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New President and Executive Director

On behalf of the Succession Planning Committee and board of directors, I'm honored to announce the appointment of the new Conference president and executive director. The new Conference president is Loren Stacy, and the executive director is Jody McCoy, both effective July 5.

We are grateful for President Rose's long tenure of service and sacrifice. We are grateful to God for guiding our search, resulting in the selection of such capable men. Please join us in prayer for God's leading as we move forward under the banner of Christ.



*Samuel Holland
Vice-Chairman,
Board of Directors
Chairman, Succession
Planning Committee*

Loren Stacy, Conference President

Loren Stacy (63) is the son of Pastor Carl and Alvina Stacy and of Elder Roy Marrs, who became Loren's stepfather in 1958, four years following Carl Stacy's death. Loren grew up in Southern California and is a graduate of the University of Southern California (BA, MS) and of Summit School of Theology (M.Div.). In 1981 Loren became pastor of our Lodi, California congregation. During his almost 34 years there, he has also served our church as Youth Agency director (1981-1986), West Coast District overseer (1986-1992), board of directors member (1985-1991, 1992-2015) and chairman of the board of directors (1997-2015). Loren and Karen Stacy married in 1978 and have a son, two daughters, and two grandsons: Sean, Rachael, and Connor Stacy; Erin, Brian, and Logan Petrotta; and Caitlin and Adam Meadows. Karen Stacy is an educational coach for the Lodi School District.



Jody McCoy, Executive Director

The son of Ken and Gladys McCoy of Conroe, Texas, Jody McCoy (53) hails from a long line of Church of God (Seventh Day) families: McCoys, Waltons, Larsons, and Weirs. He grew up in the Conroe church, graduated from Spring Vale Academy and Texas A&M with a masters in electrical engineering. He worked for Advanced Micro Devices for 25 years in Austin: ten years in telecommunication and computer chip design and 15 years managing a performance analysis team. In 2007 Jody began exploring creation as a topic for his high school Sabbath school class, and that journey has continued. In 2011 Jody left AMD to do full-time research in science, religion, and philosophy.



Love for the Church and passion for its growth and development are among the strengths both men bring to their new assignment.



“Worship in the Spirit” Conference Tour

New Worship Resource

To complement the Worship Tour and encourage ongoing learning and growth in our understanding of worship, a new book will be released this fall. Further details, as well as a special convention rate and pre-order opportunity, will be available at the Milwaukee convention.

Tour Ended, Passion Continues

The “Worship in the Spirit” Conference Tour began in early summer last year in Eastern Canada and recently ended in Chicago: Coburg (Ontario), Houston, Newark, Ft. Smith (Arkansas), Port St. Lucie (Florida), Phoenix, Lodi, Los Angeles, Calgary (Alberta), and Chicago. Each stop found congregations hungry for the Lord’s presence and ready to grow in their understanding of worship.

Israel Steinmetz, Heber Vega, and Whaid Rose are grateful for the privilege of engaging a large segment of the Church (approximately 5,000) through these Tour events, and look forward to unpacking the presentations one last time in Milwaukee. Meanwhile, may the seeds sown through this effort bear much fruit to the glory of God!



Participants pose for picture during the Annual Leadership Meeting in Denver April 5-7. Described by attendees as the best they’d ever attended, the meeting was driven by three words: transition, equipping, and family.

See synopsis of the meeting by Whaid Rose at cog7.org/churchright.

Denver Office Transitions

Rick Frye

The Denver office has been blessed by the godly and professional leadership of Rick Frye, who joined the staff in 2010 as IT director and then took up the challenge to serve as director of operations in 2012. Rick's tenure will end after convention, leaving big shoes to fill. Thanks to this good man for his few but outstanding years of leadership of our staff and operations, and blessings upon his future work and ministry.



Lupe Chavez

Lupe Chavez, bookkeeper at the Denver office since January 2014, has tendered her resignation, also to become effective following convention. Lupe and her husband, Alvaro, will return to El Paso to assist their elderly parents. We are grateful for Lupe's strong faith and dedication, and bless them on their way.



Rocky Cardwell

Also effective following convention, Rocky Cardwell, IT personnel for LifeSpring School of Ministry and the Denver office since April 2010, will serve as a remote part-time employee for LifeSpring only. Rocky's quiet demeanor and expert ability will be missed at our office.



Calvin Burrell, Hope Dais, Whaid Rose

Three other long-time staff will also make their exit from the Denver office following convention. Their years of service as Denver staff are hereby gratefully noted: Calvin Burrell, 29 of 51 total years in ministry (as of this year); Hope Dais, 41; Whaid Rose, 18. Appropriate tributes will follow. Your acknowledgments and prayers for these faithful servants are appreciated.



Employment Opportunities

There are currently two job openings, detailed below, at the General Conference office in Broomfield, Colorado. These are full-time positions, not remote service, at the Broomfield office. Full job descriptions and employment applications can be requested from the contacts listed. Please share this information with anyone you feel may be qualified and interested.

Director of Administration

The General Conference headquarters seeks an experienced manager to serve as director of administration. Duties include general administration of the G. C. office in regard to finances, facilities, and human resources. A business degree or a high school diploma with equivalent work experience that includes administrative and/or supervisory roles, is required. Desired work experience includes basic knowledge of accounting, data, and administrative management practices and procedures; knowledge of clerical practices and procedures; and knowledge of human resources management practices and procedures. Starting salary is negotiable based on experience.

You may request an employment application and/or send your résumé to:

Loren Stacy, President-Select
E-mail: loren.stacy@cog7.org
Phone: 209-327-7200

Bookkeeper

The General Conference headquarters seeks an experienced, full-time bookkeeper who is proficient in QuickBooks Pro software, as well as Microsoft Office. Duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, and non-profit bookkeeping functions. Position will involve working closely with the accountant to produce and distribute monthly financial reports, involvement in annual budgeting, and the biennial audit. Candidate must have three to five years of bookkeeping experience and be detail-oriented, deadline-driven, and self-motivated. Non-profit/church bookkeeping experience a plus. Starting pay negotiable based on experience.

You may request an employment application and/or send your résumé to:

Dawn Wayman, Accountant
E-mail: dawn.wayman@cog7.org
Phone: 719-598-9475

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Dorothy Keim (1933-2015), widow of Marvin Keim, passed away March 12. She was the first child born to Richard and Minnie Lamb in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Dorothy is survived by four sons Richard (Janine), Jeffrey (Renee), Jason (Amanda), and Michael; and twelve grandchildren.



Arlene Nienhuis (1925-2015) of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, widow of the late Matt Nienhuis, passed away March 16. She is survived by her sons Ronald (Lori) and Donald of Lawton, North Dakota, and Keith (Cindy) of Galt, California; sisters-in-law Catherine Carlin of Stanberry, Missouri, and Alice Sheffield of Lodi, California; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other relatives.



Daniel Wiley (1927-2015) passed away May 6. One of the founders of the Chattanooga Church of God (Seventh Day), he served as the local leader for many decades. Daniel is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty, eight children, 16 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.



New BA and Curriculum Editor

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jason Overman as editor of the *Bible Advocate* and curriculum editor. Jason and his wife of 25 years, Stephanie, pastor the Jasper, Arkansas congregation, and are proud parents of twelve-year-old twins, Tabitha and Isaac. Jason previously served the *Harrison Daily Times* for 24 years, and was general manager at the time of his recent transition. He enjoys reading and writing, traveling, music, the outdoors, church, and spending quality time with his family.



Jason will assume the editor's chair in July, marking the end of Calvin Burrell's 18-year distinguished tenure as BA editor. Thanks and rich blessings upon the outgoing editor, warm welcome to the new editor, and thank God for the ministry of this 150+-year-old magazine. May the blessings continue!

— Whaid Rose
Outgoing Conference President

LifeSpring School of Ministry

Congratulations to the Winter 2015 Dean's List recipients: Ana Flores (Garland, Texas); Ricardo Flores (Garland, Texas); Jose Fredy Mata (Severn, Maryland); David Melendez (Houston, Texas); Priscila Sanchez (Allen, Texas).

Men's retreat in California: Eighty-nine CoG7 men from Arizona, California, Utah, and Washington met just 15 miles from Yosemite National Park May 22-25. Guest speakers Dr. Ricardo Méndez and Elder David Lozano provided instruction on the theme "Man, A True Worshiper." Four teenagers accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Attendance goal for next year is 150.





Spring Vale Academy

Employment opportunities: principal, director, maintenance manager, maintenance assistant, dean of girls, dean of boys, assistant dean of girls, assistant dean of boys, English and history teachers.

Now accepting new student applications for the 2015-16 school year. Don't wait! All applications received before **July 1** will have the application fee waived. Be one of the first to be considered for SVA merit-based scholarships and other financial need programs. God will equip you where He calls you to go.

Answer the call for a closer walk with God at SVA, starting August 2015! Contact SVA for more information about employment or enrollment: 989-725-2391.



Future Leaders

Matthew Nienhuis and Josiah Carbajal received the Future Leader's Scholarship the first year it was offered and are the first at Spring Vale Academy to graduate from the program. Josiah was also named Student of the Year. Congratulations, Matthew and Josiah!

CALENDAR 2015

June 30 – July 4 - General Conference Convention, Milwaukee, WI (cog7.org/convention)

September 4-7 - National Hispanic Retreat, Long Beach Marriott, Long Beach, CA; contacts: Aseneth Orduno (310-213-1158), Juanita Acosta (562-209-4020), or Helen Escobar (562-879-2749)

Summer Camps

Central California Junior and Senior Camp - July 6-12, Capital Mountain Christian Camp; contact: bigomez02@gmail.com or levivanfossen@yahoo.com

Michigan Youth Camp - July 12-19, Yankee Springs, Long Lake Outdoor Center, near Hastings, MI; contact: coulson.a.n@gmail.com

SIS-Q Meadows Senior Camp - July 19-26, Cave Junction, OR; contact: haffnerg@earthlink.net

Arizona Youth Camp - July 20-26, Emmanuel Pines Campground, Prescott, AZ; contact: steve.vanderwarf@srpnet.com or 623-512-7637

Southern California Senior Camp - July 21-26, Camp Cedar Falls, Angelus Oaks, CA; contact: kingdomwork2030@yahoo.com

SIS-Q Meadows Junior Camp - July 26 - August 2, Cave Junction, OR; contact: mattnjo@peoplepc.com

SWD Summer Get Away - July 30 - August 2, Conroe, TX; contact: jandrrodriguez@att.net

Dakota Youth Retreat - August 5-9, Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Medina, ND; contact: jandw@centurylink.net

LifeSpring Calendar Events

June 2 - Summer certificate program early applications due

June 14 - Summer district scholarship applications due

June 21 - Summer general scholarship applications due

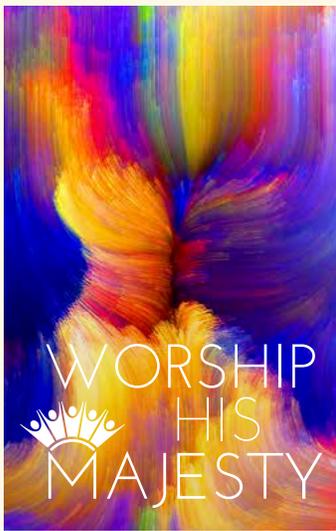
July 4 - Graduation ceremony at General Conference convention

July 7 - Summer course registration ends

July 19 - Summer classes begin

Pastor Needed

The Denver, Colorado Church of God (Seventh Day) is looking for a pastor, as our pastor will be retiring in September of this year. Please e-mail a letter of interest and résumé to cog7.denver@cog7.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



General Conference Convention

The 2015 convention is just around the corner, June 29-July 4, at the Hilton City Center Hotel and Wisconsin Center auditorium in downtown Milwaukee. Still

needing convention or registration information? Browse the convention website at cog7.org/general-conference-2015-convention.

In keeping with bylaws requirement, previous notice of amendments and the slate of nominees to the board of directors were distributed on May 28 by electronic mail, with the request that district and local leaders ensure their widest distribution. That mailer included the proposed bylaws revision, accompanied by FAQ, bios, and pictures of Bylaws Revision Committee members, as well as the slate of nominees to the board of directors (pictures and bios). All materials were provided in Spanish as well.

Didn't receive the e-mail? This material will be provided in your convention packet. Meanwhile, for quick reference, here's an abbreviated list of board nominees:

- Francisco Camarillo, Tomball, Texas
- Ruben Dávila, San Jose, California
- Loren Gjesdal, Vancouver, Washington
- Joshua Gutierrez, El Paso, Texas
- Wayne Hrenyk, San Antonio, Texas
- Steven Krome, East Ridge, Tennessee
- Leo Lebitty, Eugene, Oregon
- Greg Lincoln, Harrisburg, Oregon
- Ruben Marquez, Shawnee, Oklahoma
- Raúl Romo, Lewisville, Texas
- Manuel S. Salazar, San Antonio, Texas
- Aubrey (Bill) Williams, Ontario, Canada
- Reuben Zaragoza, Calimesa, California

Thank you for your membership commitment and interest in convention business. See you in Milwaukee!

For the benefit of those unable to attend, the evening services and other portions of convention activities will be live-streamed at cog7.org/convention/live.

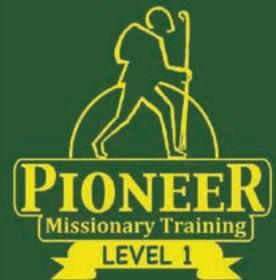


SHINE Completes Tenth Mission

Thirty-seven SHINE Medical & Dental team members served in Aguascalientes, Mexico, April 12-20 — their tenth mission in a decade. By the end of the five clinic days, some 3,346 patients were seen. Twelve dentists treated close to 700 patients. Seven doctors and an experienced midwife treated 1,345 patients. At the end of Sabbath services, around 100 people went forward for prayers. Donations to SHINE may be made through cog7.org. Select "Donate" at the top left of the home page and then follow instructions. Contributions may also be sent to SHINE Ministries at P.O. Box 2728, Elk Grove, CA 95759. — *Bev Brenneise*

Read the full report of SHINE's trip at baonline.org.

Don't miss . . .
PMT in late December
- Mexico City, Mexico
E-mail pastormonico@juno.com
. . . for young adults,
pastors, and leaders



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NYM Transition

June is G. C. Emphasis for National Youth Ministries. It's also a fitting occasion to acknowledge the dedicated service of many youth workers and directors throughout the history of the General Conference's national ministry to its young people. We especially acknowledge the current directors, Kurt and Kristi Lang, who've served in this capacity since 1997. Their 18-year tenure has been marked by servant leadership, dedication, and integrity. On behalf of Conference and district leadership, youth coordinators, parents, and the youths themselves, a big "thank you" to Kurt and Kristi for loving and caring for our church's youth over these many years.



Kurt and Kristi's service will end at the Milwaukee convention, when the transition of NAWM, SWORD, and NYM to the district level becomes official. Emphasis offerings received in June will help cover the NYM convention youth program and other expenses. Write a check in Kurt and Kristi's honor, and bless our church's ongoing youth ministry efforts. Beyond finances, your prayers for an effective transition and continued support of youth ministries at the district level are deeply appreciated.

— *Whaid Rose*
Outgoing Conference President

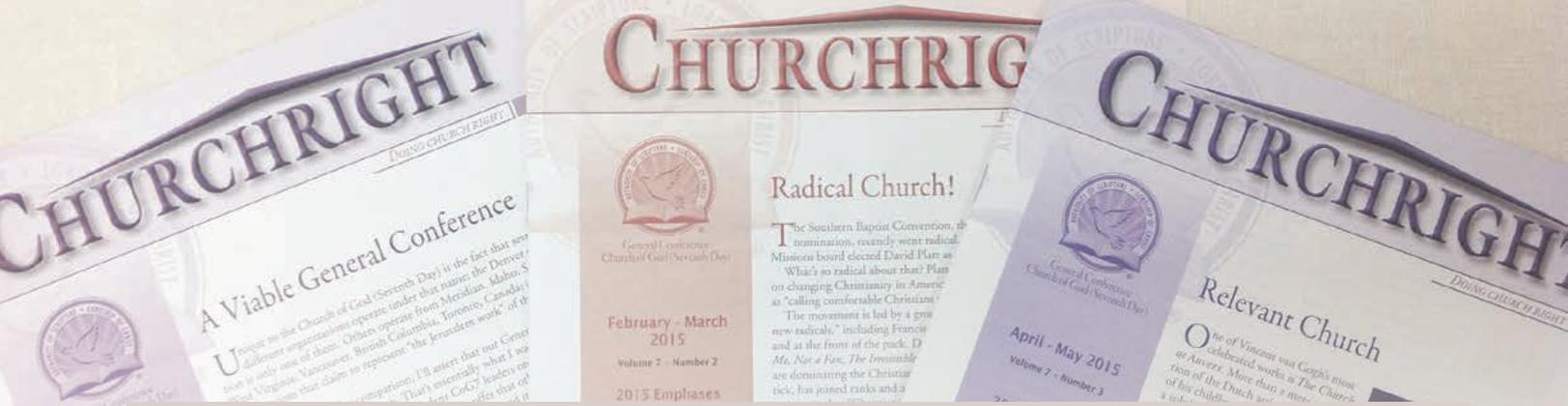


New opportunities exist for CoG7 to fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for prayers and support for Cristo Viene workers now in 18 countries. CV pastors-evangelists in the East African nations of Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Tanzania could be added if funds were available. An amount of \$200 per month will help one native worker share the Good News in this region of the world.

July is Missions Emphasis Month



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Burundi



Balanced Church

“We do church right!” That’s the idea behind the tagline for this newsletter. Not meant to be braggadocios, it plays off of the slogan of a well-known fast food chain, declaring commitment to excellence in doing church.

But some have expressed mild concern about the idea of “doing church,” underscoring that we *are* the church; church isn’t something we do.

Such concern has good basis. Substituting doing church for being the church is a real and present danger.

But being results in doing. We are; therefore, we do: “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works . . .” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

Being and doing are therefore opposite sides of the same coin. Our challenge is to keep them in good balance and right order.

We find help in doing so in the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42). Essentially, Mary sat at the feet of Jesus in undistracted devotion, while Martha spent her time encumbered by all the things that needed to be done.

The “Marthas” of the church often jump to Martha’s defense because of the bad rap she gets. This story is commonly applied in ways that give rise to the belief that Mary loved Jesus more than Martha, and that devotion and service are mutually exclusive matters.

But Martha’s exchange with Jesus at the grave of her brother, Lazarus (John 11:17-27), shows affection for Jesus, a clear understanding of His deity, and confidence in His power over death. She was as theologically astute as Mary may have been.

Furthermore, Jesus did not con-

demn Martha’s proclivity to service. By calling Mary’s devotion “better,” He commended Martha’s work as good. In prioritizing our busy world, it’s seldom the choice between good and bad; it’s often between good and better.

Martha’s work mattered to Jesus. The problem was that her work was a distraction, lacking the kind of devotion shown by Mary. Jesus’ candid comment, “Martha, Martha,” was a way of saying, “When are you going to get it?” Jesus wants both our work and our devotion. He wants us to sit at His feet and gaze at His beauty, and He wants us to arise to do something beautiful for Him.

There’s really no way around the fact that we “do church.” Just take a look at the church calendar. But substituting doing for being amounts to mere religious duty. The best service flows out of a worshiping heart. Void of biblical worship, service becomes drudgery and sometimes evolves into things unworthy of Christ.

This reminds me of the story about the Church of God Grill and how it came to be. Its proprietors explained that it was once a thriving church until its chicken dinner fundraisers became the most exciting and successful thing it did. The church eventually closed its doors but decided to keep the chicken business going.

This is my final word on this page. What better note on which to end? Combining being and doing, devotion and service — adding law and grace, spirit and truth, etc. — makes a balanced church and saves us from ever becoming a chicken business. That’s what I call “Doing church right”! Let’s do it till Jesus comes!

— *Whaid Guscott Rose*

