

PRESIDENT'S

Report

THE WORK NEVER STOPS

When the realization came in mid-March that precautions needed to be put into place throughout our conference, none of us knew how long we might be affected.

How would this affect the work to bring One More to the kingdom? We knew, without a doubt, that God's work would continue regardless, but what shape would that look like during these COVID times?

One of the areas we were most concerned about was Camp MiVoden. The service that MiVoden has provided to our conference youth stretches back to the 1940s. Yet, as we looked across the nation, youth camps similar to MiVoden were closed for the year. Due to its Idaho location, we were able to open MiVoden, provided we initiated several cautionary COVID restrictions.

Through careful preparation, a willing and able staff, phenomenal leadership and our faith in our Father, we had another great year at Camp MiVoden, and all with no cases of COVID. How God blesses!

As we head into Fall, our Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response has

been activated to assist communities affected by the fires in the Pacific Northwest. Churches are even now raising funds for this purpose.

Our Pathfinders and Adventurers clubs hosted a virtual camporee last weekend that was adopted across the North Pacific Union. Again God blessed our Conference and those that were able to take part in this camporee, including some from as far as Florida!

Only a small handful of our physical churches and schools have yet to reopen. Members are returning to church and many are opening their children's classes for the first time. In every instance, we see how God blesses His institutions.

Through it all, the work continues. It never stops. It can't be stopped. God's work adapts and keeps on moving. No matter what happens in the world around us, keep working for One More. We are almost home!



M I N N E R L A B R A D O R J R .

%
7.78

increase in tithe year-to-date compared to 2019



664

pathfinders virtually
attended camporee



300k

acres of land consumed
in one day in PNW



ACTIONS TAKEN AT 9.24.20 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President's update

- Minner Labrador, UCC president, presented a worship thought and gave an overall update on the conference.
- Dustin Jones, director of communications, reported that lighting and technology updates have been made to the video studio. This will enable quality video production for the conference, churches, and schools.
- Patty Marsh, director of Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response (ACS) reported that ACS has agreed to assist the State of Oregon in opening two separate donations management warehouses, in Salem and in Grants Pass, for the next six weeks beginning this weekend. ACS volunteers from UCC will support this much-needed endeavor. As time progresses ACS leadership will watch for additional opportunities to support those impacted by these unprecedented fires that have hit UCC and other parts of the Pacific Northwest over the last few weeks.

Financial update

- Allee Currier, UCC vice president for finance, reported on the Washington Salary Threshold that was implemented by Washington Labor & Industries on July 1, 2020. A committee will be reviewing the requirements and impact on UCC. An implementation schedule was presented to the committee.
- It was voted that, as we seek to press forward with our mission of One More, based on God's goodness and the faithful stewardship of His people in the Upper Columbia Conference, we bring to a close all of the COVID-19 contingency plans.

Education update

- Brian Harris, UCC vice president for education, gave a report on the opening of schools in Upper Columbia Conference. The goal was to have

all schools open for in-person classes, however various state regulations didn't make that a reality. Current indications show a decrease in opening enrollment from last year. MAP Growth is the official North American Division assessment for measuring growth in K-12 math, reading, language, and science, and will be implemented this year, replacing the use of IOWA Assessment.

- Opportunity was given to the three academy principals to share updates.
 - Stephanie Gates, principal at Cascade Christian Academy, reported that Cascade has 136 K-12 students. They have begun the year with distance learning and have a fall tutoring camp available to meet student needs.
 - Erik Borges, principal of Walla Walla Valley Academy, reported that they have begun the year with in-person classes, with distance learning options available to all students. They have started 2020 with higher enrollment than the end of 2019. Community involvement has offered increased student work opportunities.
 - Eric Johnson, principal of Upper Columbia Academy, reported that they have 250 students on campus. A student counseling program is being set up on campus to assist with student mental health issues. Updates to the old cafeteria for The Artisan Bakery, and to the recording studio for campus music groups are in process.

Ministerial update

- It was voted to approve a recommendation to the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee for the ordination of Andrew Abbott.
- It was voted to approve a recommendation to the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee for the ordination of Hugo Villalobos.

INCOMING/TRANSFERRING PASTORS

Saul Dominguez

Seminary student placement
Hermiston/Pendleton Spanish

ACTIVE PASTORAL SEARCHES

- Brewster/Chelan
- Goldendale/Condon
- Otis Orchards/Post Falls
- Spokane Central (senior)
- Touchet/Umapine/WW Northside
- Yakima 35th (associate)

