

The President's Pen!

The Mission

“Make disciples for Christ by sharing the hope of the Three Angels’ Messages.”

The Vision

“To equip and empower member-led, pastor-coached churches that reflect Jesus’ love and passionately live the gospel.”

LEANNE STRICKLAND – After more than 17 years of faithful service as the accountant for the Idaho Conference, Leanne Strickland has retired. We miss her excellent work, winning smile, jovial laugh, and warm friendship in the office. We wish her all the best as she enjoys this new chapter in life. Congratulations, Leanne!

JO-ANN MILLER – Jo-Ann Miller has accepted the invitation of the Idaho Conference Board of Directors to serve as our new accountant, filling the vacancy created by Leanne Strickland’s retirement. Since December 2018, Jo-Ann has served as the administrative assistant for the Offices of the President and Vice President for Administration, while also supporting other departments. For the time being, she will continue assisting both the president and vice president for administration. We are grateful for her dedication and willingness to serve in this new capacity.

DANIEL TRETHERWEY – We warmly welcome Pastor Daniel Trethewey and his wife, Liva, as the pastoral couple for the Baker City, John Day, and Richland district of churches. They join us from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews University, where Daniel, sponsored by the Oregon Conference, began working on his Master of Divinity degree. They have a young daughter, Lynn Grace. We are thrilled to have them as part of our pastoral team.

TODD PARKER – We also welcome Elder Todd Parker and his wife, Eugina, as the pastoral couple for the Ontario, Vale, and Burns district of churches. They previously served in the Alaska Conference, where they ministered to the Dillingham and Togiak churches, twenty-one villages and a youth camp. We are delighted to have them on our team.

HAXEL FLEY – We welcome Pastor Haxel Fley as the part-time pastor of the Southeastern Idaho Hispanic district, which includes the Idaho Falls Hispanic Company and the Heyburn Spanish Group. He joins us from the Beaverton Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he served as a Bible worker. We are excited to see how God will work through his ministry here. We welcome him to our team.

MICHAEL GEE – Earlier this year, the Board of Directors approved a redistricting of the former Eagle/Middleton and Emmett/Meridian districts. The newly formed districts are now Eagle/Meridian and Emmett/Middleton. Pastor Michael Gee and his wife, Julie, continue to

serve the Emmett Church and have also accepted the call to serve the Middleton Church. We appreciate their continued pastoral ministry in the Idaho Conference.

ABNER AGUILAR – We welcome Elder Abner Aguilar and his wife, Kara, who have accepted the invitation to serve as the pastoral couple for the newly formed Eagle and Meridian district. They are coming to us from the Hutchinson Seventh-day Adventist Church, located on the campus of Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota. They will arrive in their district in early September. We warmly welcome them to our team of pastoral couples.

DALE CARDWELL – Elder Dale Cardwell has stepped into a new chapter in his ministry, leaving the La Grande and Cove district of churches. In his words: “God has inspired me to make the move to Tennessee and begin ministering to the marginalized, poor, and outcasts without receiving any personal compensation. I will be launching a ministry that will exist only to love and serve those that are in greatest need. It will be a challenge to do this without an income, but I have witnessed thousands of miracles when walking in God's plans, and thus the challenges are shouldered by Him and not me.”

We deeply appreciate Elder Dale and Simona Cardwell, and their pastoral ministry. We will miss them. We wish them God’s richest blessings in this bold and compassionate new endeavor.

TROY HAAGENSON – We welcome Elder Troy Haagenon and his wife, Jennifer, as the new pastoral couple for The Experience. Elder Haagenon will also serve as the chaplain for Barefoot Media Ministries. The Haagenons are not new to the Idaho Conference. Elder Haagenon served as the lead pastor for the Cloverdale Church from 2014 to 2020. He is currently serving as the Director of Trade Sales & Special Projects at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. He will return to Idaho Conference employment in September. We warmly welcome Elder and Mrs. Haagenon to our team of pastoral couples. They have two children. Nathan will be a student at Southern Adventist University and Sierra is a student at Gem State Adventist Academy.

Keep looking to Jesus. He is coming soon!

David Prest, Jr., president

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