that prayer works! Calling upon prayer warriors from Alaska to Florida, God answered our our petitions, and a potentially deadly crisis has been avoided. Now, we are preparing for his upcoming surgery and the recovery ahead. Yet I know that God will walk with us through this journey to a successful end.

It has been a year of testing, but also a year of seeing God's hand at work. Through every loss and every trial, His presence has been constant. Faith doesn't mean life will be easy; it means trusting that God's plan is still good even when everything else falls apart.



Mary Lee Campbell

Romans 8:28 reminds us, "*All things work together for good to those who love God.*" I may not see the full picture yet, but I trust the One who holds it. The fire took our home, but the same God who carried my mother through her storms is carrying me through mine and that is a foundation no flame can destroy.

So I continue to trust, to wait, and to believe. God said "*not yet*" for a reason, and I now understand why. His plans are still unfolding, and His grace is more than enough for every season.



Johnson House Fire, May 2025

NEW TO AKC: DYLAN LEEK

Dylan joined the AKC team on August 1, 2025, as a Business Intern to support treasury with accounting duties.



A graduate of Walla Walla University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a concentration in Finance, Dylan brings experience from roles at Panera Bread, the Oregon Zoo, and as co-founder and financial manager of Home Value Defenders. Passionate about financial analysis, entrepreneurship, and content creation, Dylan is pursuing his Chartered Financial Analyst designation with the goal of one day launching a non-profit investment firm focused on creating meaningful financial impact.

Guided by the promise in Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)—“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope”—Dylan approaches his career with a strong sense of purpose and optimism. He can be reached at 907-346-1004 ext. 1015 or by email: dylan.leek@alaskaconference.org.

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UPWARD

DAILY MORNING PRAYER
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Prayer is a two-way conversation between you and God. He welcomes and hears your requests but we should also share that for which we are grateful. Use this time with Him to connect and strengthen your spiritual life and bring before Him the needs of Alaska.

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WELCOME TO FALL!

CAROL HAWLEY, Delta Junction Church Member

What better way is there in the fall than to meet and visit with friends and neighbors at a bonfire, cookout, and hayride? The Delta Junction Adventist Church has been doing that for many years. This year the church decided to invite the whole town. It was advertised on both the church's and town's Facebook pages and posters were placed around town on bulletin boards. Over 125 people accepted the invitation! At least one member who attended as a child now brings her own little girl. Members were able to visit with family and friends who would never be interested in coming to church. At least five cars brought friends from Fairbanks, 100 miles away. One family brought their relatives who were visiting from Australia.

The church provided hot chocolate, cider and grilled hot dogs with condiments. Members brought large bowls of salads and desserts. Everyone brought enthusiasm and enjoyed a great time of fellowship while others lingered around the bonfire. God blessed us with good weather, and beautiful golden leaves on the trees. A tractor pulling a long wagon with bales of hay to sit on was used to take riders around the nearby field. There were so many people that



Families enjoy a hayride pulled by a vintage John Deere tractor by driver Darryl Ueek.



Smiles and laughter abound as members share a cozy ride in the autumn weather.



A delicious meal and great company make for a perfect fall afternoon gathering.

the driver, Darryl Ueek, had to make two trips. It looked like so much fun that some seniors asked him to make a third pass for them as well and around the field they went.

I am reminded of the stories in the Bible when Jesus had fellowship in social settings and believe He would have loved being at the hayride and visiting with our neighbors.



Remote Sabbath School



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SABBATH MORNINGS
9:30 AM



WOMEN'S RETREAT EXPLORES THE STORY OF RUTH

BROOKE REYNOLDS, Wrangell Church Member

Despite stormy weather that delayed some travelers and prevented others from attending, approximately 15 women from Wrangell, Prince of Wales, and Ketchikan gathered in Ketchikan on September 26-27 for a meaningful women's retreat hosted by the Adventist church.

The retreat centered on the story of Ruth, exploring timeless themes of hospitality, friendship, and community. Friday evening's session focused on hospitality, reminding attendees that everyone can be hospitable, regardless of their circumstances or resources. This message came alive during Sabbath's church service, which examined the relationship between Naomi and Ruth, followed by a grain bowl potluck that offered a new culinary experience for many participants.

Sabbath afternoon provided a refreshing walk at Ward Lake, allowing women to connect with nature and one another. The day continued with an evening session on the importance of community, emphasizing how God provides for



Ladies share joy and fellowship at the Wrangell Women's Retreat.

His people through relationships and mutual support. The retreat concluded with a movie night that powerfully demonstrated the impact of prayer, bringing the group together in a spirit of unity and faith.

Despite the weather challenges that marked the weekend, the retreat accomplished its mission of fostering deeper connections among Southeast Alaska's Adventist women. The lessons from Ruth's story—about loyalty, faith,

and the strength found in community—resonated throughout the gathering.

Special thanks go to the Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Craig SDA churches for helping coordinate and support this effort. The group looks forward to their third annual retreat next year, continuing this growing tradition of fellowship and spiritual renewal among women across Southeast Alaska's island communities.

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AKC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED ITEMS

September 14, 2025 (Zoom)

VOTED to approve Minutes of May 18, 2025 meeting. (25-31)

VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda of September 14, 2025. (25-32)

VOTED to approve the following membership transfers: (25-33)

- a) Rodney Mills from Spokane Central Adventist Church in Spokane, WA to Alaska Conference Church.
- b) Pamela Mills from Spokane Central Adventist Church in Spokane, WA to Alaska Conference Church.

VOTED to accept into membership the following Bethel Company baptisms for Alana Evans and Rosalyn Nick. (25-34)

VOTED Pastoral Enabling Action for current unfilled churches: Bethel, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Homer, Midnight Son (Kenai), Nome, Juneau, Petersburg, Sitka, Togiak, Wrangell, Anchorage Korean, Anchorage Northside and Anchorage Spanish. (25-35)

VOTED to approve Secretariat Report. (25-36)

VOTED to approve January-June 2025 financial reports, subject to audit. (25-37)

VOTED to receive the 2024 General Conference Auditing Service Report to governance. (25-38)

VOTED to receive the 2024 Compensation Review Committee Report. (25-39)

VOTED to approve proceeding with the sale of Juneau School property, appointing Garrett Holmes and Tina Steenmeyer to act for the executive committee in negotiating the sale. (25-40)

VOTED to accept the AMA funding five-point plan: (25-41)

1. Promote the AMA offering across NPUC, including a video.
2. Implement a 2025 year-end campaign with donors.
3. Share needs throughout the Alaska Conference,
4. Evaluate AMA ongoing funding structure.
5. Search for AMA fundraiser.

VOTED to ask Matthew Sandvik (pastor) and Rachel Carle (teacher) to serve on the executive committee, fulfilling the newly passed Bylaws requirement. (25-42)

VOTED to ask Renee King (Midnight Son) and Jeff Burnette (Wasilla) to serve as lay representatives on the Personnel Committee. (25-43)

VOTED to realign the following churches in new districts: (25-44)

1. Wrangell & Petersburg
2. Juneau & Sitka
3. Northside & Barrow
4. Korean & Midnight Son
5. Hillside O'Malley & Homer

VOTED to hire Charlie Meigs as bi-vocational pastor for the Wrangell & Petersburg district effective October 2025. (25-45)

JESUS EVANGELISM STRATEGY CONT.

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There is no good news without Jesus. There is no point to your message without Him mentioned.

6. Sense the Urgency

In the story, after the disciples came back to Jesus, He told them that the harvest is ready (v. 35). The time is now, not later. Jesus was referring to the harvest of people. People are ready to hear about Jesus because true satisfaction cannot be found without Him, and people are desperately searching in the wrong

places. We need to make the most of the opportunities given to us to share this good news because there will come a time when we will be out of opportunities.

7. Be Joyful in Obedience

Lastly, Jesus taught the disciples that the sowers and reapers will rejoice together (v. 36). Whether the person tells you off or whether he or she accepts Jesus as Savior, your obedience is enough. That's all Jesus asks for. It should bring you an

immense amount of joy to take part in growing the kingdom and being obedient to the Great Commission. Jesus found such joy and satisfaction in sharing about Himself with the woman that He wasn't hungry anymore (v. 32). And as a result of talking to one woman, that woman shared Jesus with her whole town, and many turned to believe (vv. 39, 41). What a great harvest! All starting from one question: *Can you give Me something to drink?*

2026 ALASKA CONFERENCE CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 Office Closed: New Years
- 9-10 Young Adult Winter Weekend
- 19 Office Closed: MLK Jr. Day
- 23-24 Elders Training
- 25 New In Ministry Meeting
- 26-28 Pastors & Teachers Meetings
- 30-31 Pathfinder Winter Fair

FEBRUARY

- 16 Office Closed: Presidents Day
- 27-28 Nome Camp Meeting Weekend

MARCH

- 8 AKC Executive Committee
- 13-14 Dillingham Camp Meeting Weekend
- 27-28 Bethel Camp Meeting Weekend
- 27-28 Alaska Youth Rally

APRIL



MAY

- 1-3 Conference Prayer Rally
- 17 AKC Executive Committee
- 22-23 Utqiagvik Camp Mtg
- 22-24 AKC Pathfinder Camporee
- 25 Office Closed: Memorial Day
- 29-31 ACS Training



JUNE

- 5-6 Young Adult Summer Weekend
- 18 Office Closed: Juneteenth (Observed)
- 19-20 Interior Camp Meeting Weekend
- 21-28 Camp Tukuskoya

JULY

- 2 Office Closed: Independence Day Holiday (Observed)
- 12-19 Camp Polaris
- 21-25 AKC Camp Meeting at Pioneer Peak
- 31-Aug 1 Southeast Camp Meeting Weekend

AUGUST

- 3-9 Camp Lorraine
- 19-22 NPUC Ministerium (WWU)
- 23 NPUC Constituency Session (WWU)
- 28-29 St Lawrence Camp Meeting Weekend

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Office Closed: Labor Day
- 8-12 Pathfinder Regional Camporee (NPUC)
- 20 AKC Executive Committee

OCTOBER

- 14-15 New In Ministry
- 31 AMA Annual Offering

NOVEMBER

- 18-22 Native Leadership Workshop
- 26 Office Closed: Thanksgiving



DECEMBER

- 13 AKC Executive Committee
- 24-31 Office Closed: Holiday Break

OFFERING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 03 Local Church Budget
- 10 Religious Liberty
- 17 Local Church Budget
- 24 AK Conference YES!
- 31 Local Church Budget

FEBRUARY

- 07 Local Church Budget
- 14 TV Ministries Evangelism
- 21 Local Church Budget
- 28 AK Conference YES!

MARCH

- 07 Local Church Budget
- 14 Adventist World Radio
- 21 Local Church Budget
- 28 AK Conference YES!

APRIL

- 04 Local Church Budget
- 11 Hope Channel
- 18 Local Church Budget
- 25 AK Conference YES!

MAY

- 02 Local Church Budget
- 09 Disaster/Famine Relief
- 16 Local Church Budget
- 23 AK Conference YES!
- 30 Local Church Budget

JUNE

- 06 Local Church Budget
- 13 NAD Women's Ministries
- 20 Local Church Budget
- 27 AK Conference YES!

JULY

- 04 Local Church Budget
- 11 GC World Budget
- 18 Local Church Budget
- 25 AK Conference YES!

AUGUST

- 01 Local Church Budget
- 08 Christian Record Services
- 15 Local Church Budget
- 22 AK Conference YES!
- 29 Local Church Budget

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Local Church Budget
- 12 Radio Ministries
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 26 AK Conference YES!

OCTOBER

- 03 Local Church Budget
- 10 Walla Walla University
- 17 Local Church Budget
- 24 AK Conference YES!
- 31 AMA Annual Offering

NOVEMBER

- 07 Local Church Budget
- 14 GC Global Mission
- 21 Local Church Budget
- 28 AK Conference YES!

DECEMBER

- 05 Local Church Budget
- 12 ACS
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 26 AK Conference YES!



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