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DAKOTA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Dakota Messenger

Why So Much Hate?

Neil Biloff, President

The year was 1960 and our family had purchased a brand new black and white television to watch the Olympics. We were excited to watch live the amazing athletic feats of our American Olympians, but then something far more sinister came on the screen. Adolf Eichmann had been captured in Argentina by top-secret agents from Israel and flown out by night to stand trial. The innocent world of my childhood was about to be changed forever as 500 news journalists would flash stories daily around the globe concerning the trial. It was my very first exposure to pure evil. How could someone help take the lives of so many innocent men, women and children? Mr. Eichmann's defense was that he was only a small cog in the wheels of bureaucracy that caused the death of millions of Jews. No big deal, it was just part of war. As Satan said to Eve in the garden that she would "know good from evil", as a child, I was witness to evil on black and white TV.

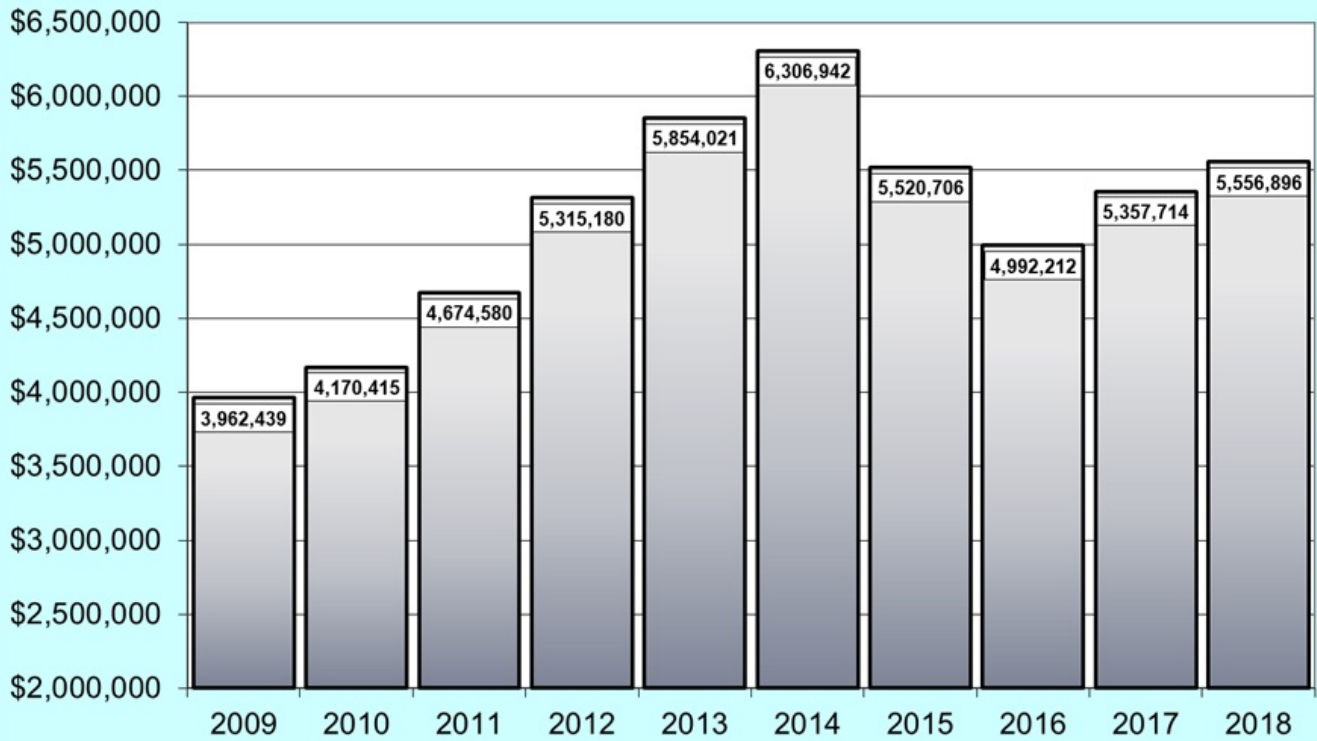


Many years later research would reveal that the Red Cross, the Church of Rome and others would be deeply involved in secretly hiding and helping many Nazi criminals escape to South America. They had made a deal with Hitler for survival of their people and priests and now after the war were paying for that protection. Also, our own beloved Seventh-day Adventist Church would submit in some ways to the withering power of the Third Reich.

Recently, I would be reminded of the hate toward Jews when on Sabbath, October 27, 2018, a gunman entered Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue and murdered eleven, mostly elderly, worshipers. It represented the deadliest assault on Jewish people on American soil and should remind every Seventh-day Adventist that we have a clear message: Bigotry and hatred of any kind is not who we are, for if we hate, we hate Jesus. It also reminds us that Sabbath keepers are not always loved, whether Jew or Adventist.

We, as joint-heirs with Christ, are such only because Jesus is Himself the Offspring and Heir of Abraham (Galatians 3:29). Jesus said before He comes there will be a tremendous amount of hate, but He also said His true disciples would be known as the church that loves.

10-Year Tithe Comparison



Treasurer's Remarks

Mark Seibold, VP of Finance

Once again this past year, the mission spirit of our Dakota Conference constituents was demonstrated with a generous return on material blessings received. 2018 tithe was up 3.7% over 2017, making it the third best year in total contributions out of the last ten - following only the "oil bonanza" years of 2013-14. Combining this year's higher total with recognition of a slight reduction in larger ("windfall") gifts indicates that the number of contributors is broader than in previous years as well, a positive development. The current lackluster state of the agricultural and petroleum industries that drive the Dakota economy makes reporting this annual increase that much more remarkable!



We do well to recognize God's leading when considering these blessings, allowing your conference to progress in furthering the gospel message here in the northern plains. Thank you for your caring and generosity, and we wish you God's richest blessings in 2019.

“Facing the Giants” A Weekend of Fun, *Sue Nelson, Pathfinder Director* Friendship and Learning



The theme of the Pathfinder/ Adventurer weekend at Dakota Adventist Academy was “Facing the Giants”. Five Pathfinder clubs participated in the Pathfinder Bible Experience Saturday afternoon, which covered the book of Luke. Clubs braved the bad weather, some driving in Friday night, but most Saturday for the Bible Experience. Pastor Christian Ronalds’ devotional focused on giants in nature. The five clubs, Watertown Ravens, Cleveland Prairie Trails, Manfred Prairie Winds, Grand Forks Bison, and Fargo Falcons spent the next two hours answering 90 questions from the book of Luke. The Fargo Falcons received a first place and will be going to Lincoln, Nebraska to take part in the Mid-America Pathfinder Bible Experience on February 16. We are proud of all our clubs. Studying for next year’s Pathfinder Bible Experience, which covers the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, has already started.

After sunset, 55 staff, Adventurers and Pathfinders registered their cars for the Pinewood Derby race. There were so many creative entries the judges had a hard time picking the winners for the following categories: Most Patriotic and Best Use of Color. At the end of the evening Jaxon Dallmann, an Adventurer from the Bismarck Adventurer Club, won the grand prize for the fastest car.

Sunday morning, Adventurers, Pathfinders and staff gathered in the DAA gym for Honors Fair. Cynthia Mochoge, a Teen Leader in Training from the Red River Church, led out in a devotional. Then for the next three hours the young people rotated and earned various honors and awards. Club directors and volunteers from around the conference taught the various honors, which were set up all over the Dakota Adventist Academy campus. The honors taught for Pathfinders were: Bridges, Geology, Cats, Crocheting, Heart & Circulatory, Felt and Silk-Screen Printing. The Jamestown Buffalo Pathfinder leader, Brenda Jarski-Weber, brought a new honor she has been creating and had the Pathfinders help her design a patch and work on the requirements. Adventurer awards offered were: Photo Fun, Stamping Fun, Building Blocks, Puzzles, Listening and Magnets.

A big thank you to all the dedicated Pathfinder and Adventurer staff who work diligently in their churches to have clubs for the young people. Also, for taking the time to bring the young people to events so they can make friends for life.



Photo by Loren Nelson III

DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Tracy Peterson, DAA Recruiter

2019 Academy Preview Days

For me, there is nothing more exciting than Academy Preview Days! This year we hosted 16 outstanding potential students. The coolest thing is that all but two of these students are eligible to attend next year.

Previewing some of the elective classes, taking scholarship quizzes, and bonding with our current student body were just a few of the adventures they had on Friday, January 25, 2019. A group of students and staff from Union College came to lead in the worship services Friday and Sabbath. Jon and Kim Daniel, Ashley Bower, Renae Cross, and Sergio Franciasco shared their gifts of music as well as filling our hearts with hope, focus and God's love.

Saturday evening all staff and students played a rousing round of Family Feud. We closed the weekend with a Parent Informational Meeting while students participated in basketball and volleyball clinics.

It is our prayer at Dakota Adventist Academy that we provide for the spiritual, academic, and social needs of all of our current and incoming students. With God as our guide we plan to do just that!



Dakota Conference and DAA invite you to the Regionals

Northwest Regional

March 23, 2019
Dickinson, ND

Northeast Regional

April 27, 2019
Jamestown, ND

Camps

Doing it God's way!

Dakota Conference camps are available for ages 8 – 17. Enjoy a mountain climbing, biking, canoeing, rock-climbing experience at Flag Mountain Camp in the beautiful Black Hills or water-skiing, wake boarding, and varied sports at Lake Metigoshe at Northern Lights Camp near the Canadian border. Better yet – sign up for both.

Contact Elder Loren Nelson III at 701.751.6177 or go to www.dakotaadventistcamps.org

Flag Mountain Camp		Northern Lights Camp	
Junior Camp, 8 - 12 yr	June 23 - June 30		
Teen Camp, 13 - 17 yr	June 30 - July 7		
		Family Camp	July 9 - 14
		Junior Camp, 8 - 12 yr	July 14 - 21
		Teen Camp, 13 - 17 yr	July 21 - 28

Camp, Bible, Family, Children and God. We have two beautiful camps that are dedicated to encouraging people to be close to one another and to God. Our stories, classes, experiences and even the fun we have are a reminder to put God first.

We also encourage development of a personal relationship with God as well as learning to get along with people who have different views than you.

As I am hiring staff who love God and want to work for him, I encourage you to send your children to be ambassadors of your local churches to help make friends with others and build community with us!

Elder Loren Nelson III

2019 CAMPMEETING RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF MATTRESSES NEEDED:

SEND FULL AMOUNT WITH RESERVATION

DORM ROOM: Full time \$100.00 _____
Daily \$35.00/day _____

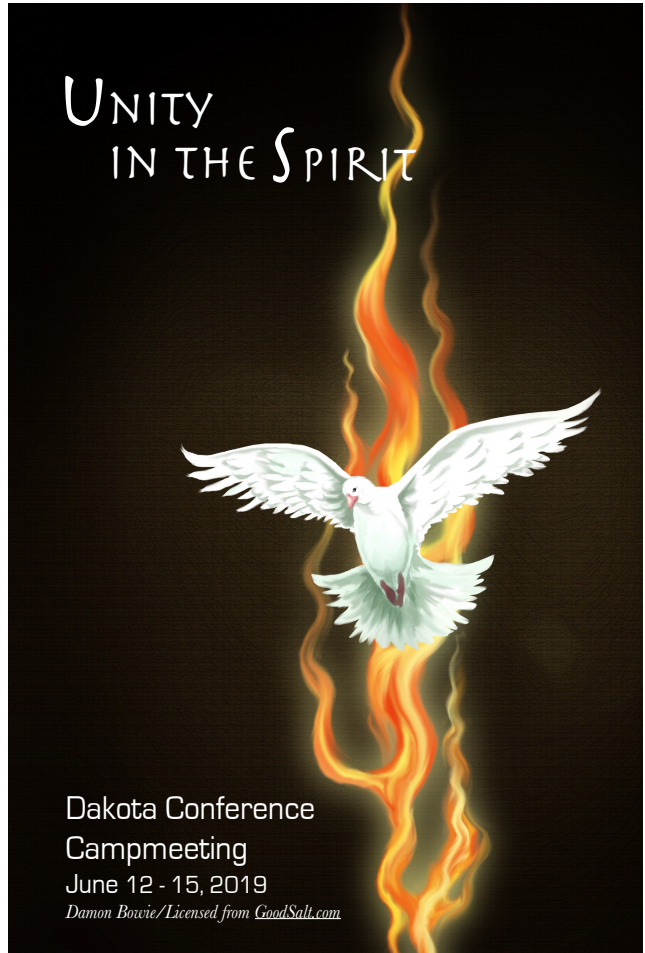
REFRIGERATOR: If available \$25.00 _____

CAMPGROUND: Full time \$50.00 _____
Daily \$18.00/day _____
(RV/Campers/Tents with hook-ups)

NO HOOK-UP: Full time \$10.00 _____
(Tent space or self-contained RV)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dakota Conference
Send to: Campmeeting Reservations
Dakota Conference
7200 N Washington Street
Bismarck, ND 58503

Reservations may be made online, www.dakotaadventist.org
Full reservations take precedence over daily stays.



Dakota Campmeeting 2019

June 12 - 15, 2019
Constituency June 16, 2019

Dr John Reeve
Andrews University



Dr David Thomas
Walla Walla University



Ms Carol Turk
Hospital Chaplain



Men's Retreat Registration - Also Available Online at dakotaadventist.org

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Preferred roommate _____

Before March 1, 2019

- Weekend price - single: \$280.00
 (2 nights/5 meals)
- Weekend price - double: \$180.00
 (2 nights/5 meals)
- Son over 16 years of age: \$110.00
- Retreat only: \$150.00
 (No overnights/5 meals)
- Sabbath only: \$ 90.00
 (No overnights/3 meals)

After March 1, 2019

- Weekend price - single: Not available
- Weekend price - double: \$200.00
 (2 nights/5 meals)
- Son over 16 years of age: \$120.00
- Retreat only: \$170.00
 (No overnights/5 meals)
- Sabbath only: \$110.00
 (No overnights/3 meals)

Deadline is March 5, 2019

Register online @ dakotaadventist.org and send check to Dakota Conference 7200 N Washington Street, Bismarck, ND 58503, or call 701.751.6177.

Friday, March 8

- Registration 5:30 pm
 - Light Supper 6:00
 - Song Service 7:15
 - Presenter - Thurber 7:30
- When Grace Appears**

Sabbath, March 9

- Devotion - Payne 7:00 am
 - Breakfast 7:30
 - Song Service 9:00
 - Presenter - Biloff 9:30
 - Presenter - Thurber 11:00
- The Walk of Grace**
- Lunch 12:30

Sabbath Afternoon/Eve

- Fellowship 1:30 pm
 - Song Service 4:30
 - Presenter - Biloff 5:00
 - Supper 6:00
 - Song Service 7:00
 - Presenter - Thurber 7:30
- The Dream of Grace**

Sunday, March 10

- Devotion 7:00 am
 - Breakfast 7:30
 - Song Service 8:30
 - Presenter - Thurber 9:00
- Grace, At The End of The Day**
- Check Out 10:45



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February			C A L E N D A R	03	Jamestown Town Hall	4 pm
10	K-12 Board - CO	10 am		04 - 08	Elementary School Spring Break	
10	Minot Town Hall Meeting	4 pm		08 - 10	Men's Retreat - Aberdeen, SD	
17	Fargo Town Hall Meeting	2 pm		08 - 17	DAA Spring Break	
18	Presidents' Day/Office Closed			23	Northwest Regional - Dickinson, ND	
20 - 23	DAA Music & Arts Festival			April		
24	Executive Committee - CO	10 am		07	K-12 Board	10 am
24	Bismarck Town Hall Meeting	4 pm		07	Quinquennium Nom Comm - CO	2 pm
24- 26	New in Ministry Training - DAA			13	Conference Youth Rally	
March				27	Northeast Regional - Jamestown, ND	
03	Aberdeen Town Hall	10 am	28 - 30	New in Ministry Training - DAA		

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