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IMPORTANT DATES

Back-to-School Supply Drive
June 6-August 8

Graduation Sabbath
June 6

Thursday, June 11
7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

Father's and Men's Day Sabbath
June 20

Communion & Ordinance of Humility
June 27

Bible Bowl
July 18

PASTOR'S CORNER

EUSTACE A. LAURIE III, *pastor*

It's officially summertime, ANC family! Many of you have already started celebrating the graduation season as well as taken or plan to take a summer trip. Please stay safe and enjoy your celebrations and trips.

As many of you know, I'm a big sports fan. The NBA finals have started, and the match up this year is the San Antonio Spurs vs the New York Knicks. Yes, I wish the Lakers were there, but maybe next year. It has taken the New York Knicks 27 years to return to the NBA finals. If they win the championship, it will be the



first championship won in 53 years! If you know any New York Knick fans, you know they are extremely excited. During the 27-year wait to return to the finals, Knick fans have had high hopes for their various teams throughout the years. None of those hopes and dreams panned out until this year.

As believers, we have been waiting a lifetime for the
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PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS CELEBRATE AT INDUCTION AND INVESTITURE SERVICE

BY JOSHUA O'BALLES

Our ANC Adventurers and Pathfinders Club celebrated a meaningful induction and investiture service last month. While our club may be small it is rich because of our leaders' dedication, faith, and commitment to our mission of mentoring young people for Christ.

This special occasion recognized the growth, achievements, and service of our Adventurers and Pathfinders throughout the year. It was a time to honor their hard work, welcome new members, and invest leaders and youth into continued service and spiritual development.

As a small church family, we understand that success is not measured by numbers alone. What we may lack in numbers we make up for in heart, perseverance, and a genuine love for God and one another. We are grateful for every child, parent, staff member, and supporter



Adventurers and Pathfinders pose before the program.

who contributes to this ministry helping shape young lives for service, leadership, and eternity. ●



ALAN J. REINACH, ESQ. VISITS ANC FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SABBATH

BY DUANE MONTGOMERY



Alan J. Reinach, Esq.

In a dynamic and insightful presentation, Alan J. Reinach, Esq. spoke to ANC on May 2 for Sabbath divine service as well as an afternoon program followed by a Q&A session. Since 1994, Alan has been the president of the Church State Council—the education, advocacy, and legal services ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the western United States. The Church State Council primarily focuses on the preservation of religious freedom for all peaceful people of faith as well as preserving the separation of church and state. Alan directs the legal services ministry of the Church State Council offering legal assistance to persons of all faiths complaining of religious discrimination in the workplace.

Based on John 19:1-15, Alan’s sermon topic was entitled “Religious Nationalism Killed Jesus.” Among other things, he described how, when nationalistic ambitions are coupled with religion, that the result, in the Christian context, is a distortion of the teachings of Jesus and that nationalist ambitions cloaked

by religion motivated the crucifixion of Jesus. Parallels were drawn to the present-day Christian nationalist movement. His sermon outlined the last day prophecy of Revelation 13 regarding the lamb-like beast with two horns that spoke like a dragon and its application to unfolding events (legislative, executive, and judicial efforts to dismantle the separation of church and state and weaken constitutional protections of free speech, equal protection, due process, and the rule of law).

During the afternoon presentation, Alan noted that Christian nationalism is not a recent phenomenon, tracing its roots in the United States back to the late 19th century. He pointed out that Adventist history includes the tradition of speaking out in its publications, sermons, and writings about the dangers of Christian nationalism (as well declaring that the teachings of Christ are opposed to xenophobia, racism, wars of imperialism, and social injustice) and of how uniting church and state interferes with the spreading of the gospel (referencing the counsel of Ellen White to not sit by in quietude). Ellen White’s writings and Adventist publications during the 1890s provide us with guidance and instructions today for how the church might proceed in addressing these concerns. ●



ANC RECEIVES TRAINING AT EQUIP26



BY DAKOTA WHITE

On Saturday, May 16, a few ANC members attended Equip26, a ministry training event hosted by the Southern California Conference at Vallejo Drive church in Glendale. Jacqui Howard, Susan Howard, and Dakota White each participated in different breakout sessions allowing our team to bring back various ideas and resources to support our church's ministry efforts.

The afternoon featured workshops centered on the Conference's eight characteristics of healthy churches: strategic clarity, empowering leadership, transformational preaching, biblical grounding, mission

mentality, intentional discipleship, deliberate stewardship, and prayerful dependence. Additional ministry-focused sessions addressed topics such as children's ministries, reaching Generation Z and young adults, and leveraging conference-provided tools for church websites and digital outreach.

Equip26 was an inspiring and informative experience, providing practical strategies, valuable resources, and meaningful opportunities to connect with fellow Adventist leaders. Participants left encouraged and equipped with new ideas to help further the mission and vision of our church. ●

We hope you'll join us at next year's event, too!
Visit [youtube.com/SCCAdventists](https://www.youtube.com/SCCAdventists) to see what other attendees had to share about their experience at Equip26 and why you should attend, too!





BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

The Annex: Multipurpose Ministry Space

Why this project matters

Our existing 569 sq. ft. storage shed, now referred to as The Annex, will be thoughtfully remodeled into a multipurpose ministry space—allowing us to better support worship, learning, fellowship, and outreach using space we already have. This project strengthens our ability to serve our church family and surrounding community in more effective and welcoming ways.

How this space will be used


- Worship team & music ministry rehearsal space
- Ministry meetings and small group gatherings
- Future community food pantry storage

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return of Jesus. I pray we don't get discouraged like sports fans, but that we can stay encouraged because we see our heavenly Father still active in our lives. We are not like a sports fan base waiting for next year. We are believers who serve a living God that we see

ESTIMATED COST
\$150,000 A 20% contingency will be budgeted for.

- Funding Plan (a combination of):**
- Church reserves
 - Loan from the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
 - Charitable donations

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Questions? Contact David Hall or Dakota White.

- How to get involved:**
- Pray that the Lord's work be done through our church as we strengthen our facilities to better support ministry, fellowship, and service to our community.
 - If you feel led to support this project financially, you may make an designated donation by writing "Shed Remodel" on your tithe envelope or check memo line. Adventist Giving has been updated with a "Capital Improvement" subcategory for online designation as well.

His works and experience Him daily! One day, every eye will see Him (Revelation 1:7). One day He will come with great power and glory, (Mark 13:6) and because of His love for us we can be with Him forever (John 3:16). ●

If you missed the stories from past issues, check out the new blogs page on the website:
allnationsmonrovia.org/blogs.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Remy Lim
5 Ashlie Henry
10 Claibon Shelton
15 Aneshawn Hall
17 Tap Tapeh
26 Erika Attmore

SABBATH SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. – In-person/Zoom
Sabbath School

Zoom ID: 960 6089 1296
Passcode: 145041 or
Mobile number: +1 669 444
9171

For more info, text:
Al (626) 826-2144

10:00 a.m. – Children's
Sabbath School
(fellowship hall)

PRAYER MEETING



- **Wednesday evening in-person/Zoom prayer and Bible study**

- 7:00-7:30 p.m. – prayer time
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. – Bible study

Meeting ID: 966 6378 2914

Passcode: 128620 or

Mobile number: +1 669 444 9171

- **Friday night prayer**

- 7:00 p.m. every Friday

ZOOM ID: 690 357 0732

Passcode: 327648

- **Women in prayer** – 7:30 p.m. every first and third Friday

ZOOM ID: 815 2275 1305

Passcode: 128205



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