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PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

ASHWIN SOMASUNDRAM , VP of Administration, Alaska Conference

In preparation for the quadrennial constituency session this past September, the Alaska Conference sought feedback on perceived successes, challenges, and suggested actions for the future through an online constituency delegate survey. The survey included three questions:

1. What successes has the conference achieved in the past four years?
2. What challenges do you currently see the conference facing?
3. What actions should be taken to address those challenges?

Here's a summary of the responses received:

SUCCESSSES

- Positive staff additions
- Improved communication with more churches
- Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) ministry
- Evangelism training initiatives
- Radio station ministry
- Starlink project providing strong Internet access to churches in remote areas

CHALLENGES

- Financial issues
- Shortage of pastors and teachers
- Conference leadership being disconnected from churches outside Anchorage

- Insufficient support for churches beyond Anchorage
- Declining numbers in churches and schools
- Absence of active youth ministry

ACTIONS

- Listening: The conference must enhance its efforts to listen to its constituency
- Accountability: Especially concerning financial matters
- Communication: Improving the dialogue between the conference and church members

Regarding the shortage of pastors and necessary actions to address





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this critical issue, responses were especially insightful and constructive.

A recurring suggestion was to establish a mentorship and training program for lay leaders aspiring to become lay pastors. This would involve identifying lay leaders across the conference or regions and creating an ongoing Zoom training program to equip and support them. If finances permit, bringing them to the conference office a few times a year for in-person training with leadership would be beneficial.

Another prominent idea was to provide training and a stipend for competent retired church elders who feel called to serve as lay pastors, enabling them to work full-time in their churches and communities. Additionally, inviting retired pastors to Alaska for short-term mission assignments of six months to a year was suggested.

To engage our youth, an intriguing proposal was to establish a scholarship program for our Adventist universities, allowing students to work as missionaries in our state while receiving financial support towards their degree and a stipend. Furthermore, partnering with student missionary programs at the North American Division and the General Conference could help bring youth workers to Alaska.

These ideas are commendable and conference administration will further explore and aim to implement them in the future.

In summary, three key themes have emerged: a need for more active listening to constituents, improved financial accountability, and enhanced communication between the conference and its churches. As the Alaska Conference administration moves into a new quadrennium, it will prioritize addressing these crucial concerns.

WHERE DOES MY TITHE GO?

GARRETT HOLMES, VP of Finance, Alaska Conference

Ever wonder where your tithe dollars go after you freely donate at your local church? Ever wonder how your local conference uses tithe?

Tithe is the lifeblood of the Adventist Church. It is sent from your local church all the way up to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and then back down to lower organizations. Your church operates on the principle of helping each other out, and we do it based on tithe.

Your tithe dollar, after it is received by your local church, is sent up to your conference in its entirety. From there, your conference retains a percentage and passes the remaining tithe up to the local union. The union then retains a small percentage and passes the remaining tithe to the local division where it also shares its portion of tithe with the General Conference. Your tithe dollar at this point is even able to go back to our local division and also to the other divisions around the world to support the ministry.

Using approximate figures, the following is how we use your tithe that we receive from our local churches:

- We receive 100% of the local tithe from the local churches
- 9% is sent to the North Pacific Union Conference
- 13% is sent to the North American Division and General Conference
- 11.40% is sent to the North American Division Retirement office to fund the defined benefit retirement plan and the retirees healthcare costs.

This leaves 66.60% of your local tithe dollar here in Alaska to support the



mission. Of the tithe we retained plus roughly 9% we received through the NPUC, approximately 64% was used for ministry and evangelism, 11% towards education including our support for Walla Walla University, and 25% for headquarter operations in 2023.

THANK YOU

Seventeen years ago, the Alaska Conference was blessed to have found a local accountant willing to answer the call to ministry. We would like to extend a special thank you to Juanita Larson for her faithful service for all these years.

She has had the opportunity to work with many throughout the conference and has been able to work with several treasurers over the years. During the last 17 years, she has been a part of a vital team in the conference office that has seen great growth within our conference and been challenged like all conferences during COVID-19.

Thank you Juanita for your faithful and steadfast support and service and contribution you have given to the Alaska Conference and its people. We wish you the very best in your retirement.

TITHE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

Comparison By Month		
2024	\$ 322,457	Decrease of 19.28%
2023	\$ 399,494	

Comparison By Year		
2024	\$ 3,008,279	Decrease of 8.06%
2023	\$ 3,272,075	

A CALL TO WORKERS

TOBIN DODGE, Arctic Mission Adventure/Alaska Camps/Radio Director, Alaska Conference

The Gospels record Jesus stating emphatically, “look at the fields, they are ripe for the harvest...” however, though the harvest is plentiful, the workers are few! There are a couple ways to look at this passage in consideration of the times we are living in.

The world has become more secular, and statistics tell us that Gen-Z is the most atheistic generation yet. The pool of opportunity is broader and deeper than ever before. Young people are growing up in a Godless environment with no hope for the future. These emerging generations are hungry for deeper relationships, living a purposeful life and Hope in something that is beyond themselves. Pastoral observation says that they are looking for something more meaningful than just this life. But they are stuck in a digital spiral, isolated from the most important elements of life that provide value.

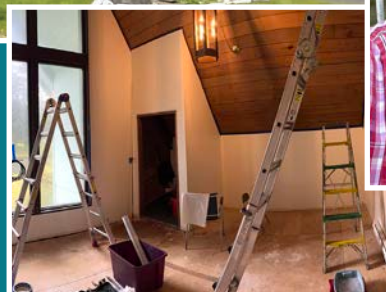
In addition to the expanding opportunity for sharing the Gospel, the words of Jesus in Luke 10:2 exhibit the lack of people working the fields. This is often the focal point of pastors and church leaders in an attempt to get more people off the pew and into the action; The Gospel ministry, the Priesthood of ALL believers and working for the Lord is NOT a spectator sport. It is NOT spiritual entertainment for the majority to watch and the few to work themselves to death.

If you look closely at verse 1 leading to verse 2, there is more of a statement of “WHAT IS”. Verse 1 states, “Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.” Luke 10:1 NASB Jesus sent them with a singular focus: to prepare for His coming! They were not to take a purse, bag or sandals

(v3). A purse implies self-sustaining, a bag carries all the stuff needed for the journey, and sandals are protection for a long journey on a rough path. The journeymen for Jesus were requested to go with nothing, talk to no one along the path, but at the first house you enter, pronounce a blessing on the hosts and allow them to bless you in return. The host would feed, house and supply the needs necessary to make a home-base for sharing the message of Jesus’ soon visit to that community.

Though centuries have passed, the need for workers to step up and step out has not changed. Couples, individuals and families are needed to head into the mission field of their calling. The time is NOW. Jesus is calling you to stand up and move out. Consider serving in the Arctic regions of Alaska for three to four years, The harvest is plentiful, but we need workers.

The Kodiak Adventist Church has been voted to become part of Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA)! Kodiak is a community of over 7,000 that is part of an island archipelago of over 13,000 people. Pastor Tobin Dodge, director of AMA, recently visited to help prepare the church community for new pastoral leadership. Members came together for a work-bee to clean, fix and prepare the pastor’s quarters for the new pastor! After several conversations and much prayer, Vecous & Loretta Waite have graciously agreed to come and join the Kodiak community and lead the church. Previously the Waite’s worked in Bethel for five years, where God worked in a mighty way through them.



UNPLANNED CONNECTIONS A BACKPACKING ADVENTURE

RYAN ROGERS, Palmer District Pastor, Alaska Conference

We dropped our packs and took a short side trail to an impressive waterfall. It was day two of our four-day backpacking trip. That moment in the rainbow-accented waterfall mist was another confirmation that this trip was turning out perfectly. Until another large group showed up. I didn't mind sharing the waterfall. It was the camp site I was hoping to have to ourselves.

We were 2 miles from North Beach where we planned to camp for the night. I had made an earlier trip to scout out the camp spots. Not every backcountry site can accommodate our group of 11. North Beach was ideal. Not every group of strangers is appropriate for a Christian youth group to share a campsite with. And sure enough, this group confirmed they were headed for North Beach.

In February 2024, the North Pacific Union and the Alaska conferences granted \$20,000 of Shark Tank Evangelism funds to the Palmer SDA Church and Amazing

Grace Academy for outdoor ministry. The ministry launched with the purchase of backpacking gear and the creation of a storage/adventure prep space with an REI feel. A calendar filled with winter, spring and summer hikes provided enjoyable connection points for the church and school communities. AGA offered a 4th quarter expedition course. And a total of 40 adventurers, ranging from age 8 to 78, have participated in three separate multi-day backpacking trips. The experiences have been rich with huge views, tired feet, Bible reflection, memorable meals, spiritual conversation, cold nights, and lots of relationship building. The outdoor ministry in Palmer Alaska is pursuing adventure, fitness and spiritual growth in some stunningly wild places.

The trip with the waterfall was at Caines Head Recreation Area in Seward, Alaska. It was the big one, the final adventure for the AGA expedition. The group had been looking forward to hiking on the beach with mountain views, exploring

WWII bunkers, and seeing the trees and moss of the coastal rainforest.

We didn't plan on doing all that with a group of nine strangers. But that's what happened. Only they weren't strangers for long. Not only did we share North Beach with them, we adventured as one group of 20 hikers from that waterfall until we said goodbye back at our cars. The unplanned connections started even before we joined. Their group was made of two families who met in trailhead. Each group had kids. We all got along. And we were all Christians seeking a meaningful spiritual time in nature.

They joined us in our team challenges, balancing on a log on one foot, building rock towers and carrying a log as far down the beach as possible in one minute. They joined us for Sabbath worship in the rich acoustics of a WWII bunker. They joined our ridiculous sneaky game in the same bunkers. They joined in our spiritual exercises of silence, solitude, scripture reflection and group discussion. It was not how we had planned it. It was better. The surprise blessings are always the best part. The outdoor ministry setting is perfectly suited for delivering the blessings we never planned on.

Palmer is grateful for the funds that have supported this ministry. As the ministry grows, we hope for it to be a blessing to other churches and schools, like yours. Contact us to explore how we might partner in outdoor ministry. Follow some of our adventures on the "Outdoor Ministry" playlist of the "Palmer Church" YouTube Channel.



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A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AT MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

ROBERT SUNDIN, Former Interim Treasurer, Alaska Conference

This July, I had the incredible experience of attending the Alaska Conference Men's Ministry Retreat at the wilderness camp on Caribou Creek in the Talkeetna Mountains. I had heard of the retreat years ago and knew it was an adventure that usually featured well-known speakers such as John Bradshaw, Ted Wilson, and Doug Batchelor. I was invited to attend by a regular attendee, Lynden Belin, who made it very easy to say yes.

Lynden told me what brings him back each year is the camaraderie, four-wheeling adventure, camping and spiritual renewal. His advice to anyone planning to attend is, "Be prepared for weather."

There are three ways to get to the camp where the retreat is held: a 13-mile backpacking hike, a 22-mile all-terrain vehicle drive through streams and rough backcountry or a 10-minute flight into the camp landing on a bush airstrip. Organizer Jeff Burnette flew more than 12 hours over the weekend shuttling people back and forth. I opted for the flight into the retreat, and my friend offered me the opportunity to ride a four-wheeler back to civilization. Both were experiences I will long remember.

The weekend included hiking, gold panning, skeet shooting and the "charging bear" event. On Sabbath, Robert Cary led a nature walk about edible plants, and Hillside-O'Malley church pastor Matthew Sandvik gave a tour of a fossil bed. There was a Sabbath haystack dinner and Sunday morning pancake breakfast featuring a 100-foot pancake toss onto a hungry camper's plate. Dan Whatley, one of the original organizers, announced this weekend was the 20th anniversary of the event

and reminisced about previous speakers and times shared together.

I met Patrick Wooden, who had hiked into the event with Pastor Matthew. He said it was a tiring hike, but he was glad he had done it. His favorite activity was gold panning because pastors Ryan Rogers (Palmer district), Matthew and Wes Peppers, evangelism director with *It Is Written* gave him most of their gold. He shared, "I felt closer to God as a result of the messages shared."

Retreat speaker Wes Peppers' theme was *Refined by Fire*, which emphasized what I dubbed the "Five I's": Identity (John 1:12), Integrity (Romans 7:24-25), Intentionality (2 Timothy 2:2), Influence (Romans 14:7) and Impact (Titus 2:11-14). Jeff Burnette was pleased to report that in response to an appeal during a worship service, two campers came forward for baptism, and a dozen others responded for recommitment.

After the event, Wes said that he and his son had enjoyed the retreat and thanked the team that planned the weekend for all their hard work. He said, "It was a great time for men to come aside and get to know each other better and to grow spiritually." I am sure this sentiment is echoed by all who attended. I gained a spiritual blessing and had a great time fellowshiping at this year's retreat.



ALASKA PATHFINDERS BELIEVE THE PROMISE

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

God remains ever faithful, even during tumultuous times, and the Alaska Pathfinders experienced this truth firsthand on their ten-day International Camporee adventure.

The journey, which took 120 Pathfinders and leaders from Utqiagvik, Dillingham, Palmer, Wasilla, Anchorage, and Kenai to Gillette, was nothing short of extraordinary. Late on a Thursday night in early August, most of the Alaska Pathfinders boarded a plane for a red-eye flight to Denver, Colorado. Approximately 50 others traveled by various means, with some even embarking on an epic road trip of nearly 3,000 miles.

Upon arrival, the Pathfinders were greeted by the Alaska Conference President, Youth Director, and two Pathfinder club leaders who guided them on a pre-camporee tour. The adventure kicked off with a visit to the Aquarium on Friday.

Sabbath morning featured a heartfelt church service at the Loveland, Colorado church, where both Pathfinders and



adults had the opportunity to share stories about life in Alaska and how they express their faith. The delicious lunch provided by the church was certainly a highlight. In the afternoon, the group immersed themselves in the breathtaking beauty of God's creation at Rocky Mountain National Park, concluding the day with a worship service at sundown by Estes Park Lake.

Sunday marked the beginning of exciting prayer journeys for the group. They visited a theme park to enjoy roller coasters and the waterpark. Just after their arrival, a storm with lightning swept in, causing most attractions to close and raising concerns about the park shutting down for the day. When plans for 70 people seemed to fall apart and tickets were non-refundable, they turned to prayer and witnessed God's guidance. Pathfinders enjoyed the teacup and kiddie rides (the safer options during the storm), and to their amazement, the storm passed, allowing the park to reopen.

Monday was dedicated to traveling to the Camporee via Mt. Rushmore. The journey was long, but the day went smoothly, culminating in the awe of seeing this iconic symbol of American heritage. The kids were captivated by the interesting scene of thousands of bikers in South Dakota for the Sturgis Bike Rally, alongside numerous Pathfinders heading to a Christ-centered Camporee in Gillette.

As they approached the Camporee, they were reminded to "Believe the promise" of God's protection and guidance. However, one of their buses faced transmission issues, including losing reverse. Once again, prayers were lifted, the transmission held up, and they arrived at the Camporee late that evening, reuniting with the rest of the Alaska Pathfinders.

Tuesday afternoon marked the official start of the Camporee, and Alaska Pathfinders jumped into pin trading, honors, and various activities, all of



WRANGELL ADVENTURERS CLUB BEGINS

BROOKE REYNOLDS, Regional Children's Ministries Leader, Alaska Conference

The Wrangell Seventh-day Adventist Church knew something had to change. The church has a heart for children's ministries but unfortunately hasn't had an active children's ministry in many years. In the past few years, members of the church have helped with Camp Lorraine and have gone to Bethel, AK to put on a Vacation Bible School. While these activities are important, they only happen once a year. Church members knew something had to change.

The church board decided to rectify this problem by daring to start an Adventurers club. Some people might ask, "Why not start a Pathfinders club?" After prayerful consideration the board realized that there were many activities already in the community for Pathfinders age kids (5th grade and up) and by comparison not as much for the younger kids.

Taking a step of faith, the team began to research how to set up and run a Adventurer Club. Brooke Reynolds, Adventurer Club Director, shared, "I had never been in either Adventurers



L-R: Nicki Benedict, Karen Benedict, Brooke Reynolds, April Eilertsen, Jackie Eilertsen

or Pathfinders, so it was entirely new to me as to how to do this. However, I can see how God has been leading us to this moment."

On September 14, the Wrangell Adventurer Club launched. At the first meeting, one brave child showed up and was willing to stay for the whole program. She let the team know that she had a good time. At the second meeting, the club had quadrupled to

four members. The church is thrilled to start with this humble beginning. As of this post, there is word that more children are interested in coming. Please pray with us as we go through our first Adventurer Club year together

If you'd like to learn more about the Wrangell Adventurers club visit <https://www.wrangellsda.org/adventurer-club.html>.

SOUTHEAST
Brooke Reynolds

ANCHORAGE
Laura Jean-Francois

MAT-SU VALLEY
Jerilyn Burtch

BUSH
Yvonne Biswokarma
Rachel Umavae

INTERIOR
Vacant

ALASKA CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kids are a priority for our conference! There are regional leaders throughout the state working to strengthen children's ministries in your area. The team will provide resources, trainings and local events to church leaders. If you are a children's ministry leader, the team wants to hear from you; scan the QR code to participate in a quick survey. We are looking for a passionate, experienced volunteer for the Interior. If you would like to serve, contact John Winslow at john.winslow@alaskaconference.org.



A NEW MORNING EVANGELISM AT ANCHORAGE SPANISH

SERGIO VASQUEZ, Pastor, Anchorage Spanish Adventist Church

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. LAMENTATIONS 3:22

In September, the Anchorage Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church experienced a significant movement as the Lord inspired them to engage in evangelism. This initiative began with a visit from Pr. Peter Simpson, vice president for Hispanic Ministries at the North Pacific Union Conference.

After numerous discussions and prayers, it was decided to hold a one-week evangelistic series, which required extensive planning and hard work. The church committed to praying four times a week, gathering on Zoom early each morning. They conducted visitations and extended invitations, creating an exciting opportunity for the church to connect with the Hispanic community in Anchorage.



The evangelistic series, titled “Un Nuevo Amanecer” (A New Morning), commenced on September 14, 2024. The first day saw an influx of visitors and families eager to attend. Many participants were enthusiastic about returning the following day. “We had to be intentional in following up with our visitors, so each church leader was assigned a family or individual to encourage continued attendance,” explained Senior Pastor Sergio Vasquez. By Wednesday, the first call for baptism was made, and hearts were moved by the Lord. From that evening

through Sabbath morning, the baptistry was actively used as the Lord revealed His presence in powerful ways. The series concluded with 10 baptisms and eight professions of faith, followed by a special prayer for the new members of the family. A potluck was organized to help the newly baptized feel appreciated and welcomed, making it a memorable Sabbath.

“I never imagined our small church could achieve such results, but I now see that the Lord can use us if we show faith,” shared member Carmen Mena. Inspired by the evangelistic series, the church members are eager to keep working.

“Evangelism is effective when everyone humbles themselves before the Lord. We prayed, fasted, and labored for God to perform a miracle in our church, and He heard us!” emphasized Pastor Vasquez. Currently, the Anchorage Spanish church is implementing a retention plan that includes visitations and Bible studies aimed at supporting the newly baptized candidates. They continue to seek prayers as they labor on, hoping that their testimony will inspire other smaller churches to believe that God can do the same in their communities.



ALASKA PATHFINDERS BELIEVE THE PROMISE CONT.

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which were thoroughly enjoyed. Later that night, a fierce thunderstorm brought high winds that knocked down some tents and flooded nearby conference camping areas. Yet again, God's promise of care was evident; while their tents got a bit wet, everyone was safe, and their sleeping gear remained dry enough to keep the Pathfinders warm. Additionally, a large assembly tent they had rented became a refuge for some flooded clubs for the night. God truly takes care of us.

The following day, Pathfinders eagerly participated in more honors and activities. The evening program concluded with uplifting singing and engaging presentations about the story of Moses, reinforcing the theme of believing in God's promises.

Stormy weather persisted, with forecasts predicting a potentially dangerous storm on Saturday night. After much prayer and deliberation, the International Camporee leadership decided to conclude the Camporee after Friday evening's program.

Once again, prayers were offered regarding accommodation for the group. God responded swiftly by

allowing them to extend their stay at Brighton Adventist Church and School, where they were originally scheduled to stay on Sunday evening. To top it off, they enjoyed a spirited church service in their tent on Sabbath morning, filled with lively singing and activities led by their clubs and leaders from Alaska.

On Sunday, their final day, the crew knew showers were a must. Many local recreational centers had closed early or were unable to accommodate them. Yet again, God provided generously. For a very low fee, Pathfinders were able to visit a small water park with showers and enjoy the afternoon.

God is incredibly good, providing for all their needs even amidst the storms. These stories from the Alaska Pathfinders are just a few of the many testimonies of God's goodness shared by the thousands who attended the Camporee. We praise God that our entire team returned home safely, filled with wonderful memories. During our final worship on Sunday evening, our crew sang "Away Beyond Jordan," eagerly anticipating the day when we can reunite with each other and countless other Pathfinders in Heaven.



STARTING A LOCAL CLUB

Here's how to start an
Adventurer or Pathfinder
club in your church!

- 1
Get approval from your church board
- 2
Complete a "New Club Charter Application" to the Alaska Conference
- 3
Submit the application to the Alaska Conference. You will be sent a Pathfinder Quick Start guide and registration packet.
- 4
Gather your leadership team while waiting approval. Meanwhile, those over 18 complete the background screening process
- 5
Once approved, the conference will send you a Certificate of Operation and an Alaska Pathfinder Handbook.
- 6
Order supplies from AdventSource
- 7
Begin plans to attend the annual Alaska Pathfinder Camporee at Pioneer Peak Memorial Day Weekend

For more information, email info@alaskaconference.org

ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED ITEMS

May 31, 2023

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **VOTED** to approve agenda with the addition of a pulpit protocol discussion (24-1).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **VOTED** to approve minutes (24-2).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **VOTED** to approve President's report (24-3).

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

- **VOTED** to approve membership transfer for Jere Fowler from the Homer SDA Company, Alaska, to Coeur d' Alene SDA Church in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho (24-4).

VP REPORT

- **VOTED** to accept the Vice President of Administration's report. (24-5).

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **VOTED** to accept finance report budget for 2024, subject to audit (24-6).

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- **VOTED** to accept departmental reports from the following directors:
Arctic Mission, Radio & Alaska Camps (24-7).
Communications (24-8).

Development (24-9).

Education & Youth/Young Adults (24-10).

Ministerial (24-11).

SALARY REVIEW

- **VOTED** to approve 2023 salary review (24-12).

TREASURY

- **VOTED** to transfer \$600,000 from reserves to certificates of deposit at three month increments (24-13).
- **VOTED** enabling action for Administration to replace conference office heating units as necessary, amount not to exceed \$80,000 (24-14).

KOTZEBUE FUNDS

- **VOTED** to re-allocate funds to Kotzebue from the following accounts (24-15):
Kobuk River funds: \$20,251
Yukon Flats Funds: \$14,023

KODIAK STATUS

- **VOTED** to move Kodiak church to Arctic Mission Adventure status (24-16).

ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED ITEMS

February 28, 2024 e-Vote

JUNEAU SCHOOL CLOSING AND EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION

- **VOTED** by Executive Committee, and per the recommendation of the Juneau School Board, to close the Juneau Adventist Christian School and cease the employment of the teacher effective February 29, 2024 (24-20).



ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED ITEMS

May 14, 2024 e-Votes

BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORY CARDS

- **VOTED** to update signatory cards on all bank accounts to delete former treasurer and any other names listed and update to include the president, secretariat and interim treasurer. (24-21).

NEW BANK ACCOUNT

- **VOTED** to open new bank account for the purpose of processing payroll and ACH transactions separate from the Wells Fargo operating account (24-22).

CLOSING CREDIT CARD ACCESS

- **VOTED** to close former treasurer's business credit card as soon as possible to arrange for automatic payments to be made from the operating bank account (24-23).

GENERAL VISA CREDIT CARD

- **VOTED** to open a general Visa card account to be controlled by treasury and used for general credit card purchases to replace closed Visa card currently in use (24-24).

CORPORATE RESOLUTION INCLUSION

- **VOTED** to update the corporate resolution to include interim treasurer as VP for finance (24-25).

CONSTITUENCY CONFERENCE CHURCH DELEGATE

- **VOTED** to allow Alice Merrill to be our Alaska Conference Church representative on the Organizing Committee which meets Sunday, May 12, 2024 (24-27).

ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED ITEMS

June 9, 2024

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **VOTED** to approve agenda (24-28).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **VOTED** to approve minutes (24-29).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **VOTED** to approve president's report (24-30).

VP-ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- **VOTED** to accept the vice-president of administration's report. (24-31).

VP-FINANCE REPORT

- **VOTED** to accept vice-president of finance report, subject to audit (24-32).

NEW TREASURER

- **VOTED** to hire Garrett Holmes as our new vice-president of finance (24-33).

ALASKA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTED ITEMS

August 11, 2024 Zoom Votes

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **VOTED** to accept the June 2024 financial report, subject to audit (24-43).
- **VOTED** to adjourn with no further business (24-44).

REMOTE SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath Mornings
9:30 a.m.

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YOUR ALASKA CONFERENCE TEAM



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VP-Administration



JoAnn Stevens
Administrative Secretary



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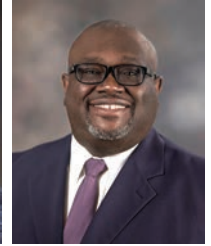
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Brenda Campbell-Johnson
Communications Director



Tobin Dodge
AMA/Camps/Radio Director



Daniel Jean-Francois
Ministerial Director



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Education, Youth & Young
Adults Director



Zack & Celesta Babb
Fairbanks/North Pole
Pastors



Craig Hamilton
Craig/Ketchikan Pastor



Sun Il Kim
Anchorage Korean
Pastor



Don Lee Jr
Glennallen/Tok/Valdez
Pastor



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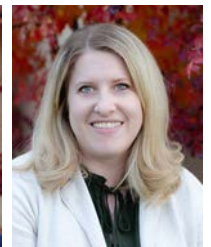
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Sergio Vasquez
Omalley Youth/Spanish Pastor



Donivan Andregg
Amazing Grace Teacher



Ashley Bailey
Amazing Grace Teache



Rachel Carle
Sitka Teacher



Karen Carlton
Amazing Grace Principal



Ellen Clark
Amazing Grace Teacher



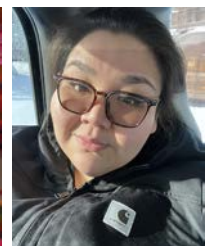
Christine Cootz
Amazing Grace Teacher



Cindy Dasher
Golden Heart Teacher



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ALASKA CONFERENCE CALENDAR

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JANUARY

January 1

Closed: New Years Holiday

January 8-18

GC Ten Days of Prayer

January 11-12

Young Adult Ski Weekend

January 17-18

Elders Meetings

January 18

Religious Liberty Day

January 19-20

New-In-Ministry Meetings

January 20

Closed: MLK Jr Holiday

January 20-23

Pastors Meetings

January 26

AKC Executive Committee

FEBRUARY

February 3-5

Educators Meetings

February 14-15

Pathfinder Winter Weekend

February 17

Closed: Presidents' Day

February 21-23

Nome Camp Meeting

MARCH

March 1

Women's Day of Prayer

March 7-9

Bristol Bay Camp Meeting

March 21-22

Youth Week of Prayer

March 21-22

Youth Rally

March 27

Board of Education

March 28-30

Bethel Camp Meeting

APRIL

April 11-13

Utqiagvik Camp Meeting

April 25-27

Womens' Retreat

MAY

May 2-4

Conference-wide Prayer Rally

May 26

Closed: Memorial Day

May 30-June 1

Alaska Pathfinder Camporee

JUNE

June 8

AKC Executive Committee

June 19

Closed: Juneteenth Holiday

June 20

Interior Camp Meeting

JULY

July 4

Closed: Independence Day

TBD

Alaska Camps @ Camp Polaris

July 22-26

Southcentral Camp Meeting

July 27-August 3

Alaska Camps @ Camp Tukuskoya

July 28

Closed: Camp Meeting Debrief

AUGUST

August 1-2

Southeast Camp Meeting

August 3-10

Alaska Camps @ Camp Lorraine

August 4-6

Educators Meetings

August 22-24

St Lawrence Island Camp Meeting

August 22-31

Kodiak Outreach & Camp Meeting

August 31-September 3

Mens' Retreat

SEPTEMBER

September 1

Closed: Labor Day

September 18

Board of Education

September 28

AKC Executive Committee

OCTOBER

October 15-16

New-In-Ministry Meetings

NOVEMBER

November 19-23

Native Leadership Workshop

November 27

Closed: Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 14

AKC Executive Committee

December 19

Board of Education

December 25-January 1

Closed: Christmas Break

Dates subject to change

OFFERING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 04 Local Church Budget
- 11 Religious Liberty (NAD)
- 18 Local Church Budget
- 25 AK Conference YES!

FEBRUARY

- 01 Local Church Budget
- 08 TV Evangelism (NAD)
- 15 Local Church Budget
- 22 AK Conference YES!

MARCH

- 01 Local Church Budget
- 08 World Budget (GC)
- 15 Local Church Budget
- 22 AK Conference YES!
- 29 Local Church Budget

APRIL

- 05 Local Church Budget
- 12 Hope Channel Int'l (GC)
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 26 AK Conference YES!

MAY

- 03 Local Church Budget
- 10 Disaster/Famine Relief
- 17 Local Church Budget
- 24 AK Conference YES!
- 31 Local Church Budget

JUNE

- 07 Local Church Budget
- 14 Women's Ministries
- 21 Local Church Budget
- 28 AK Conference YES!

JULY

- 05 Local Church Budget
- 12 Session Offering (GC)
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 26 AK Conference YES!

AUGUST

- 02 Local Church Budget
- 09 Chirstian Record Svcs
- 16 Local Church Budget
- 23 AK Conference YES!
- 30 Local Church Budget

SEPTEMBER

- 06 Local Church Budget
- 13 GC World Budget
- 20 Local Church Budget
- 27 AK Conference YES!

OCTOBER

- 04 Local Church Budget
- 11 Walla Walla Univ
- 18 Local Church Budget
- 25 AK Conference YES!

NOVEMBER

- 01 Local Church Budget
- 08 Global Mission (GC)
- 15 Local Church Budget
- 22 AK Conference YES!
- 29 Arctic Missions (AK)

DECEMBER

- 06 Local Church Budget
- 13 ACS (NAD)
- 20 Local Church Budget
- 27 AK Conference YES!



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