

The President's Pen!

ASHLEY DAVILA – I am thrilled to announce that the Idaho Conference Board of Directors has hired Ashley Davila as a pastoral intern. She will graduate from Walla Walla University in June 2026. She will serve as the pastor of the Gem State Adventist Academy Church and associate pastor of the Caldwell English Church. Her mentoring pastor will be Elder Louis Fitting. Pastor Davila will join the team on August 1, 2026. We welcome Pastor Davila to the Idaho Conference. I invite you to join me in praying for her and the churches she will serve as she joins our team of pastors.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES – Under the leadership of Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, Elder Gerald Margil, the ministry of our Spanish language pastors, and God's rich blessings, Hispanic Ministries has enjoyed excellent growth throughout the last few years. To help ensure missional growth into the future, the Idaho Conference Board of Directors and Personnel Committee has taken action to reorganize the church districts and pastoral assignments taking effect on January 1, 2026. Please join me in prayer as these pastors and churches move forward with the below reorganization.

Pastor Haxel Fley will serve Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and Jerome.

Pastor Lenin Polanco will serve the Heyburn Spanish Group as a bi-vocational pastor.

Pastor Fredi Murrieta will serve Nampa, Boise, and Payette.

Pastor Gerald Margil will serve Caldwell and continue to lead Hispanic Ministries as Coordinator.

BRANDON JANSEN – We welcome Brandon Jansen home to his alma mater, Gem State Adventist Academy. He is serving as the new athletic director while also teaching physical education and health for the current 2025-2026 school year.

SANDIE WEBSTER – We welcome Sandie Webster as the new teacher for the Desert View Christian School in Mountain Home, ID for the current 2025-2026 school year. We pray that God will bless her important ministry there.

JANINE SHOW – We welcome Janine Show as the new teacher for the Eagle Adventist Christian School for the current 2025-2026 school year. We pray that God will bless her important ministry there.

DANIELA RODRIQUEZ ROMO – We welcome Daniela Rodriguez Romo as the new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher for the Caldwell Adventist Elementary School for the current 2025-2026 school year. We pray that God will bless her important ministry there.

DON & HOLLY RUSSELL – Don Russell served as the Idaho Conference Club Ministries Director and Holly served as the secretary for Club Ministries. They resigned for personal and family reasons. We commend their commitment to their family. We appreciate and highly value their faithful and unlimited love and commitment to young people and Club Ministries.

CHERIE & BRENT WILSON – I am delighted to announce that Cherie Wilson has accepted the invitation to serve as the new Idaho Conference Club Ministries Director and Brent has agreed to serve as the new secretary. Join me in welcoming them to this important ministry calling. Please pray and support them in these key leadership positions.

POSSIBILITY MINISTRIES – I am thrilled to report that the Idaho Conference Board of Directors voted to establish a Possibility Ministries Department with the leadership of the department assigned to the Superintendent of Education. This is also a department at the General Conference and North American Division and focuses on ministry to people and families with special needs. Responsibilities will include assuming the leadership of NeXt Camp and collaborating with Children’s Ministries for the Special Stars Program. Please pray as we embrace this important group of people in our conference and beyond.

PENTECOST 2025 – Join me in praising God for how He has blessed in powerful ways through the soul winning and evangelistic initiative Pentecost 2025! Just under half of the Idaho Conference churches engaged in some form of evangelism this year. Please see the below current baptism and profession of faith numbers. A hearty thank you to the North American Division, the North Pacific Union, our pastors, local church leaders, and members for your partnership and commitment in reaching the lost with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! - My team and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you have a fun and memorable holiday season with your family and friends.

Fun Facts:

Baptisms and Professions of Faith through December 22, 2025: 174

Conference Membership: 7355

Tithe – November 2025 \$933,795 compared to November 2024 \$653,878

Tithe – November 2025 YTD \$7,137,078 compared to November 2024 YTD \$6,558,005

Keep looking to Jesus. He is coming soon!

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