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DAKOTA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

# Dakota Messenger

## Are You Hearing Voices?

*Neil Biloff, President*

Some would say that anyone who hears strange voices should see a doctor, but I'm not sure a medical doctor will help in this instance. You see, the voices I am personally hearing are coming from within the Seventh-day Church, some of the same voices that split early Adventism into different directions and different denominations over 150 years ago.



The voices are saying, "Jesus and the Holy Spirit are not fully equal with the Father in every way." My first thought is the old Devil has not given up, but is in fact doubling down on God's people in these last days. One could say Satan has pulled another chapter out of the Garden of Eden Playbook by casting doubt. He must laugh when he hears members of the church make statements like, "Yes, Jesus is God, just not at the level of God the Father." And yes, one of the newest voices is the false theory that God the Father holds headship over God the Son, and God the Son over the Holy Spirit. The belief in Headship within the Godhead is like saying we have one major God and two lesser or subordinate gods. The 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Adventist Church is rock solid - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are equal, a unity of three co-eternal Persons.

I first heard these voices in differing degrees out of an independent ministry in California a few short years ago and then more recently supported by other independent ministries. Philippians 2:6, speaking of Jesus, says, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." This text speaks to the equality of Jesus with the Father. It deeply concerns me when we try and break apart the work of the Godhead and separate Their work in lines of authority.

In closing I share a thought from Pastor Bower of the Bismarck Church. "I think the only thing we could safely say about headship within the Godhead is that when Jesus was incarnate here on earth He submitted Himself to the Father and took on a subservient role. After the ascension, however, He was elevated back to the throne and all authority was given to Him. When Jesus says, 'all authority in heaven and on earth' was given to Him, that seems pretty all encompassing."

## Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Financial Highlights September 30, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percent Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>1. Tithe Income</b>				
Month-to-Date	295,117	324,295	(29,178)	-9.00%
Year-to-Date	3,381,051	3,770,041	(388,990)	-10.32%
<b>2. Dakota Challenge</b>				
Month-to-Date	4,416	10,299	(5,883)	-57.12%
Year-to-Date	96,004	99,591	(3,587)	-3.60%
<b>3. Unrestricted Evangelism Fund Bal.</b>	39,843	64,776	(24,933)	-38.49%
<b>Temp Restrict Evangelism Fund Bal.</b>	1,412,690	1,039,749	372,941	35.87%
<b>4. Cash Position (Cash + Investments)</b>	1,659,577	1,597,411	62,166	3.89%
MAUC Revolving Fund	390,690	713,923	(323,233)	-45.28%
Total	2,050,267	2,311,334	(261,067)	-11.30%
<b>5. Accounts Receivable</b>				
Elementary Schools	122,244	119,000	3,244	2.73%
Churches	46,407	12,070	34,337	284.48%
DAA	69,500	34,807	34,693	99.67%
<b>6. Percent of Working Capital (Note #1)</b>	62.23%	75.33%	-13.10%	
<b>7. Current Ratio (Note #2)</b>	7.25:1	6.81:1		
<b>8. Percent of Liquid Assets to Commitments</b>	124.63%	155.00%	-30.37%	
<b>9. Total Operations</b>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>2015 YTD</u>
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Income	5,027,343	4,766,519	260,824	4,550,328
Expenses	5,100,123	5,218,743	(118,620)	4,798,533
Net Gain/(Loss) before Transfers	(72,780)	(452,224)	379,444	(248,205)
Net Transfers In/(Out)	(8,619)	24,750	(33,369)	(297,669)
Net Increase/(Decrease)	(81,399)	(427,474)	346,075	(545,874)
Net Assets - January 1	3,318,842			3,719,485
Net Assets - End of Period	3,237,443			3,173,611
<b>10. Operations for Selected Departments</b>				
Pastors	1,448,174	1,257,807	190,367	1,237,377
Evangelism	58,287	110,670	(52,383)	153,616
Church Schools	539,654	494,852	44,802	476,305
DAA	830,273	813,375	16,898	866,619
Employee Medical	413,938	308,475	105,463	194,552
General Administrative	412,943	431,160	(18,217)	338,871
Residences	129,863	127,149	2,714	208,034

Note #1 Percent of Working Capital reflects the percentage of reserves the conference has, as compared to policy. Policy recommends the conference to maintain reserves equivalent to 25% of unrestricted income plus 100% of long-term payables, capital functions fund balances, and temporary restricted fund balances.

Note #2 Current Ratio is the comparison of total current assets to total current liabilities.

# Payabya Mission Reaches Out

*Marilyn Glassford*

There were two opportunities during the month of December to share clothing at Payabya Mission to those living on Pine Ridge Reservation.



Two ladies from Wisconsin delivered clothing for distribution at the Mission. A grateful

grandmother took several children's jackets saying she has grandchildren who were sharing one jacket. She was very excited to find such good quality coats. "Now all the children can have one of their own," she said. During the first forty-five

minutes half the clothes were gone. It was a very busy and enjoyable day.

Later in the month eleven people working with World Hunger Relief - Reservation Outreach arrived. They delivered clothing on a semi-truck from Minnesota. They helped throughout the day and then provided dinner for the people in the evening. That is not all however, they ended the day by giving gifts to the children.

*Photos by Marilyn Glassford*



# Fun Scheduled at the Academy

*Tracy Peterson*

The never ending joy of sharing continues with our Music & Art Festival from **February 22 - 25**. If you are in grades 5 - 12 and love music or art, this is your opportunity to develop your skills. There will be specialized workshops for band, choir, bells, and art led by dynamic clinicians.

One of our biggest joys is welcoming future students to our campus. Academy Days, for students in grades 7 - 11, is the weekend of **April 7 - 9**. It is the perfect opportunity to find your place at DAA. We will even put your parents in their own class to find out the nitty-gritty details of having a DAA student.

If we have captivated your interest in any way, visit our website: [dakotaadventistacademy.org](http://dakotaadventistacademy.org). We cannot wait to see you when you come to our picturesque campus!

## Meet Your Friends at the Regionals

NW Regional in Dickinson, ND

March 25, 2017

New Church/School Location: 10730 Highway 10, Dickinson, ND

NE Regional in Jamestown, ND

April 29, 2017

Jamestown Adventist Church, 1201 4th St NE, Jamestown, ND

## DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

*Sharon Heinrich, DAA Development*

Dakota Adventist Academy is blessed to have strong financial support from the Dakota Conference, constituency and alumni. As you make your gift, please consider one of the following areas to support.

**Annual Fund** are unrestricted donations that are valuable to the operation of the school. They contribute to the stability and security of the school program and are applied where the need is greatest. **Our annual goal is \$275,000.**

**Worthy Student Fund** donations go to work immediately in assisting students with financial needs. The number of students requiring assistance varies from year to year, however, we plan for at least 50% of our student body needing financial assistance. **Our annual goal is \$125,000.**

**Dorm Renovation** - Hundreds of students have passed through these halls since the school was opened in 1977. Each of our dorms now has one complete hall renovated. The cost of renovating a room is \$5,232 which includes upgrading the bathrooms between the rooms. A **goal of \$80,000 each year** would renovate one wing.

**PVA - Ron Purkapile South Dakota Student Scholarship Fund** provides scholarship grants for the benefit of students whose home church is located in South Dakota and is part of the Dakota Conference, and who are enrolled in and attending Dakota Adventist Academy. Donations to the scholarship fund should be made out to Dakota Conference Corporation and marked for the PVA-Ron Purkapile Scholarship Fund.

**Gifts-in-kind** are gifts of a non-monetary nature that will benefit the school. They enrich programs and capital improvement. Examples would be furniture, landscape materials, library books or musical instruments.

**Planned Gifts** benefit DAA through your estate plan. As you determine how your estate will be handled after your death, you can plan to give a portion to DAA. Since 2012, DAA has received over \$92,000 in estate gifts. These gifts have tax implications



and are often transmitted through a legal document such as a Will or Trust. We encourage you to talk with your financial planner, CPA or attorney to determine what form of planned gift will work best for you and your family.

**Special Funds** - Donors may give to a variety of programs including music, mission trips, art, basketball, volleyball and Acrolights. These also enrich the quality of the programs offered to the students.

**Endowed Funds** "*Touch the Future for Youth, Today*" focuses on building financial stability that will benefit students in the future. These funds, held at the Dakota Conference, are permanent funds that provide lasting financial resources for DAA. Invested in interest-earning accounts, the income is used annually for the designated purpose of the endowment (capital improvement, worthy student, operating expenses, etc.). Donations for endowment should be made out to Dakota Conference Corporation and sent to Dakota Conference marked for endowment.

**Gifts of Time & Talent** Do you have time or expertise in an area that might benefit DAA? Contact us to see what projects we may need assistance with and how we might work together.

We appreciate your financial support and your prayers as we continue to minister to the youth of the Dakota Conference and beyond.

# Camping Schedule



An impression is made in a moment but the memory lives on forever.

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## Can you imagine a place where encouragement, belonging and Godliness are nurtured?

Dakota Adventist Camps is that place, where the camper is valued and encouraged to have a healthy relationship with God.

Biblical characters' lives will be spotlighted to see how they maintained a connection with God through trials and setbacks. Regular camping classes, enjoying nature, singing songs and making

new friendships will also be part of the curriculum.

Improvements to the camps continue: installing a dishwasher; shoring up the log cabin; and painting the floor in the cafeteria has happened at Flag Mountain Camp while fund raising for the new cafeteria; finishing a cabin; and reclaiming the shoreline transpired at Northern Lights Camp.

## Invite your friends, send your children, & make plans to attend!

Family Camp falls on the 4th-of-July week, so join the fun at Northern Lights.

As staff are hired, and programs being written, directors Loren and Sue Nelson are excited to be starting their 10th camping season with you and yours.

FLAG MOUNTAIN	CAMP
June 28 - 25	Junior; 8-12
June 25 - July 2	Teen. 13-17
NORTHERN LIGHTS	CAMP
July 3 - 9	Family
July 9 - 16	Junior; 8-12
July 16 - 23	Teen, 13-17

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CAMPS

Camp Scholarships are available to send a child to camp. Make a difference in someone's life today.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Dakota Conference: 701.751.6177  
Loren Nelson III: 701.400.6298

**2017 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 \$30.00/day \_\_\_\_\_

**REFRIGERATOR:** If available \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPGROUND:** Full time \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily \$15.00/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](http://www.dakotaadventist.org)  
Full week reservations take precedence over daily stays.



Dakota Conference Campmeeting  
June 6 - 10, 2017  
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# Dakota Campmeeting Speakers

June 6 - 10, 2017



**Elder Dan Jackson**  
President  
NAD



**Elder John Gys**  
Ministerial Director  
Illinois Conference



**Elder Johnathan Ward**  
Assist Prof of Christ Min  
Andrews University



**Dr Don Hall**  
Wellsource  
Clackamas, OR

# Dakota Men's Retreat



**March 10 -12, 2017**  
**Ramkota Hotel**  
**Aberdeen, SD**

[www.dakotaadventist.org](http://www.dakotaadventist.org)

## 22nd Annual Men's Retreat

Ramkota Hotel, 1400 8th Ave NW  
 Aberdeen, ND 57401 (605.229.4040)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

	Before Feb 25	After Feb 25
<b>Circle One:</b>		
Weekend Price (2 nights/5meals)	\$180	\$190
One Night (No meals)	\$60	\$65
Sabbath Only (Three meals)	\$50	\$55
One Meal Only	\$12	\$13

Registration also available online at [dakotaadventist.org](http://dakotaadventist.org)

Dakota Conference Men's Retreat  
 7200 N Washington St, Bismarck, ND 58503

Every man in the Dakota Conference should have an opportunity to attend Men's Retreat. Sadly, *some* are not at these special weekends because they simply cannot afford to attend. We are going to attempt a pilot-program in 2017 to begin funding a scholarship for any man who is unable to pay the participation fee. After the Saturday evening program, we're going to hold a live fund-raising auction. Pastor Mike Temple (our music leader) owned an auction company in his former life. He and Men's Ministry leader, Randy Rubbert, believe that a live auction will be a fun and exciting activity for raising funds.

Attendees should bring an item to donate for auction. Following is a list of possible items:

- Home-baked cookies, pies, or cheesecakes
- Small new items like tools, books, CD's, or pictures
- Handmade items such as scarves, hats, socks, or gloves
- New Gift Cards for restaurants, sports stores, electronic outlets, or fuel, Amazon Gift Cards
- Gift baskets
- Plane rides, fishing excursions, or a night's hotel stay in your area
- Small, good quality used items that would be of interest to men
- Good quality portable musical instruments

Items *not* to bring for the Men's Ministry fund-raising auction:

- Used or worn out furniture
- Appliances
- Pianos or organs
- Anything that *you* wouldn't want to take home
- Any instructional material, audio CD's or books from independent ministries

Together, we *can* make a difference in the lives of other men in the Dakota Conference. Please plan to bring an item, join the fun, and help us raise awareness (and funds) for those who would like to attend these uplifting weekends but cannot afford to. Thanks!

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<p><b>February</b></p> <p>12 Executive Committee at CO 10 am</p> <p>18 Pathfinder Bible Experience, Lincoln, NE</p> <p>20 Presidents' Day/Office Closed</p> <p>22 - 25 DAA Music &amp; Arts Festival</p> <p>26 K-12 Board at CO 10 am</p> <p>26 - 28 New in Ministry Training at DAA</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>06 - 10 Elementary School Spring Break</p> <p>09 - 19 DAA Spring Break</p>	<p>C A L E N D A R</p>	<p>10 - 12 Men's Retreat - Aberdeen, SD</p> <p>25 Northwest Regional - Dickinson, ND</p> <p>26 K-12 Board at CO 10 am</p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p>07 - 09 DAA Academy Days</p> <p>09 Executive Committee at CO 10 am</p> <p>19 - 23 DAA Home Leave</p> <p>29 Northeast Regional in Jamestown, ND</p> <p>30 - 02 New in Ministry Training at DAA</p>
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