

Washington Conference President's Prayer Newsletter



"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV).

PONDER

In my high school years, like most teenagers, I listened to different kinds of music than I would choose today. One song from 1978, "Take a Chance on Me," recently came back to mind. Now, before you condemn me for listening to that kind of music, I assure you that much has changed in my life since then. Still, some of you may already be humming the tune just from hearing the title. It was a huge hit—a simple love song asking someone to take a chance and commit.

As I reflected on the holiday and Christmas season, that title kept coming back. Jesus coming into this world was His way of saying that He wanted us to take a chance on Him. There are even lines in the song that, in a different context, you could almost imagine Jesus saying as He appeals to those He longs to save. Second Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing

that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Jesus came to a world full of sinners and took a chance on us. He lived among us and died for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). Why?

So He could appeal to us to accept Him as our substitute, to experience the fullness of life now and the assurance of eternal life to come.

This year, as a conference, we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to be poured out in a mighty way. Church members have prayed for their communities. Community events have been held, Bible studies given, small groups formed, and reaping meetings conducted. So far, well over 700 people have accepted Jesus.

We prayed for every church to celebrate a baptism this year, and as of this writing, 92 of our churches have done so.

We have also seen new church plants develop in nine areas of our conference to reach more people for Jesus.

As we look toward a new year, we recognize that our mission field in Western Washington continues to grow.

We cannot rest simply because we have had a strong year. Let's keep praying for revitalized churches, new churches, and deeper connections with our neighbors and coworkers. Jesus is still calling us to take a chance on Him—and He will always be there.

In His service,

Douglas S. Biny





Pentecost 2025 - In Review

Pentecost 2025 has become one of the largest evangelistic movements in Washington Conference history. Churches and schools embraced the initiative with unexpected unity. When Personal Ministries Coordinator Tyler Long launched the Five-Tier Plan, the goal was 70% participation—but every school and 80% of churches joined. Conference leaders also modeled involvement by leading weeks of prayer and evangelistic meetings.

Training and preparation shaped the year. It Is Written Ministries began the effort with a full day of equipping and a prayer of dedication.

In April, the Propel Conference gathered 280 participants—our largest ever—for coaching and renewed vision. The year closed with compassion evangelism training that equipped members to love their communities in practical ways. The impact has been remarkable: the highest number of baptisms in nearly 20 years, renewed energy in churches and schools, and a growing movement of empowered lay leaders. Stories from across the conference—unexpected baptisms, restored faith, and overflowing community events—show God’s unmistakable hand at work through Pentecost 2025.



Learning Beyond the Classroom at Outdoor School

Outdoor School took place at the end of September at Sunset Lake, hosted by the education department. Students stepped beyond the classroom and into God’s creation, experiencing hands-on learning that reflects the heart of Adventist education. Activities included survival skills, animal track identification, owl pellet dissections, and aeronautic projects. The week blended faith, curiosity, and joy, helping students grow academically, spiritually, and relationally through discovery and meaningful community experiences.

MINISTRY

HIGHLIGHTS



Baptisms Mark the Launch of HopeCity South Hill

HopeCity South Hill celebrated its grand opening on Sabbath, November 15, with a joyful, Spirit-filled worship gathering centered on Jesus and the power of community. A highlight of the day was witnessing baptisms, as individuals chose Christ and were welcomed into a new church family. Pastor Jacob Serns shared HopeCity’s vision and seven core values, emphasizing everyday relationships and compassion. Demonstrating a commitment to multiplication, half of the opening offering supported future church plants across our conference.

"In everything, give thanks..."
 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Seeds Vision Conference: Answering God's Call to Go

The Seeds Vision Conference, held on November 8, brought together more than 275 attendees from across Washington Conference and beyond for a weekend of prayer, vision, and renewed commitment to church planting and disciple multiplication. Pastors, leaders, and members

gathered to reflect on God's sending mission — the Father sending Jesus, Jesus sending the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit now sending the church. With Seattle remaining one of the least-reached cities in this region, participants were challenged to move beyond comfort and routine and embrace Christ's call to reach every neighborhood.

Through inspiring messages, heartfelt worship, and powerful testimonies, we celebrated those stepping forward to plant and support new congregations and prayed for the Holy Spirit to multiply disciples and leaders across Washington and beyond. The harvest is ready, and God is calling His people to go with faith, courage, and hope.



Growing Faith at Camporee

We praise God for a vibrant Pathfinder Camporee that brought together Pathfinders from across our conference for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun. Through worship, skill-building activities, marching, and shared experiences, young people were encouraged to grow in leadership and commitment to Christ. The camporee highlighted the vital role of Pathfinders in nurturing faith, service, and lifelong discipleship among our youth.

Journey to Wholeness

Leaders from across western Washington gathered October 13–14 for a Journey to Wholeness facilitator training. The two-day event equipped pastors, professionals, and members to address addiction and trauma through Christ-centered recovery groups. Participants explored healing, community, and practical tools for guiding others toward freedom, restoration, and wholeness through the hope and grace found in Jesus Christ.

United in Worship and Service

One hundred twenty-seven women gathered in Port Angeles for the 2025 Washington Conference Women's Retreat, themed "The God of Beauty." Participants explored how God reveals Himself through Scripture and beauty while strengthening women's ministries and discipleship. Hosted by the Port Angeles Church, the retreat also included a community service activity, blending spiritual renewal with practical outreach.

"Let your requests be known to God..."
Philippians 4:6



Prayer Train Meetings

Let us pray for the continued impact of the Pentecost Prayer Train as believers across our conference unite in intentional prayer. Ask God to renew hearts, strengthen unity, and stir a deeper passion for mission. As we gather next on January 31 at Tacoma Central, may many join this movement, seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance, power, and revival in every community.



2026 Convocations

Let us pray for God's guidance as we transition into the 2026 Beyond Pentecost Convocations. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead every step of planning and preparation. As we look toward the first convocation in April for the Southern District, pray for unity, spiritual renewal, and a clear vision to strengthen churches and advance Christ's mission together.



Year-end Giving

Please join us in praying for renewed faithfulness and deeper trust in God's provision. Ask that more members participate joyfully in returning tithe and offerings and that, by God's grace and guidance, we may close the year strong—fully resourced to continue advancing His mission and sharing the hope of Jesus across our conference.



Church Planting & Revitalization

Let us pray for the nine new church plant groups across the Washington Conference, asking God to guide their leaders, build strong relationships, and help these communities flourish. We also pray for churches engaged in revitalization efforts, that the Holy Spirit will bring renewal, growth, and renewed passion for sharing the gospel in their neighborhoods.

MINISTRY CALENDAR

January

- 04 Gather and Grow Women's Small Group Training (Zoom)
- 9-10 Regional Ministries Days of Celebration
- 10 Hispanic Ministries Prayer Convocation
- 10 Russian-Ukrainian Ministries Prayer Convocation
- 17 PBE Area Level
- 18 Children's Ministry VBS 101 (in person)
- 30 - 1 Pathfinder Teen Retreat
- 31 Prayer Train (Tacoma)

February

- 08 Children's Ministry VBS 101 (virtual)
- 14 PBE Conference Level
- 17 VBS Mobile Masterclass (virtual)
- 20 - 22 Master Guide Outdoor
- 22 Children's Ministry Expo (Auburn)
- 27 Arts Fest (Auburn Adventist Academy)

March

- 07 NPUC PBE (Chehalis)

April

- 11 Adventurer Bible Game
- 11 PSAA Alumni Weekend
- 12 Women's Ministry Expo
- 17-19 ACTS Church Planting Module 5
- 26 Pathfinder Fair (Auburn)

Southern District Convocation (TBD)

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Financial and Stewardship Updates

Through October, tithing income for the Washington Conference is **down 1.5 percent** compared to the same period last year, representing **\$719,734 less than in 2024**. This reduction impacts the resources available to support conference operations and advance the mission of sharing the gospel across our territory. With inflation hovering near 3 percent, we recognize that continuing to operate exactly as we have in the past is not sustainable.

Even so, we remain committed to prayerfully stewarding the resources God provides for the furtherance of His kingdom. We are evaluating spending carefully while trusting in God's faithfulness. Scripture reminds us in Matthew 6:33 to seek first the kingdom of God, trusting that He will provide what is needed. We also claim the promise of Philippians 4:19, that *"my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* We are grateful for the continued faithfulness of our members and invite ongoing prayer as we depend fully on God's provision and guidance.

Pastoral Assignments

Please join us in praying for **Pastor KhaiKhai Cin** as he begins serving the **Shoreline** and **Lynnwood** churches. Ask God to grant him wisdom, strength, and a deep sense of His presence as he shepherds these congregations. May the Holy Spirit guide his ministry, bless his leadership, and unite these church families as they grow in faith and mission together.

Let us pray for **Pastor Kevin Scott** as he adds the **Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church** to his district, now serving **Oak Harbor** and **Arlington**.

Please join us in praying for **Pastor Kim Berg** as he adds **Marysville** to his district, now serving **Snohomish, Startup, and Marysville**.

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